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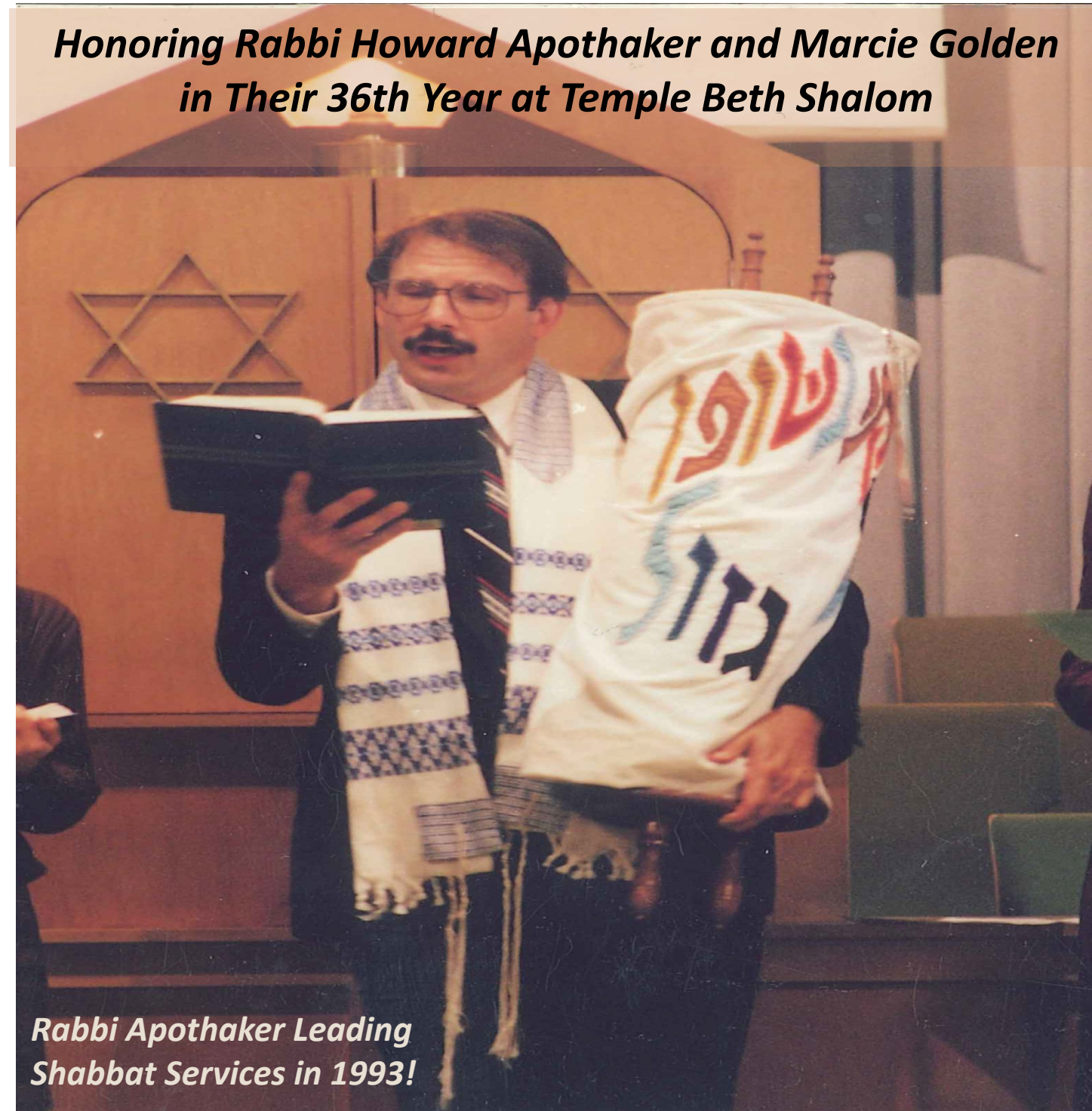
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Save the Date! Saturday April 16th

*Honoring Rabbi Howard Apothaker and Marcie Golden
in Their 36th Year at Temple Beth Shalom*



**Rabbi Apothaker Leading
Shabbat Services in 1993!**

Rabbi A's Reflections

Rabbi Howard L. Apothaker, Ph. D., Senior Rabbi



I WANT PATIENCE AND I WANT IT NOW!

Recently a congregant asked that I read an article by an Israeli, Palestinian entitled, "Palestinians: Save Us from the Good Hearted- Westerners!" B. Tawil tells us why such overt recognition of Israel as a Jewish State by Arabs is so very important to whether or not they will let Israel live in peace if ever there is a true peace arrangement made between Israel and the Islamic world. Let me jump the gun and tell you, that is NOT going to happen - at least not for a very long time. I counselled patience.

My interlocutor claims: Those who do not accept Israel as a Jewish state are unlikely to accept Jews as human beings. Accordingly, accepting Israel as other than a Jewish state means that the horror continues...How many centuries do we have to wait for acceptance?I responded that Israel made peace both with Egypt and with Jordan (the latter whose majority population is composed of folks who identify as Palestinians) without such a pre-condition. As far as I know, both governments (in fits and starts for Egypt, depending on the leadership) have acquiesced (without fully accepting) Israel as a sovereign Jewish nation. Put differently: Israel's inner politics and cultural character - Jewish, not-Jewish, mixed, secular, Muslim- and Christian-tolerant, Muslim-deferential, whatever - is, for now, being treated by Egypt and Jordan as "some of, but not entirely, my business."

Exactly one day after I gave a sermon on this topic - the Deputy Foreign Minister of Israel, and Likudnik, Tzipi Hatovery wrote: "Israel is not isolated," that Israel enjoys flourishing commerce and active diplomatic relations w/ 80% of the world's nations. "There is a lot of warmth coming in Israel's direction from countries that, for years, were aligned with the Arab world...In the Far East Israel is seen as a superpower...In Europe there has also been a shift...The main topic of conversation [w/ the French] is how to fight terrorism and how to use Israel's cyber know-how to fight radical Islamism...We have now entered a new era in int'l discourse. It is all about global solutions in medicine, agriculture, cyber warfare and technological innovation."

That same week we read this in the *Wall Street Journal*: "Clearly there's been a convergence of interests between Israel and many Sunni Arab states given the fact that they both face identical challenges in the region," per Dore Gold, Director General of Israel's Foreign Ministry. *And this is the Jerusalem Post*:

We read in the *Times of Israel* that Israel and Indonesia - the biggest Muslim country in the world - have growing business and tech ties with trade reaching "hundreds of millions of dollars a year," per Israel's Economy Ministry. And did you note: Israel will inaugurate an official diplomatic mission in Abu Dhabi, capital of the UAE, in the coming weeks. The Director General of Israel's FM visited Abu Dhabi to finalize the opening of the mission.

We note that Egypt's rep. at UN voted this month in support of Israel's bid for membership of the UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space Affairs. Egypt had never voted for Israel at the UN. Oman also voted yes.

And then these stories in the last month: A senior IDF officer told a Saudi news outlet *Elaph*: Israel had secret relations and common interests w/ a number of Arab states besides Egypt and Jordan. The officer explained: "[With] moderate countries such as Egypt, Jordan and the Persian Gulf states, Israel has a common language. Israel's UN Ambassador Danon: "Quietly you see that there is a lot of appreciation ... for Israel."

As for Jordan: Pilots from the Royal Jordanian AF recently conducted a "working visit" to Israel. Israel has a strategic interest in, and long-standing commitment to, the safety, security, stability and prosperity of Jordan. Broad-based cooperative ventures in the strategic, security, diplomatic, economic and energy fields buttress the bond. Israel FM DG Gold attended the Org. for Security and Cooperation in Europe conference in Jordan attended by reps from Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia. The Israeli delegate was seated between the reps of Egypt and Jordan. There are now 150 Jordanian workers working at hotels in Eilat; by the end of the month there will be 500. The target is 1,500 Jordanian workers in Eilat. They stay in Israel for 8 hours and return home at the end of each day.

We noted also from the *Times of Israel* that a month after Gambia declared itself an "Islamic Republic," it warmly hosted Israel's Ambassador Paul Hirschson.

And in the *Jerusalem Post*, did you see the head of Cyprus' ruling party said, his country now has a "clearer picture" of Israel - having had the "wrong perception of Israel" for years. "It's a country ... fighting ... for survival and having to face hundreds of millions of Muslims and Arabs, part of whom don't even recognize the right of the existence of a Jewish state.... For decades Israel was blamed for creating the instability in the region. Can anyone credibly blame Israel for the instability in Syria, the ISIS threat, the Arab Spring-now-Winter, or the chaos in Libya and Iraq?" Even Greece: That despite his roots in the country's anti-Zionist left, last month Greek PM Tsipras paid a visit to Israel.

Here are a few more headlines from the past month:

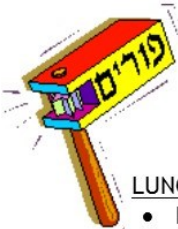
- Australian FM Reaffirms Support for Israel
- Israel and Turkey Nearing Reconciliation (*JPost*)

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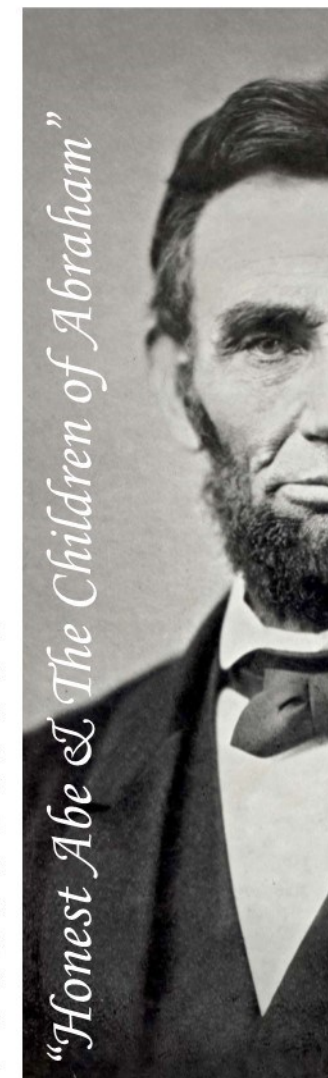


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An Evening With Dr. Gary Zola

February 12 | 6:30 pm



Dr. Gary Zola, esteemed professor of American Judaism and Executive Director of the American Jewish Archives, will speak about his book "We Called Him Rabbi Abraham", an interesting look into the complex relationship between Abraham Lincoln and American Jews of the time.



Dr. Gary Zola

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The Buzz from Rabbi B

Rabbi Benjy A. Bar-Lev, Associate Rabbi

Rabbi B to Lead Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class Starting in March

If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am only for myself what am I? And if not now, when?

~Rabbi Hillel, Pirke Avot 1:14

Years ago, at the dinner following my ordination ceremony, Cantor Karen Berman, from the synagogue where I grew up in Milwaukee, asked if she could address the group. She, along with my childhood rabbi, Rabbi Ron Shapiro, and the rabbi with whom I worked in college, Rabbi Dena Feingold, had come from Wisconsin to Cincinnati for my ordination. I was so honored by their presence. Cantor Berman addressed the group and told them that my ordination as a rabbi earlier that evening gave hope to dozens of delinquent bar and bat mitzvah students in Wisconsin and really, nationally. She recounted the story of how a month before my bar mitzvah I was woefully underprepared. I had the skills to learn my Torah portion, but wasn't putting in the time at home between sessions, listening to my Torah portion on my Walkman®. (It is oh-so ironic that I often have this EXACT conversation with parents these days.) Cantor Berman then told all the assembled guests about how I got my act together in the weeks before my service, and everything went beautifully. She now tells concerned parents, "don't worry, your child may too become a rabbi one day." We got a great laugh at the story that night and Cantor Berman expressed her pride at how far I had come.

We've all heard the George Bernard Shaw quote, "youth is wasted on the young." In some ways, I feel that way about my bar mitzvah. I wish I was mature enough at the time to appreciate the importance of that moment, to study the meanings of the prayers and the Torah in a deep and meaningful way.

There are a number of adults in our congregation, who as of yet, have not celebrated a bar or bat mitzvah ceremony of their own. I am pleased to announce that we will again this year be starting an Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class to fill that need. What is an Adult B'nei Mitzvah?

This is a group bar/bat mitzvah ceremony during which each class member will have the opportunity to read (or chant) from the Torah, deliver a meaningful d'var Torah

(a speech), and will also lead the congregation in prayer. This will happen through weekly classes starting in March, culminating at the holiday of Simchat Torah at the end of October. We will learn about the spiritual meaning behind the Shabbat prayers, theology, Torah portion, Jewish culture and heritage, Jewish practice, and ritual. Our learning will be both for the ceremony specifically, but will also be Torah Lishmah - Torah for its own sake.

The last time we had an Adult B'nei Mitzvah ceremony at Temple Beth Shalom was in 2009, and it was an incredibly powerful and meaningful morning. The participants each had his or her own reason for learning and for leading us that day. With tears in all our eyes, Ric Gilley, Cherla Meisterman, and Debbie Leasure led us through a beautiful Shabbat morning service. It wasn't just the service itself that was so moving, rather it was also the relationships they had created, the connections they had made with one another and very clearly with their Judaism. It was their dedication to Jewish life that made it such a special experience.

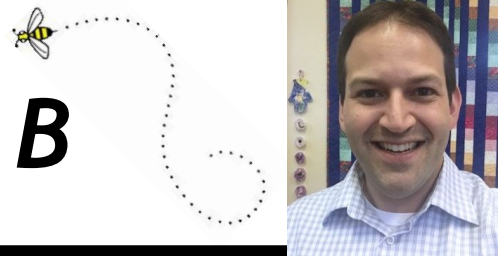
Perhaps you have been looking for a way to connect with your Judaism on a more spiritual level? Maybe you have already had your bar/bat mitzvah, but you are looking to rekindle your love of Judaism? Maybe you feel a soulful yearning for something you just can't put a finger on? Maybe you have been wanting to learn about Judaism in a deeper way, to explore our people's texts and find yourself within them. This is an opportunity for everybody.

Starting March 8, 2016, I will be teaching this B'nei Mitzvah class on Tuesday evenings at 7:00-7:50 pm in the Temple Library. The class will be very friendly and low-pressure. Some basic Hebrew knowledge is helpful and we can set you up to achieve that separate from the class.

Rabbi Hillel Said *"If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am only for myself what am I? And if not now, when?"* If not now, when? Let us explore Judaism in depth together.

If you have any interest in the class or in the Adult B'nei Mitzvah Ceremony, please contact me at rabbibenjy@tbsohio.org or in the Temple office.

Looking forward to a wonderful class starting in March!



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Murray Kessler
Joseph Perlmutter
Jean Celia Polacheck
Dora Staman
Evelyn Steinberg
Eric Smerekanich
Jack Waltman
Sam Weinstein
Joshua Weisel

February 12:

Sandrea Chait
Rosalind Donziger
William Donchon
Dr. Jerome Julius Freundlich
Iser Goldberg
Lee D. Kent
Janet Lynn
Hayward Miller
Frank Scheer
Neal Schultz
Estelle Mae Steinman
Jean Torch

February 19:

Maryleone F. Basch
Max Frank Chait
George Cobern
Jack Daner
Anna Poppendieck Gainer
Morris Garek
Edwin Helburn

Evelyn Katz
Helene Klein
Harry Kohn
Anna Lefkowitz
Martin Masser
William Maxman
Marvin Mentser
Bernard E. Rosenberg
Pearl Saltzman
Morris Sher
Helen Skilken
Joseph Slotin
Donald Snider
Lottie Stern
Marjorie Tenney
Elizabeth Tishler
Joseph Torch

February 26:

Bertha Alter
Rose Ankerman
Mary Austin
Allen Charles Brody
Samuel Brandt
Sam Chait
Gertrude Lazerwitz
Ida H. Lichtblau
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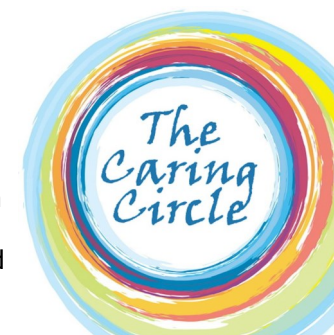


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Gail Rose, Cantorial Soloist & Music Director



Join The Rebels!
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Star Wars (not Peter Pan) Purim Spiel

Written by Sean Silver, Brett Weisman, Gail Rose and Cantor Carol Shore...

It is the year 3404 and King Ahashveros Solo has risen to power on the planet Shusheraan. The king is a mighty and mostly just leader despite ruling under the counsel of his high minister, DARTH HAMAN, Dark Lord of the Agagim. In the shadow of the king’s palace, Mordechai Ben Kenobi raises his orphaned cousin Princess Esther Leia Organa...

Be at Temple Beth Shalom Friday, March 18th at 6:30 PM to hear the rest of the story!
All children will receive a prize during the Spiel’s children’s costume parade

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K - 6 Graders To Help Lead Reform Community Shabbat

Mark your calendars for Friday, March 4th at 6:30 PM when all the Columbus Reform Congregations will be holding a special Shabbat Service at Temple Beth Shalom. In anticipation of the National Jewish Music Performer, Rick Recht’s Columbus Performance on May 1st, K through sixth grade will be leading several of Recht’s songs during this joint congregational service. The students have been learning these songs during their Sunday School music classes. During this service we will learn about the organization Mazon, the Jewish response to Hunger, and do some hands-on activities to help those who are hungry in our community. Please bring your entire family to this special Shabbat Service.



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Rabbi's Reflections, continued from page 2

➤ Vatican: Catholics Shouldn't Seek to Convert Jews

Also BTW, does Israeli common law and practice - especially given the law of return - leave any doubt that, in its conduct, Israel is something other than a nation that supports in most every way Jewish life? Israel operates as a nation on a Jewish calendar, and partially observes Jewish law in its civic behavior, but is fully a haven, especially for potential immigrants, for those whom the orthodox rabbinate in Israel consider to be Jews. What do I care what others think?

What the Palestinians say; what the Egyptians say; what the Jordanians say; indeed what the US government or Congress or Pope or anyone else says about what Israel is or is not, is existentially irrelevant to the Israeli on the street.

Sometimes that has to be good enough. Making them say that Israel is a Jewish State as a condition for diplomatic relations, respects for treaties, or even for recognition of borders, certainly would not help the process.

I think of the analogy of a man whose wife of many years dies. He now has adult children, in the twenties or thirties. Happily he meets another women and they decide to get married. But a condition they make on the each other's children if they are to be part of their lives together is: He children have to call him "dad," and his children must call her, "mom."

It ain't gonna happen. She and he argue that they fear that the one and the other will never really be considered part of the family - that they cannot show their full acceptance - without using the title. All further discussion is halted until this issue is settled.

My interlocutor argues back: If Palestinians accept Israel as a Jewish state, then their desire to "drive the Jews into the sea" no longer has meaning as the reason for continued incitement of their population to murder Jews. That is why recognition of Israel as a Jewish state has significant meaning insofar as terrorism against Israel is concerned.

To the last point, there is in fact no "state" in Palestine to make that acceptance and recognition stick ... so it's empty even if they - the PA government in the W. Bank which is not in the tenth year of a four year term; Hamas; Islamic Jihad, the Hizballah.

More importantly on the issue itself: Until the peace treaties were signed with Egypt (1979) and Jordan (1994), the situation with the Egyptians and Jordanians were - if anything - worse diplomatically and militarily - with Israel than they are today with the Palestinians living in Israel and the W. Bank, and even Gaza. These countries were officially at war with Israel, had tanks and air power, etc. real armies that had shown, especially in the case of Egypt, that they could kill scores in a day. Before the peace treaties were signed, both Egypt and Jordan wished to drive the State of Israel into the sea. And each had relatively much more firepower than do the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza, even with the missiles from Gaza now aimed at Israel.

BTW, an Israel-Palestinian peace treaty, if signed tomorrow and even with a Palestinian recognition of Israel

as a Jewish state will not eliminate the threat from the sovereign state of Lebanon, and its Iranian-controlled Hizbollah therein. So to them recognition means "zero.". And, up to the time those treaties were signed, both had engaged strategically in activity that might be described as seeking the end of the Jewish state. (Remember that Jordan sided with a Scud-firing Iraq during the Gulf War. They let the missiles fly over their territory.)

Despite all of that, Israel DID NOT REQUIRE, even as these relatively much stronger adversaries with regular armies that had given their hearts and souls to eliminate Israel moved from an official state of war to peace ... Israel did not require that either recognize Israel as a "Jewish State." That is an indisputable fact and at a time when each, at least officially the day before the peace treaty, was "at war" with Israel with the purpose of eliminating it.

The primary reason for such a move as "recognition" of the State of Israel as a "Jewish State," is not psychological, as you have reified it, but **strategic: to take the issue of the Palestinian "right of return" off the table. I am NOT against that diplomatic strategy.** It is just that I think it should be part of the negotiations - with a provision that allows the Palestinian negotiating team the ability to SAVE FACE - even as it de facto concedes the point and, as I have repeated said, *acquiesces* without having to "accept." (Back into a corner.)

I think that we have to move from the practical - which may be achievable first, - and the "practicable" towards a de facto principle and, perhaps down the line, to acceptance of the long-ago-decided de jure recognition of a Jewish state by the UN. In the partition agreement of 1947, Patience Pay off.

So as regards BDS: We read this month: Spain paid Ariel U. in the W. Bank \$107K in compensation for damages caused by its exclusion from an int'l competition among solar-energy innovators. And consider this selection of headlines for the last thirty days.

- Hungary: Labeling Counterproductive (*Times of Is.*)
- UK-Isr. Trade Thriving Despite BDS Talk (*JPost*)
- UK Academics in Haifa U. Conf. - (*JPost*)
- Bon Jovi Stands Up for Israel - vs. BDS (*NY Post*)
- Czech Parliament Rejects Labelings (*Reuters*)
- The French Anti-Boycott Law - Freddy Eytan Regarding Israel's Economy

Detroit News and *Jerusalem Post*: Israel's GDP in 2015 grew by 2.3%, outdistancing Europe and the US. Among the 37 advanced economies, only three did not experience a contraction in the aftermath of the global financial crisis: S. Korea, Australia and Israel. The IMF projects 3.3% growth for Israel in 2016, among the highest growth rates for developed nations. Israel's economy has doubled in size since 1996; the US economy has increased 50% and the EU, 24%. 2015 has already broken records for Israeli mergers & acquisitions, +52% over the same time period last year, reaching \$21 billion so far. Since 2010 there have been \$10b.+ worth of such transactions w/ China.

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The Kosher Bookworm By Steve Seeskin, TBS Library Committee Member

Did you know the Lincoln Penny was Designed by a Jewish Artist?

This month, Abraham Lincoln's 207th Birthday falls on Friday, February 12th. Join us as we host an Erev Shabbat presentation about Lincoln's fascinating association with American Jewry.

The presentation will be made by Dr. Gary Phillip Zola, rabbi and author of the 2014 scholarly and highly readable book We Called Him Rabbi Abraham: Lincoln and American Jewry, A Documentary History. Dr. Zola is the Executive Director of The Center of American Jewish Archives and a professor of the American Jewish Experience at Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, Cincinnati. The Temple Beth Shalom Library Committee is excited and proud to be able to fund this community wide event as a result of your generous donations to the Library Fund.

Dr. Zola's literary style is to provide an introductory background discussion of a particular aspect of Lincoln's relationship with Jews. This introductory material is then followed by documented photography exhibits, the text of letters and other artifacts of historic, often rare value.

Dr. Zola takes a comprehensive and deeply researched look at Lincoln's frequent encounters with Jews. He traces Lincoln's relationships with Jewish merchants, fellow attorneys at law and politically active Jews in Illinois prior to his nomination and subsequent election to the presidency. Rabbi Zola goes on to describe and provide documentary evidence of Lincoln's relations with Jews by his addressing national Jewish issues and sometimes private concerns of individual Jews during the country's most difficult years of his historic Civil War presidency. Lastly, Dr. Zola describes how Jews have honored Lincoln after his assassination, including the many documented eulogies made at Shabbat Services across the nation.



Learn How Lincoln:

- ★ Dealt with Jewish leaders wanting Jewish military chaplains to provide for the needs of the many Jewish Union soldiers when public law required appointment of military chaplains to only those clergy of a Christian religious denomination.
- ★ Dealt with Jewish outcry of class-based antisemitism when General Ulysses S. Grant issued his infamous Generals Order No. 11 expelling all Jews from his Military Department (jurisdictional area of military control covering several southern states) and decreeing the Jews had but only 24 hours to leave or otherwise face arrest.
- ★ Dealt with Jewish protests over a serious legislative movement to amend the U.S. Constitution to officially make the United States a Christian nation.
- ★ Told Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise that he believed himself to be a descendent of Jewish ancestors.

This is a Temple Beth Shalom Erev Shabbat celebration you will not want to miss – please mark your calendar and invite your friends, relatives, and associates. You will learn little known Lincoln facts not addressed in your school days American history books. Your school age children will learn a piece of the American Jewish historical experience they would not be able to acquire elsewhere! I promise you will find Rabbi Zola's book and presentation to be highly interesting; I hope it will motivate you to check the book out of the TBS Library or perhaps purchase the book for your own collection.

The Library Committee asks you to consider donations to the Library Fund so we may sponsor future literary events and enhance your congregational library experience.

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B'nei Mitzvah for February

Melody Green is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah for her First Aliyah on February 20, 2016 at 10:00 am. Melody is very excited for her big day! In her free time she enjoys reading and spending time with friends! She also enjoys animals, especially her cats, and spending time in nature. Her grandparents Marsha Block, Kathy Green Joan Kelly, Bruce Green, Lynn Kelly, and Ellery Block, Her mother and father Laura and Jerry Green and her older sister Amelia Green are all very proud of her in all of her accomplishments.



Emily Hess is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah for her First Aliyah on February 6, 2016 at 10:00 am. Emily has enjoyed learning her Torah Portion with Rabbi Benjy Bar-Lev and thank him and Brett Weisman for preparing her for this special day. Rabbi Benjy and Brett, "made everything fun, [including] my experience at Hebrew School [making] it easier for me to learn." Emily is very excited to have all of her friends and family with her to celebrate her Bat Mitzvah. Even with a busy soccer, Emily managed to volunteer at both Faithful and Forgotten Best Friends and with the Propionic Acidemia Foundation.



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President's Column

Steve Herman, TBS Board President



I would like to thank the Rabbi's, Brett, Gail, Bonnie, the Temple staff and the entire congregation for their support and well wishes as our daughter, Olivia, became a Bat Mitzvah a few Saturday's ago. Diane and I feel nothing but pride and gratitude for all of our wonderful friends and family who were able to join us for this very special event in our lives.

As one simcha ends, Temple Beth Shalom has a plethora of exiting opportunities to get involved with in the community through the end of winter and well into the spring.

Please join us for our very special guest speaker Dr. Gary Zola, who will be speaking at Temple Beth Shalom on the 12th of February. The Reform Community Shabbat will be held on March 4th, the Purim Spiel/Carnival is on March 18th, and of course the Gala on April 16th to celebrate Rabbi Apothaker and Marcie Golden's 36 years with TBS!!

I am so excited about this year's Spring Gala which will be held during the weekend of April 15th-17th. Saturday night, April 16th, we are looking forward to a celebration which will be held at the Blackwell Inn and Conference Center at The Ohio State University. Not only will we be celebrating Rabbi Apothaker and Marcie's 36 wonderful years at TBS, but we will also be entertained by a world renowned comedian, Rabbi Bob Alper! It should be a fun, exciting, emotional and very memorable evening. I hope you plan on joining us there.

There are, of course, still opportunities to sponsor the Spring Gala with an advertisement or a personal statement regarding the gratitude I know we all share for our Rabbi Apothaker and his family. We are also looking for "Table Captains". If you are unfamiliar with the con-

cept, don't worry! Table Captains will ensure friends and family get to sit together! Table Captains will take charge in organizing groups of eight people, guaranteeing happy and kind company! Please feel free to contact The Gala Committee (SpringGala@tbsohio.org) or the Temple Beth Shalom office (614) 855-4882, for more information about these opportunities.

Festivities are not limited to Saturday night alone! Due to the brilliant foresight of the Gala Committee, on April 17th, the day after the Gala, Temple Beth Shalom will host our annual Mitzvah Day. A wonderful opportunity to give back to our congregation.

Please join us as we celebrate as a community, the 36th year of dedication, service and leadership to Temple Beth Shalom and beyond. Thank you Rabbi Apothaker and thank you Marcie for all that you do and have done.

All the Best,

Steve

Reform Community Shabbat
On March 4th at 6:30 pm

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Shabbat
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| 14 PRESIDENT'S DAY WEEKEND NO SUNDAY SCHOOL! | 15 | 16 12:00 pm: Women of Beth Shalom Lunch and Learn 6:00 pm: Weight Watchers committee meeting | 17 1:00 pm: Mah Jongg (Both groups meet at TBS on Mezzanine level) | 18 11:30 am: Finance Committee Meeting 5:00 pm: Women of Beth Shalom HAPPY HOUR BRIO | 19 6:30 pm: Shabbat Chai Erev Shabbat  | 20 10:00 am Bat Mitzvah, Melody Green's First Aliyah 5:00 pm Family Movie Night |
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| 28 9:00 am: Kehilat Torah Wednesday School 9:00 am: Women of Beth Shalom @ Ronald McDonald House 1:00 pm: Women of Beth Shalom @ Ronald McDonald House 2:00 pm: 0-2 TBS Playgroup | 29 | | | | | |

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- And these headlines:
- Israel's Tech Innovation Summit in China (*Xinhua*)
 - Israel to Train Doctors for China (*Xinhua-China*)
 - Vietnamese Trade w/ Israel Soars (*JPost*)
 - Indians Eager to Enhance Relations (*JPost*)
 - Japan Turns to Israeli Tech (*Times of Is.*)
 - Israel-Egypt-Italy Gas Export Teamwork (*i24news*)
 - Elbit Systems Wins \$200M Swiss Drone Contract
 - American Security Officials Tour Israel (*JTA*)
 - US Navy Buys Israeli Therapy System (*Times of Is.*)
 - Israeli Defense Firm \$70M Contract in Latin America (*Globes*)
 - Israeli Pilots Train over US - Judah Ari Gross
 - Brit. Army Used Israeli Tammuz Missiles
 - Israel to Supply Spain w/Rifle Ammunition
 - Jonathan Pollard Is Freed (*New York Times*)

So patience is what
I ask of you for today
The tide is turning...

What's The Skinny
At Temple Beth Shalom?

February:

- **5th**—3rd grade Camp Shabbat @6:30pm / Erev Shabbat Services @7:30pm (**2 SERVICES**)
- **12th**—Dr. Gary Zola to speak about Abe Lincoln's relationship with mid-19th century Judaism
- **26th**—Erev Shabbat Services are @6:30 pm AND @7:30pm

March:

- **4th**—Reform Community Shabbat @Temple Beth Shalom, 6:30pm
- **13th**—TBS Purim Carnival @11am

March: (Con'td)

- **18th**—Erev Shabbat / Purim Spiel @ 6:30pm

April:

- **16th**—Spring Gala honoring Rabbi Apothaker and Marcie Golden, 6:30pm
- **17th**—Mitzvah Day at Temple Beth Shalom
- **22nd**—TBS Temple wide Pesach Seder

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February Birthdays

Monday, February 1: Chloe Blackstone, Marci Carron, Corey Dubin, Sandra Flaherty, Sophie Tobin

Tuesday, February 2: Steven Altschuld, Paula Bernard, Emily Hess, Joel Kent

Wednesday, February 3: Jordan Bravo, Averill Smith

Thursday, February 4: Julian Amedmariam, Herb Shnider

Saturday, February 6: Abigail Bates, Elianna Belford, Julia Gurevitz, Neila Lieberman, Adaline Mendel, Corinna Mendel

Sunday, February 7: Michael Griffaton

Monday, February 8: Sheryl Angart, Don Barger, Sammy Cohen

Wednesday, February 10: Becca Foskuhl, Janice Silver, Jordan Tauber

Thursday, February 11: Suzanne Hirsh

Friday, February 12: Jonathan Bleiweiss, Aaron Friedberg, Brian Mason, Lance Shnider, Michael Weisel, Jonathan Wolman

Saturday, February 13: Robert Berkey, Stephen Brooks David Cram, Kim Dobres, Abigail Dubinsky, Barry Turner

Sunday, February 14: Miranda Benson, Austin Gaines, Sophia Shai, Jeff Waltman

Monday, February December 15: Jeri Kerns

Tuesday, February 16: Tyler Ballman, Deborah Bates, Julia Chapman, Shaina Dubinsky, Leon Friedberg, Steve Loewengart, Joshua Ryan

Wednesday, February 17: John Kobacker

Thursday, February 18: Benjamin Haidt

Friday, February 19: Nora Butter, Dustin Goldman, Richard Saltzman

Saturday, February 20: Melissa Goldblatt,

Pam Miller-Meizlish,
Scott Roth

Sunday, February 21:

Mark Dornfeld, Aenea Keren, David Lynn

Monday, February 22: Rabbi Howard L.

Apothaker, Janet Brand, Ron Zaczepinski

Tuesday, February 23:

Andrew Goodman, Michael Piccerello, Lisa Spector

Wednesday, February 24: Isabel Remer, Sheila Torch

Thursday, February 25: Alan Buerghenthal, Hunter Cohn, Gene Shuman, Timothy Westrick

Friday, February 26: Kai Kauffman, Matthew Minkin, Ann Perelstein

Saturday, February 27: Joseph Blum, Morgan Handmaker, Mitch Miller

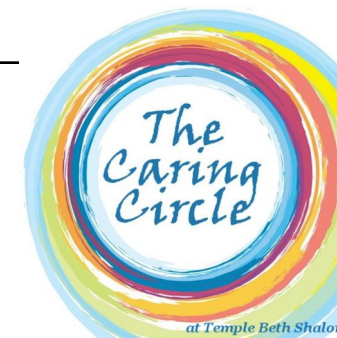
Sunday, February 28: Eve Beeler, Elizabeth Cohen, Amy Dubin, Linda Mendel, Michael Roads, Alan Weisenberg



What Number, Please?

Central Ohio to get new 380 Area Code in January

Effective Jan. 30, 2016, local calls that are currently dialed with 7 digits will need to be dialed using 10 or 11 digits to be completed. Since the current 614 area code is running out of numbers, a new 380 area code will be assigned only for new telephone numbers within the area code region. After January, calls to current numbers will need to be completed by dialing 614 + 7-digit telephone number or 1+ 614+ 7-digit number. The same dialing procedure will apply to telephone numbers assigned to the new 380 area code.



TBS Mitzvah Corps:

February 2016

Featured Organization: The Caring Circle

Rachel Murray | Caring Circle Coordinator

I took over as Caring Circle Coordinator about a year ago, when Robin Fremer moved to Florida. My duties were originally described to me as sending out a few emails here and there and setting up MealTrains. I was happy to take that on to help out the congregation. I strongly believe in the saying "It takes a village..." and love being a part of a community that truly understands what "helping each other" means on a functional level. This opportunity has become a passion of mine and I feel it is an important lesson to teach my kids.

The Caring Circle Coordinator position has, as a result of the hard work and dedication of each of our volunteers, become more than just sending out emails! We have been able to provide rides to doctors' appointments for a congregant who is in poor health. We have provided food for Memorial Services, meals for families going through tough times or recovering from surgery or even in times of great joy! We have been able to arrange for someone to do something as simple as sit with a loved one who is homebound, allowing the spouse to run errands. We have delivered meals to those welcoming new babies into their families. We have even started packing up leftovers from Temple functions and delivering them to congregants who could use a little pick-me-up. Our goal is to ease the gap caused by life's untimely inconveniences.

We currently have 90 members in our group and we are always looking for more. If you are interested, please send an email to tbscaringcircle@gmail.com. The great thing about our group is that once you join and are added to our email list, your availability determines what kind of time you can give. This means you help when you can, no pressure! The Caring Circle is not affiliated with any other groups at Temple Beth Shalom. We are separate from Men's Club and Women of Beth Shalom and are open to any congregants of any age. If you want to help, we are sure to find a way.

Having said all of that, please do not hesitate to utilize this service for yourself or for a loved one in need! The Caring Circle exists whether you need it or not, we are here to help! It truly, truly takes a village. Please feel free to contact us at the email address above or by calling the Temple Beth Shalom office at 614-855-4882. Also use this email address if you know of someone in our congregation who could use a little caring from our circle. You'll be helping us do a Mitzvah!

Thank you to all of you who are already involved!
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Beth Shalom Temple Youth Group Spring Events!

BeSTY (9th -12th Grades)

Saturday, January 30th – Havdallah Bowling

Saturday, February 6th – Mid-Ohio Food Bank

Saturday, February 27th – Skyzone

Saturday, March 12th – Purim Lock-in

Saturday, April 2nd – Havdallah Movie Night

Saturday, May 7th – Scavenger Hunt at the Zoo

Sunday, May 15th – Columbus Clippers

JuBeSTY (7th -8th Grades)

Sunday, January 24th – Skyzone

Saturday, February 6th – Mid-Ohio Food Bank

Saturday, March 12th – Purim Lock-in

Sunday, April 10th – LazerKraze

Saturday, May 7th – Scavenger Hunt at the Zoo

Sunday, May 15th – Columbus Clippers

Club 56 (5th -6th Grades)

Sunday, February 7th – SkyZone

Sunday, April 3rd – Video Game Truck

Sunday, April 31st – Rule 3

Sunday, May 8th – COSI

Chaverim (3rd -4th Grades)

Sunday, February 27th – Glo-Putt

Sunday, March 6th – SkyZone

Sunday, May 1st – COSI



Attention All 7th—12th Graders!

**Saturday, March 12th 7:30 pm
Purim Lockin!**

We Need Your Help! We will spend the night setting up for our huge Purim carnival, then we will play some games, watch some movies and have a great time! Stay on Sunday and help us run the Purim Carnival! Bring a sleeping bag, pillow and flashlight!

**RSVP to Brett Weisman or Amelia Green
(bweisman@tbsohio.org)**

*This lockin is for TBS Members only -
please no friends from other congregations for this program.
Thanks!*



Join us for the Next...

TBS Tot Shabbat Pre Purim Pajama Party!

**Saturday, February 27
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**RSVP to rabbibenjy@tbsohio.org
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Happy Purim!