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*Celebrate Chanukah*

At the TBS Chanukah Party!

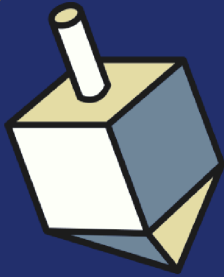
Friday, December 15th

6:30 pm at TBS



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# Chanukah Service & Party!

*Friday, December 15th at  
6:30 pm*

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# 4 Upcoming Events

## 12/1 - 12/7

- Friday, Dec. 1** Consecration & Dinner, 6:30 pm
- Saturday, Dec. 2** First Aliyah of Ian Mansur, 10:00 am
- Sunday, Dec. 3** KT Religious School, 9:00 am; WBS Board Meeting, 9:30 am; Library Meeting, 10:00 am
- Wednesday, Dec. 6** Mah Jongg at TBS, 1:00 pm; Midweek Hebrew, 4:00 pm; Women's PM Torah Study, 7:00 pm

## 12/8 - 12/14

- Friday, Dec. 8** Erev Shabbat Services, 6:30 pm
- Saturday, Dec. 9** Healing Simchat Shabbat Service, 10:00 am
- Sunday, Dec. 10** KT Religious School, 9:00 am; B'nai Mitzvah Parent Meeting (6th Grade), 10:00 am; WBS Chanukah Party, 6:30 pm
- Tuesday, Dec. 12** First Night of Chanukah!
- Wednesday, Dec. 13** Mah Jongg at TBS, 1:00 pm; Midweek Hebrew, 4:00 pm
- Tuesday, Dec. 14** Lunch Bunch featuring Arkadiy Gips and Cheri Papier, 12:00 pm

## 12/15 - 12/21

- Friday, Dec. 15** Chanukah Shabbat Chai & Party, 6:30 pm
- Saturday, Dec. 16** Simchat Shabbat Services, 10:00 am
- Sunday, Dec. 17** KT Religious School, 9:00 am; 5th/6th Grade Chanukah Party, 1:00 pm
- Wednesday, Dec. 20** Mah Jongg at TBS, 1:00 pm; Midweek Hebrew, 4:00 pm; Last Night of Chanukah



## 12/22 - 12/31

- Friday, Dec. 22** Erev Shabbat Services, 7:30 pm
- Saturday, Dec. 23** Simchat Shabbat Services, 10:00 am
- Sunday, Dec. 24** NO KT Religious School
- Friday, Dec. 29** Erev Shabbat Services, 6:30 pm
- Saturday, Dec. 30** Simchat Shabbat Services, 10:00 am
- Sunday, Dec. 31** NO KT Religious School

## 1/1 - 1/7

<b>Monday, Jan. 1</b>	New Year's Day (TBS Office Closed)
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 3</b>	Mah Jongg at TBS, 1:00 pm; Midweek Hebrew, 4:00 pm; Women's PM Torah Study, 7:00 pm
<b>Friday, Jan. 5</b>	First Friday Movie Night, 6:30 pm
<b>Saturday, Jan. 6</b>	Simchat Shabbat Services, 10:00 am
<b>Sunday, Jan. 7</b>	KT Religious School, 9:00 am; WBS Board Meeting, 9:30 am; 3rd/4th Grade Youth Group Trip to Chiller, 1:00 pm

## 1/8 - 1/14

<b>Wednesday, Jan. 10</b>	Mah Jongg at TBS, 1:00 pm; Midweek Hebrew, 4:00 pm
<b>Friday, Jan. 12</b>	Reform Community Shabbat at Bexley JCC
<b>Saturday, Jan. 13</b>	Simchat Shabbat Services, 10:00 am
<b>Sunday, Jan. 14</b>	KT Religious School, 9:00 am; 5th/6th Grade Youth Group Trip to Chiller, 1:00 pm

## 1/15 - 1/21

<b>Tuesday, Jan. 16</b>	WBS Lunch & Learn, 12:00 pm
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 17</b>	Mah Jongg at TBS, 1:00 pm; Midweek Hebrew, 4:00 pm
<b>Friday, Jan. 19</b>	Shabbat Chai, 6:30 pm
<b>Saturday, Jan. 20</b>	Simchat Shabbat Services, 10:00 am
<b>Sunday, Jan. 21</b>	KT Religious School, 9:00 am; TBS Board Meeting, 4:00 pm

## 1/22 - 1/31

<b>Tuesday, Jan. 23</b>	Purim Spiel Rehearsal, 7:00 pm
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 24</b>	Mah Jongg at TBS, 1:00 pm; Midweek Hebrew, 4:00 pm
<b>Friday, Jan. 26</b>	Healing Service, 6:30 pm; Erev Shabbat Services, 7:30 pm
<b>Saturday, Jan. 27</b>	Simchat Shabbat Services, 10:00 am
<b>Sunday, Jan. 28</b>	KT Religious School, 9:00 am
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 30</b>	Purim Spiel Rehearsal, 7:00 pm
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 31</b>	Mah Jongg at TBS, 1:00 pm; Midweek Hebrew, 4:00 pm

# 6 The Buzz with Rabbi B



## May We Be the Light This Chanukah and Beyond

As we start our preparations for Chanukah here at Temple and in our homes, I share this story with you, which I have adapted from the author Simone Zelitch.

### *The Miracle of the Oil*

Once, in the age of the Maccabees, there lived an old Jew named Eleazar, who guarded the courtyard of the Holy Temple while a single flask of oil burned for eight days. Because he had stood watch while the miracle took place, there were some who believed he had taken on a little of its glory and a little of its light. After a while, in spite of his good sense, Eleazar began to believe it himself.

Then, one day, Eleazar had a visitor. A lamp-maker knocked on his door, and said, "I need to make peace with you, Eleazar. When I heard we only had one flask of oil for the rededication, I found a little oil in my shop, and I slipped it past you into the sanctuary and fed the flame. I knew you needed it, so I just added it to the flame"

Eleazar was stunned. The flame that burned was in a holy place in the Temple, and only the High Priest was permitted there. Common Jews were not allowed there. It stood to reason that the lamp maker should have been struck dead. But clearly, he'd meant no harm. So Eleazar said, "The Lord works through plain and honest Jews like you. Go in peace."

So Eleazar made peace with the knowledge that God worked a wonder through an ordinary man. But then, one day, he had another visitor, a woman. Her hair was white, and her expression, haunted. Eleazar greeted her with courtesy, for she was Hannah, the heroine who'd lost her seven sons because they wouldn't bow down to a pagan god. Hannah said, "Something lays on my heart and I must make peace with you, old Eleazar."

Eleazar said, "no one deserves peace more than you." "Then I will speak," said Hannah. "When I heard there was only a single flask of oil for the rededication, I couldn't bear to think that the flame would go out. I had a flask I'd once used to comb through the hair of my seven sons. It was good oil, and now I had no use for it, so I slipped past you, Eleazar, and into the Sanctuary, and fed the flame." Eleazar caught his breath. It was thought in those times, that women weren't allowed in a sacred place. This was not holy! He couldn't control his anger or his confusion, for Hannah was an honorable woman, for whom no tribute was too great. How could he condemn her? So he took a deep breath, centered himself and said, "go in peace."

That night, Eleazar could not sleep. He wrapped himself in his shawl, thinking and praying, he did not hear his next visitor arrive.

It was a young man, with a shaved chin, and clipped curls, who stood half-naked in the cold. Eleazar recoiled from the sight of him. He said, "You're wise to come at night. If pious Jews found you here by daylight, you'd be dead."

With a nervous smile the man said, "I am a Jew." "A Hellenized Jew, a Secular Jew" Eleazar said. "You've come from the gymnasium, where Greeks teach youths to turn their backs on God and worship their bodies. It was your kind who caused the rebellion in the first place!"

The religious Maccabees fought not just against the Assyrian Greeks, but also against the secularized Hellenized Jews who were part of Greek society.

"I am still a Jew," said the young man. "I am also Greek. Is that impossible?" Bitterly, Eleazar said, "Oil and water don't mix."

"Don't they?" The young man cocked his head. "Funny Old Eleazar, that you should bring up oil. We have quite a bit of olive oil at the gymnasium. We oil our bodies to make them beautiful. And rumor came to us that you were short of oil. That should have meant nothing to me, yet somehow it did, something inside of me stirred. So one night, I snuck into the holy Temple, I brought that oil, and fed the flame and kept the fire burning for our Jewish people."

He said to the man, "The Maccabees fought against the likes of you."

"Yet I am a Jew," the young man said again. Eleazar could not speak. He took a long look at the young man's face and saw there pride, anger, remorse, and a deep need to be told he had a share in the Temple, in Judaism. After a moment, with great effort, he took the young man's hand. "Go in peace," he said, "You have a Jewish soul."

He wanted to say more, but before he'd gathered words enough, the young man had gone. Eleazar could not sleep that night, pondering the oil poured by transgressors. Was he right to grant them peace? In the days of the Judges, they would have been condemned. In the days of the Prophets, they would have been chastised. Yet, Eleazar knew, there were no more Judges in Israel, and the age of Prophets had ended long ago. Now, Jews found God in each other, in acts of courage and in acts of kindness. God's arms are open. God forgives. God answers light with light.

Eleazar might have gone to sleep then, but someone else appeared at the door. “Old Eleazar,” the voice was thick and the words slurred together. Eleazar did not return the greeting. “Old Eleazar,” the visitor said again. “I’ve come to make my peace with you.”

“Take your peace and go.” Said Eleazar.

“I’ve come to tell you something. About the oil, old Eleazar.”

“I know. It was a miracle,” said Eleazar, “Now take your peace, friend, and go.”

“You call me friend? But our people are deadly enemies. Do you grant friendship so easily?”

Then Eleazar looked up. In his doorway stood a man with shaggy hair and brilliant eyes. He wore a lion’s skin and carried a tall carved staff. Bracing himself, Eleazar said, “You are a Canaanite.”

“I am,” the man replied. “My people have lived next to your people for thousands of years, Eleazar. Our fates are bound together. And together we rededicated the Temple.”

“You did not enter God’s Temple.” Said Eleazar, and he turned away.

The Canaanite said, “I did. We gave you oil, all we had.”

Eleazar looked coldly at the man.

“I stand before you, old man, at great peril to my life,” the Canaanite said. “Would you rather that there was no flame then, Eleazar? Would you rather see the flame go out than to work together?”

For the first few moments, Eleazar was silent. Then quietly, “Go in peace.”

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## Rabbi B to Take Sabbatical January 2018

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

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

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

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# Lunch Bunch

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 | 12:00 PM | TEMPLE BETH SHALOM

Join us for a new TBS tradition, the monthly Lunch Bunch! Every month we will gather to eat a catered lunch, socialize, and enjoy a variety of speakers and performers.

● **December**  
● **Feature**

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(Starting January 9th)

- 1/9: Jews and stories: creating a new visual and written genre
- 1/16: Superman: an American Jewish immigrant story
- 1/23: The Original #Resist Movement: comics, WWII, and Nazis
- 1/30: The Evolution of the Jewish Character: Magneto, Kitty Pride, and more
- 2/6: Comic Books Today: superheroes as American icons





Baby it's cold outside, but it's warm at temple...Daylight has grown shorter, and I have now seen multiple gray days in a row. Yep, winter in Columbus is here!

Need a bright spot during the week? Consider joining us here at the Temple for Mahjonn each **Wednesday afternoon from 1-3pm**. We consistently have 3 tables of play, and there's room for more. Call the office for more details, or just stop by on Wednesday at 1pm.

Have a friend who is under the weather or could use a pick-me-up? Bring them soup!! The temple has goodie bags with soup in a jar, and several frozen dishes available to help comfort a friend in need. Stop by between 9am and 4pm to grab a bag.

Do you like to BAKE? Enjoy entertaining? Share your joy with the temple a few times a year. Occasionally the staff needs some extra hands to create a festive Oneg when we have a special Friday evening service. Your help would be amazing and most graciously accepted. We are hoping to put together a list of folks to call upon. If interested, please email Bonnie at babramowitz@tbsohio.org, or call the office and let Kathy know.

We continue to accept donations towards our High Holy Day Prayer book drive and Annual Appeal. With your help we will complete our fundraising goals. We are grateful for your support!

Happy Chanukah and a wonderful New Year.

## Looking for great Chanukah wrapping paper?

TBS has a great supply of Chanukah wrapping paper that we would love to share with you!

Stop by the Temple during the week between 9 am and 5 pm and use our paper to wrap your Chanukah gifts!



## Make A Contribution to the Prayer Book Fund or the High Holy Day Appeal

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# 10 Celebrations

## December Birthdays

- December 1st — Ellen Fishel, Peter Guthoff, Yuri Masser,  
Amy Levine, Jim Weiler
- December 2nd — Lisa Rubinstein, Michael Scheiner
- December 3rd — Arthur Rose, Dana Mason, Janie Korn
- December 4th — Zachary Abramowitz
- December 6th — Perry Siegel, Lori Rossio
- December 7th — Tess Plona
- December 8th — Benjy Bar-Lev, Steve Gurevitz, David Ciranni,  
Edit Grayfer, Cathy Abromowitz
- December 9th — Lenette Herzog, Diane Crislip,  
Sanford Meizlish, Charity Hyde
- December 10th — Bennett Cohen, Sherric Kass-Roth,  
Alan Meisterman, Merry Korn, Matthew Stein
- December 11th — Jennifer Silver, Karen Spiegler, Rose Berky,  
Emil Slobodnik
- December 12th — Andrea Kool-Tucker, Ami Sherman,  
Todd Matros, Lee Goodman,
- December 13th — Karen Ricker, Francine Wahrman,  
Amy Rubin, Laura Scheer, Jeremy Cram,  
Jennifer Garner
- December 14th — Jeff Stone, Madeline Jobrack,  
Megan Kauffman
- December 15th — Daniel Malkoff
- December 16th — Andrew Klaben-Finegold, Kelli Searfos
- December 17th — Kaye Norton, Solly Yassenoff,  
Connie Rittenhouse
- December 18th — Susan Weiler, Josefina Taylor, Carol Levine,  
Itamar Cagan
- December 19th — Craig Kleiman, Terri Searfos
- December 20th — Luba Shnider, Elyse Weiss, Nancy Paul
- December 21st — Jessica Rathkopf, Krista Fliegel,  
Aaron Friedberg
- December 22nd — Tim Ballman, Allison Eckes
- December 23rd — Robert Covitz, Nurit Friedberg, Ari Bar-Lev
- December 24th — David Hirschfeld, Michael Mendel
- December 26th — Jordan Regester, Ryan Roads
- December 28th — Harlan Louis, Jordan Ankerman, Faye Sigall
- December 29th — Amanda Holsinger, Fred Holsinger
- December 30th — David Tumen
- December 31st — Jodi Harris, Constance Meizlish

## December Anniversaries

- December 5th — Mitchell & Janice Silver
- December 8th — Andrea & Beverly Kool-Tucker
- December 16th — Judith Yaross Lee & Joseph Slade
- December 17th — Bruce & Sandy Wylie
- December 21st — Matt & Lisa Freedman, Lori & Rich Shaw
- December 22nd — Steve & Victoria Loewengart
- December 23rd — Joel & Gerry Kent
- December 25th — Richard & Linda Rogovin
- December 28th — Dan & Sandra Phalen, Patti & Robert Wolf
- December 29th — Larry & Linda Mendel, Darrin & Sherri Resnick
- December 30th — Brian & Stacey Blackstone
- December 31st — David & Julie Levy



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## January Birthdays

January 1st — Barbara Holbein, Todd Holbein, Tara Katz,  
Wayne Crutcher, Levi Wilson

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

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

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

January 5th — Larry Eisenman

January 6th — Kenneth Green, Jill Patterson, George Nagy,  
Natalya Dubinskiy, Nathan Robbins, Richard Hall

January 7th — Evan Dubro

January 8th — Heather Byer, Kate Oppenheimer, Matthew Daner,  
Brett Handmaker

January 9th — Donald Feibel, Babette Feibel, Stuart Kerns,  
Alisabeth Weisenberg, Bette Young

January 10th — Danielle Koval, Marilyn Friedman,  
Ingrid Lazerwitz, Joan Wurmbrand

January 11th — Joe Dorian, Ari Sinvany

January 12th — David Cantor, Bobbie Kauffman

January 13th — Jon Wasserstrom, Michael Alpert

January 14th — Mike Wenter, Steven Meizlish, Sarah Hall,  
Allison Phalen, Jordan Romanoff,  
Stephen Kauffman

January 15th — Michelle Chapman, Osi Zimmer

January 16th — Emily Wolfe, Karen Altschuld

January 17th — Lesley Thompson

January 18th — Ronald Petroff, Adam Saltzman,  
Benjamin Weisenberg, Jeanne Grossman

January 19th — Steve Ricker, Steven Bronstein, Jan Cohen,  
Catherine Taub, Samuel Angart

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

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

January 22nd — Michael Cohen, Steve Regester, Marya Slade

January 23rd — Bethany Kinstlinger

January 24th — Gayle Pavlofsky

January 25th — Philip Edelsberg, Denise Kohn, Sarah Malkoff,  
Richard Neustadt, Jim Shulman, David Wartel,  
Kathy Goldman

January 26th — Amy Liccardi

January 27th — Sophie Loewengart, Nellie Nagy

January 28th — Kenneth Goldberg

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

January 30th — Kurt Beatty

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

## January Anniversaries

January 2nd — Beth & Tim Gerber

January 6th — Lois Kamnitzer & Richard Kallenberg

January 9th — Judith & Marc Ankerman

January 10th — Melissa & Rachel Goldblatt

January 11th — Bennett & Lauren Cohen

January 12th — Michael & Lisa Rubinstein

January 17th — Konstantin & Lyudmilla Litmanovsky

January 18th — Richard & Denise Kohn

January 24th — Lisa & Tim Ballman

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# 12 Cantorial Corner with Gail Rose



## Consecration and First Grade Shabbat, Friday, December 1st

**On Friday, December 1st at the 6:30 PM Shabbat Service, the Kindergarten, First Grade and all new students in grades 2, 3 and 4 of the Kehillat Torah Sunday School will be helping to lead the Consecration and First Grade Shabbat.** The education of a Jewish child is a joint venture shared by both family and the Jewish community. Consecration is a ceremony used in Reform and Conservative congregations to mark the beginning of formal Jewish education. It is a ritual that dedicates the students to Jewish learning for all time. During this group ceremony, students will be given a small replica of a torah to symbolize the start of their study of torah. The students have been

working diligently during their weekly music and Judaic classes preparing art work and learning both English and Hebrew prayers and songs in preparation of this important milestone. .

Parents are asked to bring their children at 6:00 for a quick rehearsal an upstairs classroom. A Shabbat meal will be available in the social hall immediately following the service. The cost is \$10.00 per adult, \$5.00 for children, \$30.00 max per family. Call the temple office, 614-855-4882, to make a reservation for the dinner.

I cordially invite all members of Temple Beth Shalom to join us in welcoming our students into their formal Jewish educational life. They are a delightful group of children.

## Veteran's Day Tribute

I would like to extend a special thank you to all of the Veterans of Temple Beth Shalom and the Jewish community who participated in our November 10th Shabbat Service. The Shabbat Service was one of peace, honor and gratitude as we paid tribute to the men and women who have contributed so much to help both the United States and Israel serving in the armed forces.

Kudos to director, Debbie Costa and Sharyonim members: Madalyn Benjamin, Marvin Blank, Susie Blank, Susan Bugenstein, Nick Ciranni, Marian Cuenot, Rachel Goldblatt, Brad Goldman, Ed Radin, Judy Radin, Cindy Ravisky, Barry Yaillen and Randy Zacks whose renditions of "A Tribute To The Armed Services" arranged by Lloyd Larson and "God Bless America" by Irving Berlin added spirit, pride and heart to our patriotic Shabbat service. A special thank you to our trumpeter extraordinaire, Larry Remer, our outstanding guest speaker, Major Robert Paley and to the man who makes this Shabbat happen, our Veterans' Day chairman, Steve Seeskin.



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## FEDERAL TAX BILL MAY DIMINISH VALUE OF TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS STARTING NEXT YEAR, SO ACT BY DECEMBER 31st!

Our December/January column is intended to benefit our congregation and to leave more money in our Democrat, Republican and third party members (not to mention, independents!) congregants' pockets. How often can you

improve your financial lot as a result of something that you read in The Window?

Page 2 of the 2016 Republican Party platform stated, "Because of the vital role of religious organizations, charities, \* \* \* in fostering generosity and patriotism, \* \* \* donations to them should remain deductible." However, in a November 16, 2016 New York Times article in Philanthropy News Digest, Paul Sullivan reported that if President-elect Trump follows through on his campaign promises, nearly all tax incentives to be philanthropic could be eliminated. Under Mr. Trump's proposed tax plan, deductions for all itemized deductions – including charitable contributions- would be capped at \$200,000 per couple. FoxNews.com stated, "As for personal income tax rates, Trump would create four brackets of rates varying from 12% to 33%. \* \* \* at the same time over 90% of Americans would no longer have to itemize their deductions."

Your TBS co-Presidents believe that despite appeal after appeal more of our members could support our congregation more generously in relation to their means (Prior to 2008 TBS formally required a means-sensitive building fund commitment with a "standard" of \$5000 over 5 to 10 years as a component of congregational membership [This was dropped in anticipation of our 2008 Capital Campaign effort.]).

The Temple's sound financial foundation is of major importance to Rabbis Bar-Lev and Herzog as well as our lay leadership. We ask you to look in your heart-of hearts as to the Temple's significance to you and your family's quality of life. We urge you to make gifts of appreciated investments, inexpensive pre-paid life insurance policies naming TBS as beneficiary, cash, etc. to TBS prior to year's end in order to take advantage of 2017's likely higher tax rates and less limited deductions for itemized charitable contributions. If each member donated 10% more to the Temple than they did in 2016, this would have a tremendously beneficial effect on the quality and quantity of what TBS could do for all of us and our children (Please contact Executive Director Bonnie Abramowitz at 614/8554882 or your tax adviser for additional information.).

Not only will you have fulfilled the mitzvah of giving charity according to one's means but you can take comfort in how smart you were to take care of Temple Beth Shalom before the meshugas in Washington, D.C. starts back up again in 2018! We wish the best for you, your family, Temple Beth Shalom and our country in the New Year. And, of course, go Bucks!

Sincerely,

Pam Scheer and David Neubauer,  
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  - ◆ Dr. Lewis & Leslye Rosenbaum, in memory of Debbie Levine, may she rest in peace
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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DISCRETIONARY FUND

- ◆ Marc & Judy Ankerman, David, here's hoping you get well soon
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# 16 WBS & Men's Club

## Women of Beth Shalom

If you have not joined WBS yet it's not to late! Our Pinterest party in November was well attended, I think we all found our inner artist. We have some great events coming up, Dec. 10th is our annual white elephant Hanukkah party, check your email for the Evite. January 21st is our social action project at Village Coalition Against Hunger, more info coming soon. Quiz night is February 3rd and our annual Womens Seder is March 11th. We would love to see more faces soon, if you have any questions or suggestions feel free to email Rachel (rheleenp@sbcglobal.net) or Lesley (lesley72@gmail.com)

### Looking for any WBS members who would like to help with the women's Seder on March 11th.

Contact WBS at lesley72@aol.com to receive more information.



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- If you have questions, please email Judy Ankerman at [Jank1114@gmail.com](mailto:Jank1114@gmail.com)

Thank you for supporting the Women of Beth Shalom!

# 18 December & January Yahrzeits

## December 1st

Arlene Aronoff  
William Aronoff  
Enrique Cuno  
Lena Dicker  
Mark Goldman  
Doris Grossman  
Rhea Hartley  
Vera Heilbrun  
Carrie Joseph  
Rosina Kohn  
Helen Krasa  
Sacha Levitan  
Anne Neubauer  
Abraham Pearlman  
Rachael Pollock  
Sanford Rose  
Daniel Seeskin  
Lillian Weinberg

## December 8th

Gladys Caller  
Rose Diamond  
Kelly Flaherty  
Gordon Fliegel  
Rachela Friedberg  
Jessie Josolowitz  
Bernice Judin  
Samuel Kool  
Lillian Kushner  
Goldie Leaventon  
Molly Levin

Sam Levine  
Abe Levinson  
Morton Nitzberg  
Ruth Perry  
Frank Prizant  
Sydelle Shifrin  
Harry Siegfried

## December 15th

Jacob Abramovitz  
Betty Adelstein  
Elliot Bain  
Jessie Bondy  
Gordon Fliegel  
Morris Gerson  
Robert Goldstein  
Sam Harris  
Cornelia Hersch  
Susan Hyams  
John Jarvis  
Edward Kauffman  
Samuel Kool  
Charles Levine  
Abraham Lichtblau  
Dora Pearlman  
Harry Rappaport  
Noel Romanoff  
Ruth Rubinstein  
Ben Schwartz  
Betty Silver  
Harry Solomon  
Jerome Steinman

Sol Wise  
Regina Zimmer  
December 22nd  
Ilene Becker  
Rose Block  
Sarah Ciranni  
Brenda Eisenberg  
Frances Freed  
Charles Hirsh  
Anastasia Horowitz

George Krasa  
Samuel Milstein  
Edith Miner  
Douglas Richardson  
Jack Roth  
Paul Schneider  
Miriam Schwartz  
Irving Suszner  
Robert Williams  
Henry Wilson  
David Young

## December 29th

Emmons Abeles  
Nathaniel Adelstein  
Barnet Alpert  
Isaac Barnett  
Maryn Been  
Rose Blotner  
Benjamin Cohen  
Irvin Cohen  
Pearl Feibel

Joy Goldman  
Lillian Halperin  
Lee Hinton  
Ernest Jaros  
W. Jarvis  
Ted Lazar  
Garry Mentser  
Joel Salon  
Dan Teitel  
Earl Yaillen

## January 5th

Mark Amdursky  
Julia Bar-Lev  
Leon Beck  
Abe Berky  
Fannie Cohen  
Goldie Cohen  
Ira Cooper  
Gabriel Cuenot  
Sol Danchik  
Doris Dreifus  
Matilda Dreyfuss  
Dorothy Dubin  
Cele Friedman  
Yetta Goltzman  
Harry Jaffe  
Sidney Kleiman  
Dave Lurie  
Stanley Norton  
Paul Phalen  
Betty Pinsky  
Alfred Saltzman

Gerald Schwartz  
Nelson Sherman  
Cheryl Sokol  
Jack Taub  
Harry Topolosky  
Joseph Treger

### January 12th

Sidney Berg  
Alice Bering  
Sam Block  
Jerry Cohen  
Marceline Creve  
Abraham Estren  
Shirley Feuer  
Adolf Freed  
Irving Lazerwitz  
Adam Malinger  
Jay Mills  
Freida Minkin  
Gary Naiman  
Betty Schuster

Isabelle Seligson  
Jack Stearn  
Judy Weidenthal  
Leo Weinberg

### January 19th

Orlando Ciranni  
Ralph Cobey  
Charles Edelsberg  
Rae Edelsberg  
Rose Erlanger

Jenny Finkelstein  
Barbara Fox  
Myrtle Friedson  
Joseph Goldenberg  
Myron Golin  
Margaret Hirschfeld  
Leonard Jobrack  
Sanford Koppelman  
Howard Mason  
Barbara Mendel  
Inabeth Miller  
Jack Nedelman  
Herb Pearlman  
Manny Reiss  
Charles Seeskin  
Shirley Seeskin  
David Shapiro  
Richard Solove  
Roz Sonenstein  
Cecil Taylor  
Bernard Weisz

### January 26th

Henry Applebaum  
Paul Bernard  
Sally Blatt  
Steven Blum  
Tillie Chait  
Richard Fey  
Paul Jacobs  
Herman Katz  
Leonhard Katz

Doby Lakin  
Bernard Linder  
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To get started, sign up with your Plus Card at [www.kroger.com/communityrewards](https://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.

# 20 Mitzvah Corps Central

**December 2017**



**Featured Event: Social Action Project at the Annual TBS Chanukah Party**  
**When: Friday, December 15th**

In partnership with the Bikur Cholim Society of Columbus, we will be creating welcome bags for Jewish families with patients at Nationwide Children's Hospital. The society provides kosher meals to observant families who come from around the world to Nationwide Children's Hospital for treatment. They operate solely through donations and volunteers who pick up meals daily (already prepared) and deliver them to Children's and/or Ronald McDonald House.

You will also learn how you can help by delivering meals or stocking the shelves in the Kosher Kitchen at Children's. We will be accepting donations from the Bikur Cholim Wish List as well.

If you don't want to wait until December 15th to get involved, 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](mailto:deb.rycus@gmail.com) or 614.561.4346 for more information.

**Also in December**, the Religious School will be doing our annual Toy Drive to help Jewish families in need in the Columbus area. **We will be collecting donations at Religious School on December 3rd and December 10th**— Please look for emails from Religious School room parents for more details or contact Rabbi Lenette if you would like to get involved.

**January 2018**

**We will be making and serving lunch at the YWCA Family Center on Monday, January 29.** Contact Sue Lazerwitz for more information. [sjlazerwitz@gmail.com](mailto:sjlazerwitz@gmail.com)

We are collecting baby food and formula during the month of January for the babies staying at the YWCA Family Center.. Please drop off the items in Rebecca's Well at TBS or you can order from Amazon by following this link: <https://tinyurl.com/y7spyyjm>

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR - MITZVAH DAY 2018 IS APRIL 22ND!**

We are forming a committee to plan the event and WE NEED YOU! Our first meeting will take place in January, so please email [rachel.murray26@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.murray26@gmail.com) or [rabbilh@tbsohio.org](mailto:rabbilh@tbsohio.org) to get involved.

**Other Events in the Community**

Sunday, December 3rd from 3-5pm - Meeting of the Tzedakah Collective

At this meeting, the Collective will be discussing potential grant recipients: Planned Parenthood, Stonewall Columbus, ADL, HIAS, and Southern Poverty Law Center. For more information, please email [pamela@feldman-hill.com](mailto:pamela@feldman-hill.com)

**B.R.E.A.D. Annual Assembly Report**

There are four issues that B.R.E.A.D. is actively working on and a fifth issue was just identified. At the Annual Assembly, we heard updates on the efforts to keep kids in school, to create better-paying jobs for people with criminal backgrounds, to create a local ID program and to decrease gang violence. That night, all of our TBS Rodef Tzedak Network members voted on the new problem that B.R.E.A.D. will tackle over the coming year and that issue will deal with youth and family concerns. Be sure to mark your calendar for May 7, 2018 and plan to attend the Nehemiah Action.



**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](mailto:tbscaringcircle@gmail.com).

## The Israeli Military Superpower

By Steve Seeskin, TBS Library Committee Chairperson



Last month, The Kosher Bookworm took the liberty of piggybacking off the TBS Veterans Day Shabbat and featuring books on U.S. and Israeli veterans and the battles they have so courageously fought. (By the way, if you missed the TBS Veterans Day Shabbat, you missed an evening full of honoring veterans, both those alive and those of blessed memory, and patriotic songs sung by the choir and the congregation. It was a very stirring night – ask anyone who was in attendance.) This month the Kosher Bookworm turns to Israeli regional military superiority via advanced technology.

The book is *The Weapon Wizards: How Israel Became a High-Tech Military Superpower*, by Yaakov Katz and Amir Bohbot, 2017, St. Martin's Press. The book makes the case Israel is surrounded by enemies, even with two Arab nations, Egypt and Jordan, having made peace with Israel. These enemies include non-government organizations, for example, Hezbollah, Hamas and Jihad. Of note is enemy combatants greatly outnumber the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) including the reserve. Also, Israel is a relatively small land mass making a surprise land attack potentially more devastating by the fact it can be overrun before Israeli troops have an opportunity to fully mobilize. Lastly, the former Soviet Union and today's Russia have sided against Israel by supplying weapons, ammunition, knowhow and manpower to Israel's foes.

Israeli military and government has long ago, perhaps even before the Israeli War for Independence, made a strategic decision to overwhelm any enemy aggression, by superior defensive and offensive weaponry. This has come to mean heavy investment in technology by building an Israeli Defense Industry with highly focused research, development and production capabilities. Israel had to become its own independent supplier of superior weapons because it could not count on direct support or sales from even friendly nations, such as the U.S. It has been extremely costly -- but what is this investment when compared to survivability?

In addition to the weapons design and manufacture, two other major points are made in the book: 1) Most Israeli weapon engineers have previous battle experience, due to compulsory military service, giving them a perspective to know what it will take to protect the military, as well as the civilian population, and to take the war to the enemy. That is, lessons learned in battle are transferred directly to design requirements, and 2) Israel has taken its brightest high school graduates and put them through rigorous multi-disciplined training. This is known as the Talpiot where graduates of this program are sent to various military units to study the military capability and to imagine conceptual designs to close the capability gaps.

The Israeli Defense Industry has designed, developed and produced high grade weapon systems. These include fighter aircraft, battle tanks, protective armor plating, both surveillance and attack drones, reconnaissance satellites and their launching rockets, missiles, tunnel locators, cyber warfare viruses and more. These weapon systems meet the highest requirements for functionality, reliability, durability and quality. It has been highly rumored, but for security reasons neither admitted nor denied, Israel has a nuclear offensive delivery capability.

The book is well written by journalists. For anyone interested in Israel's survival, it is a must read.

On a change of subject, the Kosher Bookworm is looking for guest writers wanting to share their reading experience. A full-page article will be great but also shorter reviews are welcome. Contact Steve Seeskin, at [steve.seeskin@gmail.com](mailto:steve.seeskin@gmail.com) or 614.446.9272.

## Book Club Chavurot!

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

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# 22 December B'nei Mitzvah



Ian Mansur, son of Melissa and Amiel Mansur of New Albany, will be called to the Torah on Saturday, December 2, at 10:00 a.m. Ian is younger brother to Elijah, and grandson of Deborah Zryl, Marshall and Rita Miller, and Ovad Mansur and the late Tania Mansur.

Ian, who recently finished his 6th grade studies at the Columbus Jewish Day School, was tutored for his Bar Mitzvah by Rabbi Benjy Bar-Lev, Rabbi Lenette Herzog, and Ben Rosen. He attends the Temple Beth Shalom Kehillat Torah Religious School and is a Madrichim in Training.

For his Mitzvah Project, Ian choose to volunteer at CHA animal shelter walking dogs and playing with cats; as well as donating his Columbus Jewish Federation Tzedakah funds, and collecting pet food and supplies. Ian choose this project because of his love for animals. He wishes that every animal could have a home and if he was allowed, he would bring them all back to his house! In addition to his love for animals, Ian enjoys playing soccer, dancing hip hop, and playing chess.



Marcus Aaron Schwartz will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on December 28th, 2017 at the Robinson's Arch in Israel with family and friends. Marcus', Hebrew name is Mordechai Aron and is the son of Jody and Thomas Schwartz of Pickerington. He has a younger brother, Jaron. His grandparents are Dianne and the late Jerry Beery and Judith and the late Gerald Schwartz.

Marcus is a seventh grader at Lakeview Junior High School in Pickerington where he plays the bass in the school orchestra and loves classic rock music. He enjoys drawing, sculpting and anything where he can make his own creation. He has been a competitive swimmer for many years and is currently swimming for the Ohio State Swim Club and plays soccer for the Pride Soccer Club.

Marcus is raising money for Spike's K9 and Operation Valor for his service project. Operation Valor is a program that he began to bring awareness to service dogs in the military and provide protective gear for dogs at the Franklin County Sheriff Department.



On Thursday, December 28, 2017 Charlie Fredric Dobres will be called to the Torah for his first Aliyah in Jerusalem Israel. Charlie is the son of Kim and Jacob Dobres, brother of Leah, grandson of the late Fredric Fogle, Esther Fogle, the late David Dobres, and Ruth Dobres.

Charlie is a 7th grader at The Wellington School where he is a member of the choir and he attends The Temple Beth Shalom Kehillat Torah Religious School. He is a graduate of the Columbus Jewish Day School. He enjoys watching hockey and playing center for the EYHA Ice Dragons' Pee Wee Blackhawks. He also enjoys reading and spending time with his friends.

Charlie is thankful for the support he received from his parents, Rabbi Benjy Bar-Lev, and Eran Rosenberg, head of Judaic Studies at CJDS, in preparing for his special day.

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We always think of the miracle of the oil lasting as a super-natural miracle, but perhaps it was equally as important – the miracle of humanity – of people overcoming hatred to help each other in a time of need. And Perhaps in those moments of silence, Eleazar realized that following the spirit of the law is more important than following the letter of the law – that working together, that standing up for one another, that appreciating differences and celebrating similarities will enable us all to see God in one another, regardless of religion or beliefs.

As we begin the holiday of Chanukah following what has been a challenging year for our country on all sides of the spectrum, the values of Chanukah may speak to us in a new and important way. We must be the light. We must feed the flame. Just as Judah Maccabee and the army he assembled stood up for their beliefs so that Judaism could survive, we must work to light each other's flames when we are seemingly out of oil. We can speak out when we perceive injustice. We can stand up for those who are most needy in our community. We can safeguard the values we hold closest by doing the right thing – by coming together where we are most needed. It is up to us to help make miracles happen in our time, to be God's hands and mouths on earth.

Soon, it will be Chanukah, our celebration of light, of freedom, of miracles. May we, during these days of light, stand together with one another and support each other in our times of need. May we realize that God doesn't make miracles happen alone, that each of us is God's partner, and we must work to make miracles happen in our time. May we fill the oil when no one is looking. May we be the light. Then we will truly be able to say, "Nes Gadol Haya Po," a great miracle happened here.

Lauren, Sammie, Jake, and I join in wishing you a very joyous Chanukah, and a 2018 filled with light.



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