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ZOOLAPALOOZA

TBS 2022 GALA AT THE COLUMBUS ZOO

WATER'S EDGE PAVILION SATURDAY, APRIL 30 · 7-10PM

Join us for a wild evening at the zoo! Enjoy all kinds of fun, including cocktails, lots of wonderful food, a silent auction, and an encounter with some animal ambassadors. Please visit the 2022 Gala section of the TBS website for important FAQs. Please note that the zoo is closed during the party.

TICKETS

\$75 per person

Tickets may be purchased on the TBS website at tbsohio.org/2022-gala.html, by calling the Temple office at 614.855.4882, or by scanning the QR code below.

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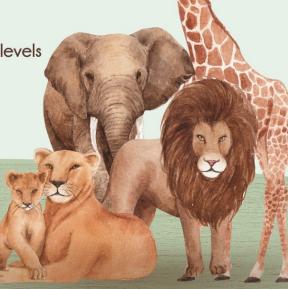
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4 April Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6:30pm— Erev Shabbat Services	2 10am- Zoom Service & Study
3 11am— Yoga with Julia	4	5	6 1pm- Daytime Mahj	7	8 6:30pm— Family Style Service & Dinner Featuring 4th Grade	9 10am— Zoom Service & Study 11am— Mitzvah Day
10 9am— Mitzvah Day	11 7pm— BREAD Rally	12	13 1pm— Daytime Mahj	14	15 5:30pm— Abbreviated Shabbat Service 6pm— First Night Passover Seder	16 10am— Zoom Service & Study
17 11am— Yoga with Julia	18	19 11am- Lunch & Learn	20 1pm— Daytime Mahj	21	22 6:30pm— Erev Shabbat Services Featuring Rabbi Apothaker Discussing Trip to Poland	23 10am— Shabbat Morning Service & Yizkor 6:30pm— Dan Nichols Havdalah Song Session
24 9am— Religious School 10:45am— Dan Nichols Religious School Concert 7pm— Men's Club Poker	25	26	27 1pm- Daytime Mahj	28	29 6:30pm— Erev Shabbat Services	30 10am— FA of Ethan Bleiweiss 7pm— TBS Gala

TEMPLE BETH SHALOM PASSOVER SEDER

Friday, April 15th

5:30 Brief Minyan Shabbat · 6pm Seder in the Social Hall

Family Style Seder Menu

Gefilte Fish
Charoset and Tzimmes
Matzo Ball Soup
Tossed Salad
Beef Brisket in Au Jus
Baked Chicken
Roasted Potatoes
Broccoli
Passover Dessert
Passover Wine

Catered by Berwick Manor & TBS Men's Club

Pricing

\$50-TBS members (members' relatives)

\$25-TBS members child (ages 4-12)

\$60-Non-member adult tickets

\$30-Non-member children's tickets

RSVP by April 8th



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The Buzz with Rabbi B



Sacrifices that Elevate Us - Help for Ukraine
Based on a sermon delivered by Rabbi B during Shabbat services

As I write these words in early March, the people of Ukraine have endured more than two weeks of this horrible and unjust attack on their country. And through the darkness, through the horrible images and videos of bombed-out areas, destroyed maternity hospitals, attacks on civilians, families torn apart from each other, we have actually seen some emerge from the darkness. Days ago almost 100 orphans have now made it from the city

of Zhytomyr to Israel. From the Times of Israel we learn, "Prime Minister Naftali Bennett and other cabinet ministers were on hand at Ben Gurion Airport earlier this week to greet a group of 90 Jewish orphans who fled Ukraine after Russia invaded. El Al, Israel's largest airline, said the flight was part of a special operation to rescue some 300 Jews from the fighting in Ukraine. The airline said Ukrainian-speaking staff were on board the flight to assist. Some of the orphans have family members who are still in fighting areas, it added.

Prime Minister Bennett entered the aircraft to welcome the children, introducing himself to one boy by saying, "I am Naftali, prime minister of Israel. Would you like to come into Israel?" "We are now seeing children immigrating to Israel. It is the most moving thing there is," Bennett told media at the bottom of the steps from the plane as the children disembarked.

The children fled the city of Zhytomyr and with the help of local Chabad groups last week crossed the border to Romania. From there they flew to Israel.

There are so many other simple acts of kindness that involve people making sacrifices of time and money. As was reported in the Huffington Post and elsewhere, people around the world have been booking Airbnbs in Ukraine (which they have no hope of staying in) as a way of sending money to locals. The idea was shared by a Twitter user and just hours later hundreds of people had got involved."

As Twitter user Sarah Archer explains: "Booked a weekend in Kyiv on [Airbnb]. Pick the closest date, random apartment run by an individual not a company, book, pay and send a message of support while telling them you're a no show."

And Ukrainians are responding with emotional messages back.

"You can't even imagine how pleased we are to hear that we are not alone, tears in our eyes," wrote one Airbnb host in response. "I am very grateful to you for your support in this difficult time for us and all of Ukraine."

Many of us have seen the now-viral picture of strollers left at a train station near Poland's border with Ukraine. Some of the strollers are packed with children's clothes and supplies. Out of the goodness of their hearts, for moms they may never meet, this act of compassion spoke to so many of us.

Scenes like these have become commonplace over the last week or so. People in and around Ukraine and throughout the world are making small sacrifices in the name of humanity and dignity and kindness. And so many people in Ukraine are also making huge sacrifices, choosing to send family away to safety while they stay back to fight, putting their lives on the line to help others, defending cities from the onslaught. We see it also in Moscow and around Russia with demonstrations as big as any we've ever seen. There is a real sense that for once, we are all on the same page.

From all reporting, it is clear that the people of Ukraine are appreciative of all of the support. I saw a video online earlier this week of a woman saying, "we appreciate your prayers but we also need your humanitarian support." Prayers are so important and they help us aspire to be that better version of ourselves. And the most effective prayers are those that are accompanied by some sort of change or action, some sort of sacrifice on our part to help someone else.

We are now, in our Torah reading cycle, in the book of Vayikra, which is the Hebrew name for Leviticus, the third book in the Torah. As we read this challenging part of the Torah, we learn almost right away about the importance of sacrifice. While some parts of the preceding book, Exodus are filled with action-packed narrative with big, famous scenes unfolding, Leviticus is a bit more unassuming in its nature, filled with many of the foundational laws that make us who we are as the Jewish people.

Right at the beginning of the book, we are introduced to this concept of sacrifice. I remember as a young rabbinical student being disturbed by the Biblical idea of the different types of sacrifice. What I learned later though, is that these sacrifices were a way for the newly freed Israelites to express themselves to the Holy One in a time before spoken prayer existed. Not that I would ever advocate a return to animal sacrifices, but we can definitely learn from our Israelite ancestors. To say it rabbinically: sometimes it pays to have skin in the game. When the Israelites wanted to give thanks to the Eternal One, or apologize for something, or rejoice, they had to sacrifice something that was important to them, perhaps so that God would see the sincerity of the expression.

The sacrifices we make, in many ways, define who we are. They help demonstrate what our values are, how we want to spend our resources of time and money. Our tradition teaches here that words are important, words matter, but our actions have to match our prayers so that the prayers are not offered in vain.

We are also entering our season of Passover, the season of liberation from bondage, the season of freedom, the season of new beginnings. Our Israelite ancestors endured generations of trauma as slaves before finally tasting freedom as they crossed that sea. As we prepare to celebrate those freedoms at our Passover tables this year, let us double our efforts to help those who are not, at this moment, free. Rabbi Lenette, Rabbi Apothaker, and I sent an email to the congregation that included some links to Jewish organizations that are making a difference on the ground. I would be happy to share those links again if you are in need.

There is also a local church, Grace Evangelical Church in Grove City, is a Slavic church with many members who have family, friends, and loved ones in Ukraine. They wrote, "We have found that there is great need for prayer, humanitarian and monetary aid to help the community. Therefore, we are partnering with a logistics organization to send physical and monetary donations to local churches, orphanages, refugee shelters, etc. Please consider joining us in giving to help aid Ukraine!" Along with financial support, they are collecting supplies at their Grove City location.

At TBS we have been collecting all kinds of supplies for people in need that have been taken to Grace Evangelical and then transported on flights and boats to Ukraine and surrounding countries housing refugees. The highest priority is medical / hospital supplies, tactical supplies and shelter and protective gear. They also need non-perishable food, baby food, diapers, new clothing for men, women, and children, thermal underwear, blankets, hats, gloves, bedding, and sleeping bags. Please see the list at the end of this article.

God willing, by the time you read this article, the violent attacks in Ukraine will have subsided, but the humanitarian crisis will likely remain for a long time. We will continue collecting items as long as they are desired.

May we work to make a difference for some of the people in need. A phone call or text or email to someone you know who has connections to Ukraine can make a huge difference. You can bring in some items for those in need, and those items will go directly to places where they can make a difference. And donations to the JDC Ukraine Emergency fund and other funds are always encouraged. As we read the book of Leviticus, may we be inspired by the sacrificial system of our ancestors, and may it lead us to make a difference in our world.



NOW PLAYING: A DAN NICHOLS WEEKEND

SATURDAY, APRIL 23 · 6:30PM

Dan will lead us in a fun campfire and havdalah song session. If you love Jewish music, come join us for this special event... you might even recall your days at summer camp!

RSVP FOR SATURDAY BY CALLING THE TEMPLE OFFICE OR EMAILING RSVP@TBSOHIO.ORG

SUNDAY, APRIL 24 · 10:45AM

Dan will be our special guest at TBS Religious School! Dan will join students in Music classes and teen program, as well as a special all-school concert beginning at 10:45am (school will start as usual at 9am).

DAN NICHOLS IS GENEROUSLY SUPPORTED BY ROGER & MARILYN FRIEDMAN AND PHILIP & SHERYL HEIT

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A Safe Space

Dear Friends,

This Spring, we are once again gearing up for Passover - and hopefully this time we can safely open our homes, or travel, for Passover Seders. I know all of us at TBS are so excited to be hosting our First Night Passover Seder in person for the first time in two years!

Passover is my favorite holiday, and I would imagine that's the case for many of you too. There's so much to love - gathering with family, lots of great food (sans anything leavened), the Seder's songs, readings, and door-opening, and re-watching Ten Commandments and Prince of Egypt.

But at Passover's heart lies a foundational story for our people, with a timeless and compelling message: you too were slaves in the land of Egypt. Through the matzah, the bread of our affliction, and the food we eat throughout the Seder, we internalize the suffering our Israelite ancestors experienced in bondage. And by imagining ourselves in our ancestor's shoes, the Exodus is made real in the present moment. We are confronted with asking ourselves: How are we still not free? Who among us is still oppressed? How might we create a truly free society?

Of course, there are a myriad of ways people still experience oppression (which we also know all too well as Jews), as well as opportunities to help fight for the most vulnerable in our society. But for many of our family, friends, congregants, and community members, this fear of not being able to live freely is not an abstract one.

Over the last couple of months, dozens of states have introduced bills that legislate bigotry against the LGBTQ+ community, especially targeting trans children. (LGBTQ+ stands for individuals who identify as lesbian, gay, bi, trans, queer, and often includes a 'plus' sign to include other identities such as intersex and ace.)

Among other things, these bills attempt to silence LGBTQ+ identities in school discussions and materials; limit trans children's ability to participate in sports; and limit children's ability to seek medical treatment so they can begin to feel comfortable in their own bodies. Many of these bills weaponize parental support of their children, as well as children who need school as a safe space if they aren't ready to be out to their parents.

These bills not only undo decades of progress for the LGBTQ+ community, returning to a time when being openly queer was a crime. They also threaten the livelihood and safety - the freedom - of our children. Safe spaces in schools. Giving children the safety to come out to whomever they choose when they choose. To feel comfortable in their own bodies and have the freedom to be children. Children's lives are at stake.

These bills also don't allow children outside the LGBTQ+ community to learn about other kinds of families and identities, promoting acceptance of diversity. Similarly, if Passover is a time where we place ourselves in the shoes of our ancestors and imagine their suffering, then this is a moment when those of us who may be cisgender, straight, or otherwise not a member of the LGBTQ+ community, must listen to the experiences of those children, adults, and parents of children who are. We must practice open-mindedness and empathy.

All of us at Temple Beth Shalom can be proud that our community has fully included LGBTQ+ individuals and families in our community and leadership. Rabbi Howard Apothaker officiated civil unions in the 1980s when it was still practically unheard of in the Reform movement. We have participated in Columbus Pride for over a decade. Many of our LGBTQ+ members have been incredible lay leaders in our community and in our city. TBS Religious School is a safe space for LGBTQ+ families and staff; we recently held a community teacher workshop for LGBTQ+ inclusion, and many classrooms read the children's book *The Purim Superhero*, featuring a protagonist with two dads.

We can also draw strength from the many Jewish queer leaders who have helped catalyze progress in our country, including Harvey Milk, the first openly gay person in California to hold public office; lawyer Roberta Kaplan her client Edie Windsor, Jewish lesbians who sued the US government for not recognizing Edie's marriage to her wife, and together helped overturn the Defense Against Marriage Act in 2013; and Jazz Jennings, one of the youngest people to publicly identify as transgender.

Our Israelite ancestors would not have been freed from bondage if not for five women: Shifra and Puah, Moses' mother Yocheved and sister Miriam, and the daughter of Pharaoh. Shifra and Puah were two Hebrew midwives who defied Pharaoh's decree to kill all Hebrew baby boys and let them live instead. Because of them, Moses was born;

Yocheved was able to hide him, and send him down the Nile under Miriam's watchful eye. And then Pharaoh's own daughter defies him too, raising Moses as her own son in Pharaoh's palace.

We don't know if Shifra and Puah were Egyptian or Hebrew, but what we do know is that they and Pharaoh's daughter saw the humanity in baby Moses. It didn't matter to them if he was a Hebrew slave. They saw a child at risk who needed their help - as if he was their own child. These women resisted an oppressive power with tremendous courage, risking their own lives in the process because it was the right thing to do. Later, our tradition says that Shifra and Puah were blessed by God and given their own households. And because of Pharaoh's daughter's kindness, God "adopts" her, renaming her Batya, "daughter of God" - not daughter of Pharaoh.

This we affirm: Temple Beth Shalom continues to stand with the LGBTQ+ community. Our Temple and our Religious School are safe spaces. As clergy, Rabbi Benjy and I are available for any individuals and families who may need support at this time.

As we head into this season of rejoicing in freedom, may we embody the kindness and acceptance of these five matriarchs, heralds of our ancestors' freedom. May we all work to ensure that the day comes soon when we can all truly be free.

For anyone interested in exploring Jewish resources for inclusion, pronouns, and learning, especially for parents and teachers, I recommend Keshet.org. Keshet is the leading organization for LGBTQ+ inclusion in Jewish life.



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Join Us In April

As we approach the Passover holiday, we are reminded of the following quote found in the Haggadah:

"In every generation, each of us is obligated to see ourselves as if we ourselves went forth out of Egypt to freedom."

Living through a world-wide pandemic has truly redefined the meaning we associate with "freedom." Our understanding of the freedom to engage, hug, and just be with our family and friends has evolved and deepened. We give new meaning to the words "be part of your community." At TBS, we want to help you experience "freedom" by creating opportunities during the month of April to participate in meaningful and fun activities and be "part of a community." One of the things that COVID taught us is that we, as humans, all long to feel that "we belong" and are connected with others.

TBS, as a congregation that is "joyful, personal, and accessible," offers you many opportunities to "belong" – especially throughout the month of April:

APRIL 9th and 10th - MITZVAH DAY - This year, especially, the Mitzvah Day Committee has created and organized thoughtful and meaningful on and offsite opportunities on Saturday and Sunday to really engage with our TBS community and the Greater Columbus community, and helping people move to freedom.

Friday, April 15 – Passover First Night Seder

April 23-24 - Dan Nichols Concert - Music speaks louder than words and connects all of us!

Saturday, April 30 — Zoolapalooza TBS 2022 Gala at The Columbus Zoo

We hope to see you at many of these experiences!

Mitzvah Weekend is coming up April 9th and 10th! We are very excited to bring informational presentations by CRIS Ohio and Kaleidoscope Youth Center virtually on Saturday. We are also partnering with the Ronald McDonald House on Saturday to provide an ice cream social for their families. There are also multiple off site volunteer opportunities available Saturday and Sunday for all ages such as the Ohio Rabbit Rescue, working with Life Care Alliance, stocking/organizing groceries at the NA food pantry, and making buddy boxes at the Family Mentor Foundation to name a few. We

will also be offering in person activities on Sunday at TBS such as packing snack bags for nurses/doctors and The Ronald McDonald House, painting and potting flower pots for the local nursing homes, collecting books for Read to Succeed, helping the Green Team build their pollinator garden and more. We will have many opportunities available to you on Saturday and Sunday! We will all come together at TBS for a community luncheon on Sunday for all who have participated in any offsite and onsite activity. We encourage ALL TBS congregants to come and connect, learn and volunteer in the community.

Visit tbsohio.org/mitzvah-day.html for more information!

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2022-23 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS ALMOST HERE!

Do you need to discuss your 2021–2022 dues? If you are struggling to pay your 2021–2022 dues, or are behind on your dues commitment, please email Executive Director Bobby Covitz at bobbyetbsohio.org to start a private, person-centric conversation.

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Music: A Unifying Element

Does music play a part in uniting your family?

My mother loved classical music. We didn't have a lot of money, but she "splurged" on 78 speed recordings of Tchaikovsky, Brahms, Liszt, Rachmaninoff etc. My sister, Rhona, and I would clear out a space in our family room so we could creatively move to our mother's classical music both individually and in tandem. We made semi-annual trips to Polsky's Department Store, sat in the soundproof booth and listened to recordings before

purchasing them. I now own my mother's wonderful collection and value the **memories** that were made with them even more than the actual recordings. I have an antique 78 record player but choose to use my Apple Music and Bose speaker instead of the record play since the sound quality is inferior and one has to turn over and change the record every 3 minutes!

Another way that music brought my family together was singing. My father would walk around the house constantly singing his favorite songs and we would all join in his spirited melodies. My sister and I sang and choreographed songs and then performed our creations at family and family friends' functions. To tell you the truth, the only time we didn't fight was when we were singing together. Singing was an opportunity to work together, an opportunity for a healthy sense of community and a united sense of purpose.

When Rhona and I wanted to encourage our audience to sing with us, we used camp songs. Camp songs are great because they are created so everyone can feel comfortable singing them. Their melodies contain a lot of repetition, are meant to be uncomplicated, are a wonderful way to build enthusiasm and encourage fun hand and body motions.

Saturday, April 23, 6:30 PM at Temple Beth Shalom the wonderfully talented musician and composer Dan Nichols will be leading us in a spirited and moving song session. Picture this... you and your family will be sitting around a huge campfire where you will be surrounded by your Temple Beth Shalom community and will be learning and singing camp songs that will inspire you and fill you with energy and joy.

For those of you not acquainted with Dan Nichols, he is a product of the URJ camping movement. He has a wonderful career filled with original songs that are used in Reform and Conservative congregations throughout the United States. He is a sought out artist-in-residence and teacher for congregations and camp communities. He co-founded *Shulhouse Rock*, a song leading workshop for Jewish high-school students and has released 13 albums with his band *Eighteen*.

Our fortunate Sunday School students will have the privilege of engaging in small group workshops and a special Sunday morning concert. The students have been learning some of our Dan Nichols' favorites so we are ready to fully appreciate all that he has to offer.

I cordially invite you and your family to gather round the campfire as we spend quality community and family time while uniting in spirit, joy and song.

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MITZVAH DAY 2022

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

APRIL 9TH-10TH

April 9th
Join by Facebook Live:
11:00am

CRIS: Community Refugee & Immigration Services
4:00pm

Kaleidoscope Youth Center

April 10

Assemble Shabbat Trays for Bikur Cholim
Make Lunch sacks for the shelter
Decorate rocks for Amethyst
Ohio Rabbit Rescue
New Albany Food Pantry
Ronald McDonald House
Buddy Boxes
AND MORE!

Scan below to register or visit the solio.org/mitzvah-day.html

Mitzvah Day 2022 Collections:

Gently Used Children's Books for Read to Succeed
Travel-size toiletries & period products for NA Food Pantry
Puppy/kitten food, towels, toys, leashes, collars, cat litter
for Pets Without Parents



Sign Up Now!

Temple Beth Shalom Food Waste Composting Program



TBS has partnered with our neighbor All Saints Episcopal congregation to create a food waste drop-off point at TBS through GoZero Composting.

The bins are located behind TBS off the parking lot. All Saints and Temple Beth Shalom are utilizing these bins for the food waste generated at both facilities.

All Saints has around 30 households participating in the GoZero drop-off point behind TBS.

The TBS Green Team would like to provide the opportunity for TBS members to participate in the drop off program.

How Does The Program Work?

GoZero Composting charges for the pickup of the food waste based on the number of times the bins need emptied. The TBS Green Team has worked with All Saints to create the following program:

- Each TBS household that would like to participate in the program can sign up at tbsohio.org/green-team.html. The cost is \$75 annually, to be used for buckets, bags, and cost of pickup.
- The Green Team will drop off a bucket, certified compostable bags (approximately 48), and GoZero flyer to your house.
- Start filling your bucket with food waste.
- When your bucket is filled you can take it to the GoZero drop-off point behind TBS. Repeat as many times as necessary during the year. It's that easy.

Thank you for your participation!

Rick Sandor & The Green Team: Tirtzah S, Joanne G, Steve G, Alan K, Bonnie C, Rona R, Neil C, Lesley T, Michael G, Leah M

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April Birthdays

April 2nd - Lisa Freedman, Diane Herman

April 3rd - Elaina Mears, Amitai Sela, Lisa Siegel

April 4th - Cindy Coleman, Andi Hollander, Arica Sandler

April 5th - Caroline Cohn

April 6th - Sheri Cittins, Diane Sokolov, David Stein

April 7th - Linda Barger, Bernard Cohen, Jenny Ross, Tom Schwartz, Rachel Westrick, Michael Zucker

April 8th - Larry Cowan, Leah Miller, Sandy Phalen

April 9th - Lisa Hess

April 10th - Richard Headlee, Jason Kramer

April 11th - Amy Klaben, Toby Rogovin

April 12th - Kim Dorrian, Cindy Ravitsky

April 13th - Roger Friedman, AC Strip

April 14th - Peggy Masser, Sherrie Merchant

April 15th - Karen Matros, Dane Perelstein

April 16th - Maureen Handler, Mark Slabodkin

April 17th - Judy Feiertag, David Goldach, Dave Mandelbaum

April 18th - Shari Brooks

April 19th - Mindy Hickenbottom, Bart Kelsey, Erin Marcovitch

April 20th - Ellie Kaufman, Jerrold Lazerwitz

April 21st - Wendy Cohen

April 22nd - Tracey Sutton, Robert Weiler

April 23rd - Emily Desmond, Andrea Kleppel, Janet Meltzer, Ira Scheer

April 24th - Howard Eckstein

April 25th - Yakov Kamenetskiy, Jon Kent

April 26th - Jed Bell, Julie Dunkle, Craig Pentak, Mark Schuster

April 27th - Leslie Aronoff, Cindy Cohen

April 28th - Herschel Sigall, Stacey Tucker

April 29th - Barbara Belford

April 30th - Marsha Block, Rob Cohen

April Anniversaries

April 2nd - Harris & Sherie Silverman

April 6th - Gene Goldberg & Cheri Papier

April 9th - Ron & Nancy Tannenbaum

April 10th - Ira & Pam Scheer

April 12th - James & Renee DeBold

April 14th - Todd & Karen Matros

April 16th - Steve & Jamie Allen

April 17th - Steven & Danielle Dankof, Phil Edelsberg & Marlene Levine

April 20th - Bob Schwartz & Nancy Krasa

April 24th - Lauren & Andrew Campen, Bethany Klynn & Ben Payne

Ethan Bleiweiss



On Saturday, April 30th at 10 o'clock in the morning Ethan Aria Bleiweiss, son of Jonathan and Yassamin Bleiweiss, brother of Kaitlyn, grandson of Michael and Esther Bleiweiss, grandson of Khosrow and Simin Dorosti, is called to the Torah for his First Aliyah.

Ethan is a 7th grader at New Albany Middle School and attends Temple Beth Shalom Kehillat Torah Religious School. He enjoys playing basketball, baseball and the clarinet in the band. He also is a swimmer with New Albany Aquatic Club. Ethan is especially looking forward to summer camp with friends at Emma Kauffman in West Virginia. He hopes to be a counselor someday.

For his mitzvah project, Ethan has been volunteering at New Albany Food Pantry and Mid-Ohio Food Bank. He has also been collecting donations of food and funds for these organizations. Ethan has found this experience very fulfilling doing his small part to combat food insecurity in our community.

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April 1st

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April 8th

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April 15th

Richard Abel Abraham Allen Donald Barger Ben Bronstein Christopher Cassidy Carol B. Clark Beniamin Coe Carole Deibel Seymour Feldman John Flately Charles Freund Celia Friedlander Ben Green Barbara Holstein Nettie Itkoff lack Kessler Theodore Lansky Belle Lurie Margaret McCullough Edward Miller John Mormol Shirley Pavlofsky Irving Perelstein Lester Pies

Blanche Rose

Irving Shulman

Morris Spector

Al Tannenbaum Martin Torch Maurice Washer

Mack Roth

April 22nd

Ida Alpert Pam Belford Albert Chait Clare Chait Marion Cohen Shirlee Dicker Levin Betty Eichelberger Sheila Feinknopf Sally Figler Louis Finkelstein Edward Fuller Ruth laffe Lillian Kanter Minna Landers Elaine Lazarus Martha Levenbach Rosenbera Lisa Mccaan Ioan Nackman

Celia Ostrov Newman

Lola Reinhart

Fannie Schakett

Myer Scheinholtz

Meyer Schultz

Ada Sacks

April 29th

Max Ankerman Benson Apothaker Yette Brillson Rita Cannon Tina Cohen lack Cooperman Nachum Feinstein Rabbi Morley Feinstein Abraham Golin Nancy Greenspan Leonard Holstein Irene Klaben Ruth Kleiman Sara Liebert Nancy Loik Ruth Mellman lames Miller Walter Miller Steven Rosenthal Eva Salon Ada Slavin Fay Snider-levison William Teitel lack Warner lack Weiss Marao Youna lames Zulliger

Questions About Your Family Yahrzeits?



As the TBS Marketing Director, I am responsible for managing the Yahrzeit records for our congregants, sending out Yahrzeit reminders, and compiling the Mi Shebeirach, Sheloshim, and Yahrzeit lists. It is very important for me to honor the memory of each congregants' loved ones. In order for me to honor your yahrzeits correctly, I would like to share a bit about the options you have for your yahrzeit records.

You are able to observe your family yahrzeits on either the Hebrew or English date. As a congregation, we default to the English date of death to observe a yahrzeit, but I can easily change your preference to the Hebrew date equivalent if that is more meaningful

to you. I can also adjust the week your loved one's name is read for Shabbat services. For example, if you are unable to attend services on a particular week, we are able to read their name on a different week. If you have any questions about yahrzeits, please do not hesitate to reach out to me, either by calling the office or by email. We also have a form on the TBS website to let you add a new yahrzeit or send in updated information at tbsohio.org/add-a-yahrzeit.html.

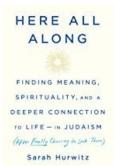
Additionally, if you are looking for a way to memorialize your loved ones in the TBS sanctuary, we do have memorial plaque options available.

Contact Amanda Cohen at acohen@tbsohio.org

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Here All Along

By Steve Seeskin, TBS Library Committee Chairperson



Back during the chilly winter month of January, I had the fortunate occasion to be in the company of my good friend, fellow TBS Congregant, and fellow TBS Library Committee Member Roger Benjamin. As we warmly greeted each other, Roger stuck a book under my arm saying that he was certain I would enjoy reading it during the pending cold evenings. Roger, indeed, I did, and I thank you very much for your kind thoughtfulness!

The book with its unusually long title is *Here All Along: Finding Meaning, Spirituality, and a Deeper Connection to Life - in Judaism (After Finally Choosing to Look There)* by Sarah Hurwitz.

Now, Ms. Hurwitz may not be a household name and may not be known in Jewish religious, academic or literary circles; however, she is an accomplished graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School. Moreover, she worked in the Whitehouse from 2009 to 2017 as head speechwriter for First Lady Michelle Obama and as senior speech writer for President Barack Obama. Prior to this, she was the chief speechwriter for Hillary Clinton, and a speechwriter for Senator John Kerry and General Wesley Clark during their respective campaigns for the highest office in the land. Now do I have your attention with this most impressive brief resume?

Despite a charmed professional career, Sarah Hurwitz found her life lacking. Lacking a connection to her Judaism, which was from childhood upbringing and later a completely secular practice (little association with things being Jewish). She was not at home in a synagogue, a Passover Seder, High Holy Days Services or taking time out from her fast-paced life to enjoy friendships over Shabbat Dinners. Sarah Hurwitz yearned for more. Not one to be discouraged by the task before her, she researched various aspects of Judaism from culture to religious beliefs and practices and most everything in between. In her pursuit, she read books and interviewed notable Jewish persons and "dipped her toe" into multiple Jewish life and holiday experiences of which she admittedly had little or no earlier experience.

To her surprise, she found a Judaism that fit her needs theologically and intellectually. To be certain it is Sarah Hurwitz's own unique brand of Judaism. Most importantly, she found peace within herself having discovered that which had filled a big void in her life. Here All Along is Sarah Hurwitz's journey chronicling her spiritual awaking. It is like a Jew's Jew by Choice book. I believe the book will have great appeal to Jewish Readers. Especially those who are secular Jews looking for how to search for more meaning in their lives. But it will also touch the lives of longtime fully practicing Jews. Certainly, those looking to consider the prospect of becoming Jews of Choice will find the book a superb guide for their own journey.

Will you consider reading this book and then passing it on to a friend, as Roger did with me? You will be glad you did and so will your friend.

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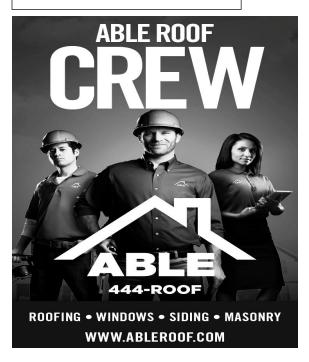
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