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# The Window

April 2021

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## Spring Into Laughter With *The Second City*<sup>®</sup>

May 1st at 7:45pm

Watch on a big screen in the TBS parking  
lot or at home online!

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## Announcements!

- ☆ While the temple building is closed, you can still reach all of our staff members. Call the temple line and it will ring through to our cell phones.



*You are invited to attend*  
TEMPLE BETH SHALOM'S  
**2021 GALA**

**FEATURING THE SECOND CITY IMPROV ALL-STARS**

SATURDAY MAY 1ST, 2021  
TEMPLE BETH SHALOM/ZOOM

**7:30PM: HAVDALAH & PRE-SHOW ENTERTAINMENT**  
**8:30PM: SECOND CITY IMPROV ALL-STARS VIRTUAL**  
**PERFORMANCE**

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# 4 April Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Most events are online! Please check the eWindow and our social media for the most up to date info!</p>		<p>Weather permitting, all Friday night services will be Drive-In! Check social media or your email for any changes.</p>		<p><b>1</b> 10:30am— Torah Discussion</p> <p>Passover Day 5</p>	<p><b>2</b> 9:30am— Shabbat Songs w/ Marc 6:30pm— Drive-In Shabbat w/ Yizkor</p> <p>Passover Day 6</p>	<p><b>3</b> 6pm— Havdalah</p> <p>Passover Day 7</p>
<p><b>4</b> 11am— Yoga with Julia Spector</p>	<b>5</b>	<p><b>6</b> 10:30am— Boker Tov Song Session</p>	<p><b>7</b> 10am— Music with Angelo 4:30pm— Midweek Hebrew 7pm— Yom HaShoah Event</p>	<p><b>8</b> 10:30am— Torah Discussion</p> <p>Yom HaShoah</p>	<p><b>9</b> 9:30am— Shabbat Songs w/ Marc 6:30pm— Drive-In Shabbat</p>	<p><b>10</b> 10am— Ben Gabbay FA 6pm— Havdalah</p>
<p><b>11</b> 9am— Religious School 11am— Yoga with Julia Spector 2pm— Yom Ha'atzmaut Community Event</p>	<b>12</b>	<p><b>13</b> 10:30am— Boker Tov Song Session</p>	<p><b>14</b> 10am— Music with Angelo 4:30pm— Midweek Hebrew 7:30pm— Masterclass</p>	<p><b>15</b> 10:30am— Torah Discussion</p> <p>Yom Ha'Atzmaut</p>	<p><b>16</b> 9:30am— Shabbat Songs w/ Marc 6:30pm— Drive-In Musical Service</p>	<p><b>17</b> 10am— Jackson Goodman FA 4:30pm— Tot Shabbat Havdalah</p>
<p><b>18</b> 9am— Religious School 11am— Yoga with Julia Spector 12:15pm— 3-6th Grade Youth Event</p>	<b>19</b>	<p><b>20</b> 10:30am— Boker Tov Song Session 11am— Lunch &amp; Learn</p>	<p><b>21</b> 10am— Music with Angelo 4:30pm— Midweek Hebrew 7:30pm— Masterclass</p>	<p><b>22</b> 10:30am— Torah Discussion</p>	<p><b>23</b> 9:30am— Shabbat Songs w/ Marc 6:30pm— Drive-In Shabbat</p>	<p><b>24</b> 10am— Ethan Wiland FA 4pm— Layla Fogelman FA 6pm— Havdalah</p>
<p><b>25</b> 9am— Religious School 11am— Yoga with Julia Spector</p>	<b>26</b>	<p><b>27</b> 10:30am— Boker Tov 12pm— Lunch Bunch</p>	<p><b>28</b> 10am— Music with Angelo 4:30pm— Midweek Hebrew 7:30pm— Masterclass</p>	<p><b>29</b> 10:30am— Torah Discussion</p>	<p><b>30</b> 9:30am— Shabbat Songs w/ Marc 6:30pm— Drive-In Shabbat</p>	





## We Continue To Count

Last year, a couple months before our daughter Sammie's birthday, an artistically-crafted chart appeared on the wall of our kitchen: a countdown to her birthday. At the end of every day, before going upstairs for the night, Sammie would take out her red marker and cross off that day. You could ask her at any point how many days she had been counting and how many days were left until the big day and she would have a fairly accurate number to give. You can only imagine how excited she was when that last day was crossed out and the big day arrived! I was recently thinking about the chart and the counting, which was not something she had done in previous years. Perhaps that's a thing she'll do now that she's advancing her

way through elementary school. Maybe she was inspired by a YouTube video about artsy charts. But I was also thinking about the particular situation of having a birthday in the middle of a Pandemic. This was last May, when she had been away from school for more than two months. There were no birthday parties and we weren't really doing playdates at that time. Counting each day, looking toward a big future event was maybe Sammie's way of marking the time that was otherwise pretty tough.

It feels like so many of us have learned to mark time differently in this past year. As I write this we have just hit the one year anniversary of everything shutting down at the beginning of the pandemic. My social media feeds were full of people's pictures from their "last" events: our Purim programs, dinner inside a restaurant, birthday parties, dinner parties with friends, normal life. Lots of the captions captured the same sentiment: "this feels like 20 years ago and 20 seconds ago all at the same time." As the pandemic began, many of us counted the days as well, but unlike Sammie we didn't have an ending event date. Instead many of us marked time by looking backward. "It's been 2 months since I was able to see my parents." "I've been isolated in my house for 120 days now." Or recently, "It has been a year since we had people in the Sanctuary for a Friday night service." Whereas in past years I sometimes forget what month I'm in, these days I know how many Shabbatot it has been since we were in person. I write this having just completed our 53rd remote Shabbat service.

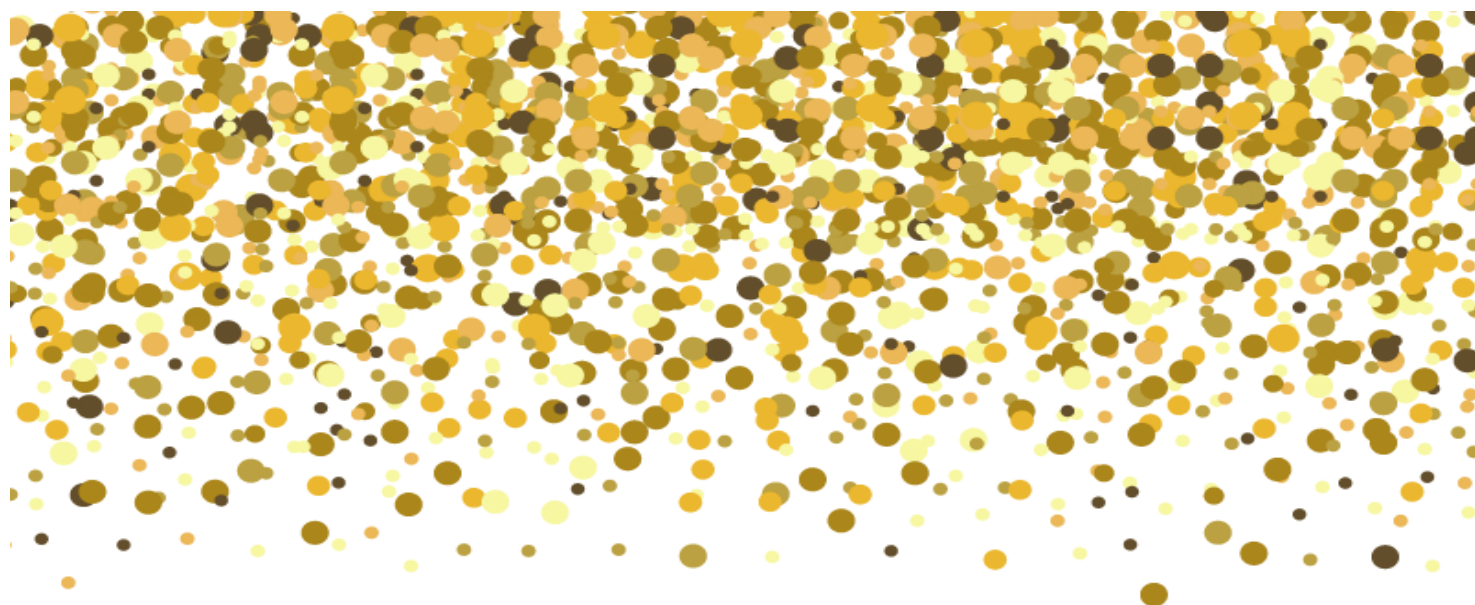
In some ways, I think the counting gives us hope. Perhaps we think to ourselves: look at how long we have already made it. We're almost there. The counting also forces us to pause daily, weekly, or monthly and take stock. Perhaps as we count the days since the pandemic began we are thinking about gratitude "even though." Even though it's been more than a year since I lived a normal life, I am thankful for my health. Or, even though I have felt tremendous loss and pain this year, I am thankful for the support of my loved ones. Or, even though the world feels bleak at the moment, I am thankful that at least the sun is shining and the sky is blue.

Our Israelite ancestors faced an extremely challenging situation in the wilderness. And this time of year, from the day after Passover starts until the holiday of Shavuot, we are reminded to count the days like they did; to pause each day and find time for gratitude. This time between Passover and Shavuot is 49 days long, and it's called the Omer period. You may be asking yourself, what is this Omer thing he's talking about? Here's the deal: between the second day of Passover, and the holiday of Shavuot, where we celebrate receiving the Torah, there are 49 days. We are instructed to count each of those 49 days and acknowledge them. An omer is a measurement of grain that was brought to the Temple after the second day of Passover. The Torah instructs us to count each day from the Omer offering to Shavuot. The big question is why?

There is a great explanation from Rabbi Jacob Milgrom, who is probably the world's greatest expert on the book of Leviticus. Rabbi Milgrom thinks the solution lies in the number of days that the Torah tells us to count. Shavuot is observed on the fiftieth day. The Hebrew word for fifty: Hamishim. The Arabic Word for fifty: Hamsin. In Israel, a Hamsin is also a weather pattern. It is a rapid drop in the humidity, followed by a ferociously hot desert wind, so destructive that it can wipe out a crop overnight. Nowadays, meteorologists can predict a hamsin before it arrives. Now imagine a time when there were no meteorologists, and the dreaded hamsin could not be predicted. Farmers held their breath for the entire hamsin season, counting each day as a blessing if the hamsin did not come and their crops were not suddenly destroyed. "That is why you had the counting," says Dr. Milgrom, "and that is why you had the dread and the fear. The Sefirat Ha-omer was a period of fear and trepidation and a period of good behavior, lest God think us so cavalier about the great blessings of rain and dew and harvest that He gives us that divine punishment like hamsin, the hellish dry wind. That is why the Israelite farmer counted, and that is why the Israelite farmer was in semi-mourning, or, to be more exact, in fear and dread during these days." It makes sense. Each day that there is a chance your livelihood could be ruined and it's not, should be counted and acknowledged. We thank God for our blessings during the Omer.

There's another interpretation too. The kabbalists, the Jews who were into mysticism, explain that the 49 days that connect Passover with Shavuot correspond to the forty-nine drives and traits of the human heart. They understood it as a time of serious introspection and preparation that each person has to go through in order to receive the Torah anew on Shavuot. Each day of the counting represents a different aspect of our personality and of our relationship with God that we have to think about and set in order before we can receive the Torah.

So as we enter our second round of counting the Omer since the pandemic began, perhaps it can remind us, as I remember learning at camp, to count each day and to make each day count. Or it can remind us each day the importance of connecting with our spiritual selves, that our souls need nourishment, especially in these strange times. Throughout the counting of the Omer period this year (March 29 - May 16) we will be offering a number of online meditations to help us mark the days. I hope you'll join us for some of those moments to help count the days and discover some new aspect of how Jewish tradition can imbue our lives with goodness and healing. May this Omer period be the last one that we count in the midst of this pandemic!



## *Two Ways To Attend*

### **DRIVE-IN AT TBS**

ENJOY THE EVENING WITH DINNER FROM LOCAL FOOD TRUCKS

### **STREAMING VIA ZOOM**

ENJOY THE EVENING FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR HOME

## *Pricing*

**PLEASE VISIT [TBSOHIO.ORG/2021-GALA](https://tbsohio.org/2021-gala) FOR MORE DETAILS**

**TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT FOR THE DRIVE-IN**

**SUBMIT A \$36 CONTRIBUTION VIA THE WEBSITE. THIS IS THE  
ONLY WAY TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT FOR THE DRIVE-IN  
EXPERIENCE.**

### **SPONSORSHIP LEVELS**

**GOLD - \$2,500**

**SILVER - \$1,000**

**BRONZE - \$500**

**WHETHER YOU WILL BE WATCHING FROM HOME OR AT THE  
DRIVE-IN, PLEASE CONSIDER A MEANINGFUL GIFT IN THE  
AMOUNT THAT YOU WOULD HAVE SPENT HAD YOU  
ATTENDED AN IN-PERSON GALA.**

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## Celebrating A Second Jewish Earth Day

Dear Friends,

My fourth winter in Columbus (wow!) meant I was more equipped to handle snow and ice than my arrival in 2017. But regardless, there's always a magical feeling as the days get longer and temperatures slowly become more moderate. As we look ahead to spring, including an early Passover, we're also hopeful that the warmer weather brings more opportunities to safely connect with each other.

One of our most important, but consistently overlooked secular holidays this month is Earth Day on April 22nd. Even though the Jewish holiday Tu B'Shvat has been expanded to a "Jewish Earth Day" of sorts, the "official" Earth Day, while a secular holiday, gives us an opportunity to recommit to Jewish environmentalist values. Our connection to the earth and nature is expressed in almost every holiday (especially Passover and Sukkot); many of our prayers are connected with nature (such as prayers for rain and dew in Gevurot), and we express our gratitude for everything the earth provides in blessings over our food. One of our Jewish principles is "ba'al tashchit," or to not destroy the earth.

Additionally, many of you may be familiar with the fun and quirky Jewish story of Choni, who passes a man planting a carob tree. Choni asks the man why he would plant a tree that won't see fruit for 60 years; the man replies that just as his father and grandfather planted for him, so too does he plant for his children. Choni then sees this principle "in action" after taking a 60 year long nap, and while walking back, encounters the man's grandson planting a carob tree.

Earth Day also gives us an opportunity to reflect on how the pandemic intersects with the existential climate change crisis. The Earth Institute at Columbia University recently published an article that summarized the positive and negative long term effects of the pandemic (check it out at <https://blogs.ei.columbia.edu>). The downsides are pretty significant: scientific research has been disrupted; there are less funds for renewable energy climate initiatives; goals and policies have been delayed; continued, illegal destruction of the Amazon; and the use of plastic has skyrocketed, as more folks are ordering items online, using plastic bags, and ordering takeout.

However, there are also significant upsides: there's less international travel, more people biking and walking, and there are still advances in environmental policies and goals. Right here in Columbus, AEP has pledged to be carbon free by 2050! (See the full article in the Columbus Dispatch on Feb 25).

How can we continue to integrate and uphold our Jewish values of environmentalism and combating climate change in the midst of the pandemic? This Earth Day, we can all take some time and consider reasonable modifications we can make to our lives. I recently saw a great quote online, that the goal is not for a few people to do everything "perfectly," but for many people to take a few small steps. The goal isn't perfection! Considering small changes, like foregoing an unnecessary purchase or unplugging appliances when not in use, can be just as meaningful as large investments like installing solar panels.

One easy first step is using our awesome new reusable TBS bags, which we hope you all received for Passover. A special shout out to David Cram, who helped design the bags for his Bar Mitzvah project - thank you, David!!

If you're looking for more specific, meaningful steps you can take, I encourage you to read the update from the TBS Green Team, which you can find in this month's bulletin! We are so excited that the Green Team is returning and if environmentalism is important to you, we hope you will join the Green Team! Please reach out to Lesley Thompson if you are interested.

There is one final major silver lining to the pandemic coinciding with the climate crisis.

As one global community, we were able to come together and address an international problem like COVID-19; now millions of people, including so many members of our TBS community, are getting vaccinated. Scientists are optimistic that if we can do the same with climate change, there is a lot of hope for our future.



# 8 The Game Plan with Bobby Covitz



## A Year Later...

My first day at TBS was on April 6, 2020. Prior to COVID-19, the first day on the job typically involved meetings with HR and learning where the bathrooms are. My first day at TBS involved working with the lay leaders, clergy, and staff to figure out how we use Zoom and streaming technology to pivot from an in-person gala to a virtual one on April 25, 2020. It was a bit rough around the edges compared to what TBS is doing now – we have unfortunately had hundreds of programs' worth of practice since then – but we were still able to pull off a great event!

Even though we will not be in the building without masks for this year's gala, the Gala Committee – co-chaired by Pam Scheer and Robin Williams – still have a fantastic evening of comedy and community connection planned. On **Saturday May 1st**, the Second City Improv All-Stars will be joining us virtually from Chicago after their performance was postponed last year. Havdalah and pre-show entertainment will start at 7:30PM, and Second City will take the virtual stage performance at 8:30PM. There are two ways to participate in this exciting evening:

- **Drive-in:** watch and participate in the virtual performance on a big screen at TBS, and enjoy dinner from local food trucks
- **At home:** watch and participate in the virtual performance from the comfort of your home

To reserve your spot for the drive-in, please visit [tbsohio.org/2021-gala](https://tbsohio.org/2021-gala) and make a \$36 contribution (note: the drive-in might be full by the time you read this). This page will also have **silent auction** information when it becomes available.

While there is no fee associated with watching the gala from home, **please consider donating what you would have spent had you attended an in-person gala.** Would you have paid for a babysitter? A new dress or sport coat? If you donate these amounts to the Temple, or any gift that you consider to be meaningful, TBS will reach its fundraising goal of \$27,000. All support, no matter how big or small, enables TBS to continue to provide the innovative programming that has connected our community over the past year.

As I approach my one-year work anniversary with TBS, I am full of gratitude. I am proud to be the Executive Director of such an amazing Jewish community, and to work with such wonderful lay leaders, clergy, and staff. I am also proud and of the fact that we can provide a fantastic gala event for all of you. We are much closer than we were a year ago to something resembling normalcy, and in the months ahead we will be closer still.

Thank you for your support of the 2021 Gala, and for making TBS your Jewish home.

## Spotlight: Membership Renewal

With spring upon us, the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2021) is in sight! The Temple is currently working on its budget for the 2021-22 year, and after the gala, membership renewal will be in full swing.

Dues support is TBS's biggest source of income; in any given year, over 50% of the Temple's revenue is budgeted to come from dues (fundraising and Religious School tuition are other major sources of income).

This has been a very challenging year! If you have yet to make a dues payment or don't know how you'll fulfill your remaining dues commitment, please give me a call at (614) 855-4882. TBS should not be a source of stress, and even if you can only pay a portion of your remaining dues, that is still a very generous commitment.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO MADE A LEGACY  
COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT THE FUTURE OF TBS!



## TBS Legacy Society

Growth for the next generation

2020-21

ANONYMOUS (4)

MINDY AGIN & ERIC NAIMAN

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TO BEGIN YOUR LEGACY GIVING JOURNEY, PLEASE CONTACT  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BOBBY COVITZ AT (614) 855-4882.

# 10 TBS Green Team

The Green Team was initially started by Rabbi Lenette Herzog in 2019. Like most things the team was not able to continue due to COVID-19 restrictions. We have launched the Green Team again (virtually) and are excited about sharing our mission with the congregation, what green initiatives are already going on at the Temple and what we are working on.

We have adopted the following mission and vision as a guide for the team in our efforts to provide meaningful programs to the temple community.

## **Mission Statement:**

To provide the greater TBS community with the tools, guidance, and ongoing support needed to create a culture of conservation, sustainability, and environmental awareness.

## **We will do this by:**

- Generating less waste at temple and within our community
- Repair the world (tikkun olam) starting with our community
- Educate the greater TBS community on how to reduce our environmental impact
- Evaluate, investigate, and propose ways that the greater TBS community can reduce their environmental impact
- Nourish programs that integrate environmental education and sustainability programs into the religious school curriculum and for the TBS community

Based on our mission there are some things that we have done already that we would like to share. In 2019 the team along with Haneef Muhammad (Facility Manager) initiated the following.

1. Started food scrap composting by partnering with All Saints Episcopal Church's composting program that they have established. We have been able to eliminate the food scrap going into the landfill for all events and for the staff at the temple.
2. Implemented the gradual replacement of paper and plastic ware that went into the landfill with compostable plates and plastic ware along with increased utilization of the washable dinner ware that is already at the temple.
3. The team voted to utilize some of the Green Team Fund for the purchase and printing of the reusable Passover bags distributed last month.

We want to thank Haneef for keeping the programs at Temple going through the pandemic even with minimal use of the temple facilities. As we come out of the pandemic and can return to some normalcy, both programs will have a significant impact on reducing the temple's environmental impact.

The Green Team is currently in the planning stage for future programs, events, speakers, religious school events, and temple curriculum. In the meantime, we would like everyone at the temple to think about how they can lessen their environmental impact. Here are some thoughts following the 5-R's.

**Rethink** – Instead of using zip lock storage bags in your kitchen, switch to using reusable containers, such as Tupperware or glass containers (Pyrex, Corning Ware, or even Ball canning jars).

**Reject** – Reject getting your groceries in one time use plastic bags. The best option is to take reusable bags to the grocery store. If that is not possible, ask for paper bags which can be reused in the home or easily recycled. It is reported that a plastic bag can take from 400-1,000 years to decompose. Compostable and plant based plastic bags decompose much faster.

**Reduce** – Look at ways to reduce your environmental footprint. Instead of buying pre-packaged items at the grocery store purchase items in bulk. Go to your local farm market or join a farm community supported agriculture program (CSA) which supports the local economy.

**Reuse** – There are several sites on the internet with great ideas for reusing household items. The cereal liner from your favorite box of cereal can be used like wax paper, store home made bread or muffins, use it like a zip lock bag with a reusable clip, or for the bakers in the crowd a piping bag for frosting.

**Recycle** – Most of the communities that we live in have a curbside recycling program. Get to know what items your community will recycle and be diligent in utilizing the service.

The Green Team is committed to make the greater TBS community more environmentally conscious and sustainable. Keeping with the Jewish tradition of Tikkun Olam let us begin repairing the world, starting with our own households and community.

Look for Green Team hints in future issues of the TBS Windows and the launch of the Green Team Facebook page soon.

Through several donations, the Green Team has been able to set up a fund to support some of the programs that we strive to provide. If you would like to support the Green Team's efforts in conservation, environmental and sustainability, please donate to the **Green Team Fund**. You will find a link to the fund on the TBS website.

Thanks,

The Green Team

Rick Sandor (Team Leader), Tirtzah Sandor, Steve Grossman, JoAnne Grossman, Lesley Thompson, Rona Rosen, Bonnie Cram, Neil Carron, & Alan Klodell



# Cantorial Corner with Gail Rose II



## Great Jewish Talent

Thank you, Thank YOU, THANK YOU to the 35 people and one dog, who created 22 acts to make our Saturday, February 27th SHUSHAN'S GOT TALENT! a wonderful way to celebrate Purim virtually. Many thanks to our own thespian Rabbis, Rabbi Benjy Bar-Lev and Rabbi Lenette Herzog for retelling the story of Esther in their informative, crazy and wacky way and to David Cohen and Susie Blank for helping to distribute our thank you T-shirts. I would also like to let the participants' parents know that I appreciated them videotaping their children and encouraging them to smile and take a bow at the end.

Bravo and thank you again to our participants (in order of appearance):

Act 1: Nate and Mike Cohen, Adina Friedberg, Shelby DeBold and Zoe Levy, Sammie Bar-Lev, and Sam Braveman

Act 2: Andrew and Eloise Stewart, David Griffaton, Leah Miller and Julia Miller-Mathers, Adam Singer, Abby Singer, and Angelo Dunlap

Act 3: Larry Remer, Beckett, Cooper and Cassidy Sokol, Susie and Marvin Blank, Meredith Paul, Roy Berg, Baylor and Nola Ellis

Act 4: Marc, Hannah and Maya Rossio, Keren and Ella Jane Cohen, Jody, Lex and Garrett Benningfield, Anderson Berg and Jim Bugenstein

## Yom HaShoah, Hom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'atzmaut Community Celebrations

The month of April hosts three important Israeli holidays: Yom HaShoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'atzmaut. I hope our Temple Beth Shalom Community can join our greater Columbus Jewish Community to commemorate and celebrate all or some these holidays virtually, of course.

The Columbus Board of Rabbis' will host a virtual **Yom HaShoah Commemoration on Wednesday, April 7th at 7pm**. Please check the eWindow for registration instructions.

**Yom Hazikaron (Memorial Day) will be observed on Wednesday, April 14th from 8:00 - 8:30 P.M.**

During this tribute to Israel's Fallen Soldiers, we will hear first hand from a family in our partner city of Kfar Saba about their son's heroism and sacrifice for the State of Israel. We will also meet Columbus native, Maya Saar, who served as a lone soldier in the IDF.

**Yom Ha'atzmaut (Independence Day) will be celebrated Thursday, April 15 from 7:00 - 8:00.** During the community celebration we will meet mentalist and magician, Rmax Goodwin, who will dazzle with his incredible mind reading skills and witty banter. Kosher Israeli dinners can be purchased from JCC catering and pick up is available at one of 3 JCC locations (Bexley, New Albany, and Beth Tikvah).

To continue the festivities of Yom Ha'atzmaut, there will be breakout rooms (after the main event) for your family to enjoy. When you complete your registration, you will be asked to choose one option from the list below:

Bedtime story with PJ Library

Family trivia game

Sing along to Israeli music

Landscapes, Places and People of Israel

Guided meditation

Interactive text study

Escape room

Israeli Television Today

To register for these free events check for instructions in the eWindow or go to:

<https://jewishcolumbus.org/get-involved-events/the-yoms-2021-remember-celebrate-connect-independence-day/?>





## AFFINITY GROUPS... Find Your People!

While we are all still practicing social distancing, we also want to create opportunities for connection. TBS's affinity groups are an opportunity for small groups of congregants to get together over Zoom. Look for information about our Affinity Groups on the TBS Connect schedule, on the TBS Facebook page, or mentioned in the E-window email.

Affinity groups are the best way to get to know a small group of people well. They are formed around interests, needs, geography, demographic or profession. For now the groups are connecting virtually, but hopefully soon we will all be together physically.

TBS Affinity groups are designed to inspire us and transform our lives and those around us with deeper relationships and a greater experience of joy and meaning. To form an Affinity group you must have a volunteer host. The role of the host is to choose a place to meet and works with the Engagement Coordinator to find others to join the group. Once the group meets they can decide on how often and where they will meet. If you don't want to be a group host the Engagement Coordinator will match you with a group to enable you to expand your circle of friends by learning, listening, and speaking together.

TBS has many groups that are active such as the Veterans group, ASD Parents group, the TBS Green Team, Yiddush Club, and Jewdies just to name a few. There are plenty of groups who need a host. Check out all the Affinity Groups being offered on the TBS website. If you don't see a group listed that is the right fit, you could make a suggestion or even start a new group. If you would like more information on any of the groups please reach out to Lesley Thompson, Engagement Coordinator, at [lthompson@tbsohio.org](mailto:lthompson@tbsohio.org).

# LUNCH BUNCH

TUESDAY, APRIL 27 | 12PM | ZOOM

## UNDERSTANDING THE HOLOCAUST WITH RICHARD PRYSTOWSKY



The Holocaust remains one of the most catastrophic events in human history. Its consequences for Jews and Judaism in particular are nothing short of cataclysmic. Despite multitudes of scholarly books and articles written about the subject and a large volume of survivor testimony, even now, seventy-five years after the liberation of the camps, troubling questions about the Holocaust continue to be asked and debated: Why the Jews? Were all of the participants in the murders anti-Semites? Why did some gentiles risk their lives to save Jews? Were all of the camps killing centers? Why do some people deny that the Holocaust occurred?

In this session, Richard Prystowsky will explore these and other questions in an attempt to understand key aspects of this most horrific event.



## 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 Gittins, 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  
 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 — Robert Weiler  
 April 23rd — Emily Desmond, Andrea Kleppel,  
                     Janet Meltzer, Ira Scheer  
 April 24th — Howard Ecksein  
 April 25th — Yakov Kamenetskiy, Jon Kent  
 April 26th — Jed Bell, Julie Dunkle, Mark Schuster  
 April 27th — Cindy Cohen  
 April 28th — Herschel Sigall, Stacey Tucker  
 April 29th — Barbara Belford  
 April 30th — Marsha Block, Rob Cohen

## April Anniversaries

April 2nd — Sherie & Harris Silverman  
 April 6th — Gene Goldberg & Cheri Papier  
 April 9th — Nancy & Ron Tannenbaum  
 April 10th — Pam & Ira Scheer  
 April 12th — Renee & James DeBold  
 April 14th — Karen & Todd Matros  
 April 16th — Jamie & Steve Allen  
 April 17th — Philip Edelsberg & Marlene Levine  
 April 20th — Nancy Krasa & Bob Schwartz  
 April 24th — Lauren & Andrew Campen,  
                     Bethany Klynn & Ben Payne

*Mazel tov*

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### **Ben Gabbay**



On Saturday, April 10th at 10 o'clock in the morning, Benjamin Gabbay, Son of Julie Frayman and Avi Gabbay, brother of Sophia Gabbay, Grandson of Roman and Elaine Frayman and Benoit and Dvora Gabbay is called to the Torah for his First Aliyah.

Ben is a 7th grader at Gahanna Middle School East and attends Temple Beth Shalom Sunday School. Ben loves playing the drums, skateboarding and soccer. Ben has an ear for all music things especially songs from the 70's, 80's and 90's. Ben looks forward to his vacations with his family from Israel every summer.

For his Mitzvah project, Ben is planning to help the organization called Sweet Dreams for Kids. Sweet Dreams for Kids is a charity that helps kids have a cozy sleep and comfortable pajamas. Ben is planning to raise money from his friends and his family.

For his Bar Mitzvah studies, Ben was tutored by Gail Rose which made it really fun for Ben to come to temple on a weekly basis. We thank Gail for making this process fun and easy.

### **Ethan Winland**



On Saturday, April 24th at 10 o'clock in the morning Ethan Winland, son of Neila Lieberman and Eli Winland, brother of Natalie, Deagan, Letty, grandson of Sharyn Lieberman, Marc Lieberman, Kathy Winland, David Winland, great-grandson of Burton Lieberman, of blessed memory, Rhea Cohen, is called to the Torah for his First Aliyah.

Ethan is a 7th grader at Bexley Middle School and attends the Temple Beth Shalom Kehillat Torah Religious School. Ethan has a profound love of college and professional sports, and even as a child of 5, while speaking to adults, could recite stats and call players by their first names. This love of sports carries over to his extracurricular pastimes of slammin' dunks, kickin' goals, backhanding over the net, popping wheelies on the trails and his biggest thrill of all, getting covered with mud motocrossing with his dad and brother. Ethan looks forward to spending his summers with camp family at Camp Wise in Chardon, Ohio.

Ethan's mitzvah project is a continuation of his compassion for animals. He has been given an incredible opportunity to volunteer to nurture neglected animals at Sunrise Sanctuary in Marysville, Ohio.

### **Jackson Goodman**



On Saturday, April 17, 2021, Jackson Arthur Goodman will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah. Jackson is the son of Shelly and Brian Goodman and the brother of Grace. He is the grandson of Annette and Steve Paine of Columbus and Bonnie and Howard Goodman of Cleveland.

Jackson is a seventh grade student at the New Albany Middle School and attends the Temple Beth Shalom Kehillat Torah Religious School. Jackson enjoys learning about science. His tennis passion has been keeping him active, and Jackson is excited for the middle school tennis team season.

Jackson chose a Mitzvah project that is quite personal; his is centered around Crohn's and Colitis. He was diagnosed in 2018 with Ulcerative Colitis. Although it impacts his daily life, he is thankful for currently being in remission and learning how to successfully live with disease. Despite all the COVID restrictions and volunteer age requirements, in order to give back, he creatively figured out a way to virtually peer mentor other kids that are newly diagnosed. He has also chosen to raise money for The Crohn's and Colitis Foundation (CCF) by tying his Bar Mitzvah project to his June CCF walk team. Jackson has benefited from the CCF work and is hopeful for a cure.

Jackson is thankful for all the support he has received from his parents, Rabbi Lenette, Rabbi Benjy, Amanda Cohen, and Hannah Rossio preparing for this special occasion.

### **Layla Fogelman**



On Saturday, April 24 at 4 o'clock in the evening Layla Fogelman, daughter of Ryan and Aimee Fogelman, sister of Olivia Fogelman, granddaughter of Shelly Fogelman, Dr. Burton Fogelman, of blessed memory, Dr. Armand and Cherri Garcia is called to the Torah for her First Aliyah.

Layla is a 7th grader at Olentangy Hyatts Middle School and is a swimmer for United Swim Association. Layla enjoys going shooting, shopping, hanging out with friends, training, weight lifting and swimming. Layla has been a competitive swimmer since she was six years old and has loved it from the beginning. Her favorite events are 100 and 200 butterfly and 200 and 500 freestyle.

For Layla's mitzvah project she has decided to make go-bags for the homeless in urge to help others by brightening their day with small acts of kindness. She has chosen to help this group because as a former member in a group that helps people in need she has understood the importance of helping others through difficult situations or periods in their life and she wants to be the part of their day in which they smile.

# Presidential Address 15



## A Year Later... Looking Ahead

By the time you read this, it will have been more than a year since we last gathered as a congregation in our sanctuary. Purim 2020 was the last holiday that many of us celebrated together in person. We then held our first Passover Zoom-Seder. This March, will mark our second Zoom-Seder. Next year, we hope, if not in Jerusalem, then at least together in New Albany.

Purim and Passover both tell stories of division and deliverance. Haman (boo!) tries to divide the Jews from the rest of the Shushan populace. The Red Sea divides the Israelites from the pursuing Egyptians. Esther's courage delivers the Jews to safety and to honor; Moses delivers the Israelites to freedom. The COVID story, too, speaks of division and deliverance. COVID has physically divided us from our loved ones, our friends, and our congregation. But now, there are three vaccines that promise to deliver us from the pandemic (but only if we get vaccinated when it's our turn and continue to practice safety protocols).

So, as we look to the future of TBS and envision what may be post-COVID, we recall the words of Isaiah (58:12): "Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in."

### What is TBS doing to raise up the foundations of generations of its congregation?

You've probably read about the community-wide endowment planning initiative known as Life & Legacy. A legacy gift is money or other donated assets that are invested with the goal of growing the principal to provide additional future income. This could be a gift in a will, a percent of a retirement account, or a life insurance policy. Anyone – regardless of their means – can leave a gift to TBS and make a tremendous impact. Because these are after-lifetime gifts, there is no immediate financial commitment.

We are thrilled to announce that we have completed our first year of Life & Legacy with 28 TBS partners committing to leave a gift to TBS in their wills. These commitments are valued at \$1.1 million! We hope that it will be a long time before we see these gifts. They will be held in the TBS endowment fund at the Jewish Foundation. Like all endowment funds there, the principal is invested and TBS can withdraw 4% annually. Over time, we expect that TBS will be able to use about \$40,000 annually of its endowments. What impact will that have on our annual budget? For starters, funds that are now tied up in our general operating budget will be gradually freed up for maintenance projects or innovative programs. Growing TBS's endowment is a vital, ongoing part of our fundraising strategy to ensure that we are financially sound. This will enable us to continue to be a Joyful, Personal, and Accessible congregation for all.

We also held our second – and very successful – Reverse Raffle. We sold 240 tickets during a pandemic (last year, we sold 245 tickets), and we raised \$16,000! Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket. And a special thanks to Brian Phillips for his leadership in this fundraiser.

### What is TBS doing to repair the breach wrought by COVID?

TBS's COVID-19 Task Force continues to meet regularly to review the latest medical science and the course of the pandemic and how that affects TBS's operations. Always, the Task Force's decisions are guided by science, pragmatism, Jewish tradition, and the values of our congregation. Based on the Task Force's recommendations, we are happy to report that:

- In-person lifecycle event participation has been expanded to 20 people. Consistent with recent CDC guidance, the Task Force recommends that participants double-mask, wear a mask with filters, or wear KN95 masks.
- While, for now, we are still unable to gather indoors, the Drive-In Shabbat is returning (weather permitting)! We expect that congregants will be able to sit outside of their cars to enjoy the service, while wearing masks and maintaining appropriate physical distancing. Thanks to the generosity of Marilyn and Roger Friedman, TBS will also soon have a permanent stage for our outdoor programming.
- The TBS's Religious School Committee has been approved to map out an in-person pilot program for the last six sessions of Religious School. At this point, we expect that the pilot program will be limited to students in some of the lower grades, allowing them to attend Religious School in-person. We also expect that we will be able to allow some class field trips.

TBS is getting ready to hosts its 2021 Spring Gala on May 1. We will be presenting a live virtual performance by Chicago's Second City Improv All-Stars. The world-famous comedy institution is producing the event exclusively for TBS. You will be able to view and participate from home or at a drive-in screening at TBS. Unlike prior TBS Galas, there is no charge to watch the virtual performance; given the limited number of parking spots available for the drive-in presentation, a small donation is required. This event remains our congregation's primary fundraiser. So, please consider donating to the Gala or bidding at the silent auction.

### Finally, what is TBS doing to restore its streets?

One thing that will no longer divide us is pot holes. After extensive discussion, your Board of Trustees has approved the complete repair of the Temple's driveway and parking lot. Our friends at All Saints are contributing half the cost of the driveway repairs. We expect this work to be completed by early summer 2021.

In partnership,  
Mike and Mindy



# 16 Mitzvah Corps Central

## The Central Ohio WRJ Tzedakah Collective

The next Tzedakah Collective meeting is Sunday, April 18th 3:30-4:00 pm. Updates on the work of the nonprofits that received grants in the past. 4:00 - 5:00 pm. Speaker: Tobi Furman, Founder and Director of The Artmobile.

This non-profit was an art studio on wheels providing access and exposure to the arts in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods, and collaboratively with locally known and professional artists. Its vision is that all children deserve access to the benefits of arts programming, no matter their zip code. Now it is in virtual form suitable for students, parents and teachers. "Especially during this time, arts education is critical for helping children connect with each other, express themselves and process stress, and stay engaged in creative learning."

Please join us to learn about this uplifting non-profit that is making a difference in our community. To become a supporting member of the Tzedakah Collective, just make a \$60 tax deductible donation.

Contact Marsha Pond, Coordinator, for zoom link and other information, [marshapond@msn.com](mailto:marshapond@msn.com). Or contact Laurel Zulliger, 614-575-4577.

## Spring Tot Shabbat

**April 17 at 4:30pm**

**May 1 at 10am**

**On the TBS Patio**

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

**These events will be socially distanced.**

**Masks are required for our friends 3+.**





# April Yahrzeits 17

## April 2nd

Rose Cooperman  
Ronald Costa  
Philip Dobb  
Jean Epstein  
Sally Figler  
Jeanette Friedman  
Seymour Golden  
Saul Horn  
Shauna Itkoff  
Richard Jackson  
Yuliy Kamenetskiy  
Sylvia Miller  
Celia Ostrov Newman  
George Resnick  
Phyllis Rosen  
Fannie Schakett  
Myer Scheinholtz  
Harrison Schuster  
Noel Seicol  
Irving Silber  
Theodore Sindlinger  
Vladimir Slabodkin  
Alan Weinberg  
Bess Wine  
Alvin Worly

## April 9th

Max Ankerman  
Benson Apothaker  
Ida Basch  
Paula Benjamin  
Christopher Cassidy  
Sigfried Ehrenberg  
Abraham Gershovitz  
Muriel Goodman  
Jacqueline Hoff  
David Kass  
Irene Klaben  
Melvin Klein  
Theodore Lansky  
Alberto Levitan  
Ida Madorsky  
Aron Mizrahi  
Anna Rich  
Monya Tolkan  
Adolph Weiler  
Jack Weiss  
Jerome Wolf

## April 16th

Richard Abel  
Abraham Allen  
Donald Barger  
Ben Bronstein  
Benjamin Coe  
Carole Deibel  
Sheila Feinknopf  
Seymour Feldman  
John Flately  
Charles Freund  
Celia Friedlander  
Barbara Holstein  
Nettie Itkoff  
Jack Kessler  
Martha Levenbach Rosenberg  
Belle Lurie  
Margaret McCullough  
Ruth Mellman  
Edward Miller  
Irving Perelstein  
Lester Pies  
Mack Roth  
Irving Shulman  
Morris Spector  
Al Tannenbaum  
Martin Torch  
Maurice Washer

## April 23rd

Ida Alpert  
Erwin Barnett  
Yette Brillson  
Helen Brody  
Albert Chait  
Clare Chait  
Marion Cohen  
Betty Eichelberger  
Louis Finkelstein  
Edward Fuller  
Ruth Jaffe  
Lillian Kanter  
Marc Klynn  
Elaine Lazarus  
Louis Lewis  
Joan Nackman  
Evelyn Pevtzow  
Lola Reinhart  
Ada Sacks  
Meyer Schultz  
Julius Silverman

## April 30th

Hy Ankerman  
Rita Cannon  
Tina Cohen  
Jack Cooperman  
Nachum Feinstein  
Aaron Feldman  
Abraham Golin  
Nancy Greenspan  
Leonard Holstein  
Ruth Kleiman  
Sara Liebert  
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