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## Purim Service & Gelebration Friday, March 18 · 6:30pm

Join us outside for a brief Shabbat service, costume parade, and retelling of the Purim Story.

Stay after services for an outdoor Purim Carnival and dinner prepared by the TBS Men's Club!

### Men's Glub Dinner

\$5 per person\$20 limit per family

Dinner includes a hot dog or veggie burger, chips, drink, and hamantaschen

bit.ly/tbsdinner

This year's Purim Carnival is FREE for everyone!

# 4 March Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 1pm— Daytime Mahj 7pm— Reader's Circle	3	<b>4</b> <b>6:30pm</b> – First Friday Shabbat Services	5 10am— Zoom Service & Study
<b>6</b> 9am— Religious School <b>10am—</b> Green Team Meeting <b>11am—</b> Yoga with Julia <b>7pm—</b> Poker Night	7	8 7pm- BREAD Meeting	9 1pm— Daytime Mahj 7pm— Virtual Wine & Paint w/ Studio 614	<b>10</b> <b>8pm—</b> Amanda Cohen Hamantaschen Making on Facebook	<b>11</b> <b>6:30pm—</b> Erev Shabbat Services	12 10am– Zoom Service & Study
<b>13</b> 9am— Religious School	14	15 11am— Lunch & Learn	16 1pm— Daytime Mahj	17	<b>18</b> 6:30pm— Shabbat and Purim Celebration	19 10am— Zoom Service & Study 4pm— Purim Tot Shabbat
20 9am— Religious School 11am— Yoga with Julia	21	22 7pm— Online Rossio Concert	23 1pm— Daytime Mahj	24	25 6:30pm— Erev Shabbat Services	26 10am— Zoom Service & Study
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## 5 The Buzz with Rabbi B



### Purim and Healing

Shalom! As we approach the joyous holiday of Purim, I'd like to share a story with you that I first encountered in an article many years ago. "Ronald Cotton clearly remembers his first meal as an almost free man. Bound by handcuffs, he sat at a McDonald's with two prison officers from Asheville and devoured a Quarter Pounder with Cheese and fries. "Sorry about those," one of the officers apologized as he looked down at Cotton's handcuffs. The officers were following the proper protocol for transporting the prisoner, albeit an innocent man. They

were moving Cotton from a prison in West Tennessee to a courthouse in Graham, N.C.

The next day, after spending his last night in the custody of the state in a prison cell in Asheville, Cotton stood in front of a district judge he had faced before. Without uttering a word to Cotton, the judge instructed the female bailiff to remove his handcuffs. He was handed a bag of civilian clothes from his family and directed to get changed for the final legal chapter in his 11 year struggle to prove his innocence. He wanted the world to know he was not a brutal rapist who terrorized two women in his home town of Burlington in the summer of 1984.

It was Friday, June 20, 1995 and the hearing was short. Cotton's attorneys presented a motion to dismiss all charges against their client. A state prosecutor joined the motion. "Mr. Cotton," the judge told him, "the charges against you have been dropped. For the first time in a long time, you are walking out of here today a free man."

Jennifer Thompson, a victim of another crime, thought she was identifying the right man when she picked Cotton out of a lineup. Little did she know, 10 years later DNA evidence as well as the jailhouse confession from another prisoner exonerated Ronald Cotton and proved that he was innocent all along.

Jennifer immediately wrote to him, apologizing for this horrible mistake. Months after Cotton was released from jail, the two finally met. Jennifer was extremely apprehensive about meeting Cotton, worried that he wanted revenge for the years he spent in jail. Late one afternoon, the two of them met at a church.

"If I spent the rest of my life telling you how sorry I am, it wouldn't come close to how I feel," Thompson told Cotton. "Can you ever forgive me?"

Then, without hesitation, Cotton simply said , "yes." "I'm not angry at you. I don't want you to spend the rest of your life looking over your shoulder, thinking I'm out to get you or harm your family ... All I want is for us all to go on and have a happy life."

After that, little by little, as invitations for interviews and public appearances developed, the two became friends.

Thompson helped get legislation passed that increased the compensation wrongly convicted people can earn for their time in prison. As a result, Cotton received nearly \$110,000 from the state. For many years, Thompson and Cotton worked hard to reform our legal system to prevent more innocent people from going to prison."

Can you imagine how difficult that must have been for Ronald Cotton to just forgive the woman who cost him so many years of his life? It certainly demonstrates Cotton's character, his humanity, and his general goodness that he chose forgiveness over retribution.

As we approach Purim, the holiday celebrating Jewish survival, we grapple in a different way with the idea of forgiveness vs revenge. There is a troubling epilogue to the Purim story that we don't often read at the purimspiel or when teaching the story to our kids. The final chapter in the Book of Esther describes that on the days when the enemies of the Jews had planned to kill the Jews, the Jews instead rose up and killed their foes on those days. Here is an abbreviated version of those verses:

5. Thus the Jews struck all their enemies with the stroke of the sword, and slaughter, and destruction, and did what they would to those who hated them. 6. And in Shushan the capital the Jews slew and destroyed five hundred men... 10. The ten sons of Haman, the enemy of the

Jews, slew they; but on the plunder they did not lay their hand. 11. On that day the number of those who were slain in Shushan the capital was brought before the king. 12. And the king said to Esther the queen, The Jews have slain and destroyed five hundred men in Shushan the capital, and the ten sons of Haman; what have they done in the rest of the king's provinces? now what is your petition? and it shall be granted you; or what is your request further? and it shall be done. 13. Then said Esther, If it please the king, let it be granted to the Jews who are in Shushan to do tomorrow also according to this day's decree, and let Haman's ten sons be hanged upon the gallows. 14. And the king commanded it so to be done; and the decree was given at Shushan; and they hanged Haman's ten sons. 15. For the Jews who were in Shushan gathered themselves together also on the fourteenth day of the month Adar, and slew three hundred men at Shushan; but on the plunder they did not lay their hand. 16. But the other Jews who were in the king's provinces gathered themselves together, and stood for their lives, and had rest from their enemies, and slew of their foes seventy five thousand, but they laid not their hands on the plunder..."

In the bloody ending to the Purim story, the Jewish people slew more than 75,000 foes. As you can imagine, rabbinc commentaries on this section are plentiful. Rabbi Meir Leibush wrote in the 19th century, asserting a sort of self-defense. "Of course, the Jews were not given permission to kill anyone they wished, for it was only written in the books that they could take revenge on their oppressors... they only killed their enemies whose animosity toward the Jews was public and who threatened evil against them, but not their haters (for the difference between an "enemy" and a "hater" is that an enemy's hatred is evident, whereas a hater's hatred is hidden), for they only did to their haters "as they wished," that is-they were able to rob them and to degrade them." The idea here and that many ascribe is that this was self-defense. We had to get rid of people who were publicly planning to kill us.

Rabbi Jill Jacobs writes for MyJewishLearning questioning whether this was really self defense. "First, the sheer number of deaths is shocking; surely, simple self-defense would not require the killing of such large numbers of people. Second, there is little suggestion elsewhere in the megillah that Haman's feelings toward the Jews reflect the popular attitude. Indeed, the extent to which Jews appear to be assimilated into Persian society suggests quite the opposite. Even Haman's hatred of the Jewish people is presented as an extension of his anger at Mordecai, who refuses to bow down to him, and not as abstract anti-Semitism. If other citizens of Shushan plan to participate in the slaying of the Jews, they will presumably do so out of obedience for the king's order, and not primarily as a result of their own independent hatred of this people."

Rabbi Jacobs continues, "Without protesting against the murders in Megillat Esther, the Esh Kodesh (Rabbi Kalonimus Kalmish Shapiro, 1889-1943), writing against the backdrop of the Holocaust, suggests that this type of revenge may be specific to the Purim story, and should not be expected or desired at other moments in history. Thus, he writes, in the story of Hanukkah, the villains are not killed en masse, as God does only what is necessary to free the Jews and to restore the Temple. The massacre that concludes the Purim story, he suggests, is a necessary means of ensuring the security of the Jews, and not simply gratuitous revenge."

The push and pull between revenge and forgiveness is such a complicated human phenomenon. In a perfect world, we could let go of anger and forgive all those who have hurt us. But what happens when the offense is too great? What if someone has committed an unforgivable offense against us? What then? I wish I knew the answer, because even as we approach this joyous holiday of Purim, so many of us are holding on to the pain that others have inflicted upon us. One perspective: can we let go of some anger, some pain, and find some peace within ourselves? Instead of seeking revenge, can we, perhaps, seek peace within ourselves and our souls? Even if we don't feel like we can forgive, can we find a way to move forward?

Purim is such an instructive holiday. In its story we learn about resilience and bravery, speaking truth to power, and embracing life after a traumatic event. Perhaps as we celebrate this year, we can really focus on finding and embracing joy, working to repair ourselves and our world, and making peace with that which continues to harm us.

# 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 · 10AM

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 10am.

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

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### A Musical Kehillah Kedoshah

As a TBS community we are excited to welcome Jewish songwriter and musician Danny Nichols in April! Along with the many familiar melodies from Nichols, we're also introducing some new melodies to our community in Shabbat services and during Religious School. One of these songs is called Kehillah Kedoshah, which means "sacred community." Here is the chorus to the song:

If you are *atem* Then we're *nitzavim* We stand here today, and remember the dream *Kehillah, kedosha...* 

The lyrics recall the moment when the Israelites all stood together at Mt Sinai after the Exodus from Egypt. (The scene in the Torah begins "*atem nitzavim hayom kulchem*," you stand here today, all of you.) Our tradition says that when we accepted the covenant with God, we were also entering into a unique partnership with each other since many of these commandments can't be fulfilled just by one person. In other words, we also officially became a community. Our tradition further imagines that every single Jewish person was there in that moment - all preceding, current, and future generations, Jews of all genders and backgrounds, those born Jewish or who chose Judaism later in life.

Our kehillah kedosha, our sacred Jewish community, transcends space and time. Each generation, and each individual, accepts being part of Jewish peoplehood in their own unique way, and based on the advantages and difficulties of their time. Even during this pandemic, with some of us joining Temple services, events, and Religious School in person and others virtually, we continue to stand together as one Jewish community.

Our ancient rabbis even take this one step further, comparing the Jewish community to a body and each individual is like a limb. Just as when one limb is in pain, the entire body is in pain, so too are we responsible for the difficulties and anguish of others in our community, even if they are halfway around the world.

Perhaps still present in each of us, and our communal 'body' as a whole, is the anxiety sparked by Colleyville several months ago, and has continued to manifest in recent weeks as the Holocaust memoir *Maus* was banned in a Tenessee school district, and ignorant speech and rising incidents continue to fill our news feeds.

The good news is, the parable of the Jewish community being a body also works in reverse. When one member of our community feels joy and gratitude, and most importantly hope, that can also spread to the rest of us. When we gather and proudly pray and celebrate Shabbat, that lifts all of our spirits. When we safely gather at Religious School and learn about our tradition and values, that strengthens each of us. When we check in on a community member who is ill or in need, that gives us all hope.

Someone in our wider Jewish community who may have inspired hope and joy for us recently is Jason Brown. Brown is considered one of the best figure skaters in the world, and at the Winter Olympics in Beijing last month, he performed what is being called a magnificent free skate, even though he didn't receive a medal. Brown is being lauded for a performance that focused on heart, joy and creativity, instead of technicality and fancy jumps. Jason Brown, who is also openly gay, made his Jewish pride explicit on the ice: his routine was set to the theme of Schindler's List, in a costume that seemed to evoke barbed wire, fire, and smoke.

In an interview, Brown shared this music has meant a lot to him his entire life. Along with Jewish experiences like going to OSRUI summer camp, he credited his Birthright trip's visit to Yad Vashem, the Holocaust museum in Jerusalem, for giving him a strong sense of Jewish community.

We can all be inspired - in a moment when Holocaust history is being suppressed and misrepresented - that Jason Brown proudly asserted himself as a Jew, on the world stage, in a routine that may have evoked the Holocaust, but was not centered on victimhood and sadness, and was instead masterful and joyful and from the heart. And Jason Brown's pride is also reflected in the spirit of Purim, as Queen Esther's defiance and pride upends the violence planned by the king's evil advisor Haman.

I hope we can capture some of Brown's joy and pride as we celebrate Purim this year. And may we take comfort, pride and resolve in knowing that just as we imagine standing together at Sinai, as one Jewish peoplehood throughout the ages, we also metaphorically all stand together here today, lifting each other's spirits and acts of goodness and kindness, as one kehillah kedosha, a sacred community.

# 10 Cantorial Corner with Gail Rose



### Purim Celebration - March 18th!

The month of Adar is a joyous one and our Shabbat/Purim Celebration will be filled with festive Purim songs led by our Sunday School students in grades **Kindergarten -Fifth Grades**.

Please join us on Friday, March 18th at 6:30 PM in the Temple Beth Shalom parking lot where heaters and a blazing fire will create warmth, our Sunday School student's songs will bring us pride and joy and the celebration of Shabbat and the retelling of the Purim Story will bring us the comfort of connection with our ancestors and present Jewish community.

A fun-filled carnival will follow the service along with delicious, traditional Purim foods.

Let's celebrate the joy of Adar together on Friday, March 18th.

COSTUMES ARE ENCOURAGED!

## Congratulations to our 2022 Reverse Raffle winners!

\$125 - Cathy Donovan
\$125 - Susie Rozanczyk
\$140 - Daniel Callahan
\$160 - Steve Herman
\$180 - Jan Cohen
\$200 - Patricia Woodell

\$220 - Ronald Kendle
\$240 - Paul Roth
\$260 - Ryan Fogelman
\$500 - Rachel Westrick
\$2,000 - Maxx Blank
\$7,500 - Bonnie Cram

Proceeds Benefit Our Reverse Raffle Partner Healthy New Albany Food Pantry Thank You To Our Corporate Sponsors!

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# Presidential Address 11



### The Hidden and the Revealed

On March 18th, we will celebrate the holiday of Purim, complete with skit, costumes, hamantaschen, and carnival, all in the safety of the outdoors! While often viewed as a fun kids' holiday, its timeless lessons around **'the hidden and the revealed'** are part of the very fabric of TBS programs. Many of you reading this bulletin support and attend these programs. In the end, maybe Purim is not really "just for kids. So, what is the big TBS-Purim connection?

One of the mitzvot of Purim is to give gifts to the poor (Hebrew). How is that related to TBS? Although we always encourage the mitzvah of giving tzedakah, in reality, the poor are often ignored and marginalized to the extent that they are hidden and we no longer see them. Enter the **February 27 TBS Reverse Raffle** – a percentage of the profits this year went to benefit the New Albany Food Pantry. While it's often hidden, we cannot mask hunger. Instead, through this fundraiser, we revealed it and supported NAFP's work to feed our families in need. Going forward, we have pledged that as part of this fundraiser, we will contribute a portion of monies raised to help those in need in our community by partnering with different organizations. Through these efforts, we work to **'see'** those whom we may have ignored and **reveal** the hidden in our community.

We will answer this challenge again during **Mitzvah Day**, with opportunities offered over the weekend of **April 10** to do *tikkun olam* (repair the world). Part of repairing the world requires us to take actions that open our eyes, hearts, and hands in ways that lead us to 'reveal that which is hidden' in our midst. Please help TBS meet this challenge and sign-up to participate!

Ultimately, it is through the words and actions of the Purim story's heroine, Esther, along with those of her brave Uncle Mordechai, that we learn the importance of standing up for who we are. The Purim story teaches us to be proud of who we are as Jewish people and not to hide and shy away from our Jewish identities, even when the going gets tough. One of the best and most fun ways to do this is to celebrate who we are as a strong, vibrant TBS community at our **Gala event**, **"Zoolapalooza,"** on **April 30** at the Columbus Zoo. Save the date on your calendar for this evening of fun!

There is, indeed, a TBS-Purim connection that extends far deeper than costumes and hamentaschen. Each of us has the power to stand up for ourselves and for others: our family, our friends, our community, our people. Through our programs and experiences, we strive to take modern twists on the lessons from Purim, as we define new ways to "live meaningful Jewish lives." bring the lessons from this holiday to life.

We close this article with words of wisdom from a beloved wise sage, Mister Rogers:

"Let's take the gauntlet and make goodness attractive in this so-called next millennium. That's the real job that we have. I'm not talking about Pollyanna-ish kind of stuff. I'm talking about down -to-Earth actual goodness. People caring for each other in a myriad of ways rather than people knocking each other off all the time... What changes the world? The only thing that ever really changes the world is when somebody gets the idea that love can abound and can be shared." – Fred Rogers, Mister Rogers (Won't You Be My Neighbor)

Yours in Partnership,

Mindy Agin and Michael Griffaton, co-presidents

# 12 The Game Plan with Bobby Covitz



### Above & Beyond

Since its establishment in 1977, Temple Beth Shalom has been a community based on community and genuine relationships. We've celebrated with each other and have supported each other during the lows. Relationship building is truly the backbone of how we function as a Temple community, and I am excited to share some details on how we are going to further our work with many of you.

Steve Herman and Michael Rothstein are the Co-Chairs of TBS's Above & Beyond initiative. Above & Beyond giving is characterized in the following way:

- Dues support above the standard \$2,325 level, and/or
- Donor-directed support towards a specific project or program

Why is Above & Beyond giving important? Fundraisers like the Annual Appeal and Gala are incredibly important for TBS's finances, and these funds support the Temple's operational costs. Conversely, generous Above & Beyond support enables TBS to keep its membership costs low, but has also helped the Temple accomplish the following:

- Build a stage to support future outdoor programming and services
- Provide the Kiddush boxed luncheon during Rosh Hashanah this past Fall
- Renovate the mezzanine, which includes beautiful artwork which honors the history of TBS
- Purchase a new piano, which will provide beautiful music in the sanctuary for decades to come

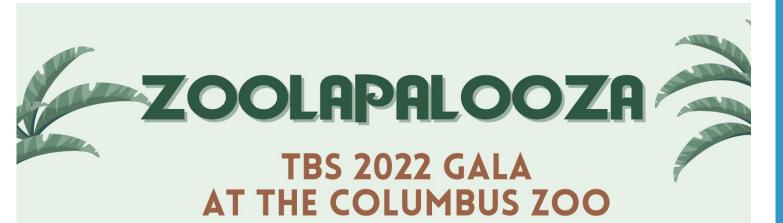
These are but a couple of recent examples, as Above & Beyond giving has been a part of TBS's culture of philanthropy since 1977. It is important to stop here and appreciate just how far TBS has come since its early days. As I understand it, the original Above & Beyond giving consisted of the founders and early members chipping in to cover the Temple's utility bills on a monthly basis!

This all leads me to share more about the future of Above & Beyond and its continued evolution as an integral part of TBS's fundraising. In the coming weeks, many of you will receive a letter from Steve and Michael that will share more about how TBS has been developing a **relationship manager** approach to philanthropy. The goal of this approach is to deepen preexisting relationships, and to learn more about what you're passionate about when it comes to TBS. You will work hand in hand with Steve or Michael, as well as VP of Fundraising Julie Alpert and Marilyn Friedman to navigate how you can make an incredible impact on TBS, and help the Temple continue to thrive.

If you'd like to learn more about Above & Beyond, please reach out to me at bobby@tbsohio.org or (614) 855-4882. Thank you for making TBS your Jewish home!

TBS Above & Beyond

Lighting the Way



### 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, hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction, and an encounter with some animal ambassadors.

Please note that the zoo is closed during the party.



\$75 per person

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

## **SPONSORSHIP**

We hope you consider one of the generous sponsorship levels listed below.

Gold · \$2,000+ Silver · \$1,000 - \$1,999 Bronze · \$500 - \$999



# 14 Mitzvah Corps Central

### BREAD Rodef Tzedek Network Meeting Tuesday, March 8, 7:00 pm on Zoom Look for the zoom link in the eWindow

Join other TBS members on Zoom as we hear updates on the issues that BREAD has been working on this year and make plans to attend the Nehemiah Action which will be on Tuesday, May 10.

The Nehemiah Action is the culmination of our work to build power and hold public officials accountable. At this event, officials physically see and hear the strength of BREAD's people power and the combined commitment of all those who attend.

So a large member turnout is critical to pushing for change on our key issues.

If you want to see more Justice for all in Franklin County then join us on March 8!



### The Caring Circle Needs YOU!

The Temple Beth Shalom Caring Circle helps congregational members with everything from organizing rides for those who are unable to drive to doctors' and other appointments, to meals for families with new babies. The Circle would love to have more volunteers! There is no obligation.

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 to <u>tbscaringcircle@gmail.com</u>.

# 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

### 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 tbsohio.org/passover-5782.html

# TBS Green Team 15

### The Cost of Food Waste

The average cost of groceries for a family of four in the State of Ohio is estimated to between \$683 and \$1362 dollars per month. The average cost of household food waste is estimated at to be \$155 per month (U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Household Food Acquisitions and Purchase Survey). The study revealed that higher income households and healthier eating habits wasted more food than lower income families. Large families and families on federal food assistance programs wasted less food.

Benefits of Reducing wasted food:

- Saves money from buying less food, 8% to 11% of the family food budget
- **Reduces methane emissions** from landfills and lowers your carbon footprint. Food waste contributes 8% of all greenhouse gas emissions created by humans.
- Conserves energy and resources, preventing pollution involved in the growing, manufacturing, transporting, and selling food (not to mention hauling the food waste and then landfilling it).
- Composting does not create harmful methane gas and produces a viable product

The reality is that some food will still be wasted no matter how conscientious we try to be about our food purchase and consumption. That wasted food should be directed toward a home or commercial composting program. Composting food waste will eliminate the generation of greenhouse gasses (primarily methane) as well as provide valuable compost that can be used in gardening and landscapes.

Please join with other TBS members, sign up to participate in the TBS Green Team Composting project, and start composting your household food waste at the GoZero drop off point behind TBS.

Thanks

Rick Sandor

Green Team: Tirtzah S, Joanne G, Steve G, Alan K, Bonnie C, Rona R, Neil C, Lesley T, Michael G.

### 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 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.



Each TBS household that would like to participate in the program can sign up below. 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.

# 16 Mitzvah Weekend



In Jewish tradition, the word *mitzvot* refers to the laws of God as given in the Torah, and mitzvah is often associated with doing good deeds. Prior to the pandemic TBS would hold a day surrounding community service either on site at TBS or multiple offsite choices. With the help of the Romanoff Grant we are able to hold a Mitzvah Weekend starting April 9th emphasizing community service!

We will have multiple off-site volunteer opportunities available Saturday and Sunday for all ages including The Cost of Poverty Experience, an informational presentation by CRIS Ohio, a virtual talk by Kaleidoscope Youth Center and the opportunity to volun-

teer at their facility, and a chance to help with an ice cream social at the Ronald McDonald House.

We are including more off site selections 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 at TBS such as packing snack bags for nurses/doctors and The Ronald McDonald House, painting and potting flower pots for the local nursery 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!

## MITZVAH DAY2022 SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH

On-Site Programming 1:00pm-3:00pm

COPE-Cost of Poverty Experience

Register online using Sign Up Genius. Please visit tbsohio.org and click the Mitzvah Day button or visit tbsohio.org/mitzvah-day.html

### Online Programming

Join by Facebook Live or Zoom: 11:00am CRIS: Community Refugee & Immigration Services 4:00pm Kaleidoscope Youth Center

### Offsite Opportunities

Kaleidoscope Youth Center Ronald Mc Donald house Lifecare Alliance For off-site activity sign-up, please visit tbsohio.org and click the Mitzvah Day button or visit tbsohio.org/mitzvah-day.html

# MITZVAH DAY2022

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

## SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH | 9AM | TBS

On-site Activites and off site activities available:

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!

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

For off-site activity sign-up, link to our Amazon wish-list, and for more information please visit tbsohio.org and click the Mitzvah Day button tbsohio.org/mitzvah-day.html

# 18 Simcha Station

### March Birthdays

March 1st - Karen Cohn, Shelby Levinson, Steven Senser

- March 2nd Beth Bell, Aaron Garry, Phyllis Kritzer, David Rothstein
- March 3rd Mitch Silver
- March 5th Ellery Block
- March 7th Natasha Petroff, Milton Setnar, Lori Shaw
- March 8th Jennifer Kallenberg
- March 9th Leah Levinson, Laura Rosenberg, Hal Silverman, David Taylor
- March 10th Andy Arkow, Lauren Bernard
- March 11th Lauren Cohen, Kathy Minkin, Joy Seeskin, Miriam Siegfried, Sarah Wilson
- March 13th Leslie Fox, Marcie Golden, Donna Poppendieck
- March 14th Ben McVay, Rebecca Sela, Andy Senser, Steve Siegel, Betty Sugarman, Kent Williams
- March 15th Lori Elwood
- March 17th Cathy Cantor, Robin Williams
- March 18th Bonnie Cram, Eric Emerman, Randy Friedlander, Tyler Wilson
- March 19th Steve Belford, Paul Roth
- March 20th Marc Posner, Gary Rozanczyk, Toni Shoap
- March 21st Stephen Pariser, Andy Yosowitz
- March 22nd Herb Bronstein, Sarah Odess, Tirtzah Sandor
- March 23rd Seth Becker, Jerry Dobb, Jacob Foskuhl, Michelle Sabadash
- March 24th Mark Hess, Leslie Lansky, Jess Miller
- March 25th John Fisher, Barbara Lichtblau
- March 26th Cheryl Boyce, Jaime Goldach, Amiel Mansur, Mallary Meyer
- March 27th Kevin Bowen, Josh Braveman, Shelly Goodman, Kathy Segal, Ron Tannenbaum, Debra Weinberg
- March 28th Greg Dick, Carol Fey
- March 29th Kevin Ellis, Seth Fliegel
- March 31st Marian Cuenot, Arlene Headlee, Robin Lifter

### March Anniversaries

March 1st - Jordan Finegold & Amy Klaben, Richard & Arlene Headlee

- March 9th Jason & Kaitrin Kramer
- March 12th Craig & Erica Pentak
- March 13th Emily Desmond & Bart Kelsey
- March 14th Barry & Michelle Chapman, Diane & Steve Herman, Joan Wurmbrand & Carol Fey
- March 16th Susie & Marvin Blank
- March 17th Randall & Marian Cuenot, Edwin & Judy Radin
- March 21st Jim & Jackie Shulman
- March 22nd Larry & Jean Eisenman
- March 23rd Lee & Gladis Goodman
- March 24th Steven & Joy Seeskin
- March 26th Marc & Joan Fishel
- March 29th AC & Karen Strip
- March 30th Nick & Marjorie Ciranni

# March Yahrzeits 19

### <u>March 4th</u>

Leah Apothaker Gussie Applebaum Ruth Beck Patrick Boyce Samuel Brandt Raymond Carpenter Maryann Colangelo Henry Dreyfuss William Erlanger Kay Feinknopf Fred Fiske Bernard Frank Revekka Glazman Yetta lobrack Bruno Levenbach David Lockshin Evelyn Lynch Devorah Perelstein Charles Polacheck Murray Rubin Edith Samuel Mike Schwantes Allison Senser

### March 11th

Shirley Bronstein Jackie Campen Ruth Covitz Thomas Dubin Sylvia Feinstein Robert Freed Bertha Headlee Bessie Heit Leonard Herzog Henry Kinast Ann Knill Billy Kohlbrand Charles Lorber Herb Lustia lan Madorsky Simon Mart Dolores Meltzer William Papier Fanya Rudkevich Irv Schiffman Tatiana Schmerler lerome Steinberg

### <u>March 18th</u>

Mavis Banks Eunice Caine Amram Cohen Morris Dicker Sylvia Einhorn Harry Friedlander Louis Goldberg Martin Goldman Stanley Handler Burton Hollander Charles Itkoff Marcia Anne Klapper Bernard Krum lennie Lewis Elaine Lustig Alice Margolis David Papier Alex Ringelheim Loraine Schimian Wesley Silver Louis Staler Betty Steinberg Henry Wurmbrand

### March 25th

Helen Cohen Wilbert Cohen Michael Dickerson, Ir. Linda Dolitsky Kent Milton Katz Marvin Kobacker Laura Levy lerry Masser Bill Miller Judith Narens Bertha Rappaport Ioanna Rubin Evelyn Rudner Evin Shoap lason Tumen Celine 7ahn

### **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

# 20 The Kosher Bookworm

### CCAR Press Books with Discussion Guides - Part 3

By Steve Seeskin, TBS Library Committee Chairperson

Starting with the Dec. 2021 – Jan. 2022 and then the Feb. 2022 editions of The Window, the Kosher Bookworm has listed CCAR Press books having free PDF discussion and study questions suitable for book clubs, adult and teen classes, and individual study. This edition concludes the list. For more information and online ordering, please visit https://www.ccarpress.org. All are also available as E-books.

### The Sacred Encounter: Jewish Perspectives on Sexuality

### Edited by Rabbi Lisa Grushcow

This wide-ranging anthology takes a close look at the breadth of human sexuality from a Jewish perspective. The essays begin with a look at biblical and rabbinic views on sexuality, and then proceed to explorations of sexuality at different moments in the life cycle, sexuality and the marital model, diverse expressions of sexuality, examples of sexuality education, the nexus of sexuality and theology, and the challenges of contemporary sexual ethics. Perfect for personal study, or for high school or adult classes.

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Edited by Rabbi Mary L. Zamore; Foreword by Eric H. Yoffie; Preface by Nigel Savage

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Edited by Rabbi Paul Citrin

A cross-section of rabbis respond to questions about God, ethics, humanity, suffering, evil, the soul, after-life, interfaith dialogue, and more. For self-study, high school classes, adult learning, and conversion.

### Voices of Torah: A Treasury of Rabbinic Gleanings on the Weekly Portions, Holidays and Special Shabbatot

### Edited by Rabbi Hara Person

A new Torah study resource! Discover multiple perspectives on every parashah in this rich collection of commentary written by CCAR members. Includes holiday portions as well. Makes a great gift for students, teachers, and congregational leaders. Also available as an e-book and for your Kindle.

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Volume 2 of Machzor: Challenge and Change was created as the CCAR developed the new Reform machzor, the biggest liturgical project of this generation. This resource provides material for communal engagement and study of the machzor. A terrific adult-study packet! Includes discussion questions throughout.

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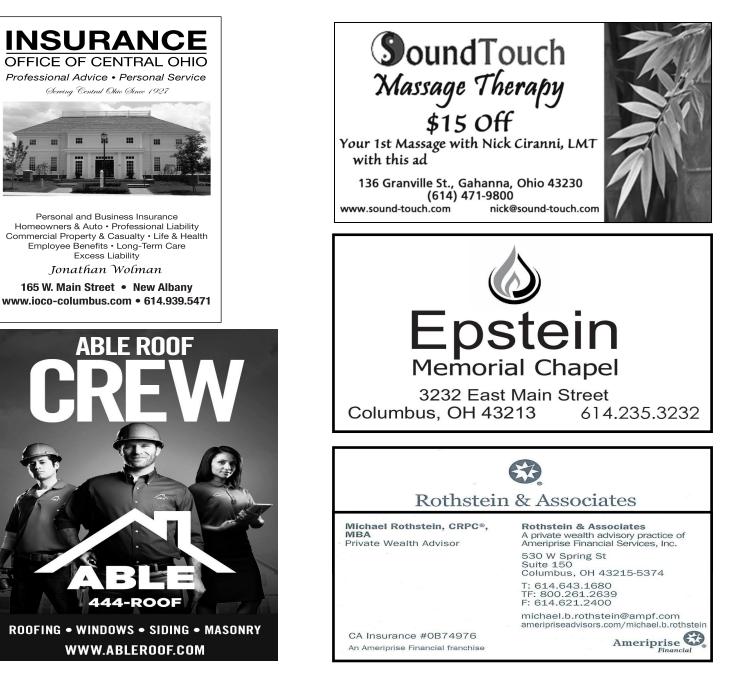
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