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CELEBRATE CHANUKAH WITH TBS!

Saturday, December 5th

8pm - Pre-Chanukah Havdalah & Concert

Wednesday, December 9th

3pm - Intro to Chanukah Songs with Gail Rose

5pm - Making latkes with Amanda Cohen

Thursday, December 10th 

6pm - Menorah Lighting with the Bar-Lev family

Friday, December 11th 

6:30pm - Menorah Lighting, Shabbat and Songs

Saturday, December 12th 

6pm - Menorah Lighting & Havdalah with Rabbi Lenette

Sunday, December 13th 

6pm - Menorah Lighting with Amanda Cohen

7pm - Chanukah Scavenger Hunt on Zoom

Monday, December 14th 

6pm - Menorah Lighting with the Covitz Family

Tuesday, December 15th 

11:30am - WBS Lunch & Learn: The Real Story of Chanukah

6pm - Menorah Lighting with Angelo Dunlap

7pm - TBS Dreidel Tournament on Zoom

Wednesday, December 16th 

6pm - Menorah Lighting with Gail Rose

Thursday, December 17th 

10:30am - Judith & The Chanukah Story with Rabbi Lenette

6pm - Menorah Lighting

8pm - Marc & Hannah Rossio Chanukah Concert



4 December Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:30am— Songs w/ Rabbi B 3pm— Clergy Conversations 7:30pm— Choir Rehearsal	2 10am— Middle Eastern Cooking Masterclass 4:30pm— Midweek Hebrew	3 10:30am— Torah Discussion 5pm— Quarantining Alone 8:30pm— Trivia Night	4 9:30am— Shabbat Songs w/ Marc 6:30pm— Erev Shabbat Services	5 10am— Ty & Tallulah Hoch FA 8pm— Havdalah & Concert w/ Arkaidy Gips & Orlay Alonso
6 9am— Religious School 10am— Yiddish w/ Rabbi A	7	8 10:30am— Songs w/ Rabbi B 7pm— RBG Book Discussion	9 10:30am— Middle Eastern Masterclass 3pm— Chanukah Songs w/Gail 4:30pm— Midweek Hebrew 5pm— Latkes w/Amanda	10 10:30am— Torah Discussion 6pm— 1st Night Menorah Lighting	11 9:30am— Shabbat Songs w/ Marc 6:30pm— Chanukah Shabbat & Menorah Lighting	12 10am— Ben Yosowitz FA 6pm— Havdalah & Menorah Lighting
13 9am— Religious School 12:30pm— Youth Group Event 6pm— Menorah Lighting 7pm— Chanukah Scavenger Hunt	14 6pm— Menorah Lighting	15 10:30am— Songs w/ Rabbi B 11:30pm— WBS Lunch & Learn 6pm— Menorah Lighting 7pm— Zoom Dreidel Tournament	16 10:30am— Masterclass w/ David Sedaris 4:30pm— Midweek Hebrew 6pm— Menorah Lighting 8pm— Ask the Doc w/Dr. Paul Been	17 10:30am— Judith & the Chanukah Story 4:45pm— Quarantining Alone 6pm— Menorah Lighting 8pm— Mark & Hannah Rossio Concert	18 9:30am— Shabbat Songs w/ Marc 6:30pm— Erev Shabbat Services	19 10am— Camryn Wenter FA 6pm— Havdalah w/ the Bar-Lev Family
20	21 7:30pm— WBS Zoom Schmooze	22 10:30am— Songs w/ Rabbi B 3pm— Clergy Conversations 7:30pm— Jewdies Zoom	23 10:30am— Songs w/ Emily 1pm— Masterclass w/ David Sedaris 4pm— Jaron Schwartz FA	24 10:30am— Torah Discussion	25 9:30am— Shabbat Songs w/ Marc 6:30pm— Shabbat Services	26 6pm— Havdalah w/ the Bar-Lev Family
27	28 1pm— Masterclass w/David Sedaris	29 10:30am— Songs w/ Rabbi B 3pm— 2020 in Review w/ the Rabbis	30 10:30am— Songs w/ Emily 5pm— Quarantining Alone	31 8pm— NYE Open Zoom Schmooze Room	Watch for the January Calendar Coming Out Mid- December!	

Chanukah Concert

featuring



Arkadiy Gips



Orlay Alonso



Saturday, December 5th • 8pm

TBS Website • Facebook • Youtube

6 The Buzz with Rabbi B



Be A Light: A Chanukah Song by Neal Katz

With the first candle, I pray that you may be safe from all of the troubles around you this day. With the second candle, I hope that you are secure in what you believe that your heart may be pure. With the third candle I pray that you will stay kind to all those around you, each new friend you find. With the fourth candle, I wish that you find delight and love what you do with all of your might,

Be a light, be a light, Shine proudly and loudly in the dark of the night

Be a light, shine so bright, Burn glorious, victorious with all of your might

Be a light... Be a light... Be a light...

With the fifth candle, I want that you should be strong, do the best you can all your life long. With the sixth candle, I pray that you will be smart fill your life with learning, be true to your heart. With the seventh candle, I hope that you will be fair and always remember those who live in despair. With the eighth candle, I pray that you'll go to sleep and while you are resting you'll dream a sweet dream.

Be a light... Be a light... Be a light...

I learned this song years and years ago when preparing for a Chanukah weekend as a song-leader. I always think of it during this time of year, and especially this year. As we face this Chanukah season, the darkest time of year, it is our responsibility as Jewish people to always be a light. As the song says, we must shine proudly and loudly in the dark of the night. We have all been living in so much darkness these past ten months. We have seen members of our community fight illness, depression, loneliness, not knowing how long this pandemic will last. It is certainly easy for us to lose hope, to be filled with despair rather than light. But our tradition is clear. Be a light. Seek the light. Find the light. One of our ancient sages attempted to identify 100 blessings in his life every single day. Perhaps even in our darkness we too can find some blessings: The blessing of reaching out to a loved one with whom you haven't communicated in a while; the blessing of seeing friends and family on zoom; the blessing of lighting a Chanukah candle and connecting yourself to generations of Jews who have also seen times of great tragedy and suffering; the simple blessing of spinning a dreidel. There are so many blessings happening around us every day. We just need to open our eyes and our hearts to them. As we prepare to light our *Chanukiyot*, our Chanukah Menorahs this year, may that light in the darkness inspire us to find the good, kind, and meaningful blessings in our lives.

Lauren, Sammie, Jake, Asher, Noah, and I join in wishing you a happy and healthy Chanukah, and, for the love of God, bring on 2021!

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Looking Forward

We are quickly approaching the end of an objectively terrible year. While we usually look forward to the holiday season as a time of special traditions, family gatherings, gift exchanges, traveling, and vacations, this year will be tremendously different.

As we come to terms with a different holiday season, we're also in the midst of what has been coined by psychologists as *COVID fatigue*. For months - and in the months ahead - we continue to face anxiety and uncertainty about our health and the future. We're tired of wearing masks, social distancing, parenting while working, and not being able to travel or see family. With each month comes more losses and

concessions - and how much more so as we (finally) reach the end of 2020. While we may have lost a loved one this year, we are also collectively grieving lost time, experiences, and opportunities from the year and especially during this holiday season.

As Rabbi Benji mentions in his article, Chanukah, our Festival Of Lights, reminds us that there is always light, no matter what darkness we might be going through. As difficult as our circumstances are, there are always opportunities to find blessings in our lives. That is what will get us through these dark times together.

Blessings have the power to connect our acts with our values, in the context of our Jewish tradition. They can be said in the community or spontaneously during moments of gratitude. Our tradition encourages us to find one hundred blessings in our lives every day, even those that might be considered ordinary and mundane. Like any form of practice or exercise, the more we actively seek out blessings in our lives, the easier we will be able to feel and communicate our gratitude.

Blessings have been repurposed and created for centuries through today, including new blessings for women and LGBTQ+ communities. More recently, Rabbi Michael Knopf created a blessing for wearing a facemask during the pandemic:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצוותיו וצונו על שמירת הנפש
Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu, melech ha-olam, asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav,
v'tzivanu al sh'mrat ha-nefesh.

You are bountiful, Infinite our God, majesty of space and time, who has sanctified us with divine commandments and has commanded us about protecting life. (Rabbi Michael Knopf)

As we head into the better part of a year amid the pandemic, many of us might be feeling exhausted and frustrated by wearing a mask. But Rabbi Knopf's blessing reminds us that wearing a mask is an act of health and compassion for others. It reflects the core Jewish value *pikuach nefesh*, infinite value in preserving human life, and the Jewish teaching that one who saves a life, saves an entire world.

The next time you put on a facemask, I encourage you to try out saying this blessing. Does wearing a mask feel different? Instead of an uncomfortable hassle, perhaps we can instead invite an opportunity to connect with our shared values and commitment to each others' health and safety.

In the collection of sayings in the Mishnah called Pirkei Avot, Rabbi Ben Zoma said, "Who is rich? One who rejoices in what they have, as it is said: "You shall enjoy the fruit of your labors, you shall be happy and you shall prosper. (Psalms 128:2)"

Ben Zoma reminds us that even in our difficult circumstances, there is still richness and connection and hope all around us. Instead of focusing on material gifts this holiday season, and instead of holding ourselves to unrealistic, above-and-beyond New Years resolutions, what are moments of connection and caring that we can give to loved ones in our lives - and give to ourselves? As we consider everything we have, how might we give to others in greater need this season?

I hope this season brings each of us connection, meaning and joy, and most of all some rest from this difficult and exhausting year. May we have the strength to create new opportunities for memories and traditions, while also unplugging and finding space for restoration, as we end 2020 and begin a new and hopefully better year.

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Veterans Day Shabbat in Review

These are trying times for all of us. The pandemic has challenged us to approach our communications, work, exercise, activities and of course, shopping, in different ways. We are all learning new ways and developing skills to meet and accommodate the challenges associated with COVID-19.

Veterans' Day Shabbat has been one of Temple Beth Shalom's best attended, supported and appreciated services for the past 13 years. It has always been a group effort, but this year we were even more dependent on team work to make sure our Veterans know that they are valued and appreciated.

I would first of all like to thank my co-chairman, Steve Seeskin. Steve has always taken the lead on contacting our veterans and relaying the importance of their presence in this Veterans' Day Shabbat Service. This year he made sure that the Veterans understood how they could virtually watch the service and provided the information needed to enable them to use Facebook or e-mail (thank you Bobbie Covitz for being our e-mail communicator) to let us know that they were one of the virtual participants.

Our Veterans' Day Service would not be complete without the Patriotic songs provided by our Sharyonim Choir. Each member recorded their Soprano, Alto, Tenor or Bass part while using earphones to listen to the accompaniment and our director's voice. Once our videographer, Drew Martin, received each video, he blended and balanced the sound and displayed the videos in musical and creative ways.

Kudos to Sharyonim director, Debbie Costa, accompanist Merry Pruitt and Sharyonim members: Madalyn Benjamin, Marvin Blank, Susie Blank, Nick Ciranni, Cindy Cohen, Connie Hirsh, Brad Goldman, Joel Kent, Ed Radin, Judy Radin, Cindy Ravisky, Emma Rose, Jonathan Schaffer, Marcy Schaffer, Tom Shook and Barry Yaillen whose renditions of "A Tribute To The Armed Services" arranged by Lloyd Larson and "God Bless America" by Irving Berlin added spirit, pride and heart to our patriotic Shabbat service.

Thank you to our trumpeter extraordinaire, Larry

Remer, who provided both the United States and Israeli versions of taps, Babette Feibel, Ellie Kaufman and Suzanne Segal who recorded our Shabbat Candle Blessings, Steve Seeskin for his recording of the Kiddush and Rabbi Benjy Bar-Lev and Rabbi Lenette Herzog who's words and poems added beauty and depth to our service.

The video shown that night, *Following the Footsteps of My Father*, is the story of the righteous gentile, Master Sergeant Roddie Edmonds, as told by his son, Pastor Chris Edmonds. It is the story of how Roddie Edmonds saved his 200 Jewish soldiers by refusing to give them up to the Nazis while in a German POW camp. Here is the link for those of you who missed this moving story or who want to watch it again:

<https://vimeo.com/198357872>

We know our Temple Beth Shalom Veterans look forward to their gift bags every year and we were not going to let a pandemic stand in the way of our members receiving them! Thanks to Amanda Cohen, Kathy McGee, Paul Roth, Steve Seeskin, Gino Shifrin and Bruce Wiley, gift bags were assembled and personally delivered.

I look forward to celebrating Veterans Day 2021 with you (in the sanctuary)!!!



It's The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year

Latkes, sufganiyot, dreidels, and year-end giving! **Nearly one third (31%) of annual giving occurs in December.** As you consider your year-end contributions, consider supporting TBS. There are so many wonderful – and easy – ways to support the Temple. Despite the challenges of 2020, it is actually a very exciting year for charitable giving. Year-end giving is important for two reasons:

1. Supporting TBS helps the Temple fulfill its mission and provide wonderful engagement opportunities like the Chanukah gift bags that you might have received or will be receiving!

2. December 31, 2020 is the last day to make a contribution to claim a deduction on your 2020 taxes.

The 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act increased the standard deduction to \$12,000 for individuals, and \$24,000 for married couples filing jointly. However, the 2020 CARES Act introduced two extremely helpful tax benefits to donors:

1. If you donate up to \$300 (cash, check, and/or credit card), your adjusted gross income will be reduced by up to \$300.
2. If you itemize your deductions, you can deduct charitable contributions of up to 100% of your adjusted gross income.

If you have been meaning to make a gift to the 5781 Annual Appeal, or want to get a jump on your dues for Winter/Spring 2021, now is a great time to do that to take advantage of these great tax benefits.

You can also support TBS through your everyday shopping! The back cover of this issue of The Window has instructions on how to set up Amazon Smile and Kroger's Community Rewards program. By designating TBS as an organization that you want to support, the Temple will receive rebate checks based on the shopping that you do. More people participating = bigger rebate checks!

If you have any questions, or would like to have a conversation about the impact of your philanthropy on the Temple, TBS's new Fundraising Strategy Committee is here to assist you. Feel free to send me an email or give me a phone call, and as always, thank you for making TBS your Jewish home.

Fund Spotlight

The Maryn Schwebel Been Campership Fund was established in 2017, and is named in loving memory of Maryn Schwebel Been.

Maryn loved summer camp; it was one of her most cherished childhood memories. Her family has established a campership fund in her memory at TBS to help offset the cost of overnight summer camp and ensure that every child that elects to go to a Jewish affiliated camp will have the opportunity to form the same memories Maryn did while a camper.



To learn more or to make a contribution, please contact Executive Director Bobby Covitz at (614) 665-9520 or visit tbsohio.org/donate-now.

Chanukah Blessings

Join us on Facebook Live at 6pm on each night of Chanukah for the candle lighting!

Candles are added to the Chanukiah from right to left but are kindled from left to right. The newest candle is lit first. (On the Shabbat of Chanukah, kindle the Chanukah lights first and then the Shabbat candles.) Light the *Shamash* (the helper candle) first and use it to kindle the rest of the Chanukah lights; say or sing:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק
נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

Baruch Atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ
בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזִמָּן הַזֶּה.

Baruch Atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, she-asah nisim laavoteinu v'imoteinu bayamim hahaeim baz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

First Night Only:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁהֵחֵינּוּ וְקִיָּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזִמָּן הַזֶּה.

Baruch Atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higianu laz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.



Let's Play Dreidel

The Hebrew word for dreidel is *sevivon*, which in Yiddish, means to turn around. Dreidels have four Hebrew letters on them, and they stand for the saying, *Nes Gadol Haya Sham* - "a great miracle occurred there." In Israel, instead of the fourth letter *shin*, there is a *peh*, which means the saying is *Nes Gadol Haya Po* - "a great miracle occurred here."

Dreidel is a traditional Chanukah game played in Jewish homes all over the world, and rules may vary. Here's how to play the basic dreidel game:

1. Any number of people can take part in this great game.
2. Each player begins the game with an equal number of game pieces (about 10-15) such as pennies, chocolate chips, matchsticks, etc.
3. At the beginning of each round, every participant puts one game piece into the center "pot." In addition, every time the pot is empty or has only one game piece left, every player should put one in the pot.
4. Every time it's your turn, spin the dreidel once. Depending on the outcome, you give or get game pieces from the pot:
 - a) **נ** - **Nun** means *nisht* or "nothing" in Yiddish. The player does nothing.
 - b) **ג** - **Gimel** means *gantz* or "everything" in Yiddish. The player gets everything in the pot.
 - c) **ה** - **Hey** means *halb* or "half" in Yiddish. The player gets half of the pot. (If there is an odd number of pieces in the pot, the player takes half of the total plus one).
 - d) **ש** - **Shin** (outside of Israel) means *shtet* or "put in" in Yiddish.
פ - **Peh** (in Israel) means "pay." The player adds a piece to the pot.
5. If you find that you have no game pieces left, you are either out or may ask a fellow player for a loan.





CHANUKAH CANDLE LIGHTING SHABBAT SERVICE & SING-A-LONG!

Friday, December 11th · 6:30pm

TBS Website · Facebook Live · YouTube



TBS Chanukah Zoom Scavenger Hunt

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH · 7PM

Join us on Zoom for a fun Chanukah themed scavenger hunt of items in your own home!



Creative Chanukiyah Contest



Because we're all at home for Chanukah this year, we have to be creative about our Chanukiyot (Chanukah Menorahs).

Using materials found in your house, please make a creative Chanukiyah and take a picture! Email it to Amanda at acohen@tbsohio.org or post it on Facebook or Instagram with the hashtag #tbsmenorah2020.

Entries must be received by 5pm Friday December 11.
The winner will be announced on Sunday, December 13!

TBS Virtual Dreidel Tournament



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15TH · 7PM

Play dreidel with your fellow TBS Congregants on Zoom!
Who will win all the gelt?



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December Birthdays

December 1st — Evie Singer
 December 2nd — Lisa Rubinstein
 December 3rd — Dana Mason, Arthur Rose
 December 6th — Lori Rossio
 December 8th — Rabbi Benjy Bar-lev, Laurie Gang, Edit Grayfer
 December 9th — Rabbi Lenette Herzog, Sanford Meizlish
 December 10th — Bennett Cohen, Sherrie Kass-Roth, Alan Meisterman
 December 11th — Rose Berky, Jennifer Silver
 December 12th — Lee Goodman, Andy Kool-Tucker, Todd Matros
 December 13th — Jeremy Cram, Karen Ricker, Francine Wahrman
 December 14th — Ann Cohen, Jeff Stone
 December 15th — Len Brillson, Jimmy Lowe, Daniel Malkoff
 December 17th — Connie Rittenhouse
 December 18th — Carol Lynn Levine, Josie Taylor
 December 19th — Terri Searfos
 December 20th — Nancy Paul, Luba Shnider, Elyse Weiss
 December 21st — Krista Fleigel, Aaron Friedberg, Jessica Rathkopf
 December 22nd — Allison Eckes
 December 23rd — Bobby Covitz, Nurit Friedberg
 December 24th — David Hirschfeld
 December 28th — Harlan Louis, Faye Sigall
 December 30th — David Tumen
 December 31st — Jodi Harris, Constance Meizlish

December Anniversaries

December 5th — Janice & Mitchell Silver
 December 17th — Sandy & Bruce Wylie
 December 21st — Lisa & Matt Freedman, Lori & Rich Shaw
 December 22nd — Ann & Dan Lang, Victoria & Steve Loewengart
 December 23rd — Gerry & Joel Kent
 December 25th — Linda & Richard Rogovin
 December 28th — Sandra & Dan Phalen, Patti & Robert Wolf
 December 29th — Linda & Larry Mendel, Sherri & Darrin Resnick, Terri & Bryan Searfos
 December 31st — Julie & David Levy

January Birthdays

January 1st — Sue Culkar, Barbara Holbein
 January 2nd — Ted Bernard, Lauren Campen, Gail Rose
 January 3rd — Russ Flickinger, Matt Freedman, Christine Hecht, Eric Naiman
 January 4th — Victoria Loewengart, Marvin Pate, Jacky Philips, Sarah Phillips, Sandra Roads
 January 5th — Larry Eisenman, Stephanie Elias
 January 6th — Richard Hall, George Nagy, Nathan Robbins
 January 7th — Evan DuBro
 January 8th — Brett Handmaker
 January 9th — Babette Feibel, Don Feibel
 January 10th — Marilyn Friedman, Joan Wurmbrand
 January 11th — Joe Dorrian
 January 12th — David Cantor, Bobbie Kauffman
 January 13th — Jon Wasserstrom
 January 14th — Sarah Hall, Stephen Kauffman, Ryan Miller, Mike Wenter
 January 15th — Michelle Chapman
 January 16th — Amanda Lowe
 January 17th — Lesley Thompson
 January 18th — Ronald Petroff
 January 19th — Jan Cohen, Steve Ricker, Cathy Taub
 January 20th — Jeff Harris, Larry Levinson, Wendy Singer
 January 21st — Marc Ankerman, Ann Lang, Richard Prystowsky, Chris Thompson
 January 22nd — Michael Cohen
 January 23rd — Bethany Kinstlinger
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 January 25th — Philip Edelsberg, Kathy Goldman, Jon Handler, Denise Kohn, Jim Shulman, David Wartel
 January 26th — Amy Liccardi
 January 27th — Nellie Nagy
 January 28th — Kenneth Goldberg
 January 29th — Avi Gabbay, Marc Horowitz, Rick Sandor, Sandy Scheiner
 January 31st — Corey Friedberg, Jim Lusignolo

January Anniversaries

January 2nd — Beth & Tim Gerber
 January 6th — Lois Kamnitzer & Richard Kallenberg
 January 9th — Judy & Marc Ankerman
 January 11th — Lauren & Bennett Cohen
 January 12th — Lisa & Michael Rubinstein
 January 18th — Denise & Richard Kohn
 January 20th — Judi Sawicki & Francine Wahrman

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Tallulah & Ty Hoch



Ty (*Michaela Sarah bat Gershom Israel v' Shoshana Rut*) and Tallulah (*Ariel Gilah bat Gershom Israel v' Shoshana Rut*) Hoch, daughters of Gary and Nichole Hoch of Bexley, will be called to the Torah for their First Aliyot on Saturday, December 5th. They will read from Parshat Vayishlach.

Ty and Tallulah are siblings of Tess and Tobey Hoch, and the grandchildren of Sheila and Chuck Patton, Sheri and David Beverly, and Gloria and Raymond Hoch.

Students of the Kehillat Torah Religious School, Ty and Tallulah attend Bexley Middle School. Both have studied for their B'not Mitzvah with Robin Leasure.

Ty enjoys backgammon, cooking, playing percussion in the school band, being a Bexley cheerleader, and spending time with her sisters and friends.

Tallulah enjoys participating in Bexley Theatre Arts, reading, playing board games, and spending time with her sisters and friends.

For their Mitzvah project they have provided 100 Thanksgiving meals, and written letters of support and encouragement, to the needy of Columbus.

Ben Yosowitz



On Saturday, December 12 at 10 o'clock in the morning, Benjamin Ozan Yosowitz, son of Kathryn Adler and Andrew Yosowitz, brother of David and Julia, grandson of Gerald M. Yosowitz (Nancy Levy), Vivian Yosowitz, of blessed memory, Kenneth Adler, and Ellen Adler, of blessed memory, will be called to the Torah for his First Aliyah.

Ben is a 7th grade student in the Virtual Learning Program at New Albany Middle School and attends Temple Beth Shalom Religious School. Ben is a hockey player for the Easton Youth Hockey Association Ice Dragons, and spends his time in Columbus pining for his second home up in Algonquin at Camp Tamakwa. Ben is an avid reader who loves to drum and play tennis and video games with friends.

For his mitzvah project, Ben dedicated time over the summer to running, biking, and washing cars in order to raise money for Pelotonia to help fund research at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center, to find a cure for cancer, which has had a strong impact on his life, taking the lives of both of his beloved grandmothers way too soon.

Camryn Wenter



On Saturday, December 19th at 10 o'clock in the morning, Camryn Wenter, daughter of Tiffany Bukoffsky and Michael Wenter (Gabrielle Wenter) will be called to the Torah for her First Aliyah. Camryn has been working hard preparing for her special day. She would like to thank her family and friends for their support, and would like to especially thank Rabbi Benji for tutoring her this past year.

Camryn is an 8th grader at Shanahan Middle School in the Olentangy School District and attends the Temple Beth Shalom Kehillat Torah Religious School where she is involved as a Madrichim in the kindergarten class. Camryn enjoys playing soccer and is the starting goalie on the Olentangy United U14/15 select team. Camryn enjoys spending time with her younger siblings and also hanging out with her friends.

For her mitzvah project, Camryn donated 13 inches of her hair to "Wigs for Kids" to help make wigs for children fighting their battle with cancer. Camryn also made blankets and donated them to Nationwide Children's Hospital. The last and final project Camryn worked on was that she volunteered time in her English teacher's classroom and helped make STEM projects that were sent to other STEM kids who missed out during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Jaron Schwartz



On Wednesday, December 23rd at 4:00 pm, Jaron Schwartz, son of Tom and Jody Schwartz, brother of Marcus, grandson of Judith and the late Gerald Schwartz, and grandson of Dianne and the late Jerry Beery is called to the Torah for his first Aliyah.

Jaron is a 7th grader at Lakeview Junior High in Pickerington. He is a year round club swimmer currently training with NAAC and plays club soccer in the fall/spring with PRIDE.

At the age of 11, Jaron was diagnosed with testicular cancer. We are proud to say that he is cancer free! For his mitzvah project, Jaron is raising awareness for testicular cancer by selling t-shirts and taking donations to raise money to purchase butterfly wagons for Nationwide Children's Hospital.

Read about Jaron's Journey:
<http://www.gtdapparel.com/checkem>

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December 4th

Sadie Alper
Arlene Aronoff
William Aronoff
Lena Dicker
Rhea Hartley
Vera Heilbrun
Carrie Joseph
Jessie Joselowitz
Bernard Kastner
Molly Levin
Sam Levine
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December 11th

Jacob Abramovitz
Betty Adelstein
Gladys Caller
Rose Diamond
Gordon Fliegel
Rachel Friedberg
Susan Hyams
Bernice Judin
Alexandria Klodell
Samuel Kool
Lillian Kushner
Goldie Leaventon
Jack Nedelman
Morton Nitzberg
Harry Rappaport
David Scheiner
Ben Schwartz
Abe Senser
Sydelle Shifrin
Harry Siegfried
Sherie Warden
Michael Weeks
Rosalind Weisz

December 18th

Elliot Bain
Florence Becker
Ilene Becker
Anna Bloch
Jessie Bondy
Morris Gerson
Robert Goldstein
Sam Harris
Cornelia Hersch
Charles Hirsh
Anastasia Horowitz
John Jarvis
Edward Kauffman
Craig Kleiman
Abraham Lichtblau
Edith Miner
Dora Pearlman
Noel Romanoff
Jack Roth
Ralph Rothschild
Ruth Rubinstein
Betty Silver
Harry Solomon
Henry Wilson
Sol Wise

December 25th

Emmons Abeles
Nathaniel Adelstein
Jaxson Axelrod
Isaac Barnett
Rose Block
Sarah Ciranni
Pearl Feibel
Frances Freed
Joy Goldman
Lee Hinton
Ernest Jaros
W. Jarvis
Eugene Jenny
George Krasa
Garry Mentser
Samuel Milstein
Joel Salon
Paul Schneider
Miriam Schwartz
Irving Suszner
Dan Teitel
Robert Williams
Earl Yaillen

January 1st

Barnet Alpert
Julia Bar-lev
Maryn Been
Abe Berky
Rose Blotner
Benjamin Cohen
Goldie Cohen
Irvin Cohen
Doug Cram
Gabriel Cuenot
Matilda Dreyfuss
John Fleischner
Lillian Halperin
Norman Kahn
Ron Miles
Harry Topolosky

January 8th

Bert Alper
Mark Amdursky
Leon Beck
Alice Bering
Sam Block
Fannie Cohen
Ira Cooper
Sol Danchik
Doris Dreifus
Dorothy Dubin
Abraham Estren
Adolf Freed
Cele Friedman
Harry Jaffe
Sidney Kleiman
Norman Lazarus
Dave Lurie
Elmore Miles
Jay Mills
Freida Minkin
Gary Naiman
Paul Phalen
Betty Pinsky
Rose Prystowsky
Gerald Schwartz
Isabelle Seligson
Cheryl Sokol
Jack Taub
Carolyn Threadgill
Joseph Treger
Judy Weidenthal
Leo Weinberg

January 15th

Louis Applebaum
Sidney Berg
Ralph Cobey
Jerry Cohen
Marceline Creve
Lois Cuenot
Shirley Feuer
Jenny Finkelstein
Barbara Fox
Joseph Goldenberg
Rubin Heit
Margaret Hirschfeld
Leonard Jobrack
Irving Lazerwitz
Marian Lefton
Adam Malingier
Herb Pearlman
Nettie Reiss
Selma Ringelheim
Betty Schuster
David Shapiro
Jack Stearn
Cecil Taylor
Joseph Weinberg

January 22nd

Paul Bernard
Mildred Budin
Tillie Chait
Orlando Ciranni
Charles Edelsberg
Rae Edelsberg
Rose Erlanger
Richard Fey
Myrtle Friedson
Myron Golin
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January 29th

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Sally Blatt
Steven Blum
Archie Caplan
Joyce Edheimer
Leonard Goldman
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Charolette Harris
Robert Herold
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Sidney Lefton
David Lynn Sr.
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Affinity Groups: A Note from Lesley Thompson

At TBS, we believe that every life has meaning and purpose, and our mission is to find that meaning through being in relationships – with each other, with our tradition, and with our Jewish community. Whether we meet virtually or at one of our drive in style programs together, we have the opportunity to learn and to grow together. Affinity Groups are how we care for each other and change people’s lives, and as an Affinity Group leader or partner, you can be a part of that.

Get To Know Your
TBS Executive Board!



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Schaffir**

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Occupation: OB/GYN at OSU
Residence: New Albany

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Daughter: Alison (24)
Son: Noah (21)

Family


Birthplace: White Plains, NY
College: Brown University
Advanced Degree: MD

Background & Education


Most Relaxing Activity: Sauna
Book: The Haggadah
Movie: Singin' In The Rain, It's A Wonderful Life, The Incredibles, Cinema Paradiso
Vacation: New York City
Best Invention: The Smartphone
Favorite TBS Event: TBS Gala
Historical Dinner Guest: Benjamin Franklin
Little Known Fact: I lived in Belgium for 3 years
I'd Like Everyone To Know: I can be social if I choose to be.

Favorites & Extras


Watching Movies



Crossword puzzles



Singing



Hobbies

To have a long lasting and sustainable home for our community.

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CCAR Press 2020 Publications

By Steve Seeskin, TBS Library Committee Chairperson

The CCAR (Central Conference of American Rabbis) Press is the publishing arm of the RJP (Reform Judaism Publishing) imprint. They are the publisher of the familiar prayer books we use every Shabbat, Festival, and the High Holy Days. Each year they introduce several revised and new titles in their catalog of offerings. The TBS Library has entered a contract with the CCAR Press to get these books soon after their publication release date. The following seven books are 2020 publications of the CCAR Press:

DEEPENING THE DIALOGUE: JEWISH-AMERICANS AND ISRAELIS ENVISIONING THE JEWISH-DEMOCRATIC STATE. Edited by Rabbi Stanley M. Davids and Rabbi John L. Rosove. Using the vision embedded in Israel's Declaration of Independence as a template, this anthology presents a unique and comprehensive dialogue between North American Jews and Israelis about the present and future of the State of Israel. With each essay published in both Hebrew and English, in one volume, Deepening the Dialogue is the first of its kind, outlining cultural barriers as well as the immediate need to come together in conversation around the vision of a democratic solution for our nation state.

INSCRIBED: ENCOUNTERS WITH THE TEN COMMANDMENTS. Edited by Rabbi Oren Hayon. This anthology gives voice to the many diverse and contemporary perspectives about each of the Ten Commandments. Written by an impressive collection of rabbis and scholars, the volume allots multiple chapters for each of the commandments in order to engage with the ways in which these timeless utterances have inspired contemporary laws, ethics, and moral guidelines.

THE MUSSAR TORAH COMMENTARY: A SPIRITUAL PATH TO LIVING A MEANINGFUL AND ETHICAL LIFE. Edited by Rabbi Barry H. Block. This mussar-based commentary is a vital resource for Torah study, offering a thoughtful analysis of each of the 54 weekly parashot. Each essay in this anthology brings a parashah into juxtaposition with one of the mussar middot (character traits as described within the Jewish school of ethics called mussar), thereby providing an applied lens of mussar teachings that helps us to delve deeper into our tradition with increased mindfulness and intention.

MISHKAN GA'AVAH: WHERE PRIDE DWELLS. Edited by Rabbi Denise L. Eger. This groundbreaking collection of LGBTQ prayers, poems, liturgy, and rituals is both a spiritual resource and a celebratory affirmation of Jewish diversity. Giving voice to the private and public sectors of queer Jewish experience, Mishkan Ga'avah is also a commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of both the Stonewall Riots and the first pride march, reflecting the longtime advocacy of the Reform Movement for full LGBTQ inclusion.

AMEN: SEEKING PRESENCE WITH PRAYER, POETRY, AND MINDFULNESS PRACTICE. By Rabbi Karyn D. Kedar. Prayer is an articulation of our noblest desires, our deepest yearnings, and our darkest places. The prayers in this collection speak directly to the complexity of human life--whether you seek expression for joy, wonder, perplexity, or heartache, for personal use or for your community, you will find here a voice for your experience that will help you linger in the blessings and move forward through the pain. This collection includes prayers for personal use, prayers for use at communal gatherings, prayers, and readings for moments of grief and moments of joy, a collection of daily Psalms, and focus phrases and questions for meditation. These readings for contemplative practice and communal gatherings will aid in the search for clarity, for strength beyond what we know, and for an affirmation of holiness, of goodness, of the grandeur of God.

THE BOOK OF JONAH: A SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMENTARY. By Rabbi Dr. Shmuly Yanklowitz. The Book of Jonah is a unique text in the Jewish canon. Among the shortest books in the Bible, it is also one of the most mysterious and morally ambiguous. Who is this prophet running from God, hiding at the bottom of the ocean? Why does he struggle with God's mission to save and forgive Israel's enemies? In this volume, Rabbi Dr. Yanklowitz shows that the Book of Jonah delivers a message of human responsibility in a shared world. Illuminating such contemporary ethical issues as animal welfare, incarceration, climate change, weapons of mass destruction, and Jewish-Muslim relations, this social justice commentary urges us to join in repairing a broken world--a call that we, unlike Jonah, must hasten to answer.

UNDERSTANDING COVENANTS AND COMMUNITIES: JEWS AND LATTER-DAY SAINTS IN DIALOGUE. Edited by Mark S. Diamond and Andrew C. Reed. A joint publication between CCAR Press and Brigham Young University. Interfaith dialogues of understanding are valuable both for challenging individuals to articulate their beliefs and practices in a careful way and for deepening connections between people of different faiths. The Jewish and Latter-day Saint communities have at times been at odds, yet they share a number of significant historical and communal bonds. Understanding Covenants and Communities comes out of the Jewish--Latter-day Saint Academic Dialogue Project, a groundbreaking interfaith encounter between these two religious communities. The fruit of five conferences held semiannually since 2016, the volume addresses such themes as theological foundations, sacred scriptures, lived experience and worship, and culture and politics. Readers will emerge with a deeper understanding of the Jewish and Latter-day Saint traditions and how the two faith communities can engage in a meaningful dialogue. https://www.ccarpress.org/shopping_product_detail.asp?pid=50533.

Look for our next The Kosher Bookworm article in the March 2021 Edition of The Window. I am always open to and looking for fellow congregants wanting to write a guest column.

20 Presidential Address



Looking Back With Gratitude, Looking Forward With the Light

Dear Friends,

The Hebrew phrase for gratitude is *hakarat hatov*, which means, literally, “recognizing the good.” Practicing gratitude means recognizing the good that is already yours. As we enter the Thanksgiving holidays, we’d like to dedicate a few lines to practice gratitude by “recognizing the good that is already ours:”

- ☆ We are grateful for the Congregation’s continued demonstration of partnership and commitment to TBS which has resulted in exceeding our annual appeal goal of \$25,000;
- ☆ We are grateful the boundless creative energies and dedication of our Rabbis and staff to engineer and execute over 300 virtual programs combined with innovative drive-in worship experiences;
- ☆ We are grateful to staff, board members, and volunteers for delivering our unique Chanukits to your door to help us bring a piece of our annual Chanukah celebration into your homes;
- ☆ We are grateful to Arkady Gips and Orlay Alonso for sharing sparks of joy with our TBS community during their upcoming December 5 community concert;
- ☆ We are grateful to all who volunteer on committees, the Board, or special projects;

During a time when all of us crave normalcy, we are so grateful to have this community to anchor us, support our needs, and remind us of the goodness in the world and acts of kindness we can perform as we strive to move forward and “get to better.”

It is with these feelings of gratitude that we enter Chanukah, the festival of lights.

The Talmud recounts a famous debate between the house of Hillel and the house of Shammai about the proper lighting of the Chanukah menorah. Hillel taught that we should start by lighting one candle and adding another candle each night of the holiday. Shammai taught the opposite: start by lighting all eight candles on the first night, and then take away one candle each night thereafter. Hillel shows the principle *ma’alin bakodesh v’ain moridin*, one increases in matters of holiness and does not diminish, and we take responsibility for creating that light. Hillel’s view has become the norm.

Yet there is also a resonance in Shammai’s view. “Shammai reminds us that we treasure that light for as long as it remains, without pretending that it will last forever,” so even though we witness less light each night, we still come together and that act of coming together builds community (R. Mychal Springer). The Talmud teaches us another lesson too. Although the two houses disagreed on candle-lighting (along with questions on rivals, sisters, marriage, divorce, money, and more), they still intermarried with each other and generally got along together. Despite intense debates, they didn’t let their debates cause a division between the community. Perhaps the wisdom of our sages can be applied today.

We continue to build our community through virtual and drive-in services and programs and outreach efforts like the Chanukits, which are especially important until we are able to be back in the Temple. Through these efforts – of which you are a valued part, TBS seeks to fulfill its obligation of *tikkun olam* to make our world a better place.

Another community-building effort we hope to start soon is gathering congregants’ stories of their experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic. We believe it’s important to record and remember these stories. Judaism is built on memory. As we are living in a unique time, these experiences and the history of how TBS has responded to the pandemic, help create the collective memory of our congregation. As former chief rabbi of the United Kingdom Jonathan Sacks (z”l) observed: “Memory is essential to identity ... To be a Jew is to know that the history of our people lives on in us.” Look for more information on this initiative in the coming months.

We hope that this season unites us and sheds light on the important issues in our congregation and our community as we continue to work together to make TBS a joyful, personal, and accessible place for all of our congregants.

Happy Chanukah!

In partnership,
Mindy and Michael

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