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What is the holiday of Shavuot? Shavuot means "weeks" and it has two major components to it. First, it is the holiday during which we celebrate receiving the Torah at Mt. Sinai. There are 49 days (a week of weeks) between Passover celebrating our freedom from slavery and this holiday celebrating receiving the Torah. Shavuot is also an agricultural holiday, celebrating the first harvest of the season. It is one of three pilgrimage festivals where the Israelites would travel to Jerusalem bringing their "first fruits" of the season as a sacrificial offering. Today we observe Shavuot with a special learning session called "Tikkun Leil Shavuot." We hope you'll join us for this special holiday observance on Sunday, May 16 at 6:30 pm!

Tikkun Leil Shavuot Learning Sessions

Sunday, May 16

Did you know that there is a tradition of spending Erev Shavuot learning and eating dairy foods? You can do both at our Tikkun Leil Shavuot!

All events will be held outdoors around the Temple property.

6:30 pm Drive-In Erev Shavuot Service

7:15 pm Study Sessions Begin - Pick one!

- Understanding and analyzing the Book of Ruth with Rabbi Lenette (TBS Patio)
- "What's in a Name?" Join Rabbi Benjy to learn about the history of Hebrew (and Yiddish) names, and find out what your Hebrew (or English if you don't have a Hebrew name) name means! (TBS Outdoor Bima / Parking Lot)
- The Poetry You've Seen in Mishkan T'filah and Mishkan HaNefesh: Let's talk about it with Rabbi Apothaker. (TBS Outdoor Sanctuary by the Stream)

8:00 pm Dairy Dessert Served



4 May Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Most events are online! Please check the eWindow and our social media for the most up to date info!		All Drive-In Services are Weather Permitting! Check social media or your email for any changes.				1 7:45pm — TBS Gala
2 9am— Religious School 11am— Yoga with Julia Spector 12:15pm— Jr. Youth Group Event	3 11am— Blood Drive	4 10:30am— Boker Tov Song Session	5 10am— Music with Angelo 4:30pm— Midweek Hebrew	6 10:30am— Torah Discussion	7 9:30am— Shabbat Songs w/ Marc 6:30pm— Drive-In Shabbat (4th & 5th Grade)	8 10am— Jessica & Rachel Goldman FA 6pm— Havdalah
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16 10am— Senior Tree Planting 11am— Religious School Last Day Drive-In 11am— Yoga with Julia 6:30pm— Erev Shavuot Program	17	18 10:30am— Boker Tov Song Session 11am— Lunch & Learn: Book of Joshua	19 10am— Music with Angelo	20 10:30am— Torah Discussion	21 9:30am— Shabbat Songs w/ Marc 6:30pm— Drive-In Shabbat	22 10am— Joshua Lesko FA 4:30pm— Tot Shabbat Havdalah
23 11am— Yoga with Julia Spector 30 11am— Yoga with Julia Spector	2431	25 12pm— Lunch Bunch 4pm— B'yachad Social Justice	26 10am— Music with Angelo	27 10:30am— Torah Discussion	28 9:30am— Shabbat Songs w/ Marc 6:30pm— Erev Shabbat Services	29 6pm— Havdalah

The Buzz with Rabbi B



Rock, Water, and Compassion

During this month of May, we will complete our annual reading of the Book of Leviticus and begin our reading of the Book of Numbers, which in Hebrew is called Bamidbar, or, In the Wilderness. As the narrative of Bamidbar begins, we are back in the wilderness, the desert, with the Israelites as they are (very) slowly making their way from Egypt to the Promised Land. These days, maybe more than ever, we can empathize with the Israelites. They have been in the wilderness for many years. They don't know exactly how long until they get to Israel or what their lives will even look

like once that happens. As I write this we just completed our 59th online Shabbat service. That's a long time in the wilderness.

Later in this book of Bamidbar, we have one of the most mysterious stories in our tradition, when Moses gets a serious reprimand for ordering a rock to pour forth water. In case you might have forgotten this story from last year, here's a recap. The generation of Israelites who survived slavery and the exodus have almost all died out. Yet still, the Israelites are complaining. Moses, their leader, seems to be familiar with the drill. The people gang up on Moses and on Aaron, and they complain. They say in one strident, angry voice: "We want water! We want food!" And then they repeat a sentence that we see over and over again throughout this narrative: They say: "Why have you brought us to this wilderness?" Then they go on to say something even worse. They say, "Why did you take us out of Egypt, and why did you bring us to this horrible place - a place that has no grain, no figs, no vines, and no pomegranates - a place that does not even have water to drink?"

But this time, something is different. Moses and Aaron slowly retreat as the mob crowds in around them. Maybe you can picture the angry mob yelling at them as they turn to the Tabernacle, the portable sanctuary in the middle of the Israelite encampment. There, they fall on their faces. It is as if they are paralyzed, as if they don't know what to do, as if they do not know how to deal with this mob. Remember, this is far from the first time that they've heard these complaints. So, what's different this time?

God sees this and speaks to Moses, giving him very specific instructions. God says, "You and your brother Aaron take the rod and assemble the community, and, before their eyes, speak to the rock and order it to give forth water. This is how you shall provide water from the rock for the people and for their flocks."

Moses does as he is told. He gathers the people, and he takes up the rod. And then, with no warning, Moses just loses it. He takes the staff and he hits the rock twice with all his might instead of speaking to it, as he was supposed to do. And as he does, he lashes out at the people. He screams at them, "Listen here, you rebels, shall we bring you water from this rock?" It is because of this moment that God tells Moses he will not have a place in the promised land. He can lead the people to Israel, but he can't enter the Land.

This is indeed a puzzling moment. Moses up until this point has been mostly a cool operator. We don't usually see outbursts of anger from him. He has endured a lot of suffering throughout the sojourn in the wilderness, yet this time, with this specific complaint, we finally see Moses lose his cool.

As you can imagine, the Torah commentators are very surprised by this action from the always calm and collected Moses, and by his punishment. One says that he was punished because he hit the rock instead of speaking to it, as he had been told. Another commentator says that the sin of Moses was that he said: Can WE bring you water out of this rock - as if he was claiming credit for himself and Aaron for the appearance of the water. But does that explanation make sense? Moses is known for his humility – it seems unlikely that he would try to take credit for the water. Another commentator says that his sin was calling the people rebels. After all, you don't persuade people to follow you by calling them harsh names and yelling at them.

One explanation is that Moses lost his cool, but then didn't have the ability to apologize afterward. He screwed up, lost his temper, and went on pretending like nothing had happened. Maybe the story is a reminder that if we screw up, we should admit we were wrong, apologize, and the news cycle moves on. The next Israelite crisis will hit the headlines.

The explanation that is the most humane, involves a line at the very beginning of the story that says, "Then came the people of Israel, the whole congregation, into the desert of Zin in the first month; and the people abode in Kadesh; and Miriam died there, and was buried there." Just before this story occurs, we learn that Miriam, beloved sister of Moses has died. He is deep in mourning. He is vulnerable. Maybe he is angry. Likely, he is heartbroken. Maybe when the people came to him with yet another complaint he felt like saying, "leave me alone – my sister just died." Maybe he needed support from the Israelite community rather than complaints. Remember, Miriam was not an ordinary sister to Moses. She was responsible for his being alive. There is a great midrash that tells us that Miriam is the one who convinced her parents, Amram and Yocheved to have another baby, even after Pharaoh's de-

cree to kill male babies. She is the one who made sure Moses's basket made it safely down the river. She's the one who told Pharaoh's daughter that she knew of an Israelite woman who could nurse the baby. She was the one who celebrated with the Israelites after they crossed the sea, who had the foresight to pack a timbrel for celebration after so many years of suffering. She was a source of sustenance and salvation for so many Israelites, but especially for Moses. And she had just died as the story begins.

Many of us can relate to how Moses is feeling. Perhaps following more than a year of darkness for our country, almost 600,000 people dead, businesses shuttered, finances unstable, lives out of balance, we are feeling particularly vulnerable. Or maybe we've lost someone close to us, we feel we've failed at some important life event, or maybe life just isn't going the way we envisioned it. We want to put ourselves out there, to be supported by our community, but it's just so hard, so we don't. And then people wonder why we make rash decisions, and act out. Perhaps the Israelites and Moses could have all acted differently. The people should have seen that Moses was in mourning, and they should have cared for their leader as he had cared for them all those years. And Moses could have perhaps, taken down walls and defenses. Professor Brene Brown, who writes often about vulnerability as a gift, reminds us that in order for us to grow as people, we have to embrace our own vulnerabilities. She writes, "First, let us attempt to dismantle our own walls and defenses. It's okay to have reservations. But it's not okay to let our fears dictate the future. It's not okay to let our fear of getting hurt keep us from growing. So let us find opportunities to share the most authentic part of ourselves with people who we trust. Instead of saying, "I'm fine," let's choose an appropriate moment to say, "I need your help." "Please listen to me." "I want to be close to you." "I'm anxious. I'm scared. I love you." Let's access our vulnerability to make that change in our relationship, in our job, in ourselves, that we have longed for.

And on the other side of the coin, we should do better than the Israelites did at looking at those in our families, our community and country who are the most vulnerable, and rather than writing them off, see how we can reach out to them and help them.

Unfortunately, Moses did not get to enter the Promised Land, but he led the Israelites to the very end, and was able to see the land from atop Mt. Nebo. His fate was sealed. Ours is not. We can reach out a hand. We can send a text message. We can make a phone call. We can find someone we trust and tell her "I just need some help right now." When we can share our vulnerabilities with one another and support each other, and be each other's strength, that is when we will truly be able to enter the Promised Land together.

A Conversation with Columbus Shlicha Michal Avera-Samuel May 25, 2021 at 4pm on Zoom



Join the new TBS B'yachad Racial Justice Working Group for a special conversation with Columbus' new shlicha (Israeli Ambassador), Michal. Michal will share her story as an Ethiopian Israeli and discuss the advantages and difficulties of Israel's diversity. Please email Rabbi Lenette if you are interested in joining!

TBS "B'yachad" Racial Justice Working Group Mission Statement

Inspired by the Hebrew word for "togetherness," this working group aims to contribute to the ongoing work towards racial justice, equity and inclusion in our community and society at large, critically considering issues around equality. We strive to be an inclusive community that welcomes a diversity of viewpoints, and commits to continual learning, reflection and growth together through a mutual understanding of respect, care and growth that we are all works in progress and here for the same reasons.

Our group will hope to contribute to the individual and communal work of racial justice through (1) resources that inform and challenge our own implicit biases and assumptions, (2) participating in and collaborating with programs, events and outreach opportunities, and (3) continuing learning about racism and racial justice, as well as racism specifically in the Jewish community, through books, film, events and other resources. We believe the things we learn are best expressed when we set tangible, achievable goals in the service of racial justice.



Celebrating a Religious School Year of Perseverance

There is a famous teaching by Rabbi Nachman that is often sung at summer camps and NFTY song sessions: *Kol ha'olam kulo gesher tzar m'od, v'ha'ikar: lo lefached klal*, or in English: "The whole world is a very narrow bridge, but the most important part is not to be afraid."

The metaphorical bridge never felt as narrow as it has this past year during the COVID-19 pandemic. And among the tremendous amounts of loss in our lives, we also lost an in-person year of Religious School. So much of the religious school experience is rooted in our face to face interactions, such as singing during services, small group Hebrew learning, activities such as arts and crafts, skits and discussion groups, and lifelong friendships forged during the 6th grade retreat and confirmation trips.

This year looked unlike any other, and it is hard to find the words to describe my gratitude for everyone who helped make it possible. Even though our Religious School met on Zoom during Sunday mornings for almost the entire year, we had consistent engagement and attendance, including over 80+ households for virtual tefilah (prayer services) first thing in the morning! We innovated new programming, such as Family Learning Days for grades K-4 and Electives for grades K-6. Our Jewish community of educators also collaborated to bring phenomenal community programs such as Community Teen Events for 7th-12th graders, and our Reform religious schools had a wonderful 4th-5th grade Shabbat program over Zoom too.

And since mid-April, we implemented a partial in-person return to Religious School learning, with one or two grades at a time at the New Albany JCC. It has been such a joy to see students safely interacting together face to face, and we've also been thrilled to welcome back students in person who were unable to attend virtually.

It's hard to put into words just how much we owe our fantastic teachers. They are the heartbeat of our Religious School every year, but this year in particular, they stepped up to the plate and brought their full hearts to the classroom, on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons for Midweek Hebrew. So much can be lost in a virtual space, but our teachers were creative, engaging, and most of all caring of each of our students. Teachers spent extra time learning Zoom, adapting curricula, creating new games and mixers and lessons. Our TBS Religious School teachers brought the best of Jewish values and community to our Religious School in a year when we needed it most! A special thank you to our new teachers who became an integral part of our Religious School team in such a short time.

Thank you to our 5781 Religious School Teachers: Alex Baker, Jacki Blackstone, Susie Blank, Marvin Blank, Megan Boyce, Aliyah Cohen, Carrie Esker, Laurie Gang, Galit Golan, Marcie Golden, Sami Handmaker, Morgan Handmaker, Madeline Jobrack, Robin Leasure, Karen Moseley, Meredith Paul, Jessica Rife, Emma Rose, Maya Rossio, Ashley Schlaeger, and Lauren Sferrella.

Our incredible staff not only kept Religious School running smoothly but also elevated our program during this difficult year. A huge thank you to **Lori Baker**, our Inclusion Specialist, for visiting classrooms and ensuring our program remained inclusive and comfortable for everyone. Thank you to our Cantorial Soloist **Gail Rose** as well as the Marvelous Toy **Marc Rossio** for excelling at one of the toughest jobs this year: continuing Tefilah (prayer services) and Music over Zoom. Music is one of our foundations of TBS Religious School and it was amazing to see our students still continue to connect to their Jewish heritage through music in a virtual space. Thank you to **Hannah Rossio**, our amazing Madrichim Coordinator, as well as co-youth advisor **Abby Wurmbrand**, who kept our teens connected this year during and after religious school.

This year would not have been possible without our amazing Administrator, **Angelo Dunlap**. In a regular year, Angelo already does so much behind the scenes for Religious School - but this year he helped create and manage an entirely virtual program including lesson plans, attendance, and checking in with absent students, as well as transitioning to an in-person program in the spring. At the same time, Angelo also helped lead Virtual Tefilah and co-taught 8th grade Judaics. Thank you for your time and dedication, Angelo - we are so lucky to have you on staff!

I would also like to thank **Rabbi Benjy Bar-Lev**, who helped lead tefilah, co-taught Confirmation, and remained an amazing mentor throughout this unprecedented year, as well as our **Executive Director Bobby Covitz**, whose support and guidance has also been invaluable this year. Thank you to the **NAPD** and **Jill Will** who joined us at the **New Albany JCC** while we were in person to ensure our safety, and thank you to the New Albany JCC preschool and day school directors who helped facilitate a seamless transition to in person programing

Finally, a special thank you on behalf of the entire TBS Religious School community to **our Religious School Committee** and the **TBS Task Force**, and especially our Religious School Committee Chair, **Amber Bloch**. Since last summer, Amber and our Committee (informed by the TBS Task Force) have spent hours discussing and implementing the safest possible Religious School experience for our students, teachers and staff, particularly during the beginning of 2021 as we planned a return to in -person programming. Thank you all for your leadership, vision and dedication that helped make this Religious School year as great as it could be.

As we approach the summer, we also look ahead to a new year that will likely also look different than our usual Religious School experience. Regardless of how the year unfolds, I have no doubt that with such an incredible team, 5782 will still be a year of connection, laughter, music, and sacred community. We hope everyone has a safe summer and looking forward to a new Religious School year in the fall!



Time to Reconnect

Do you want to know what is really challenging? Having to recruit new TBS members despite not being able to welcome people into the Temple building for the better part of the last year. TBS, like most synagogues, enjoys an influx of new members before the High Holy Days. Because COVID-19 was still so new last August/September, many prospective members stayed home or participated in any number of virtual services provided by synagogues across the country. Fortunately, we are in a different place with the pandemic than we were a year ago, and welcoming new members into our wonderful community is a possibility again.

In addition to TBS's ongoing programming and Drive-In Shabbat experiences, we have a handful of exciting, upcoming opportunities to connect with old and new friends. Make sure to keep an eye on the eWindow and Facebook for more information.

If you are friendly with someone who isn't affiliated with another synagogue – whether it's an individual, a young couple, or a young family - invite them! These events are fantastic opportunities for the TBS community to showcase what makes it so special: amazing people. Over 25,000 Jews call Central Ohio home, and only a small portion of them are affiliated with a synagogue. TBS's Joyful, Personal, and Accessible Jewish experience has been resonating with people since 1977. What is your TBS story? How have our incredible rabbis had an impact on you or your family? These events are wonderful opportunities for all of us to share what TBS has meant to us, in the hope that prospective members will see that the Temple's doors are always open, and TBS welcomes everyone regardless of where they might be on their Jewish journey.

Stay tuned for more details on these events, and thank you for making TBS your Jewish home!

Spotlight: Dues Reminder

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 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.



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Sarah Silver

Samantha Stone

Danica Wartel

Taylor Weiss

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Cantorial Corner with Gail Rose II



Looking Ahead To Summer

The 5781 school year for the Kehillat Torah students has passed quickly. I have enjoyed our time zooming with every one of our students. I am pleased with the amount of repertoire the children have learned and the effort and enthusiasm they exhibited throughout the year despite the many limitations we have had over zoom.

The sixth graders learned Torah tropes for fifteen minutes each week. Each word of the Torah has a cantillation, or trope mark, that represents how to sing the word. There are 42 different Torah tropes and the class learned 19 of them over the course of

the year. The 19 tropes that I selected for the students to learn are the most commonly used tropes. Learning these musical tropes gives students a head start when they begin their training for their Bat or Bar Mitzvah. The Temple Beth Shalom Bar and Bat Mitzvah tutors have already seen the benefits of this class for their students.

Each Kindergarten through fourth grade class met once a week for 15 minutes of music. The repertoire included Sukkot, Hanukkah, Purim, Passover, Shabbat, Israeli and Jewish values songs. Lots of hand motions were included to keep everyone active and engaged over zoom. I hope you heard lots of singing around your house.

Want to bring Jewish music into your home this summer? May I suggest Jewish Rock Radio. I ask Alexa to play it for me or you can go to https://jewishrockradio.com.

Jewish Rock Radio was created in 2010 by composer Rick Recht. The station promotes established and emerging Jewish artists and boasts a variety of themed programs. I ask Alexa to tune into the station and when I want to know the title or artist. I ask Siri!

Wishing you and your family a happy and harmonious summer.

Spring Tot Shabbat

New Date! May 22 at 4:30pm On the TBS Patio

Join Marc Rossio, Rabbi B, Rabbi Lenette, and Angelo Dunlap for 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+.



* 4th & 5th Grade * Chag HaSiddur * Drive-In Shabbat *

Join us in the TBS parking lot for a Shabbat Drive-in service featuring the 4th and 5th graders, who will receive their own prayer books during a special Chag Ha-Siddur ceremony!

Safely Sit Outside Your Car!
You can enjoy services from inside your car, or bring chairs and sit on the RIGHT side of your vehicle!

Parking lot opens at 6pm.

RSVP@TBSOHIO.ORG

4th and 5th graders: arrive early at 6:00 to meet with Mrs. Rose, and please bring a mask with you.

FRIDAY | MAY 7 | 6:30PM

Presidential Address 13



Am Israel Chai

Dear Congregants,

The picture shows graffiti from the underground bunker on Mt. Bental in Israel overlooking the Syrian border where massive tank battles were fought during the Yom Kippur War. "Am Israel Chai" – The People of Israel Live. This expression embodies the resilience of the Jewish people – and certainly the resilience of our congregation during the uncertainties and traumas of the COVID-19 pandemic. We

strive to keep you connected through drive-in Shabbats, small in-person B'Nai Mitzvahs, online services and events (like our wonderful Gala), and special return-to-in-person Religious School days.



All the World's a Stage - Especially at TBS

TBS was the first congregation in Central Ohio to hold drive-in Shabbat services, and we plan to continue those services during the summer. And thanks to the extraordinary generosity of Marilyn and Roger Friedman, TBS now has an amazing – and permanent – venue from which to lead those drive-in services, other outdoor worship experiences, and Temple functions. The forty-foot-long stage provides us with a beautiful, much-needed space (and soon the parking lot will be completely rebuilt and resurfaced too!).

TBS Annual Meeting

Looking ahead to June, please plan to join us and your fellow congregants over ZOOM at the TBS Annual Meeting on June 13, 2021. The Board will give update the congregation on what's occurred since the past Annual Meeting and present the budget for 2021-2022 for the congregation to vote upon. And, because our tradition teaches that no leader should be appointed without first consulting the community, the Board will also present the slate of officers and trustees for the congregation's approval. We will be sending more information about the Annual Meeting and the slate of nominees closer to the date.

TBS COVID-19 Task Force

Unfortunately, the threat of COVID-19 (and now, its multiple variants) remains very real. The Task Force continues to meet and provide us with guidance on adapting to the pandemic. As always, our decisions are guided by Pikuach Nefesh (saving a life) while doing our best to keep TBS a joyful, personal, and accessible community for all our congregants. The Task Force is meeting in early May and we will send out updates following the meeting. The balance between keeping people healthy and safe and joining together for communal worship and life cycle events is sometimes difficult to attain. We are already envisioning what Fall 2021 and the High Holy Days may look like. We are hopeful that we will be able to gather – at least in some way – in person. But our ability to do so depends on the ever-changing pandemic and our community's response. In the Talmud, it's written that all Jews are responsible for one another. And so, we strongly encourage you to get vaccinated (we both did).

As we move into spring and then summer, thankfully, we are getting closer to a time when everything old is new again (or transformed) in so many ways. Although the pandemic has been chaotic and trying for all of us, we are grateful to you for 'keeping the faith' and continuing to find ways to support and engage with your TBS family.

Yours in Partnership, Mindy Agin & Michael Griffaton, Co-Presidents



AFFINITY GROUPS... Find Your People!

Looking to meet other members who share your interests, passions, and life experiences? Want to build deeper relationships with individual members of our diverse congregation? Let us help you find your group. In these member-led groups, participants come together on a regular basis for shared learning, experiences, and conversation. Groups may be organized by demographic, topic or area of interest.

Visit the Temple Beth Shalom website, tbsohio.org, and click on the Affinity Groups Finder page for a list of open groups. You can also reach out to Lesley at lthompson@tbsohio.org for more information.

14 Simcha Station

May Birthdays

May 1st — B. Alan Budin

May 3rd — Dan Dolsky, Michael Rothstein

May 5th — Arlene Setnar, Lindsey Shapiro

May 6th — Allison Kleinman, Darrin Resnick,

Steve Seeskin

May 7th — Susie Blank, Shayna Levi

May 8th — Linda Rubin, Randy Siegel

May 9th — Sheri Benson, Michael Berman

May 12th — Neil Carron, Mark Epstein, Greg Feldman-Hill

May 13th — Arnie Alpert

May 14th — Ian Blackstone

May 15th — Sheryl Heit

May 16th — Dan Phalen

May 17th — Michael Popa

May 18th — Connie Cantor, David Cohen

May 19th — Brad Goldman

May 20th — Jim DeBold, Carolyn Mendel, Fred Merchant

May 21st — David Cohen, Todd Goldman, Cathe Kobacker, Bruce Wylie

May 22nd — Sue Lazerwitz, Suzanne Segal

May 23rd — Evan Cohen, Larry Mendel, Marlene Robbins, Brian Voronkov

May 24th — Katie Carroll, Lindsay Popa

May 25th — Jeremy Rycus, Allan Scheiner

May 26th — Billy Murray, Carol Neubauer

May 27th — Jean Krum

May 28th — Gary Dicker, Jordan Finegold, Pam Lippy,

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May 31st — Lori Feibel, Mark Glazman, David Kleppel,

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May Anniversaries

May 7th − Rose & Robert Berky

May 8th — Rabbi Benjy & Dr. Lauren Bar-Lev

May 14th — Lori & Marc Rossio, Josefina & David Taylor

May 15th − Elaine & Gary Barnett,

Susan & James Bugenstein

May 16th — Melissa & Amiel Mansur

May 19th − Yassamin & Jonathan Bleiweiss

May 20th − Lynn & Eric Emerman

May 21st — Kim & Joe Dorrian, Sarah & Todd Odess,

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May 23rd — Heather & Marty Oppenheimer

May 24th - Pamela & Gregory Feldman-Hill

May 25th — Jenna & Randolph Schultz,

Jennifer & Sean Silver

May 26th − Vicki & Andrew Arkow,

Valerie ♂ Nathan Robbins

May 27th - Melanie & Michael Berman,

Faye & Herschel Sigall,

Lisa & Zachary Singer

May 28th — Lori & Jonathan Feibel, Julie & Jon Handler,

Christine & Michael Hecht,

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May 29th − Naomi & Rob Cohen,

Lindsey & Craig Shapiro

May 30th - Jaime & David Goldach

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Jessica & Rachel Goldman



On Saturday May 8th, 2021 Jessica & Rachel Goldman will be called to the Torah for the first time. They are the daughters of Bradley and Katherine Goldman as well as sister of a proud Steven Goldman. Granddaughter to Ronald Blank, Beverly Weston and the late Ruth Ann Blank, Joy Goldman, & Lenard Goldman.

Jessica and Rachel are 7th graders at Gahanna Middle School West where they enjoy playing Basketball and Softball. Both are involved in the orchestra playing Viola and Bass. They have been looking forward to the adventure this summer at GUCI & Camp Wise in Zionsville and Cleveland.

The girls service project has been giving to people in need because of the pandemic. The have made masks from unused yarmulkes. They ask that donations be made to GRIN to help those in need.

Joshua Lesko



Josh is the son of Tom and Marlene Lesko and the younger sibling of Sydney Lesko (became a Bat Mitzvah in 2017). Josh is an 8th grader at Hilliard Weaver Middle School where he plays Lacrosse for the Wildcats. When he's not roll-dodging on the lacrosse field, Josh is playing ice hockey with CCYHA in their house and select leagues and he attends various hockey camps and trainings to

continue his development as a young hockey player.

When Josh finds time to relax, he is fishing with friends trying to catch his "personal best" largemouth bass. An avid fisherman, Josh seems to catch a fish wherever he goes (and his father is jealous). Josh enjoys traveling and family vacations to the beach and Walt Disney World. He's also a railfan and enjoys watching trains with his grandpa.

For his Mitzvah project, Josh has decided to combine his love of fishing and hockey to help buy a sled hockey for a physically handicapped adult or child who wants to play hockey. To do this, Josh is making and selling plastic fish baits and will donate the proceeds from each sale to the U.S. Sled Hockey Association in support of promoting the game of hockey for those with physical disabilities.

Jessica Handmaker



On Saturday, May 15 at 10 am in the morning, Jessica Shiloh Handmaker, daughter of Brett and Alisa be Handmaker, will called the Torah for her first Aliuah. Jessica is the sister of Morgan and Samantha Handmaker, granddaugter of Robert and Marsha Weiss of Yardley, PA and Charles and Sandra Kaminsky of Altoona, PA.

Jessica is a seventh grade student at New Albany Middle School and attends Temple Beth Shalom Kehilat Torah Religious School. Jessica enjoys science, Spanish, math, and is a member of the New Albany Middle School Orchestra, as she plays the violin. She is very excited to continue with gymnastics in the fall, as she has been involved with gymnastics for five years and has participated in many meets. Jessica's other interests include shopping, being with friends, biking, and being a business owner. Her iewelru business. Jessjewelryy has kept her very busy this past year. She is also very thankful for being able to attend GUCI overnight camp this summer.

Jessica's jewelry business supported Blaser Cancer Research and Family Support Fund, where 35% of her sales in a 30 day period was donated to support childhood cancer awareness and support.

During the last eight months, Jessica has been supported through her Bat Mitzvah tutoring by Rabbi Lenette, Amanda Cohen, and Hannah Rossio. Many thanks for all of their time and to Rabbi Benjy for everything. We are so looking forward to this special occasion.







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Religious School 5781 Drive-In Finale

May 16, 2021 TBS Parking Lot



10am

High School Seniors & families meet in the parking lot

11am

All other RS families meet in the parking lot

Please join us as we celebrate the end of the religious school year!

We will sing together, thank teachers and staff, have fun outdoor activities and a sweet surprise for Shavuot!

18 Mitzvah Corps Central

The Central Ohio WRJ Tzedakah Collective

The next Tzedakah Collective meeting is Sunday, May 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. Or contact Laurel Zulliger, 614-575-4577.

B.R.E.A.D.

BREAD Nehemiah Call to Action is Tuesday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m.

On Tuesday, May 11th, several thousand Columbus residents will log on to meet with elected officials and encourage them to adopt proven solutions to problems in the areas of affordable housing, jobs, safer neighborhoods, and restoration between our law enforcement and the community. The proposed solutions have been carefully researched and explained to these officials prior to May 11th by the organization known as BREAD (Building Responsibility, Equality and Dignity) BUT we can only get the officials to commit to these solutions if we have enough PEOPLE POWER. In a non-pandemic world, PEOPLE POWER means thousands of us attending the Nehemiah Action in person but this year we will watch on Youtube.

Register to attend at https://www.tickettailor.com/events/breadorganization/510270# and look in the eWindow for the Youtube information.

There will also be a drive -in car rally for those who can attend in person with social distancing. Contact Laurel Zulliger at 614-323-6419 if you would like to attend the Nehemiah Action in person.

BREAD is composed of people from diverse faith groups from all over Central Ohio. Since their founding in 1996 they have contributed to problem solving in a variety of areas including abandoned housing, transportation, education, truancy, neighborhood clean-up, and treatment teams and halfway houses for folks affected by mental illness. We promote justice in our community as BREAD Rises!

If you would like more information about BREAD, or the solutions they are proposing, please go to their website BREADcolumbus.com, or contact Laurel Zulliger at 614-323-6419.



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

Interested members can add their name to the Circle's email list and volunteer if and when they are able to. Please send an email with your contact information to the tbscaringcircle@gmail.com.





Help us send our TBS campers off in style for the summer! Join us for a fun drive-in Shabbat service!

We will also be featuring our TBS 2nd Graders for their Gesher Bridging Ceremony.



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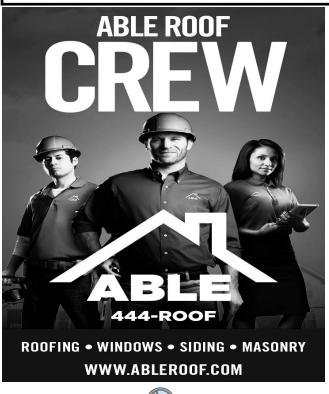
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