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Honoring Rabbi Howard Apothaker and Marcie Golden in Their 36th Year at Temple Beth Shalom

Rabbi Apothaker delivers meals to TBS Congregants on Mother's Day, 1982.

Rabbi A's Reflections

Rabbi Howard L. Apothaker, Ph. D., Senior Rabbi



My Reflections come from my slightly edited version of a report by Samuel Freedman, religion reporter from the NYT. It explains itself, so please enjoy: In these days of controversy about Muslims in America, a time when the national attitude is being torn between compassion and condemnation, there is a real-life parable to be shared. You know it must be true because it took place at a supermarket in New Jersey, a place too prosaic to sustain any fantasy.

The supermarket is a ShopRite off Route 130 in North Brunswick. It anchors an asphalt patch of retail activity that is grandiosely named Renaissance Square. Nearby sits a Wells Fargo Bank, an H&R Block office, a Buy-Rite liquor store and, in a relevant sign of the changes in suburbia, the Afghan Kabob & Grill. Since the ShopRite opened in 2003, Heba Macksoud has shopped there every Friday morning, stocking up on groceries for her family of six before going to the afternoon service, or juma, at her mosque, the Islamic Society of Central Jersey. She always does the trip with her friend and neighbor Lisa Yu, a bargain-hunter she affectionately nicknamed the Coupon Queen.

"I'm not done shopping," Ms. Macksoud recalled telling the ShopRite's assistant manager, "but I don't feel safe here." Credit Ángel Franco/The New York Times Ms. Macksoud, 44, liked the things you might expect a customer to like about a supermarket. The ShopRite was only a 15-minute drive from her home in South Brunswick. With 78,000 square feet of space and 50,000 products for sale, it could answer any need from a Mylar birthday balloon to kosher marshmallows. Kosher marshmallows point to the deeper reason Ms. Macksoud felt so devoted to the store. From the Irish and Italian names on the list of store managers, to the cashier she recognized as a Turkish Muslim, to the African-American workers, to the people with autism who went to the store as part of life-skills training, this ShopRite looked like the wide-ranging America that Ms. Macksoud inhabited.

That sense of inclusion extended to the products, as well. As an observant Muslim, Ms. Macksoud appreciated the selection of fresh kosher meat, which also met the religious standards of halal. The store had packaged halal meals, too. During Muslim holy month every year, ShopRite always put a "Happy Ramadan" logo in its circular, good business reinforcing good citizenship. And those kosher marshmallows were a lifesaver for a mother with two sets of twins, ages 7 and 13. Her children loved Lucky Charms cereal until Ms. Macksoud learned that its marshmallows contained gelatin made partly from pork, a violation of Jewish and Muslim dietary laws. Enter the kosher marshmallows, made with fish gelatin.

The director of social media outreach for a university, Ms. Macksoud was shopping on the Friday morning of Sept. 25, and as usual she was wearing her head scarf, her hijab. She was about 90 minutes into the two-hour trawl, working her way down the detergent aisle, thinking ahead to the adjacent corridor of frozen foods, a working parent's ever-important source of ready-to-heat pizza and French fries. At the end of the aisle, Ms. Macksoud noticed a couple of middle-age white men talking. One in particular caught her eye with his tattooed forearms and large golden cross. As she neared him, she heard the word "Bible." When she passed him, he said in a raised voice: "not like the Quran those Muslims read." He included an obscenity to describe Ms. Macksoud and 1.6 billion coreligionists.

Ms. Macksoud grew up on Staten Island, competing in soccer and track, and liked to think that she had that outer-boroughs bravado. Instead of firing back, though, she answered with forced calm: "You didn't have to say that." Surface composure aside, she was shaken. Her flesh felt as if it were quivering. Her mind went so blank she made a wrong turn, and instead of heading into frozen foods, she was adrift and searching for Ms. Yu. "She was shocked and angry," Ms. Yu recalled the

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January Yahrzeits



January 1:

Matilda Dreyfuss
Alfred Saltzman
Julia Bar-Lev
Gabriel Cuenot
Harry Topolosky

January 8:

Yetta Goltzman
Harry Jaffe
Sidney Kleiman
Dave Lurie
Stanley Norton
Betty Pinsky
Dorothy Dubin
Gerald Schwartz
Leon Beck
Alice Bering
Fannie Schilling Cohen
Larry Cooper
Paul Phalen
Cheryl Sokol
Sol Danchik
Cele Friedman
Jay Mills
Jack Taub
Leo Weinberg
Sam Block
Adolf Freed
Eve Goldsten
Gary Naiman
Freida S. Minkin
Jack Nedelman
Isabelle Seligson

January 15:

Sylvia Fireman
Margaret Hirschfeld
Adam Malingier
David Shapiro
Jack Stearn
Irving Lazerwitz
Betty Schuster
Sidney Berg
Marceline Creve
Joseph Goldenberg
Jenny Finkelstein
Leonard Jobrack
Sanford Koppelman

Dr. Barbara Fox
Manny Reiss
Cecil Taylor

January 22:

Herb "Mike" Pearlman
Edward Schneir
Tillie Chait
Howard Mason
Orlando Ciranni
Rae Edelsberg
Charles Seeskin
Shirley Seeskin
Richard Solove
Rose H. Erlanger
Inabeth Miller
Bernard Weisz
Lena Mamie Byer
Charles Edelsberg
Myrtle Friedson
Leonhard Katz
Doby Lakin
Barbara Mendel
Richard Fey
Paul Jacobs
Frank Perry
Stanley Schwartz, Jr.
Stanley Schwartz, Sr.
Leonard Goldman

January 29:

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Emil Pabian
Sally Blatt
Helen Cooper
Lee Singer
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Abe Lincoln & The Children of Abraham

Dr. Gary Phillip Zola, author of “We Called Him Rabbi Abraham: Lincoln and American Jewry, a Documentary History”, will be the guest speaker on Friday, Feb. 12, at 6:30 p.m. at Temple Beth Shalom, coinciding with Abraham Lincoln’s 207th birthday. Dr. Zola is the Executive Director of The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives (AJA) and the Edward M. Ackerman Family Distinguished Professor of the American Jewish Experience & Reform Jewish History at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) in Cincinnati. The AJA is the world’s largest free-standing research center dedicated solely to the study of the American Jewish experience.



Since 1998, Dr. Zola has been the editor of The Marcus Center’s award-winning biannual publication, *The American Jewish Archives Journal*. In 2011, President Barack Obama appointed Dr. Zola to serve as a member of the U.S. Commission for the Preservation of America’s Heritage Abroad, an independent agency of the Federal government. Established by Public Law in 1985, the Commission exists to foster the preservation and protection of the cemeteries, monuments, and historic buildings associated with the foreign heritage of United States citizens. Although HUC-JIR presidents have received such appointments, Dr. Zola is the first regular member of the College-Institute’s faculty to serve on a standing Commission of the United States Government in the history of the school. President Obama reappointed Dr. Zola to the U.S. Commission for the Preservation of America’s Heritage Abroad in 2014.

Prior to joining the Commission for the Preservation of America’s Heritage

Abroad, Dr. Zola served as the organizer and chair of the congressionally recognized Commission for Commemorating 350 Years of American Jewish History, a consortium of leading research institutions established to promote the study of American Jewish history during the 350th anniversary Jewish life in America (2004-2005). In 2006, Dr. Zola became the first American Jewish historian to receive appointment to the Academic Advisory Council of the congressionally recognized Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. In addition to these national activities, Dr. Zola has been actively involved in community relations in Cincinnati, Ohio. In 2012 he was awarded both the BRIDGES for a Just Community Distinguished Service Award” and the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center “Martin Luther King, Jr. Legacy Award.” The Cincinnati Human Relations Commission gave Dr. Zola the “Bishop Herbert Thompson, Jr. Outstanding Humanitarian Award” in 2009, recognizing his service to the citizens of the greater Cincinnati metropolitan area. In 2004, the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati conferred its “Distinguished Leadership Award” on Dr. Zola for his service to Cincinnati’s Jewish community.

Dr. Zola and his wife, Stefi, reside in Cincinnati, Ohio. They have four grown children: Mandi, Jory, Jeremy, and Samantha.

Please save Feb. 12 on your calendars for this unique Shabbat event! For more information, contact the Temple office at (614) 855-4882.

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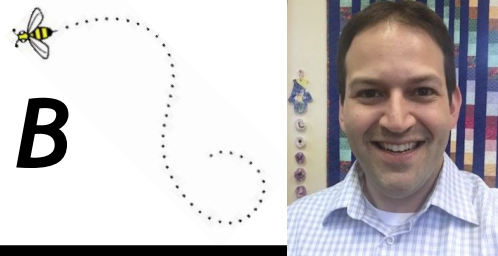
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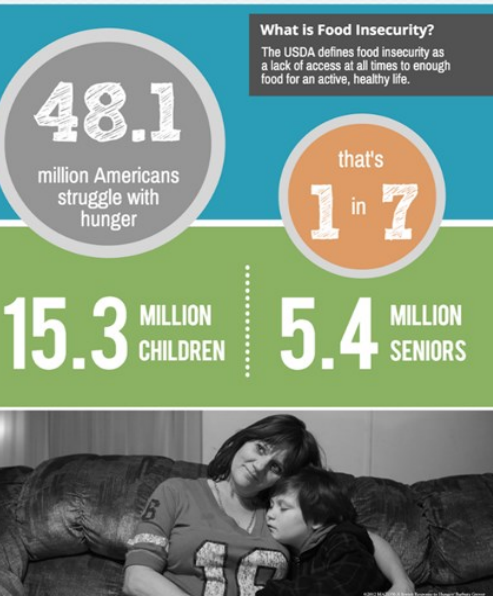
Reform Community Shabbat at TBS Friday March 6; Walk-a-Thon and Rick Recht Concert Sunday, May 1st at New Albany School Campus

For those of us who work in offices, this time of year can be hazardous to our waistlines. Even here at the Temple, around every corner is another plate of Chanukah cookies that somebody very kindly brought into the Temple, or festive candy sitting out ready to be eaten, or Costco sheet-cake, which like the Burning Bush, gets eaten daily, yet is never fully consumed. The vast majority of us think of these sweets as perhaps a seasonal indulgence, and on January 1st we clear our homes and offices of them, plug in our treadmills, and get back to work. It is important for us to remember that there are many in our own community

here in Columbus who have the opposite problem, who do not have enough food to sustain them and their families during the Winter. As some of us are throwing away three-week-old stale dreidel cookies, there are others who are going to bed hungry. January, February, and March are typically very tough months for people who are in food insecure households. 48.1 million Americans struggle with hunger every day, including 15.3 million children, and 5.4 million seniors. Thousands of people right here in our city are in need. We can help.

A Jewish sage teaches, "A small bit of bread may be life to the poor; one who deprives them of it sheds blood." In other words, when you give to the hungry, it is as if you are saving a life, sustaining a life. To save a life is the holiest mitzvah a Jew can perform. There are a number of ways for us to do this. First, you can always bring non-perishable food to Rebekkah's Well at the Temple. We are always in need of food here and frequently have people who make deliveries to the food banks from here. Another way to help is to sign up to

HUNGER IN AMERICA



serve meals at the YWCA Family Shelter or one of the other terrific partner organizations we work with at TBS.

On Friday, March 6, at 6:30 pm TBS is hosting a Family Friendly First Friday Reform Community Shabbat featuring a speaker from Mazon and from a local food pantry. This will be a family friendly service where we will learn more about Mazon, the Jewish Response to Hunger, do some hands-on activities to help those who are hungry in our community, and join together with our friends from Beth Tikvah and Temple Israel for a Shabbat dinner. This event will be a "pep-rally" for a Reform Community Walk-a-thon sponsored by the Religious Schools of all three Reform Temples on May 1st.

On Sunday, May 1st, the Religious Schools of Temple Beth Shalom, Beth Tikvah, and Temple

Israel are together hosting a walk-a-thon to raise money for Mazon and the Mid-Ohio Food Bank. The walk-a-thon will take place at the New Albany School Campus starting at 9:15 am. This will be a wonderful event, and members of all three congregations, including those without kids in Religious School, are warmly invited to register for the walk-a-thon and participate to raise money for these important causes. At the conclusion of the walk-a-thon, National Jewish music Performer Rick Recht will be giving a concert in the gym of the New Albany 2-8 building for all three Temples. It will be a fabulous morning with lots of great ruach, and a chance to do a great mitzvah.



More details to come about the Reform Community Shabbat and the Walk-a-Thon. Please Save the Dates: Friday, March 6 and Sunday May 1. These are days you don't want to miss!



The Kosher Bookworm By Marty Schuster, TBS Library Committee Member

Book Review: "Moe Berg (Athlete, Scholar, Spy)" by L. Kaufman, B. Fitzgerald, and T. Sewell

As the book's subtitle implies, this is a biography of an unusual man. He had three careers simultaneously and excelled in all of them. Let me explain: Moe Berg was born in New York, in 1902, to Ukrainian Jewish immigrant parents (and pogrom escapees). Moe learned how to play baseball at the very young age of three and was good at it. He also had an unusual aptitude for learning languages. Eventually he became fluent in seventeen languages including Latin, Greek, German and Japanese. Despite his Jewish background, he was admitted to Princeton University in 1919, dealt with discrimination, played baseball and graduated magna cum laude in 1923.

After his years at Princeton, Berg chose to play professional baseball. The Brooklyn Dodgers paid him \$5,000 to join the club. Moe was a fine shortstop, but he wasn't much of a hitter or a base runner. He was traded to the Chicago White Sox he switched positions and became a catcher. Berg later played for Cleveland, Washington, and Boston. During the off seasons he studied languages and became a business law attorney. Obviously, Berg was not the typical athlete in terms of his intellect, education, behavior and interests. Casey Stengel said he was the, "strangest fella who ever put on a uniform." Berg later became a coach after his baseball playing days ended.

With signs of another major world power dispute in the early 1930s, Berg caught the attention of The State Department and intelligence communities, who recognized the value of Berg's personality, hero status, linguistic ability and quiet ways. While the details of most of his government service are not well documented, we do know he travelled in Latin America, Japan, and Europe playing a key role in estimating Germany's progress toward an atomic bomb.

Other than a tax dispute with the Federal Government concerning a business deal before World War II, little is known about his later life. He would appear at the homes of friends, stay a while, and then disappear. He was a very private individual, never married and did not leave a written record of his adult life, except for some margin notes he made in books he had read and on some official government communications.

"Moe Berg (Athlete Scholar, Spy)" is fertile

ground for thought about his life and his role in history due to all the empty spaces he left behind—most likely by intention. Even in death his life remains private. Documenters and readers are tempted to fill in the blanks and imagine the man as a whole. This book is historically informative and will stir your imagination, as it did mine. Fans of baseball, historians and amateur psychologists will enjoy this quick read of a fascinating American Jewish personality of the twentieth century.

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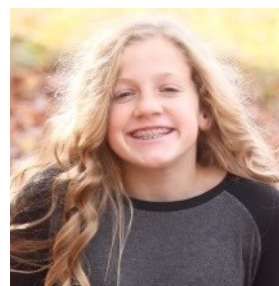
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B'nai Mitzvah for January

Samantha Stone, known to her friends and the world as Scout, is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah for her First Aliyah on January 23, 2016 at 10:00 am. She is both nervous and excited, but, "knows [her] Bat Mitzvah will go great." Scout's favorite activities include, but are certainly not limited to: swimming, all things cello, painting, literature and, of course, singing. She also skis with the Gahanna Middle School Ski Club and swims with the Gahanna YMCA Gators. Scout was adamant about thanking the Columbus Jewish Day School, Rabbi Benjy Bar-Lev, and Brett Weisman for helping her through her training. Scout is also extremely grateful to her loving parents, Amy and Jeff, for their support, love, care and reminding her that, "EVERYTHING will go well."



Sammy Fortney is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah for his First Aliyah on January 16, 2016 at 10:00 am. As a madrich-in-training at Temple Beth Shalom, Sammy is already excited for next year! He can't wait to help kids as he continues on in his Jewish education at Temple Beth Shalom. Sam said he would like to, "thank Rabbi Apothaker for helping him along the way in his studies." In addition to being an outstanding student and kind person, he spent his Mitzvah Project serving food at a soup kitchen and at Nationwide Children's Hospital Holiday Party. In his free time, Sammy enjoys playing baseball or shooting hoops. He also played football for Big Walnut Middle School.



Olivia Herman is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah for her First Aliyah on, January 9, 2016 at 10:00 am. Ever since Olivia started at Sunday School, she has been, "Dreaming about her Bat Mitzvah." Self-described as someone who struggled with Hebrew, Olivia gratefully attributes her improvements and understanding to her tutors, Rabbi Benjy and Brett. She is not only excited for her Bat Mitzvah, but Olivia is excited to continue her Jewish education and giving back through the Madrichim program. Along with her intense gymnastic schedule, Olivia still found time to give back by volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House.

Jacob Feibel Cohen, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah for his First Aliyah on January 30, 2016 at 10:00 am. Jacob is, "So excited to become a Bar Mitzvah!" Elaborating, Jacob remembers his older sibling's First Aliyah. "I saw the hard work they put into it and realized how much work it would take to prepare!" Having said that, Jacob is proud to be having his Bar Mitzvah and he is proud to start his own 6 Million Pennies campaign right here at Temple Beth Shalom. With an opportunity to raise \$60,000 toward Holocaust Torah Restoration in cooperation with the Memorial Scroll Trust. Jacob thanks his family, friends and teachers for helping to prepare him for this special day.



Play Group for Babies

Toni Shoap and Rabbi Stephanie Covitz are starting a Babies Playgroup, with the first playdate taking place on Sunday, January 17, at 2:00 p.m. The Playgroup, open to newborns through age two years, their parents and/or caregivers, will meet for an hour and have some a story and music. For more info, contact the Temple at (614) 855-4882.



Troop #1682 will meet at Temple Beth Shalom on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 6:30-7:30 pm. Open to 1st graders.

Cantorial Corner

Gail Rose, Cantorial Soloist & Music Director



Tu B'Shvat Seder -Sunday, January 31st Purim Spiel Casting for March 18th Show

Have you ever attended a Tu B'Shvat Seder to celebrate the Birthday of the Trees? Hadassah is sponsoring a fun, interactive seder, led by Temple Beth Shalom's Marlene Robbins and Gail Rose. The seder, of course, will include the fruits, nuts and desserts of the holiday, with singing and dancing, too! We are excited to announce that Merry Lynne Lincove, from Hadassah, will be teaching us the history of the holiday. The Seder, located at the Wexner Heritage Village (1151 College Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43209) takes place on Sunday, January 31 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Your \$18.00 check for adults should sent to Hadassah, 2700 East Main Street, Suite 106, Columbus 43209 is your reservation. All proceeds will go to the Jewish National Fund. Children and residents of Wexner Heritage Village are free.



Can you guess the theme of this year's Purim Spiel? Here are a couple of clues: "All children, except one, grow up." "To live will be an awfully big adventure." Need a few more clues??? "Dreams do come true, if only we wish hard enough. You can have anything in life if you will sacrifice everything else for it." "Fairies have to be one thing or the other, because being so small they unfortunately have room for one feeling only at a time." "I suppose it's like the ticking crocodile, isn't it? Time is chasing after all of us." "All the world is made of faith, trust and pixie dust."

Of course! This year's Purim Spiel is the inter-generational, truly timeless classic story of "Peter Pan"! Told Purim style, of course! We need excellent, good, okay and downright horrible actors, singers and dancers to help us tell the story of our brave, Queen Esther and her tale from Neverland... I mean Shushan! Please consider joining our fun. The rehearsal schedule is: Tuesday, February 16 and 23; Tuesday, March 1, 8, and 15; Thursday, March 17, and our show is Friday, March 18! Please Contact Gail Rose at the Temple for more information!

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'Welcome to the
Congregation!'

The Temple Beth Shalom board is forming a new Welcoming Committee, comprised of any Temple members interested in helping new members become acquainted with the congregation.

"In 2015, the congregation grew by more than 30 new families," said Julie Alpert, board membership committee chair. "We would like to pair current members with new members of similar ages and/or interests to invite them to meet for Temple events and programs, or just answer any questions new members might have."

For more information or to get paired with a new member family, contact Julie Alpert at (614) 805-1209.

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other day. “More in a kind of disbelief that something like this could happen to her.”

Indeed, nothing before ever had. Even after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, when Ms. Macksoud began wearing the hijab as her personal way of reclaiming Islam from jihadists, nobody had ever said a word to her. No one objected even when she was working for MTV in Times Square and her building was evacuated during a failed car bombing by a militant Muslim in May 2010.

But in the United States of 2015—weeks before the terrorist attack in San Bernardino—someone had insulted and implicitly threatened her in her favorite ShopRite. It felt to her as if all the toxic language of the presidential campaign, with its various forms of Islamophobia, had infiltrated even a store she cherished for its commitment to diversity. With Ms. Yu at her side, she went to the Customer Service counter to report what had happened. The agent there called for the store’s assistant manager, Mark Egan. “I’m not done shopping,” Ms. Macksoud recently recalled telling him, “but I don’t feel safe here.”

Mr. Egan was about as much of a Jersey guy as a Jersey guy can get. He grew up in Freehold, Bruce Springsteen’s hometown, and married in the young Springsteen’s parish church, Saint Rose of Lima. Mr. Egan, his hair starting to thin at 43, has worked at ShopRite for 13 years. He told Ms. Macksoud he would protect her. And for the next half-hour, he walked alongside her on the pretense of checking inventory as she did the rest of her shopping. They never did find the man who had insulted her. Before leaving, Ms. Macksoud asked for Mr. Egan’s name so she could send a thank-you letter to the store.

The next day she wrote about the incident on Facebook. She had nearly 300 replies, some from other American Muslims on their experiences with bias — being called a raghead” or a “Christian killer,” being almost run over, being told to go home, as if home were not here. Many offered solidarity and solace. One of those correspondents, Sheryl Olitzky, is the wife of a rabbi and the mother of two others. Five years earlier, she and a friend, Atiya Aftab, had formed a group called the Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom, to bring Jewish

and Muslim women together. Since then, it has grown to 20 local chapters across the country with another 15 in formation. With Ms. Macksoud’s permission, Ms. Olitzky called Mr. Egan and told him, “I heard what happened, and you’re my hero.” He replied, “I was just doing my job.”

Modesty aside, Mr. Egan did agree to attend a Sisterhood’s annual convention to receive an award. His wife and father-in-law came with him, and the Saker family, which owns the North Brunswick ShopRite, made a donation to the group. By the time Mr. Egan and Ms. Macksoud stood in front of the attendees — 350 women, from as far as Kuwait, Israel and England; from California, Florida and many other states — Paris and San Bernardino had happened. The prospect of interning American Muslims and of barring the door to Muslim refugees of war had become topics for serious political discussion. There is no quarantine, evidently, on bigotry. Story over.

During the first Sabbath in January we begin to read the section in the Torah where the Israelites, an immigrant people to ancient Egypt. As the family of Joseph, viceroy to a Pharaoh in Egypt, tolerated strangers. Under a new Pharaoh “who knew not Joseph,” slaves. Within the historic memory of some of our own congregants, Jews were, in the last century, stripped of their religious observance, and listed on government manifests for the expressed purpose of controlling and eventually annihilating us. Many ran, only to be rejected at international borders and returned to the fire, even as others, engaged in courageous acts of courage to protect us from danger. There are those now, even many with wide support in the run-up to the presidency of the United States, who would return us to the days when “America was NOT great.”

Our Torah and prophets say over and again, “You shall not wrong an alien, neither shall you oppress him, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt.” We must embrace the differences that make us great.

Thank G-d for Ms. Yu, Mr. Egan and Ms. Olitzky who heeded the call. May we join them.

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Saturday, January 2: Ted Bernard, Lauren Campen, Gail Rose

Sunday, January 3: Russ Flickinger, Chris Hecht, Emily Lefton, Eric Naiman

Monday, January 4: Victoria Loewengart, Billy May, Marvin Pate, Sandra Roads

Tuesday, January 5: Larry Eisenman

Wednesday, January 6: Leah Bates, Natalya Dubinsky, Kenneth Green, Richard Hall, Jill Patterson, Nate Robbins

Thursday, January 7: Evan DuBro, Anna Mears

Friday, January 8: Aria Desmond, Brett Handmaker, Sari Levine, Noah Schaffir, Kaitlyn Williams

Saturday, January 9: Charlie Dobres, Babette Feibel, Don Feibel, Bette Young

Sunday, January 10: Marilyn Friedman, Ingrid Lazerwitz, Joan Wurmbbrand

Monday, January 11: Joe Dorrian

Tuesday, January 12: Dr. David Cantor, Sarah Cowan, Samuel Fortney, Roberta Kauffman, Scout Stone

Wednesday, January 13: Michelle Mears, Sarah Naiman, Rachel Sigulinsky, Jon Wasserstrom

Thursday, January 14: Sarah Hall, Steven Meizlish, Mike Wenter

Friday, January December 15: Michelle Chapman, Osi Zimmer

Saturday, January 16: Karen Altschuld, Hannah Sherman

Sunday, January 17: Joyce Bronstein, Josh Goldman, Lesley Thompson



Monday, January 18:

Jeanne Grossman, Ronald Petroff, Adam Saltzman

Tuesday, January 19: Jan Cohen Steve Ricker, Catherine Taub

Wednesday, January 20: Jeff Harris, Larry Levinson, Wendy Singer

Thursday, January 21: Marc Ankerman, Chris Thompson

Friday, January 22: Michael Cohen, Julia Cohn, Daniel Cowan, Steve Regester

Saturday, January 23:

Bethany Kinstlinger, Jamie Kleppel, Sydney Lesko

Sunday, January 24: Jacob Cohen, Gayle Pavlofsky

Monday, January 25: Phil Edelsberg, Denise Kohn, Dick Neustadt, Jia Jia Schottenstein, Jim Shulman, David Wartel

Tuesday, January 26: Halley Boyce, Cheryl Bravo, Elizabeth Saint-Jacques, Harrison Wolman

Wednesday, January 27: Mason DuBro, Olivia Herman, Nellie Nagy

Thursday, January 28: Ken Goldberg, Melody Green, Taylor Miller

Friday, January 29: Avi Gabbay, Marc Horowitz, Rick Sandor

Saturday, January 30: Kurt Beatty, Sydney Fortney, Shane Kauffman, Megan Mason, Camryn Wenter

Sunday, January 31: Corey Friedberg, Elyse Latella, Jim Lusignolo, Susan Valentine-Cooper

What Number, Please?

Central Ohio to get new 380 Area Code in January

Effective Jan. 30, 2016, local calls that are currently dialed with 7 digits will need to be dialed using 10 or 11 digits to be completed. Since the current 614 area code is running out of numbers, a new 380 area code will be assigned only for new telephone numbers within the area code region. After January, calls to current numbers will need to be completed by dialing 614 + 7-digit telephone number or 1+ 614+ 7-digit number. The same dialing procedure will apply to telephone numbers assigned to the new 380 area code.

President's Column

Steve Herman, TBS Board President



January...For our family, the Holidays are now over. Rachel went back to The University of Pittsburgh for another semester, Alex is getting ready to graduate from New Albany High School and is deciding on a college where he can continue rowing and study engineering. Noah is getting his driver's permit and Olivia has done a great job preparing her Bat Mitzvah. Life is busy for Diane and me, but we love it.

The future is bright for Temple Beth Shalom, as well. We are making good progress on our Capital Campaign toward paying off our mortgage. We still have more money to raise and appreciate everyone's support in our goals. We certainly cannot do this without the congregation's continued support. Please contact me or the Temple Beth Shalom office to schedule a meeting. We want to hear from you. We want to hear what ideas or feedback you have for the future of Temple Beth Shalom. We want you to be aware of the financial goals of our temple. We want transparency and discourse to be the cornerstone of this wonderful congregation.

Together we can accomplish our goals. Eliminating the mortgage, means more funds and opportunities to serve our congregation with the

programs and services we all want, deserve and expect. We continue to grow our membership each month due in large part to our wonderful staff, our fabulous Rabbis and of course all of you, whose positivity give Temple Beth Shalom the reputation we have developed.

I am also very excited about our plans to celebrate Rabbi Howard Apothaker's 36 years as our Rabbi during the Gala Weekend, from April 15th to April 17th 2016. Rabbi Apothaker means so much to my family and me. We are all very much looking forward to what is already shaping up to be an outstanding weekend to celebrate and honor him in April. We are still looking for individual sponsors for this very special event. Please contact me or the Temple Office if you are interested in being a sponsor.

Thank you and Happy 2016!

Steve



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SCRIP Anyone?

Did you know that TBS members may purchase Scrip cards (similar to gift cards) through the Temple, and TBS earns an average of about 4% of each dollar spent? There are more than 400

participating merchants, including Giant Eagle, Meijer, CVS, Lowes, Home Depot, and Staples, as well as restaurants and even cruises. For more info and to download an order form, visit TBS website's Scrip page at www.tbsohio.org/scrip.html. When you're ready to order, contact Marty Schuster at (614) 245-8933 or mbjschuster@insight.rr.com.





Temple Beth Shalom — Joyful, Personal, Welcoming

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<div>1</div> <div>6:30 pm: Family Friendly First Friday Erev Shabbat 7:30 pm: Second Shabbat Service Raffle Drawing!</div>	<div>2</div> <div>10:00 am: Simchat Shabbat Services</div> <div></div>
<div>3</div> <div>NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL WINTER BREAK</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div> <div></div> <div>6:00 pm: Weight Watchers</div>	<div>6</div> <div>1:00 pm: Mah Jongg (Both groups meet at TBS on Mezzanine level) 4:00 pm: Kehilat Torah Midweek Hebrew</div> <div></div>	<div>7</div>	<div>8</div> <div>6:30 pm: Erev Shabbat Services</div>	<div>9</div> <div>Bat Mitzvah, Olivia Herman's First Aliyah, 10:00 am</div>
<div>10</div> <div>9:00 am: Kehilat Torah Sunday School + Gan Ami 9:15 am: Sunday School For Parents 9:15 am: Study with Rabbi</div>	<div>11</div> <div></div>	<div>12</div> <div>6:00 pm: Weight Watchers</div>	<div>13</div> <div>1:00 pm: Mah Jongg (Both groups meet at TBS on Mezzanine level) 4:00 pm: Kehilat Torah Midweek Hebrew</div>	<div>14</div>	<div>15</div> <div>6:30 pm: Shabbat Chai Erev Shabbat High School Confirmation Trip Departs for Chicago</div> <div></div>	<div>16</div> <div>Bar Mitzvah, Samuel Fortney's First Aliyah, 10:00 am</div>
<div>17</div> <div>9:00 am: Kehilat Torah Sunday School + Gan Ami 9:15 am: Sunday School For Parents 9:15 am: Study with Rabbi 2:00 pm 0-2 TBS playgroup</div>	<div>18</div>	<div>19</div> <div>12:00 pm Women of Beth Shalom Lunch and Learn 6:00 pm: Weight Watchers 7:00 pm executive committee meeting</div>	<div>20</div> <div>1:00 pm: Mah Jongg (Both groups meet at TBS on Mezzanine level) 4:00 pm: Kehilat Torah Midweek Hebrew</div>	<div>21</div> <div>11:30 am: Finance Committee Meeting</div>	<div>22</div> <div>6:30 pm: Erev Shabbat Services</div>	<div>23</div> <div>Bat Mitzvah, Samantha Stone's First Aliyah, 10:00 am</div>
<div>24/31</div> <div>9:00 am: Kehilat Torah Sunday School + Gan Ami 9:15 am: Sunday School For Parents 9:15 am: Study with Rabbi 4:00 pm TBS Board Meet. 7:30 pm Men's Club Poker Night (1/24/2016)</div>	<div>25</div>	<div>26</div> <div>6:00 pm: Weight Watchers</div>	<div>27</div> <div>1:00 pm: Mah Jongg (Both groups meet at TBS on Mezzanine level) 4:00 pm: Kehilat Torah Midweek Hebrew</div>	<div>28</div>	<div>29</div> <div>6:30 pm: Erev Shabbat Services 7:30 pm: Erev Shabbat Service</div>	<div>30</div> <div>Bar Mitzvah, Jacob Cohen's First Aliyah, 10:00 am</div>

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE BACK IN 2016

ACTS OF
LOVING KINDNESS
G'milut Chasadim

-*TBS Mitzvah Corps* is made up of all the groups at Temple Beth Shalom involved in Social Action and Social Justice activities.

-*Caring Circle* helps Temple Beth Shalom members with everything from rides to the doctor to delivering meals for families with a new baby, illness or during shiva. Information tbscaringcircle@gmail.com.

-*Rebekkah's Well* is a designated area on the lower level at Temple Beth Shalom where we collect food and other items (hearing aids, eye glasses, etc.) for the hungry and less fortunate.

COMMUNITY
INVOLVEMENT
Ma'asim Tovim

-B.R.E.A.D. Building Responsibility Equality and Dignity—People of faith working together to pursue justice, change public policy and support initiatives that improve lives in our community. Contact Laurel Zulliger (614) 323-6419 lzulliger@gmail.com for more info.

-*YWCA Family Center* provides shelter and meals for homeless families. We make and serve lunch four times a year at the center. Contact Sue Lazerwitz (614) 252-3554 sjlazerwitz@gmail.com

-*Meals on Wheels* Temple Beth Shalom members deliver meals every Sunday morning. Contact Patty Tumen if you can help (614) 578-0884 ptumen@gmail.com

-*WBS Social Action Committee* does projects that help in and around the New Albany community.

-*TBS Men's Club* makes and serves meals at Temple Beth Shalom and helps with other projects at TBS.

REPAIRING THE WORLD
Tikkun Olam

What can we do and how can you help?

Please Visit www.TBSOhio.org and click on the "Get Involved" tab for even more information!

TBS MITZVAH CORPS
2016 CALENDAR OF
OPPORTUNITIES TO TIKKUN

- ✓ **JAN.** Rebekkah's Well Collection:
The Village Coalition
Against Hunger
- ✓ **FEB.** WBS project at The
Ronald McDonald House
- ✓ **MARCH** Rebekkah's Well
Collection:
OSU Star House
- ✓ **APRIL 17** Temple Beth Shalom
Mitzvah Day
- ✓ **MAY 9** B.R.E.A.D. Nehemiah
Action
- ✓ **JUNE 18** Columbus Pride Parade
- ✓ **JULY** Caring Circle Event
- ✓ **AUG.** Rebekkah's Well
Collection: Back 2 School
- ✓ **SEPT.** Walk to End Alzheimer's
- ✓ **OCT.** Columbus Community
Kitchen Activity
- ✓ **NOV.** Rebekkah's Well:
Collection for Holidays
- ✓ **DEC. 29** Ner Shel Tzedakah A
Hanukkah Candle of
Righteousness