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## Why Can't We Hear Each Other?

*The following is Rabbi Benjy's High Holy Day Sermon*



I would like to start my talk this evening telling you about a guy named Ignaz Semmelweis, whose story I learned about from a podcast called Radiolab. Some of us gathered around our screens may have heard of Semmelweis before, but many of us likely have not. Early in Semmelweis' life, he decided to become a doctor, so he traveled to Vienna, because he wanted to go to the best medical school he could. At that time, in 1844, Vienna General Hospital was one of the very best hospitals in the world. It's doctors and professors are known the world over for their wisdom and knowledge. This was the time, when medical Science as we know it today was just getting started. So Ignaz Semmelweiss shows up at Vienna General Hospital and doesn't know exactly what specialty he is interested in. He does a lot of autopsies to learn about medicine and the human body before deciding to land in obstetrics. He wants to deliver babies. So his routine became that he would learn about medicine in the morning, often doing autopsies to study what had happened to a patient, and then in the afternoon, he would go upstairs and help deliver babies.

Very early on, he was struck by a horrible fact. Many of the young women who gave birth in his delivery ward died, right after they delivered. This was happening not only in his hospital, but at many hospitals. It hit him really hard - these women who were seemingly healthy with no known conditions would develop a fever that would keep climbing and ultimately many of them passed away. The condition became known as Puerperal Fever, also known as childbed fever. Semmelweiss did some investigation and found that this condition had been going on forever. For thousands of years it was described in records. Hippocrates himself discusses it. And it was a huge problem. Sometimes 30% of the women giving birth at the hospital in a month would die of this fever. So Semmelweis set out to see if he could get to the bottom of it.

So, in between his morning dissections and his afternoon deliveries, he would stop in the hospital archives where he would study the records in depth. After many months of going through years of records, Semmelweis saw something interesting. There were two different birthing wards at that hospital. Division 1 was staffed by doctors. Division 2 was staffed by midwives. In Division 1 where the doctors were in charge, about 20% of the patients were dying from Puerperal Fever. In Division 2 where midwives were in charge, 2% of the patients were dying. 2% is a drastically different number than 20%. For some reason in that hospital that had the greatest doctors in the world, a woman was 18% more likely to die if one of them were delivering her.

This question haunts Ignaz Semmelweis day in and day out. It is now 1847 and this is his top project. Finally, among all his studies, he has an aha moment. That moment happens after a death not of a patient, but of one of his professors.

His professor and mentor, was apparently teaching a student one day, doing an autopsy together. The student was learning how to cut open a cadaver where to look for various types of learning. Just then, the student accidentally nicks the professor with the knife, just a small scrape on the finger. And within days, the professor died a death that seemed very similar to the ones Semmelweiss knew so well. With the new mothers, they didn't know why this was happening. But with Semmelweiss' beloved professor, they knew exactly what happened. And all of a sudden, it clicked into place. All these doctors would spend their mornings with their hands deep in cadavers studying. Then in the afternoon they would walk over to a pregnant woman and deliver the baby with those same hands. They didn't know about bacteria and viruses back then, but Semmelweis called them "cadaver particles." He had, in those few moments, a very sinking awful feeling. He wrote, "because of my convictions, I must here confess that God only knows the number of patients who have gone to their graves prematurely by my fault." He quickly discovers the difference between the deaths in each delivery ward. The midwives weren't doing research in the mornings, their hands were not nearly as dirty. Semmelweis is feeling awful, but now he has come up with a solution that could make a difference. After trying a number of ways to disinfect his hands, he landed on this: he would take some bleach and some water and create a solution. It wasn't a whole lot of bleach, not enough to burn your skin but it was enough to burn off the smell from the autopsies, and to take care of those cadaver particles. Bleach and water.

Washing one's hands seems to be second nature to us today. We have all been washing our hands like crazy since the beginning of COVID-19. But in 1847 that wasn't the case. Someone needed to discover that you could eliminate bacteria and viruses by thoroughly washing your hands.

There is, however, not a happy ending to this story. Semmelweis discovers this, fatalities in his hospital plummet to less than 2%. There were some months when no women at all died in childbirth in their hospital. So, he wants to share this information with as many people as he can. He gets in touch with doctors, heads of hospitals, writes

letters to everyone he can think of. Some of the younger doctors agree with him and change their practices immediately. But many of the more powerful older doctors weren't even willing to hear what he had to say. They had their set way of doing things. They had their own set of facts and they were not going to budge from there. Who was this young kid who was essentially blaming them for the deaths of their own patients?

So, though Semmelweis had this amazing break-through, early in his career, he couldn't get any traction. Nobody would listen to him. Nobody was willing to hear an opinion different than their own. Nobody was willing to compromise. They couldn't hear past their own sense of ego. They preferred their echo chambers.

While we may want to write off those doctors from the 1800's and say to ourselves, 'we would never do that! Why didn't they listen to Semmelweis? We know that in so many cases we are similar to those doctors from 173 years ago. So often today we lock into our opinions, our world-view, and we think to ourselves, everyone on the other side is just wrong. We hold strong to our opinions, we bully people on facebook, we only read our own perspective, we bounce ideas around our own echo-chamber, we seldom open our eyes to the possibility that there is a dissenting opinion worthy of discussion. There's a great story in the Talmud that Rabbi Marc Cohn teaches.

"Rabbi Yochanan and Resh Lakish lived in the land of Israel 2000 years ago. These two scholars became the best of friends and study partners even though they had remarkably different backgrounds and world views and disagreed about nearly issue they studied together.

Years passed, and Resh Lakish became sick and died. Rabbi Yochanan was inconsolable over the loss of his friend. He could not bear the thought of returning to the study house without Resh Lakish. The other sages determined that someone should become Rabbi Yochanan's new study partner. They chose the finest remaining scholar for the esteemed role. So, Rabbi Yochanan returned to the study house months later. But whenever Rabbi Yochanan would say anything, this new partner would immediately lend support to his opinion. The new partner became his echo chamber, leading Rabbi Yochanan to burst out in anger: 'Do you think you are at all like my friend Resh Lakish? Whenever I would say anything, Resh Lakish used to raise 24 objections, and I would have to respond with 24 rebuttals. But all you do is - agree with me! What's the use of that?' Then Rabbi Yochanan stood up, tore his garments, and wept for the memory of his beloved friend."

These two rabbis often did not agree. But they were both better rabbis because they heard and internalized the other argument, even if they didn't agree. This is one of our biggest problems as a society today. We don't know how to respectfully disagree with each other. We don't know how to understand people with a different worldview from our own. We don't spend the time to understand an issue from a different perspective and we often forget that debate and dialogue only make us and our arguments stronger. The more we believe in something, the more we should be willing to discuss it. I saw a cute meme today that said 'can't we disagree and still be friends?'

It really feels like we are more polarized than ever before, doesn't it? Like society decided that we are all just going to dig in our heels, pull our side of the tug-of-war rope a little harder and not budge. But all of us know that in real life we tend to live in that nuanced grey area when black and white would be so much easier. Of course we can believe that black lives matter and that there is systemic racism throughout our society while still supporting the thousands of good, kind, and decent police officers in our cities. Of course we can believe that access to healthcare is a basic human right and disagree on how we are going to get there. And of course we can agree that this pandemic is scary and awful, that COVID-19 is a dangerous virus while still finding ways to maintain some semblance of life during this year. Even these words I'm speaking right now are sure to make some people upset, but if that's the case they are missing the essential message of this talk. We need to be able to dialogue with each other again. We need to be able to hear one another. We need to form friendships with people across the aisle. We need to remember that there is so much more that binds us together than tears us apart.

Luckily, our tradition has some ideas about how to overcome this problem, even in our polarized world today. We need not look any further than the liturgy we have already read this season. It reminds us, we are each a piece of something much bigger. Between this moment and the end of Yom Kippur tomorrow night we will spend a lot of time reflecting. We will utter our confessional prayers, we will dwell on those places in which we have missed the mark this year, and we will set goals for ourselves in the coming year. But our Yom Kippur liturgy has an important twist. Even the confessional prayers themselves were intended to teach us a lesson. We are not just atoning for our own mistakes. We are coming together as a community and saying we, the collective we, screwed up. We are only as strong as the weakest link in our chain. We let you down, God. Even the language of the prayers we just recited a few moments ago is telling. We sang, "*ashamnu, bagadnu, gazalnu, dibarnu dofi.*" Our book's translation: We betray. We steal. We scorn. We act perversely." Notice how our prayerbook is written in the plural of first person. That's from the Hebrew itself. We also enumerated our shortcomings in another confessional section of the service

where we said over and over again, “*al cheit shechatanu l’fanecha...*” for the ways WE have wronged you. In all of our Yom Kippur liturgy that we recited tonight and tomorrow, we see this idea over and over again. This is not a personal one-to-one confession. This is a communal confessional prayer. It’s meant to be a shared experience with people from all walks of life in our community.

We are not just praying for ourselves and our families. My mistakes are your mistakes. Your mistakes are my mistakes. Our tradition is crystal clear here - we come to ask forgiveness this time of year as one holy community, one huge, wide-open tent. It is as if the rabbis of old are handing us an instruction manual on what it means to be in a community. It is as if they were reminding us that our similarities bring us together. Yes, there are more than three million genetic differences between any of us, but according to our DNA, we are 99.9% the same. There is a lot that binds us together as a community, we just have to work to see it.

Can we really maintain a friendship with someone with a different outlook? There are two famous rabbis, Hillel and Shammai and their students who disagree on almost everything. The Talmud records 316 debates between Hillel and Shammai, and there are only 3 issues where they agree with one another. But they debated each other in friendship and with a great deal of respect for one another, in order to learn from one another.

This didn’t just happen in the Talmud. There are so many great examples of people who were able to see and hear one another and actually become friends even with different world views. We have all been thinking recently of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg of blessed memory. She was in so many ways our guide, and this is no exception. You may have heard the great story of the unlikely friendship between Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Antonin Scalia, both of blessed memory. From a piece in Business Insider magazine, “These two Supreme Court Justices had markedly different judicial philosophies and ways of interpreting the US Constitution, but they maintained a close friendship for decades, even spending holidays with each other’s families before Scalia’s 2016 death. “If you can’t disagree ardently with your colleagues about some issues of law and yet personally still be friends, get another job, for Pete’s sake,” Scalia once said. Justice Bader Ginsburg reflected in an interview with The Washington Post on her friendship with Scalia. “As annoyed as you might be about his zinging dissent, he’s so utterly charming, so amusing, so sometimes outrageous, you can’t help but say, ‘I’m glad that he’s my friend or he’s my colleague,’” she said. I wonder if their souls are off in some other world right now, relishing arguing with one another again, and perhaps taking in some opera together.

Entering into a real debate in which each person really hears and internalizes the other view point should not threaten us. Debating our point of view does not weaken our positions, rather it strengthens them and enables us to understand another perspective.

Finally, let me just say a brief word about an important Jewish value: humility. We are much more likely to hear one another when we enter a conversation from a place of humility and vulnerability. For many of us, it is so hard to admit that we are vulnerable, that we may not know everything. We want to present ourselves as the most well-read, having the most expertise, following the most influential blogs. But when we enter into a conversation thinking we alone have the correct point of view, the conversation is finished before it even starts. Instead, a little bit of humility, a little bit of vulnerability goes a long way.

Maybe these High Holy Days are meant to remind us that we ourselves are not so high and holy. We don’t have all the answers. If we embrace our vulnerability and humility, perhaps we can learn something important and see another perspective.

Back in Vienna in 1847, Ignaz Semmelweis’ story has an unfortunate ending. During his lifetime he could not get people to hear his message or change their minds. And he was just trying to teach people to wash their hands! Over time, of course, hand hygiene did develop, but believe it or not, in the United States it wasn’t until the 1980’s that a concerted effort around hand hygiene was made nationally. It then spread, no pun intended, to other countries as well. Perhaps if the contemporaries of Ignaz Semmelweis were able to have a real conversation, to listen together as a community, for the sake of learning, with vulnerability and humility, many lives may have been saved. While their time has come and gone, ours has not. Yom Kippur reminds us that we have one more chance to start again, to wipe the slate clean, to really hear one another. Let us take the extra time that is so necessary to really listen, to really be open to someone else. Only then will we really be able to say *hashivenu adonai eleiacha v’nashuva. Chadesh Yameinu k’kedem*. Help us, O God, to turn back to you in Goodness, kindness, and openness. Help us to renew ourselves, to learn from one another, to open our ears and our hearts during this holy season.

# 8 CHAI-er Learning with Rabbi Lenette Herzog

## Unetane Tokef: Responses to Crisis

*The following is Rabbi Lenette's High Holy Day Sermon*



A long time ago, a village prospered for many years. It had sound leaders and people who treated each other with kindness. But one day, the village was attacked by mysterious forces that forced everyone - including their royalty - to evacuate. Suddenly, the entire village was stranded without food, shelter or any idea of what had happened. People from another town appeared, having witnessed the destruction. Their leader reassured the village, saying: "When there is no future, all one can do is the next right thing."

If these words sound familiar to anyone under the age of 7, or their parents...you got me - it's from Frozen 2. The "village" is Arendelle, its leaders Queen Elsa and Anna, and the other town's leader with that sound advice is Pabbie, of course. And yes, it's ironic that between the two of us rabbis, I'm the one quoting Frozen 2 in a sermon!

But Pabbie's words to Elsa and Anna are still wise, in a time of despair and loss: "When there is no future, all one can do is the next right thing."

We might not be Disney characters facing elemental forces, but 5780 has been a year where an invisible force has wreaked havoc on our lives. We've all lost so much. This year, we aren't able to gather in our sanctuary, or be surrounded by family out of town. Tonight there is acute pain and loss, different from other years.

Pabbie's wisdom - to focus on doing the next right thing, even when all hope feels lost - is reflected in one of our high holy day prayers, Unetane Tokef. Unetane Tokef reminds us of the heaviness of our reality, but that we can still respond with hope in ourselves and our community.

When we chanted Unetane Tokef last year, we had no idea what awaited us in 5780. Now we return to these ancient words, with the weight of the past year, and the uncertainty of 5781.

"*Unetane Tokef* - let us proclaim the power of this day." The opening words describe a day of power and dread, when even the angels tremble in fear. God is imagined as a "judge and plaintiff, counselor and witness," whose power is to witness our actions, and to inscribe our names in the Book of Life. And each moment this year has been heavy with the potential consequences of even our smallest actions.

"The great shofar will cry, t'kiah - a still small voice will be heard." This year has felt like a constant storm. We have been exhausted beyond our reserves. How can the still, small voice help us remain centered during this intense time? We'll return to this question later.

We then arrive at Unetane Tokef's famous verses: "Who shall live and who shall die; who in good time, and who by an untimely death?" These verses today are unimaginably painful. At the time I recorded this sermon, we've lost over 188,000 Americans, and over 861,000 people worldwide to coronavirus. That number is likely higher today. Regardless, the sheer loss of human life is staggering. It's unimaginable. And for many of us, within those overwhelming numbers, are individuals we know and love, who should still be here. People who died from senseless violence and brutality. Beloved celebrities, icons who changed the world, people we looked up to and felt like we knew them - among them, Rep. John Lewis, Naya Rivera, Kobe Bryant, Chadwick Boseman, Jerry Stiller, and Carl Reiner. We have lost so many this year.

"Who by fire and who by water, who by sword and who by wild beast, who by hunger and who by thirst," and so on: In this new reality, it can feel like each of our actions carry a "life or death" weight. Every outing needs a plan, a mask and hand sanitizer, and the hope that we're doing our best to stay safe.

"Who will be tranquil and who will be troubled, who will be calm and who tormented, who will live in poverty and who in prosperity..." 5780 has not been a peaceful or serene year. It's hard to summarize the tremendous mental and emotional toll the pandemic has taken. On a large scale, we're experiencing simultaneous crises in our economy, our healthcare, employment, housing, and the continuing climate crisis. The murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Daniel Prude, and others sparked national outrage, massive protests and renewed urgency about dismantling systemic racism. Systemic racism is why COVID is disproportionately affecting Black people and people of color, by as much as 40%. We've also lost perceived norms of accepting science and health guidelines, with the spread of misinformation. Billionaires are somehow even richer, with over 50 million Americans out of work. Not to mention tragedies and natural disasters, here and around the world, that are too many to name.

This informs and exacerbates our own individual circumstances and loss. We've lost the comfort of daily routines, of safety in common actions and spaces. We've lost jobs, social interactions, the ability to hug family members and friends not in our "bubbles." We've lost holidays, graduations and lifecycle events. We are now presented with impossible situations that ask us to be everywhere at once, such as parents who are now full time caregivers and educators while working from home. Recent data shows the uncertainty of the pandemic, paired with isolation, has increased anxiety, depression, mental health issues and domestic violence, at historic levels.

The "who by" verses in Unetane Tokef acknowledge our anxiety of not knowing the future - but now, it feels like we live these verses every day.

Kate Sweeny is a professor of psychology. In a recent Wired article, she describes how the COVID-19 pandemic is also paired with a "psychological pandemic of uncertainty." She says, "Waiting periods are marked by two existentially challenging states: We don't know what's coming, and we can't do much about it...Together, those states are a recipe for anxiety and worry." Research has shown that we don't cope with uncertainty well - we hoard toilet paper, hand sanitizer and non-perishable foods, for example. But the anxiety - and for some, it's anxiety on top of preexisting anxiety - can also manifest itself in destructive ways. We are anxious to see how these events will manifest in our children in the coming years.

These High Holy Days gives us an opportunity to fully acknowledge everything we've been carrying for the past year. To hear our cries in the tekiah of the shofar - but also the still small voice. The voice of hope. The voice that wills us to take another step forward.

Unetane Tokef calls us to recognize that much of life is out of our control, but what counts is how we respond to it. Leonard Cohen famously wrote, "There's a crack in everything. That's how the light gets in." We've acknowledged the brokenness. Now let's turn to the light.

Unetane Tokef means the power of this day. But the power does not just belong to God. It's also our power to choose how we respond to the despair of our individual and collective situation. It's not total power - we probably aren't the doctors creating a vaccine, and we can't pretend that the pandemic and its risks don't exist. We will mourn the people we've lost for a long time. And there is no "back to normal" - our society, and each of us, will be changed by the pandemic. But we can choose to respond in ways that are productive and caring for ourselves and others.

As Pabbie says, "When there is no future, all one can do is the next right thing."

Unetane Tokef continues with three responses for "the next right thing:" "*U'teshuvah u'tefilah u'tzedakah ma'avirin et roa hag'zeirah.*" But teshuva, and tefilah, and tzedakah, will help us overcome the severity of the decree.

So many things feel like they're out of our control. It's natural to feel helpless, and next year feels so uncertain. But Unetane Tokef reminds us that teshuva, tefilah and tzedakah can help us overcome, and respond with dignity and hope. Our community has already taken many of these steps already - a few weeks ago, I asked on Facebook how you've responded to feeling out of control, and there were so many thoughtful responses. I'll be sharing some for each.

Teshuvah is a response inwards. It can mean repentance or turning. "Repentance" could imply teshuva means berating ourselves about what we've done wrong. How we weren't good enough this year. Instead, let's consider teshuvah as an act of self care. Turning to ourselves. What do I need to get through the rest of the year? The fall? The rest of this day?

Teshuva reminds us that we need to take care of ourselves first in order to keep going. Are we getting enough sleep? Have we hydrated and fed ourselves? Have I been looking at a screen all day? How is our physical, emotional and spiritual health? If we can't take care of all of these things, let's take care of one. Ask others to help us stay centered and grounded. And most importantly, may we forgive ourselves. I hope each of us can acknowledge that we are all truly surviving - doing the very best we can - and that is good enough.

So many of us are taking steps in Teshuva. Steve shared that he goes for a long bike ride. "Focusing on breathing and all of the beautiful things that you always see on your bike ride, such as trees, birds and other animals that we usually just take for granted, allows me to gain perspective, slow everything down and spend time thinking about what's really important in my life." Valerie shared that she shifts her expectations, focusing on what's "good and right" in our lives, and Eileen said that she tries to write, meditate, and get on her treadmill and blast music for 30 minutes." Geno shared he tries to "go with the flow," and work with the moment.

Lisa shared these beautiful words, “To feel in control I pause. I say no thank you for one of the first times ever. I won’t let you control my time filled with things you, life, want me to do... I will sit in the pause. You may sit with me. I will control my time with joy. You may join me.”

Once we’ve taken care of ourselves, we can turn outward.

Tefilah is a response towards community. Tefilah means prayer, which can seem like an inward act - and sometimes it is. But prayer, in Jewish spaces, can’t happen without community. Tefilah means connecting with our neighbors, family, friends, and local communities.

This pandemic has been awful in so many ways, but the disruption of our daily routine has also created space for loved ones to spend more time together. It’s motivated us to stay in better touch with family and friends. We’ve managed to have movie nights and happy hours, front porch concerts, family calls and birthday parties, with people next door and across the country. And there are so many ways we’ve shown that love for people in our community. We have left encouraging messages for hospital workers, sewed masks for free, delivered groceries for neighbors, and gotten takeout and gift cards from struggling restaurants.

I noticed that many of you combined teshuva and tefilah in your responses. They’re intertwined. Helping others also helps ourselves. Steve shared that after his bike rides, he spends time with his family and calls his kids who are in college. Eileen added spending time with her grandchildren, or giving someone a reiki and Reflexology session. Kim said she writes handwritten notes, and what she receives back is priceless. And Amanda shared that it’s helped tremendously to talk about what’s out of her control, both with loved ones and also publicly on social media - to name it, and help process with others going through the same thing.

We have felt that tefilah response at TBS, as each of you have helped maintain our value of staying connected as one sacred community, even during this pandemic. You have delivered groceries, checked in on each other, and welcomed and supported each other virtually during services. Our amazing staff and community members have led hundreds of videos on Facebook over the last six months, from Torah study to baking to gardening advice. Our virtual Gala and Drive-In services have allowed us to innovate and redefine how we come together as a community. Our leadership and Task Force members spent hours of their time this summer to help make sure we can begin this fall season safely. Thank you for being open, for being there for each other, and for being patient during our technical glitches! As a TBS community, we are going to emerge from the pandemic stronger.

Finally, Tzedakah is a step towards justice. To show up for our community, and commit to systemic and societal change. As Rabbi Tarfon says in Pirkei Avot, “It is not upon you to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from it.” This pandemic has illuminated and exacerbated problems that existed before COVID, particularly the many ways our systems are broken for those who are most vulnerable. Our activism and commitment to change in this moment sends a message - that we’re not going “back to normal,” because we can build something better.

There have been so many causes to care about this year, to the point that we might feel fatigued. But if we can choose something we’re passionate about, and dedicate some time to learning, educating others, and activism - we can make a difference. We can donate to organizations, or spend our time safely volunteering. And above all, we must make sure we are registered to vote, and have a plan going into November.

Michelle shared that she tries to create something. She says, “It could be something big, or something very quiet, but it all makes a difference,” and a quote by Maxine Hong Kingston: “In a time of destruction, create something: a poem, a parade, a community, a school, a vow, a moral principle; one peaceful moment.” And truly, all three of our responses - teshuva, tefilah and tzedakah - are all positive acts of creation. To create, in response to emptiness and despair.

Unetaneh Tokef: the power of this day. The power we have to create, even when we feel out of control. The power to listen to that still small voice in each of us. The power to still respond with the next right thing, in the face of tragedy, exhaustion, powerlessness, and fear. As Cantor Max Axelrod writes, “The true and vital message of Unetaneh Tokef requires us to ask ourselves not who shall live, but how shall we live?”

We have the power, without minimizing our pain and anguish, to also recognize that this moment is not forever. The night of the Exodus, Miriam didn’t just bring essential provisions, she also packed her timbrel - an instrument of joy. She knew that time of celebration would come.

Until that moment, may we respond to the challenges and struggles in 5781 with teshuva, tefilah and tzedakah. May we survive, be gentle to ourselves and others, and still find moments of joy and gratitude. May we remind the people we love often that we love them. May that time of celebration arrive next year.

# Cantorial Corner with Gail Rose II



## Thank You To Our 5781 High Holy Day Musicians!

"It takes a village to raise a child" and "It takes a village to provide *the music* for all the various High Holiday Services at Temple Beth Shalom. Thank you to all of the musicians listed below who helped us provide meaningful services for our High Holidays.

I am pleased and proud to present to you the 5781 High Holy Day Musicians:

**Orlay Alonso** is a Cuban-American pianist who has been lauded as a "rising young star" and "a real virtuoso" (Anthony Aibel, New York Concert Review). Equally at home with solo, chamber and concerto repertoire, Alonso is "committed to sharing every note with the audience" (Aibel). With his instinctive communicative gifts, Alonso takes the audience along on his imaginative and thought-provoking

journey. Alonso has captivated audiences across the globe with his elegance and intensity since his Carnegie Hall debut in 2003. He has garnered top prizes at numerous national and international piano competitions, and obtained his doctorate degree from The Ohio State University in 2015 and holds graduate degrees from Yale University, Mannes College, and the Manhattan School of Music. Alonso recently joined the faculty at Capital University's Conservatory of Music and frequently performs at concert venues across central Ohio. He appears alongside Christopher Purdy as co-host of "Musica Cubana" as part of WOSU Radio's Music in Mid-Ohio series and has established partnerships with City Music Columbus and the Ohio State Chapter of the American Liszt Society. Orlay accompanied the afternoon Yom Kippur Service.

**Marc Ankerman** recently retired from OSU's Fisher's College of Business and now is President and CEO of Ankerman's Training Solutions. He has been playing percussion since he was three. His father's favorite musician was Gene Krupa and when he noticed his son's natural rhythm abilities, he dreamed Marc would be the next world famous percussionist. Marc has played in bands his whole life. He participated in many different bands which included: High School Marching, Pep, Rock, Dixieland and MBB (Marc's Basement Band). He has been a percussionist in Shabband and was a singer/percussionist in the Shir Shirim Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Services.

**Scot Ashton** received a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education and Piano Performance from Capital University and a Master of Music degree in Piano Performance and Literature from The University of Notre Dame. Scot has performed in various venues both sacred and secular both nationally and internationally. He is a music specialist in the Franklin County Schools and is the accompanist for the Fourth Friday Services at Temple Beth Shalom. Scot serves as a Cantor at St Catherine's Church in Bexley. "I am delighted to be able to contribute, share and learn in the solemnity of the High Holy Days." Scot (with one t) accompanied the Erev Rosh Hashanah and Erev Yom Kippur Services.

**Rabbi Benjy Bar-Lev**, our Senior Rabbi, earned a Bachelor Degree in English and a graduate degree at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati. He is a life-long Jewish camper and has worked as a song leader at camp Interlaken. Rabbi B helped to innovate worship experiences during his internship at Temple Shalom in Cincinnati and is the originator of Temple Beth Shalom's Shabband which plays for every third Friday Shabbat Service of the month. Rabbi Bar-Lev gets the award for participating in every High Holiday Service!!

**Nick Ciranni** was raised in Coney Island and graduated from Don Bosco College with a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy with concentrations in music and education. He has been a Licensed Massage Therapist since 1984 and a Reiki Teacher since 1990. He started his musical studies in high school and continued his education in college. Nick is accomplished in guitar, string bass and percussion. He has always felt a connection with religious music particularly the folk style genre. Nick participates in many, many Shabbat Evening and Morning Services and participated in the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Main Sanctuary and Shir Shirim Services and Spiritual Sharing.

**Debbie Costa** is the director of the Sharyonim Choir. She received her Bachelor of Music Degree from Ohio Wesleyan University and her Master of Arts in Music Education from The Ohio State University. Her experience in public school music education has included 19 years of choral and instrumental music at Licking Heights Local Schools. She has directed and choreographed 19 major musicals and her bands and choirs have consistently received superior ratings at OMEA contests. Debbie has been the co-music director and co-choreographer for many, many, Temple Beth Shalom Purim Spiels. Debbie is a private voice and piano teacher and is a Cantorial Soloist for Congregation Beth Tikvah. Debbie's Sharyonim Choir sang at morning Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Main Sanctuary Services.

**Angelo Dunlap** is the music specialist for the Columbus Jewish Day School. He is also the administrative assistant for Temple Beth Shalom's Kehillat Torah Sunday School. Angelo was active in the vocal music department at Fort Hayes Metropolitan Education Center and is a graduate of The Ohio State University where he majored in psychology. Angelo's free time is consumed with practicing and teaching piano and guitar. He owns 12 guitars, 1 piano, 4 flutes, 1 trumpet, 1 accordion, 1 violin, 1 ude, 1 snare drum and 1 cello. "If music is the voice of the soul, sing on." Angelo was the pianist for the Shir Shirim Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Services.

**Leon Friedberg** holds a Bachelor of Music degree in cello performance from DePauw University, a Masters of Music in cello performance from Miami University and a law degree from Capital University. He has been a lawyer for nearly forty years and is with the firm of Carlile Patchen & Murphy LLP. He has performed with the Columbus Symphony Orchestra, the Central Ohio Symphony, the Springfield Symphony Orchestra, and the Bexley-Capital Orchestra. Leon played Max Bruch's Kol Nidrei Op. 47 for cello and piano at the Erev Yom Kippur Main Service.

**Arkadiy Gips** began playing violin at the age of three. At six he was admitted to the School for Talented Children in Kiev, Ukraine. Arkadiy graduated from the Rostov Music Conservatory and became a well-known violinist in Eastern Europe where he played with a variety of orchestras. "If music is king, then Arkadiy Gips certainly wears a crown" was the media's response to the first performances of Columbus Ohio's new immigrant from Kiev in 1994. He now plays coast to coast and has toured internationally with Madonna. Arkadiy played in all of the Traditional and Shir Shirim Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Services

**Rabbi Lenette Herzog** is starting her fourth year as Associate Rabbi and Director of Education at TBS. She earned a bachelor degree in English at Arizona State University, and graduate degrees at Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles. Rabbi Lenette's love of Jewish music began through Jewish summer camp and NFTY weekends, and while attending Shabbat services in Jerusalem. In her spare time, Rabbi Lenette enjoys reading, yoga, and social action work.

**Merry Bing Pruitt** teaches Suzuki piano, harpsichord, violin and viola in her Bexley home. She graduated from Capital University with a Bachelor in Piano Performance and English Literature. She directed the Suzuki Teacher Training at Capital University for over twenty years and has served as the music director at Reformation Lutheran Church since 1992. Ms. Pruitt is the author of the book, *You Might Be A Pianist If* and is the author of several articles in the *American Suzuki Journal*, the magazine of the Suzuki Association of the Americas. "It brings me great joy to have the privilege of playing Jewish Music." Merry accompanied the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Main Sanctuary Services.

**Gail Rose** earned a Bachelor and a Master in Music Education from The Ohio State University. She taught vocal and general music in the Lancaster, Southwestern and Worthington City Schools. She has received teaching awards from The Ohio State University, The Lasday Jewish Educator of the Year Award and Columbus Jewish Federation's Twelve Tribes Award. Mrs. Rose is TBS's Cantorial Soloist / Music Director, Kehillat Torah Sunday School music teacher, Bar/Bat Mitzvah tutor and founder and co-leader of the TBS Klezmer Band. Gail participated in the Main Sanctuary and Shir Shirim Services.

**Marc Rossio** started playing the guitar at the age of nine and received his first electric guitar as a Bar Mitzvah present. He is a professional music performer and has released 3 original CD's that are Judaic & Secular for the entire family. Marc travels across North America performing and his music is played on XM kids Radio, in Jewish pre-schools, religious schools and synagogues throughout the United States. "I love to perform but the biggest thrill is when others sing my music. Marc leads the second Friday Night Service of every month and participated in the Shir Shirim and family Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Services.

**Hannah Rossio** recently moved back from New York City due to COVID-19 but is happy to be back in Columbus surrounded by her family and people. She graduated from Ohio University in 2018 with a Communications major specializing in diversity and Women's Gender and Sexuality studies. Some of her biggest passions include singing, traveling, wine and fine dining and social advocacy; She will be the Madrichim Coordinator for our Sunday School and a B'nai Mitzvah tutor. Hannah participated in the Shir Shirim Services.

**Scott Roth** played trumpet and clarinet during his elementary and middle school years and found his passion, percussion, during High School. He was a percussionist in his High School's marching and symphonic bands. One can hear Scott in Temple Beth Shalom's Shabband, Purim Spiels, and during our Shir Shirim Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Services.



### ***New Year - Same Goals for Engagement!***

This time last year I was getting ready to start my new Engagement Coordinator role at TBS. My family and I have been partners since we moved to New Albany over 5 years ago. I have now been on both sides of TBS, first by being a partner of a Jewish home and now helping others to feel like they are a part of "my" home by engaging them in our Affinity Groups. At its core, an Affinity Group is less about what you do and more about who you do it with. We all need each other and that's why we have Affinity Groups. Just like most things, you won't know until you try, connect with an Affinity Group today!

Contact Lesley Thompson, Engagement Coordinator, at [lthompson@tbsohio.org](mailto:lthompson@tbsohio.org) for more information.

TEMPLE BETH SHALOM  
INVITES YOU TO HONOR THOSE WHO  
HAVE SERVED OUR COUNTRY

# Virtual Veterans Day Shabbat

## SEND US A PICTURE OF YOUR VETERAN!

In preparation for Veteran's Day Shabbat, we ask that any active or retired military please send in a photograph of yourself or loved one in uniform so that we can honor them in our annual veteran's slideshow.

If you or your loved one was in last year's slideshow there is no need to send in another photograph.

Please email photos to Amanda Cohen at [acohen@tbsohio.org](mailto:acohen@tbsohio.org) by November 1st!

**Tuesday  
October**

# 13

**1:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

**Helpful tip:  
Make sure to eat a  
healthy meal and  
drink plenty of water  
before donating.**

**The SARS COV-2  
antibody test, AKA  
COVID-19 Antibody  
Test (CAT), will be  
performed on all  
blood donations as  
part of our standard  
testing.**

## Temple Beth Shalom Blood Drive

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Walk-ins accepted, but appointments are preferred.

Scan below to make an appointment.



# Blood Drive



# 14 The Game Plan with Bobby Covitz



## There's A Committee For That!

If there is one thing that is true about Jewish organizations, it is that they love committees. Without too much effort, I would be willing to bet that one could find a Jewish organization somewhere that has a Committee on Committees, with subcommittees tasked with analyzing various aspects of committees. So, TBS has now formed a Fundraising Committee! You may be asking why, when events like the Annual Appeal and the Gala have been around for years? The answer: to help you and your family turn your passion for TBS into meaningful giving opportunities.

With the help of a group of experienced lay leaders, the Fundraising Committee was established with the goal of thinking differently about philanthropy at TBS. Like most synagogues and Jewish organizations, TBS's past fundraising has been largely focused on annual needs. This approach has served TBS well, as the Temple's signature fundraisers are strong events. But because we live in uncertain times, it is important for TBS to think about both its short and long-term financial health. It is vital that TBS maximizes the success of its annual fundraising activities, while also educating its partners on how a legacy gift can have an impact on the Temple for decades to come. When a fundraising conversation with a donor is done right, there are not separate short and long-term discussions. Similarly, the Fundraising Committee will take an integrated, holistic approach to philanthropy at TBS, and will be the consistent vision and voice supporting activities like the Annual Appeal and growing the Temple's endowment.

What does all of this mean for you as a TBS partner? Whether you occasionally give to a TBS fundraiser or give every year and have an endowment set up to support the future of TBS, you have made a decision to support the Temple with your hard-earned dollars. For that, I thank you. The Fundraising Committee wants to further simplify the act of giving to TBS through ongoing donor education, so that you know the ways in which you can give to TBS and how your gift will make an impact. I recognize that our community is blessed with many wonderful nonprofits and giving opportunities. It is my sincere hope that through the work of the Fundraising Committee, rich and exciting philanthropic conversations will be started or furthered at TBS with many of you.

Thank you for making TBS your Jewish home, and for your generous support.

## Get To Know Your TBS Executive Board!



## Bonnie Cram

Immediate Past President  
TBS Member Since 2013

Occupation: Lawyer  
Residence: New Albany

**Husband:** Jeremy  
**Daughter:** Lindsey (15)  
**Son:** David (13)  
**Dog:** Oliver (Golden Doodle)

### Family & Pets

**Birthplace:** Minneapolis  
**College:** U of Wisconsin - Madison  
**Advanced Degree:** Juris Doctorate from William Mitchell College of Law

### Background & Education

**Most Relaxing Activity:** Baking  
**Book:** *I Know This Much Is True* - Wally Lamb  
**Movie:** There's Something About Mary  
**Vacation:** Kenya  
**Best Invention:** Audio Books  
**Favorite TBS Event:** 2016 TBS Gala  
**Historical Dinner Guest:** Prince  
**Little Known Fact:** I wore a brace for scoliosis growing up  
**I'd Like Everyone To Know:** I'm looking for a part-time job!

### Favorites & Extras

Walking

Skiing

Reading

Cooking

Baking

Hiking

### Hobbies



To make it through COVID unscathed with a bright future ahead and lots of in-person events!

### Vision for Temple Beth Shalom

# THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE 5781 ANNUAL APPEAL!

## Enjoy staying connected to TBS through the Holidays?

Please consider a gift to the Annual Appeal to support our online services and programming.

A gift to the 5781 Annual Appeal supports Joyful, Personal, and Accessible during this challenging time.

## How will your contribution make an impact?

In addition to the funds used to support a strong temple life, a quality religious school education, and a safe, well-maintained building, your contribution supports **innovative worship experiences** such as our drive-in services!

Please consider making a meaningful gift by check or at [tbsohio.org/donate-now.html](http://tbsohio.org/donate-now.html)

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



# 16 Simcha Station

## October Birthdays

October 1st — Jacob Dobres, Richard Schwartz  
October 2nd — Naomi Cohen  
October 3rd — Scott Baker, Roger Benjamin,  
Betsy Schuster  
October 4th — Steve Grossman, Rich Kallenberg,  
Mark Koval, Anthony Liccardi,  
Gabrielle Wenter  
October 6th — Stephanie Eckstein, Jennifer Siegel  
October 7th — Bonnie Joseph, Rachel Potnick  
October 8th — Andi Alpert, Ethel Meizlish, Eve Schmidt  
October 9th — Beverly Benzakein, Matthew Kauffman,  
Dan Lang, Stephen Lansky,  
Brett Rozanczyk  
October 10th — Elaine Barnett, Jonathan Feibel,  
Alisa Handmaker  
October 11th — Shelley Zimmerman  
October 12th — Randy Cuenot, Jeffrey Salon, Sandy Wylie  
October 13th — David Segal  
October 14th — Ryan King  
October 15th — Michael Bloch, Carol Rich  
October 16th — Brian Benson, Lynn Dobb, Steve Herman,  
Debbie Leasure, Adry Tomer  
October 17th — Lauren Bar-Lev, Julie Handler,  
June Sahara  
October 18th — Phil Goldstein  
October 19th — Janice Brillson, Meryl Palestrant  
October 20th — Ruth Bank, Steve Skilken  
October 21st — Josh Silverman  
October 22nd — Todd odes, Jody Schwartz  
October 23rd — Jo Anne Grossman  
October 24th — Andrew Klein  
October 25th — Howard Rosenberg  
October 28th — Candy Bar-Lev, Jack Joseph, Frank Weiss  
October 29th — Zack Singer  
October 31st — Marc Kleiman, Rona Rosen, John Royer

## October Anniversaries

October 1st — Sheri & Brian Benson  
October 4th — Shelley & Jason Zimmerman  
October 6th — Beth & Brandon Levine,  
Juliann & Joshua Zeidman  
October 7th — Shari & Stephen Brooks  
October 10th — Andrea & Lance Shnider,  
Deb & Brian Voronkov  
October 12th — Allison & Brad Eckes,  
Erica & Brett Rozanczyk  
October 15th — Amanda & Dan Chernyak,  
Lynne & Todd Emoff  
October 16th — LaJune & Bernard Cohen  
October 18th — Julie & Seth Alpert  
October 25th — Debra Weinberg & Marat Wisebond  
October 26th — Jodi & Jeff Harris,  
Christie & Mitch Miller,  
Sandra & Michael Roads  
October 27th — Theresa & Steve Belford,  
Tera & Matthew Kauffman  
October 28th — Amy & Corey Dubin,  
Danny & Rafie Hurley  
October 30th — Cindy & Alan Weisenberg  
October 31st — Karen & Steve Skilken

## Molly Chernyak



On Saturday, October 3 at 10 o'clock in the morning, Molly Eliana Chernyak, daughter of Amanda and Dan Chernyak, sister of William, granddaughter of Svetlana and Vladimir Chernyak, Darlene and Rabbi Frank Muller and Bruce Luntz, will be called to the Torah for her First Aliyah.

Molly is an 8th grade honors student at New Albany Middle School and she attends the Temple Beth Shalom Religious School, where she is involved in the Madrichim in Training Program. Molly is a middle school cheerleader and enjoys tumbling and track. Above all, she enjoys being with her friends and family.

Molly has always had a huge heart. A heart full of love and empathy for the ones she loves and the ones she has yet to meet. When it came time to choose a Bat Mitzvah project, she immediately knew that she wanted to help others. On her birthday, she went shopping and bought items to pack snack bags for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House here in Columbus. These bags were dropped off there and these grab-and-go meals and snacks will allow families to stay close to their hospitalized child without having to leave their side for meals and snacks. She also volunteered with the Children's Hunger Alliance and helped pack hundreds of meals for children across Ohio.

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### Hailey Boyce



Hailey Elizabeth Boyce, daughter of Cheryl and Patrick Boyce will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, October 17, 2020 at 10:00 am. She will be reading from Parshat Naso D'var. She is the youngest of three children, with an older sister (Megan) and brother (Zachary) and is the granddaughter of Rochelle and Martin Goldman (of blessed memory) and Lynn Merolla and Thomas Boyce.

Hailey is a student at Olentangy Berkshire Middle School, where she plays lacrosse and field hockey. For her Mitzvah Project, Megan volunteered at The Children's Hunger Alliance, dog sat for her neighbor's dogs, and is currently volunteering to prepare for the Coach Pat Boyce 35 Strong Golf Outing which is a fundraiser for the Coach Pat Boyce 35 Strong Scholarship Fund. Her tutoring was provided by Gail Rose.

### Abby Spolter



On Saturday, October 24, 2020 at 10 o'clock in the morning, Abby Spolter, daughter of Lorn and Lisa Spolter, sister of Sophie, granddaughter of Arnold and Ann Spolter of blessed memory, George and Sandy Tootle, is called to the Torah for her First Aliyah.

Abby is an 8th grade student at Columbus Academy and she attends the Temple Beth Shalom Religious School.

She enjoys playing team sports, including soccer, basketball and lacrosse. Abby also likes biking and spending time with her friends.

### Sloane Westrick



On Saturday, October 31st at 10 o'clock in the morning Sloane Madison Westrick, daughter of Rachel and Timothy Westrick, sister of Bryce, Max and Jack, granddaughter of Teri and Robert Ploscowe, Grace and Edward Westrick, is called to the Torah for her First Aliyah along with her brother Jack.

Sloane is a 7th grader at New Albany Middle School. She spends most of her time playing soccer for the club team Westerville United. Sloane enjoys making TikTok videos, creating anything art related and hanging out with her friends.

For her Mitzvah project Sloane made cards and sent them to people who were isolated during the COVID pandemic.

Sloane is excited to share and spend her special day alongside her brother.

### Jack Westrick



On Saturday, October 31st at 10 o'clock in the morning Jack Samuel Westrick, son of Rachel and Timothy Westrick, brother of Bryce, Max and Sloane, grandson of Teri and Robert Ploscowe, Grace and Edward Westrick, is called to the Torah for his First Aliyah along with his sister Sloane.

Jack is an 8th grader at New Albany Middle School. Jack loves playing video games with his friends and creating with Legos. Jack also enjoys spending time with his family and his dog Sophie.

Jack is excited to spend and share his special day alongside his sister.

Mazel tov

# 18 Presidential Address



## Mementos, Memories, and Moving Forward

Zoom meetings provide a glimpse into our lives that coworkers and others normally don't see – especially if we don't turn off our cameras or use virtual backgrounds. When I've Zoomed with TBS Board members, I've heard comments like, "Mike, there's a lot going on in that office" and "does anybody play Eye Spy with your office during Zoom calls?"

My office is filled with tchotchkes. Some are the remnants of childhood – my sons' as well as my own. Others are treasured mementos that provide a tangible reminder of where I've been and with whom during my TBS journey. Like the box of rocks and pottery shards from our trip to Israel with Rabbi Apothaker to remind me of the sites I've seen (as well as of my conversations with Israeli airport security about my souvenir choices). The cork from a bottle of wine shared at Shabbat dinner in Ein Keram with Rabbi A and friends. Kippot from Daniel and David's Bar Mitzvahs celebrated with our Rabbis. A jar of colorful, plastic dreidels, the memories of many TBS Hanukkah parties. These things tell part of my TBS story.

In my Rosh Hashanah address, I said that 5780 will be remembered as year of dueling narratives – one written by COVID-19, the other by our congregational response to the pandemic. During the High Holy Days, we gathered in person and online to participate in the ongoing story of the Jewish people and of our TBS community, which epitomized the nature of TBS. And each of you who joined our services, who turned out or tuned in to hear the Shofar, who gave a virtual Kiddush, or who took part in our High Holy Day discussions and programming are part of that communal story.

As we begin 5781, we all have questions about how these narratives will continue to unfold. Will we get a COVID vaccine (and when, and will be safe)? When will life return to normal, to better? When will we gather in-person at TBS for Shabbat, for lifecycles, for religious school, for programs? Unfortunately, we don't yet know. These stories are still being written. But this is certain: as Rabbi Benjy discussed in his Rosh Hashanah sermon, we have hope that our clergy, our lay leaders, and you, our TBS family, will continue to make TBS a joyful, personal, and accessible place for worship, learning, and socializing. So we move forward, holding fast to memories of brighter times to sustain us during the shadowy ones.

With that in mind, we have a few issues to bring to your attention.

First, our response to the pandemic has been guided by Pikuach Nefesh (saving a life). Our COVID Task Force will reconvene in late October to reevaluate its recommendations based on the current status of the pandemic and medical guidance and consider any potential changes. The Task Force's report, recommendations, and screening protocols are all available at TBSOhio.org (at the "COVID-19 Response" tab).

Second, we urge you to register and then vote in the upcoming election. Voting allows us to take part in the unfolding narrative of our local and national community. Whether it be TBS co-Presidents or the President of the United States, "a ruler is not to be appointed unless the community is first consulted" (Babylonian Talmud Berachot 55a). As Rabbi David Evan Markus wrote, "Public safety, health, social equity, the rule of law – the very fabric of modern life in an interdependent world – today require wise, effective and democratically accountable government as never before."

Finally, although much of TBS's programming occurs virtually right now, we need volunteers to enable these programs to operate. And we need volunteers to lay the foundations for joyful, personal, and accessible programs in the physical world. Below is a list of our current committees. We encourage you to become involved in some aspect of the TBS story – whether assisting with fundraising, educational programming, Temple beautification, marketing, finance, technology – your experience, expertise, or interest is welcomed! Please reach out to me, Mindy Agin, or Bobby Covitz about serving on any of these committees (or if you have ideas of how you can contribute your time and talent in other ways). After all, "You do not need to finish the work, but you are not free to desist from it" (Pirket Avot 2:16).

The Shofar calls upon us to reflect on the story we have written thus far and inspires us to write the next chapter of our lives. What will your next chapter be? Whatever it may be, we thank you for allowing TBS to be part of your continuing narrative.

In partnership,  
Michael Griffaton, Co-President

Temple Beth Shalom Committees 2020-2021		
Religious Practices	Membership and Outreach	Religious School
Finance	Personnel	Nominating
Programming	Marketing	Security
Lifelong Learning (includes Library, Adult Education, Lunch & Learn, Leadership Development)	Social Action and Tzdekah (includes Mitzvah Corps, Mitzvah Day, Caring Circle)	Fundraising/Philanthropy (includes Fundraising, Life & Legacy, Development, Gala)
Facilities	Cemetery	

# Mitzvah Corps Central 19

## The Central Ohio WRJ Tzedakah Collective

You can join in a philanthropic organization of Reform Jewish women in Central Ohio who want to learn about the needs in our community. The Tzedakah Collective makes a difference by distributing grants to worthy non-profit groups that do excellent work to lift up and improve lives in the populations they serve by doing work consistent with our Jewish values.

Suggested tax deductible donation is \$60 per year (or more if you wish). Members will vote on grant distribution in December but please join us anytime in the calendar year.

The next meeting will be on Sunday, November 15, 4-5 PM via Zoom where we will learn about the local non-profit, MOMS2B.

For the Zoom link, contact Marsha Pond [marshapond@msn.com](mailto:marshapond@msn.com).

## Our TBS BREAD Rodef Tzedek Network Helps Build the Power for Justice

BREAD's current initiatives highlight dramatic disparities in employment, housing, health, wealth and quality of life for people of color in our local community.

These underlying disparities have ravaged these communities so join us as we push to end racial and economic inequity in Columbus.

The Annual Assembly will be on Zoom on Monday, November 9.

## Because of BREAD members like you:

- The Franklin County Commissioners approved an additional \$6.5 million for affordable housing to help about 200 families per year access safe, decent housing.
- Three Columbus schools had 537 fewer suspensions due to our push for Restorative Practices. This decrease in suspensions saves taxpayers \$5.37 million by keeping kids in school and out of the court system.
- Startup funding was secured in the amount of \$70,000 for the "One Linden Cooperative," a worker-owned food hub in Linden.

## Temple Beth Shalom

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### Executive Staff

Rabbi Benjy A. Bar-Lev	<i>Senior Rabbi</i>
Rabbi Lenette J. Herzog	<i>Assoc. Rabbi/ Edu. Dir.</i>
Gail Rose	<i>Music Director</i>
Bobby Covitz	<i>Executive Director</i>
Rabbi Howard L. Apothaker, Ph.D.	<i>Rabbi Emeritus</i>

### Temple Staff

Amanda Cohen	<i>Director of Marketing &amp; Com.</i>
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Kathy McGee	<i>Office Manager</i>
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Lesley Thompson	<i>Engagement Coordinator</i>
Penny Williams	<i>Bookkeeper</i>



Interested in a great mitzvah opportunity? TBS is looking for new volunteers to support its Sunday morning Meals On Wheels route. There are currently only two volunteers supporting this wonderful cause. If you'd like to lend a helping hand during this challenging time, please contact Lesley Thompson at [lthompson@tbsohio.org](mailto:lthompson@tbsohio.org) or (614) 665-9726.

# 20 October Yahrzeits

## October 2nd

Coryne Basch  
Sam Berman  
Geri Bernard  
Charles Dubin  
Robert Erlanger  
Joanne Feldman  
Madelyn Hershfield Singer  
Max Lewis  
Israel Liverant  
Alan Meyer  
Thomas Ricker  
Laurie Schermer  
Al Steinberg  
Philip Tannenbaum  
Ralph Wahrman  
Moises Weiss  
Zalman Zaenckick

## October 9th

Nathan Allweiss  
Bertha Barnett  
Rose Barton  
Ruth Ann Blank  
Violet Coe  
Helen Danchik  
Robert Eisenman  
Merril Farrington  
James Feibel  
Irene Friedman  
Jerry Friedman  
Harvey Gelfand  
Al Glickman  
Sophia Goldberg  
Leon Herritt  
Sara Kanter  
Sol Katz  
Roz Leibovitz  
Anne Levine  
Marie Pabian  
Michael Philips  
Ruth Resck  
Henry Rich  
JoAnn Roads  
Jill Sandler  
Ruth Schwartz

## October 16th

Selma Abel  
Arthur Cohen  
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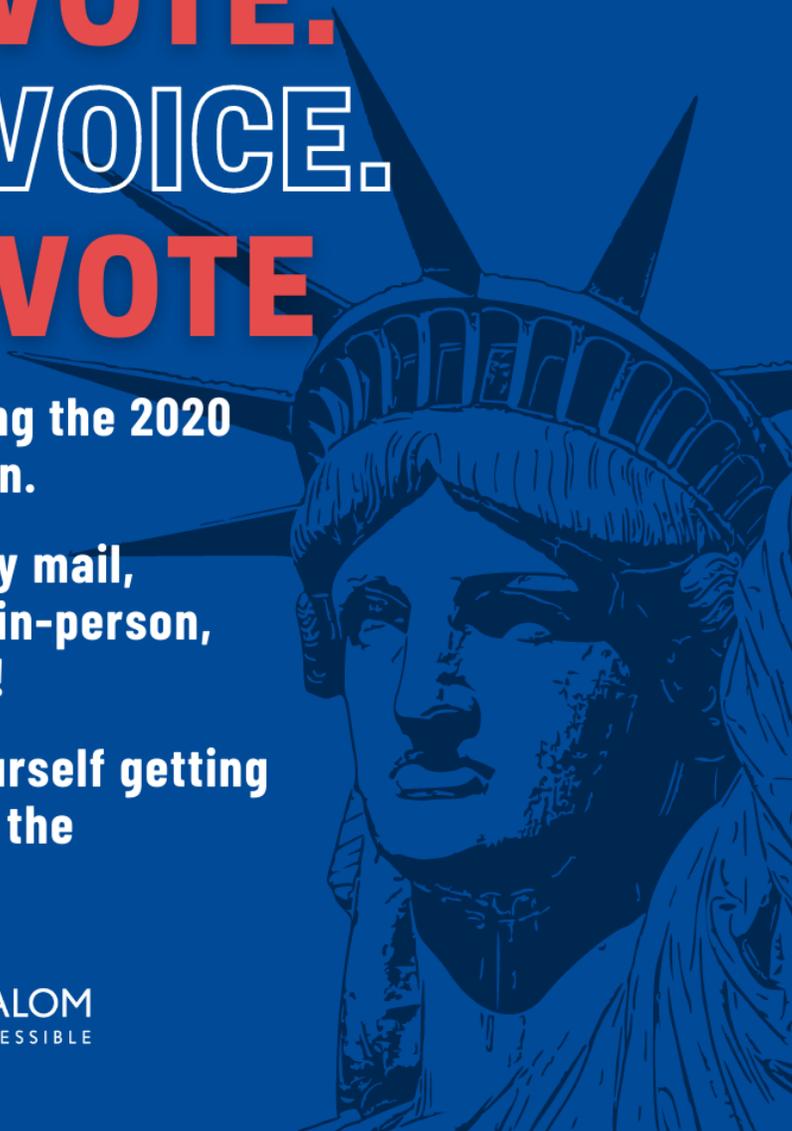
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