



# The Window

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## L'Shana Tova 5781!



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☆ While the temple building is closed, you can still reach all of our staff members. Call the temple line and it will ring through to our cell phones.

# High Holy Days 2020/5781

## Service Schedule

### Selichot - Sat, Sept. 12th

- 7:30pm - Selichot Service 

### Shofar Blasts - Thurs, Sept. 17th

- 6pm - Community Shofar Blasts 

### Erev Rosh Hashanah - Fri, Sept. 18th

- 6:15pm - "Twilight" Family Service 
- 8pm - Erev Rosh Hashanah Service 



### Rosh Hashanah - Sat, Sept. 19th

- 9am - Family Service 
- 10am - Zoom Schmooze Opens 
- 10:15am - Traditional Service 
- 12pm - Virtual Kiddush 
- 12:45pm - Shir Shirim Service 
- 2:30pm - Personal Tashlich 
- 3:30pm - Pre-K Bubble Tashlich 

### Rosh Hashanah II - Sun, Sept. 20th

- 10am - Traditional Service 

### Kol Nidre - Sun, Sept. 27th

- 6:15pm - "Twilight" Family Service 
- 8pm - Kol Nidre Erev Yom Kippur 

### Yom Kippur - Mon, Sept. 28th

- 9am - Family Service 
- 10am - Zoom Schmooze Opens 
- 10:15am - Traditional Service 
- 12:30pm - Short Story Discussion 
- 12:45pm - Shir Shirim Service 
- 2:30pm - Spiritual Sharing 
- 3:30pm - Colleen Marshall - NBC4 
- 4:45pm - Yizkor 
- 5:45pm - Neilah 
- 6:25pm - Havdalah 

### Erev Sukkot - Fri, Oct. 2nd

- 6:30pm - Drive-In Service 

### Simchat Torah- Fri, Oct. 9th

- 6:30pm - Simchat Torah Service 

 Online  
  Drive-In  
  In Person



# 4 September Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Most events are online! Please check the eWindow and our social media for the most up to date info!		<b>1</b> 10:30am— Boker Tov 7:30pm— Choir Rehearsal	<b>2</b> 10:30am— Songs w/ Angelo 4:30pm— Healing Service	<b>3</b> 10:30am— Parshat HaShavua 5:15pm— Quarantining Alone	<b>4</b> 9:30am— Shabbat Songs w/ Marc 6:30pm— Erev Shabbat Services	<b>5</b> 8:30pm— Havdalah w/ the Bar-Lev Family
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Labor Day - Office Closed	<b>8</b> 10:30am— Boker Tov 7:30pm— Choir Rehearsal	<b>9</b> 10:30am— Songs w/ Angelo 4:30pm— Healing Service	<b>10</b> 10:30am— Parshat HaShavua	<b>11</b> 9:30am— Shabbat Songs w/ Marc 6:30pm— Erev Shabbat Services	<b>12</b> 10am— Abby Spolter FA 4pm— Jorie Freedman FA 7:30pm— Selichot Program
<b>13</b> 10am— Religious School Opening Day 4pm— Board Meeting	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 7:30pm— Choir Rehearsal	<b>16</b> 10:30am— Songs w/ Angelo 5:15pm— Quarantining Alone	<b>17</b> 5pm— Neighborhood Shofar Blasts	<b>18</b> 9:30am— Shabbat Songs w/ Marc  Erev Rosh Hashanah	<b>19</b> Rosh Hashanah
<b>20</b> Rosh Hashanah Day 2	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7:30pm— Choir Rehearsal	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 5:15pm— Quarantining Alone	<b>25</b> 9:30am— Shabbat Songs w/ Marc 6:30pm— Erev Shabbat Services	<b>26</b> 8pm— Havdalah w/ the Bar-Lev Family
<b>27</b> Kol Nidre Services	<b>28</b> Yom Kippur	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 4:30pm— Healing Service			

## Bring Mishkan HaNefesh Home for the Holidays

Temple Beth Shalom will be loaning High Holy Day prayerbooks (one set per household) to congregants who would like them.

Books will be available for pick-up September 8th-15th and will need to be dropped off at TBS by October 2nd-9th.

Go to [tbsohio.org/high-holy-days.html](http://tbsohio.org/high-holy-days.html) to reserve your set.



## Neighborhood Shofar Blasts

Thursday, September 17th | 6pm

Want to hear a live shofar blast just before Rosh Hashanah? Join us at one of these locations for a brief but lovely event. These will be drive-in, so please stay in your car.

- Temple Beth Shalom Parking Lot  
5089 Johnstown Rd
- Gahanna Lincoln High School Parking Lot  
140 S Hamilton Rd
- Bexley Pool Parking Lot  
2100 Clifton Ave
- Park of Roses Parking Lot Near Gazebo  
3901 N High St



# 6 The Buzz with Rabbi B



## The Call of our Shofar: Mourning, Celebration, and Hope

There is a wonderful story about an American tourist who stops an Israeli on the street and the following conversation ensues:

“Can you please tell me the time?”

“*I am sorry,*” replied the Israeli, “*I don’t have a watch.*”

“You don’t have a watch! How do you know what time it is?”

“*During the day, it is simple; I just ask someone.*”

“But what do you do at night?”

“*For that, my friend, I have a shofar!*”

“A shofar? How do you tell time with a shofar?”

“*That’s simple! If I wake up in the middle of the night and want to know what time it is, I open my window and I blow the shofar as loud as I can. A neighbor will always call out, “You idiot! Why are you blowing the shofar at 3:30 in the morning!” Now I know what time it is!*”

As I write this article, we are about to move into the month of Elul. Elul is the month that leads us up to the High Holy Days, the month in which we are reminded every day to start to slow down and turn our focus inward. What am I proud of from this past year? What have been my successes? How have I treated people this past year? What kindnesses did I bestow upon others? How did I stay connected to my community even in these dark and isolating times? We also ask ourselves the tougher questions. Where did I miss the mark this year? Where did I fall short of my goals? Whom did I hurt this past year? What actions do I regret?

The irony of the shofar joke above is that the shofar’s main role IS TO WAKE US UP (perhaps not at 3:30 am). The call of the shofar reminds us that now is the time when we start thinking more deeply about our lives and the choices we have made. If we have slept through a chunk of our lives, we have truly missed the mark.

For me, the sound of the shofar also brings a certain familiarity with it. While the sound is supposed to be jarring, hearing its unique tone can also transport some of us back to another time. As you’ve likely heard me discuss before, my family was not very observant in our Judaism when I was a kid. But we would always make it to Temple on the High Holy Days, and hearing the call of the shofar reminds me of sitting in our huge sanctuary and anticipating the last shofar call of the service when the person sounding the shofar would hold the note as long as he or she could. To be honest, I don’t remember a lot about High Holy Day services as a child, but I do remember the sound of that shofar. I remember delighting in hearing its sound, and seeing just how long the note would last before the *ba’al tikiyah* (shofar sounder) would start turning red.

The dual nature of the High Holy Day season, the idea that it is supposed to wake us up to be better versions of ourselves and at the same time, warmly connect us to our past versions of ourselves is what makes this time of year so special. While we take stock of our lives and our choices, we think of those who came before us (even if they weren’t Jewish) and the choices they made. We work hard on improving ourselves and at the same time perhaps we eat the same honey cake that a beloved grandmother made, or if we adopted Judaism for ourselves, we think of our own childhood experiences and remember lessons learned.

As we approach the High Holy Day season this year, we know that it is going to feel much different than it usually does. While there are a lot of creative and interesting ways that we will connect to one another in 5781, we must first acknowledge the sense of loss that so many of us will feel as we observe these holy days differently than in other years. I was upstairs in the sanctuary this morning and thought about how this is the time of year when we would usually start getting the building ready to accommodate the entire congregation. We take out the High Holy Day prayer books, sometimes the bima gets a fresh coat of paint, we order flowers, we print programs, we look forward to this wonderful and meaningful time when we can see one other, hug old friends, and come together as a community.

This High Holy Day season will, God willing, be an outlier. Perhaps we will always remember 5781 as our Pandemic High Holy Day Season. We must allow ourselves to mourn not just for this season, but for all the darkness and isolation that this pandemic has brought.

While we should let ourselves mourn, we also should rejoice that there will be many opportunities during this season for connection, meaning, and closeness. Most of our High Holy Day services will be conducted online through Facebook Live, our Temple website, and Youtube live. Our staff has been working hard since July to make sure that we provide the best content possible. Gail Rose, along with Debbie Costa and the Sharyonim choir have been recording choral music that will be woven together in a special video. To ensure the very best quality sound and picture, many of our High Holy Day services will be pre-recorded (and for many a bonus: shorter than usual). We will be able to interact with each other in the comments section on our website and on Facebook and Zoom. We are asking everyone in the congregation who is able to send in a 20 second clip of them wishing our community a Shanah Tovah, a Happy New Year (details elsewhere in the Window) enabling us to have a “virtual Rosh HaShanah luncheon.”

We will also be celebrating some aspects of the Holy Days together in person as safely as possible. On the afternoon and evening of Thursday, September 17 (Erev Erev Rosh HaShanah), we will be offering drive-in Shofar Blasts in six locations throughout our community at specific times for those folks who want to in-person, fulfill the mitzvah of hearing the shofar. Weather permitting, we will be holding drive-in style services for both Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur Shir Shirim Musical Services, with RSVPs ahead of time. We will also be doing our Yikor Memorial Service on Yom Kippur afternoon as a drive-in service as well. All of these services will also be streamed live via our website, Facebook, and Youtube, and if the weather doesn't cooperate, the services will still happen online. On Rosh HaShanah afternoon we will have the opportunity to do a personal self-guided Tashlich service. We will have two entrances to the creek on our property, recorded music playing, and instructions and meditations for Tashlich available. Bring your own bread to cast into the water, demonstrating the casting away of our missteps.

The High Holy Days of 5781 will certainly be memorable. Let's spend some time mourning our losses, but also spend time celebrating the creative ways in which we can still safely engage. And we will maintain hope. Hope that we have seen the worst of this pandemic. Hope that a vaccine is on the horizon. Hope that we will soon be together again. British Rabbi Hugo Gryn wrote about his time as a boy in Auschwitz. One winter evening in the barrack, Gryn's father drew him into a quiet corner, explaining that it was the first night of Hanukkah. He watched in amazement as his father plucked a few threads from his prison uniform for a wick and lit them in the day's now melted butter ration. Then the boy became angry; how could they waste this precious food for a makeshift menorah? His father replied: “My dear son, you and I have seen that it is possible to live for a very long time without food. But Hugo, a person cannot live even for a day without hope.” Hope has sustained us in the past, and we turn once again to hope to sustain us.

On behalf of Lauren, Sammie, Jake, Asher, and Noah, I wish you strength, sweetness, and hope this Holy Day season. We are in this together.

**Selichot**  
*A Sweet Start to your High Holy Days*  
**Saturday, September 12th | 7:30pm**

Join us Online for a meaningful Selichot experience. During the service we will change our Torah covers to the High Holy Day covers

# 8 CHAI-er Learning with Rabbi Lenette Herzog



## Meet Our 2020-2021 Religious School Staff!

Shalom TBS Family, I hope you are all staying healthy and taking care.

This is a fall season unlike any other, especially for students and families adjusting to new school guidelines, either in person or completely virtual. At TBS, our Religious School team is working hard to create an online program that reflects the best of our values and identity as a sacred learning community.

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel wrote, "It is the personality of the teacher which is the text that the pupils read; the text that they will never forget. The modern teacher...is a link in the chain of a tradition...Yet [they are] also the creator of the future of our people. [They] must teach the pupils to evaluate the past in order to clarify their future."

Heschel's words set a high bar for teachers! And yet, we've seen how all educators have truly stepped up during this time of COVID-19. They have put hours into making sure students feel a sense of continuity and community; not only learning subjects like math and science, but invaluable skills like compassion, curiosity and resilience.

With this in mind, I am so proud to introduce to you our TBS Religious School Staff for 2020-2021. They are an amazing, diverse group of people who are dedicated and enthusiastic about teaching our children, despite the challenging circumstances this year. Some of our teachers are familiar faces; some are new; some are returning to staff after growing up in our program as students and madrichim. All of them will help create an engaging, community building, life affirming year for our Religious School community, and on behalf of our religious school community, I'd like to thank each of them for their time, dedication and creativity this year.

**We are looking forward to seeing our Religious School community on Sunday, September 13th for our Opening Day!** We will have a special Drive-In morning in the TBS parking lot - we'll sing together, hear a fun story, reconnect with friends and meet our teachers. Stay tuned for more information in the Religious School newsletter!

### TBS Religious School Staff 2020-2021 / 5781

**Alex Baker** (*Midweek Hebrew*) grew up at Temple Beth Shalom and was a madrich in our religious school. He's a recent Gahanna graduate and is attending the University of Cincinnati where he's pursuing a business degree. Alex develops an easy rapport with the students at religious school and enjoys assisting in Hebrew and Judaic classes. For now, he'll be assisting Marcie with Hebrew Enrichment on Wednesdays.

**Jacki Blackstone** (*4th grade Hebrew / 5th grade Judaics*) is making her education debut at TBS this year! Jacki and her husband Ian are transplants from Boise, Idaho. Jacki is a primary literacy specialist for Columbus City Schools, and graduated with a B.A. in Elementary Education with a reading endorsement from Boise State University in 2017. She is currently in a Master's program for literacy and language acquisition at University of Cincinnati. Jacki is an occasional member of the Sharyonim when her schedule allows, and is a huge fan of musical theatre! In her spare time, she enjoys playing lots and lots of Animal Crossing. Ask her about her online Animal Crossing school!

**Susie Blank** (*2nd grade / 4th grade Judaics*) has been teaching at Temple Beth Shalom for many years. She and her husband Marvin (known collectively as Moosie) are members of TBS and terrific teachers as well. Susie specializes in creative art projects and is known throughout the Columbus Jewish Community as the "Judaic Mosaic Guru." Susie's love of teaching and Jewish education is infectious to everyone on our team!

**Marvin Blank** (*5th grade Hebrew / 4th grade Judaics*) along with his wife Susie, is one of our veteran teachers, and this year he is also serving on our TBS Board. Marvin has been an extraordinary teacher, who is warm, patient, funny and caring to each of his students. Marvin is a great Hebrew and Judaics teacher who also has lots of musical talent as well. We are lucky to have Marvin and his wife Susie in our TBS community!

**Megan Boyce** (*6th grade Hebrew / 5th grade Judaics*) is excited for her first year teaching at TBS after being a madricha throughout high school! Megan graduated from Miami University in May with a B.A. in Psychology and Neuroscience and plans to continue her education with a graduate program in occupational therapy. Megan loves working with kids and has a lot of fun activities planned for the year. She is also very passionate about Judaism and Israel!

**Aliyah Cohen** (*1st grade / 7th grade Judaics*) grew up at TBS and was a madricha in our religious school. This is her second year teaching English at Gahanna Lincoln High School and fourth as an official teacher in our religious school. Aliyah is dynamic and caring in the classroom. She develops meaningful relationships with each of her students. We are thrilled to have her back!

**Carrie Esker** (*3rd grade Hebrew / 6th grade Judaics*) is excited to join Temple Beth Shalom as a first year instructor! She is a third year student at The Ohio State University where she is double majoring in Hebrew and Jewish History. Carrie is passionate about teaching and sharing her knowledge of the Hebrew language to the next generation of learners. She is excited to meet her students and is looking forward to what this year holds.

**Laurie Gang** (*2nd grade / Permanent Sub*) is joining us for her 4th year. She is part of a sister teaching team with Susie Blank! Laurie has been in education for the past 11 years and is currently an Activity Coordinator for Memory Care in Bexley. She is looking forward to our Sunday school time together!



**Galit Golan** (*3rd grade Hebrew / Adult Hebrew*) is a veteran Hebrew teacher with her own creative and fun curriculum to introduce our 3rd graders to the alef-bet. Galit is a Lecturer and the Hebrew Language Program Coordinator at the Ohio State University; before starting at OSU, Galit was in charge of the Hebrew program and was a teacher at Columbus Torah Academy. Galit is also teaching Hebrew to our adult learners - please be in touch with Rabbi Lenette to enroll in this fantastic beginner class!

**Sami Handmaker** (*4th grade Hebrew / 3rd grade Judaics*) is excited to begin her first year teaching after being a madricha for 5 years. She loves working with children and is passionate about Judaism. Sami graduated from New Albany and is attending Penn State University for Pre-Med. She is looking forward to staying involved as a teacher this year!

**Morgan Handmaker** (*Kindergarten / 6th grade Judaics*) is excited for her first year teaching! She was a madricha at TBS and loves working with children. Morgan graduated from Penn State University with a B.S. in Criminology in May and is currently pursuing her Master's. She spent a semester studying in Tel Aviv, Israel and is passionate about Judaism!

**Maddy Jobrack** (*Permanent Sub / 9th grade Judaics*) grew up at TBS and has worked for several years as a teacher. Maddy is from Central Ohio and is a graduate of Kenyon College, with a background in theater and education. She is excited to return to TBS after a brief hiatus, and is looking forward to spending her Sunday mornings with you again!

**Robin Leasure** (*6th grade Hebrew / 9th grade Judaics*) has been teaching at TBS for a number of years as a teacher, and a madricha before that. She is a member of TBS, a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, and she's a native of Columbus. Robin brings extensive knowledge of Hebrew and Judaics to her classroom, as well as an easy-going way and great rapport with kids. She's creative and a lot of fun! Robin also serves as one of our amazing B'nai Mitzvah tutors.

**Karen G. Moseley** (*1st grade / 4th grade Judaics*) has been a teacher for many years, and is very much looking forward to her first year as a teacher at TBS! A long time member of TBS, both of her children went through the TBS Religious School Program, and are now college students at The Ohio State University. Her previous teaching experience is as an art, and special education teacher. Karen's kind, gentle manner, creative energy, and genuine concern for her students will help make her a valuable asset to the TBS Religious School Community!

**Meredith Paul** (*5th grade*) has been teaching at Temple Beth Shalom for a number of years as well. Meredith is currently teaching pre-k children at Start 2 Finish Early Learning Academy. Meredith loves arts and crafts and playing the piano, and she enjoys taking lots of walks and enjoying nature. Meredith is an all-around great person to have as a role model in our school!

**Jessica Rife** (*Kindergarten / 3rd grade Judaics*) has a BA from Capital University in Early Childhood Education and spends her week teaching pre-k at the JCC New Albany. In her freetime, Jessica enjoys skating, card games and crafting of all varieties. She is so thrilled to joining the TBS educational community for the first time this year!

**Jenna Rodier** (*Private Tutor*) is excited to join the TBS community. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Hebrew and Judaic Studies and recently graduated Summa Cum Laude from The Ohio State University. Jenna has taught Hebrew, Judaic Studies, and Bar/Bat Mitzvah lessons privately, for the past three years, and teaches at the Columbus Jewish Day School. She works to customize each lesson for students and is passionate about developing new ways to increase student engagement.

**Emma Rose** (*Permanent Sub / 8th grade Judaics*) is joining our TBS religious education team this year and is excited to be assisting Angelo Dunlap with 8th grade Judaics. Emma met Angelo at Starbucks when she came to Columbus in 2011 after a career as a regional environmental planner with FEMA and HUD. She immediately began singing with our Sharyonim and the JCC's Koleinu, and a fellow singer asked her to be a substitute teacher in his charter school. Emma became a full-time middle school language enrichment educator and an after-school 8th grade tutor for five years. She will also be a permanent substitute during first session.

**Maya Rossio** (*MIT + Mitzvah Corps / Permanent Sub*) is excited to be returning to TBS for her first year as a teacher. She was a madricha leading up to her high school graduation. She is currently taking a gap year from Ohio University as a Women's, Gender, and Sexuality studies major. She is excited to use her years of being a madricha to teach 7th grade and Mitzvah Corps. Maya is also excited to be on the TBS staff alongside her sister and father!

**Ashley Schlaeger** (*5th grade Hebrew / 7th grade Judaics*) is currently a senior at The Ohio State University studying Human Resources and earning a certificate in leadership. She grew up at Goldman Union Camp Institute, served as the Programming Vice President for the NFTY Ohio Valley Region, and currently sits on the Ohio State Hillel Student Board. She loves to song lead and bring both creativity and energy to the classroom.

**Lauren Sferrella** (*Hebrew Permanent Sub*) has been teaching for many years in our Religious School. Lauren is a wonderful teacher with many great and creative skills. She brings energy and great experience to her invaluable role as Permanent Sub, which means that she will be available each Sunday to help as needed in any classrooms who may need her. If you haven't seen her in a while, be sure to say hello!

### Specialists

**Lori Baker** – our religious school is lucky to have Lori on our team. As the Inclusion specialist she helps the religious school experience be much more personable and tailored to the student. She promotes more connection not only between the students and the teachers but also with parent involvement as well. Her warm and understanding approach helps our school stand out as an inclusive and engaging learning space. We are thrilled to have her back on our team once again!

**Marcie Golden** - we are so lucky to have Marcie on our teaching team! Marcie has been teaching at TBS religious school off and on since 1980. Most recently she teaches our Hebrew Enrichment class on Wednesday afternoons at TBS, as well as Hebrew Through Movement with our K-6 students at religious school! Hebrew Through Movement is a supplementary part of our Hebrew education that actively engages our students in modern Hebrew!

**Rabbi Leigh Ann Kopans** is returning for her eighth year as head instructor of the Sunday School for Parents class at Temple's Kehillat Torah Religious School. After serving a student rabbinical internship at Beth Shalom while she was a student at The Ohio State University, Rabbi Kopans earned her ordination from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Wyncote, Penna. She lives in Bexley with her husband, David, and her four young children: Asher, Rami, Nesyah, and Peninah.

**Marc Rossio**, otherwise known as the “Marvelous Toy,” is a kid magnet. You’ll often see him with guitar in hand (and coffee in the other) and teaching our kids about Jewish liturgy and holidays through song, dance and tons of laughter. Marc leads services along with Rabbi L and Gail Rose for school services, and will be bringing joyous music, wonderful creativity and easy-going spirit to the classroom!

### Faculty

#### **Gail Rose** – *Music Director*

Our Music Director and Cantorial Soloist, Gail Rose has been a music teacher for many years, and coordinates all of our music programming here at Temple Beth Shalom. Gail is an outstanding teacher, who brings her experience from over 30 years as a Music Teacher in public school to her Jewish Music Classes here at TBS. She was recently awarded the Lasday Columbus Jewish Educator of the year award. Her students love learning new songs, dances and Hebrew vocabulary.

#### **Hannah Rossio** – *Madrichim Coordinator*

Hannah is excited to be back at TBS as the Madrichim Coordinator for a second year. Unfortunately, due to COVID19, her time was cut short in NYC, but she 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 is excited to be reunited (virtually) with a community she knows and loves so well.

#### **Abby Wurmbrand** – *Senior Youth Groups Advisor*

Abby is a graduate of The Ohio State University and is currently in graduate school at Capital University earning her teaching license in Early Childhood Education and Special Education. She recently adopted a dog named Pickle, loves Hamilton, plays the ukulele, and could eat pizza for every meal! Abby is excited to be back at TBS and joining the BeSTY and JuBeSTY fam :)

#### **Angelo Dunlap** – *Administrator, Jr YG Advisor, and 8th grade Judaics teacher*

Angelo is our full time Administrator, and we are so lucky to have him! Angelo is an experienced teacher and many students have enjoyed learning and laughing with him over the years. He celebrates Shabbat with the New Albany JCC Preschool with singing, dancing and story-telling with the students. Angelo is the music teacher at the Columbus Jewish Day School and we are also blessed to have him as a musician during Friday night services! He is outgoing and has a love of everything related to Judaism and Jewish Education. You will likely see him with a Starbucks in hand!

#### **Rabbi Lenette Herzog** – *Associate Rabbi, Director of Education*

Rabbi Lenette is thrilled and honored to begin her fourth year leading our wonderful religious school and serving the TBS community as Associate Rabbi. Rabbi Lenette was ordained from Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in 2017 and during her years there earned a Masters in Hebrew Letters (she is quite good at the alef bet!) and a Masters in Jewish Education from the HUC Rhea Hirsch School of Education. She is so excited to co-teach Confirmation with Rabbi Benjy and visit all our classrooms on Sunday mornings. In her spare time, Rabbi Lenette enjoys exploring Columbus, yoga, and reading comic books.

#### **Rabbi Benjy Bar-lev** – *Senior Rabbi*

Rabbi Benjy has served Temple Beth Shalom since 2008 and is looking forward to another meaningful year helping in our Religious School. Rabbi B’s interests include teaching lifelong learning, engaging with Jewish music, and blowing the shofar at inappropriate times during the High Holy Day season (even if it’s online).

# Cantorial Corner with Gail Rose II

## Meet your 5781 High Holy Day Musicians!

King David is credited with establishing the first Israelite orchestra and choir with the purpose of enhancing the spiritual mood of sacred services. Most of the musicians and singers David employed came from the tribe of Levi. David told the leaders of the Levites to appoint their brothers as singers to sing joyful songs, accompanied by musical instruments: lyres, harps and cymbals, joyfully making their voices heard.

In Jerusalem's Second Temple, there were never fewer than twelve Levites standing on the platform (as a choir) but there was no limit on the maximum number of singers. The singing of the Levitical choir served as a constant accessory to the sacrificial ritual.

Following the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 C.E., the Rabbis abolished the sacrificial rite and its accompanying instrumental and vocal music. So, even as most other elements central to the Jewish tradition survived the destruction, the musical culture was lost.

The Jews longed for the elevating sounds of the choir. Even Maimonides, the great twelfth-century Jewish philosopher, permitted the choir to sing God's praise in the synagogue and at all religious feasts.

Just as our ancestors longed for the choir, we heard from the High Holiday Task Force that if the Sharyonim choir would not be heard singing their traditional and new melodies, it would be a great loss during the 2020 High Holidays.

So will there be a choir? YES! A Virtual Choir.

The Virtual Choir did not begin due to COVID-19. It began in 2009 as a simple experiment in social media. Composer, arranger and director Eric Whitacre received a video that was shared on YouTube from a young woman singing his composition, "Sleep". Impressed with the video, Whitacre responded by sending a call out to his online fans to purchase the recording, record themselves singing along to it, and upload the result. Eric was so impressed by the result that he decided to push the concept to the next level by recording himself conducting 'Lux Aurumque', asking Virtual Choir members to sing along with it and the first Virtual Choir was created. Whitacre's Virtual Choir has grown

From 185 singers to more than 8,000 singers, aged 4-87, from 120 countries during his 2020 Sixth Virtual Choir.

I am pleased and proud to present to you the members of the Temple Beth Shalom's Sharyonim Virtual Choir:

### Soprano Section

**Madalyn Benjamin** moved to New Albany in 2004 upon her husband, Roger's, retirement. She joined TBS and began singing with the Sharyonim about 12 years ago. Madalyn also sings with Columbus Chorus of Sweet Adeline's. Madalyn is a retired RN and has 3 sons and 6 grandkids. Regretfully none of whom live near. "We are so lucky to be learning and singing with the BEST, Debbie and Gail and a bunch of talented and committed singers".

**Susan Bugenstein** has been in Sharyonim over 11 years. She loves to read and will read anything! Susan likes animals, knitting and gardening. Her favorite flower is the grape hyacinth. Susan has also been seen in many Purim Spiels and has had several leading roles.

**Cindy Cohen** has been part of the soprano section for 5 years. Cindy has participated in choirs since Junior High School. She has been a strong participant in the TBS Purim Spiels and has played the roles of Esther and Vashti. "As a member of the choir I get to sing beautiful songs with beautiful people. I am uplifted and truly blessed in the beauty of the music".

**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 co-music director and co-choreographer for many, many, Temple Beth Shalom Purim Spiels. Debbie is a private voice and piano teacher and a Cantorial Soloist for Congregation Beth Tikvah.

**Judy Radin** has been with the choir for 18 years. She loves to sing and play the piano. She has been a customer service rep for the past 14 years and is also a marketer for her husband Edwin M. Radin's children's books as well as his new novella *Gershwin and the Golem*. Judy loves singing with her friends of The Sharyonim Choir.

**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 and was an adjunct professor at Otterbein and The Ohio State University. She has received teaching awards from The Ohio State University, The Lasday Jewish Educator of the Year Award and the Twelve Tribes Award from the Columbus Jewish Federation. Gail has performed locally in Gallery Players, Columbus Light Opera, and as a soloist with the Fort Hayes High School and Columbus State Community College choirs. Mrs. Rose is TBS's Cantorial Soloist / Music Director, Purim Spiel co-ordinator, Kehillat Torah Sunday School music teacher and Bar/Bat Mitzvah tutor.

**Marcy Schaffir** is the Chief Merchandising Officer for Lane Bryant. She currently serves as the President of the Board of Directors for Short North Stage. She is delighted to join the choir when possible along with her husband, Jonathan. Marcy and Jonathan met in the chorus of a musical in college and have enjoyed singing together ever since.

**Alto Section**

**Susie Blank** has been a member of the Temple Beth Shalom choir, The Sharyonim, for 11 years. She has been teaching 2nd & 4th grade Judaics at the TBS religious school for 16 years and is beginning her first year of teaching Pre-K at the JCC New Albany. Susie also sings with the Harmony Project and has played a number of roles in Temple Beth Shalom's Purim Spiels. "Singing totally feeds my soul!"

**Marian Cuenot** joined the choir in 2002 because she loves to sing and enjoys Jewish music. This passion for music was learned from her paternal Grandmother, Manya (Miriam) and her father, Manny Elman both of blessed memory. After retiring from a 26 year career of teaching preschoolers with disabilities, Marian has more time to be with all of the delightful people of the Sharyonim choir. "Music is good for your soul".

**Connie Hirsh** has been a member of Sharyonim since 2001, joining shortly after her family moved to New Albany. She comes from a family of singers, including her great grandfather who was a Cantor and her brother who is a Cantor and a Rabbi. She has been in choirs since elementary school, and was in the NJ All-State Chorus. Dr. Hirsh is currently serving on The Board of TBS, as Religious Practices Char and also sings with Shabband. She enjoys working as a psychiatrist at PsychBC.

**Marlene Levine** has been a member of Temple Beth Shalom since her marriage to Phil Edelsberg at the old Temple in 1988. She has sung with our choir for many years except for a 10 year absence when she and Phil lived out of town. During her absence she sang with Mount Zion Congregation in St. Paul, MN and Congregation Beth Shalom in Naperville, IL. She rejoined the choir immediately after returning to Columbus in April, 2014.

**Cindy Ravitsky** has been singing in community, school and Temple Choirs since Junior High School. In high school, she was a member of the award winning "melloteens" which competed in a multi-national singing competition in Berlin, Germany. She has also performed with the Cornell and The Ohio State University Choruses, The Harmony Project, Koleinu and has been a member of Sharyonim for over 20 years. She loves adding to the spirituality and celebration of community at TBS by singing with the wonderful members of Sharyonim. She especially appreciates the leadership, talents, hard work and caring of Debby Costa and Gail Rose.

**Tenor Section**

**Joel Kent** is originally from Akron. He and his wife Gerry met at Ohio Wesleyan University in 1968 and have been members of TBS since 1988. They lived on an Israeli kibbutz for 6 months in 1973. Besides singing tenor with Sharyonim since 2000, Joel has served on the TBS Board of Trustees four times and served as Board Co-President from 2010-2012. Having retired from the Supreme Court of Ohio, Joel is able to enjoy their 5 grand-children and study languages.

**Arthur Rose** has been singing all of life. He was a tenor in both his Junior High School and High School choirs. While in High School, Dr. Rose joined his native city's (Houston, Texas) award winning Barbershop Chorus, The Tidelanders. Arthur continued his singing in The University of Texas's Longhorn Singers and formed a specialty quartet, 40 Acre Four. This quartet still combines their voices to sing at each other's simchas.

**Emma Rose** has been singing in choirs wherever she lived. Whenever she moved to a new area, her first question was, "do you have a choir?" Emma has been singing with Sharyonim since 2011 and says the friendships she has found here have made her life in Columbus a joy. Recently, Emma switched from singing alto to tenor, which she began while singing with The Harmony Project. Emma also looks forward to our Purimspiel every year and has played everything from Jewbaca to her favorite superhero, Odin.

**Tom Shook** has been in the choir at least 20 years. Shook is a "retired" band director who teaches private music lessons, writes marching band shows, runs a clarinet choir, judges music contests and plays in musicals, the Heisey Wind Ensemble and in the TBS Klezmer band. "Did I mention I have 4 grandchildren and a wife who encourages me to spend a lot of time with them?"

**Barry Yailen** has lived in 7 different cities: Detroit, Lincoln, Pittsburgh, Morgantown, Highland Park, South Orange, St. Louis, and then Columbus. He has been singing with the Sharyonim choir since it was founded in 1989. Over the years he has also enjoyed singing in choirs at Tifereth Israel, Temple Israel, Koleinu, the Jewish Community Choir, and the Mazal Tones. His parents Earl and Janet (both of blessed memory) were originally from Milwaukee, WI, where Rabbi Benjy is from. Although it was many years apart, Barry attended the same Jewish summer camp where Benjy was a song leader. "I believe music helps connect all of us, from generation to generation".

**Bass Section**

**Marvin Blank** has been a member of holiday and community choirs for many years. He has been a teacher at the Temple Beth Shalom religious school for 17 years and frequently adds his great voice to TBS's Purim Spiel productions. "I am looking forward to feeding my Jewish soul with music and teaching for many more years to come".

**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 has played the role of Haman in Temple Beth Shalom's Purim Spiels for over 16 years. Nick is also a member of TBS's Shabband and Klezmer Band.

**Brad Goldman** received a Bachelor of Arts in music from Northern Kentucky University with an emphasis on tuba. He has performed in two semi-professional Orchestras in the Cincinnati area, plays in the New Albany Symphony Orchestra and Swings the Thing Big Band in our area. He has played in several musical theater productions but his favorite group is the Temple Beth Shalom Klezmer band. He has sang in college and Jewish choirs. "What a great experience working with people who have diverse educational backgrounds".

**Edwin M Radin** has been with The Sharyonim Choir since inception, 33 years ago. He is an author of children's books and has recently been featured by the Columbus Jewish News for his new novella, Gersham and the Golem. Ed is currently writing a new book called, "How the Jews helped to Settle the Wild West." A novel about all the very colorful people who immigrated to the west and made the west what it is today, complete with photos and stories. He loves singing with The Sharyonim and for the Temple.

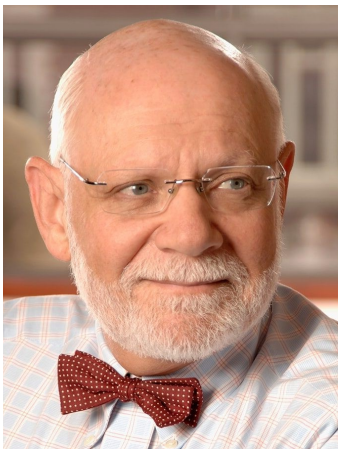
**Jonathan Schaffir** is an OB/GYN on the medical school faculty at Ohio State. He has only been in the choir for two years, but has sung previously in college a cappella groups, with his wife at piano bars, and to torture his children with show tunes in the car. Jonathan has also been seen gracing the stages of The Short North Theater and the Muppets Purim Spiel.

### Musicians

**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 will be playing at the Main and Shir Shirim Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Services and the afternoon Yom Kippur Services.

**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 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 will be accompanying the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Main Sanctuary Services.

## *Cellist Leon Friedberg, Guest Artist for Kol Nidre*



**TBS member and cellist Leon Friedberg will play Max Bruch's Kol Nidrei Op. 47 (1881) written for cello and piano, at the 8 p.m. Kol Nidre service, with pianist, Scot Ashton, and vocalist, Gail Rose.**



# 14 The Game Plan with Bobby Covitz



## High Holy Day Memories

For as long as I can remember, I have always gravitated towards the High Holy Days. Growing up on the North Shore of Boston during the 90s – an area that is predominantly Irish and Italian Catholic – Jewish culture and traditions were not exactly at the forefront of the local consciousness. Reflecting on this experience, the act of putting on “fancy adult” clothes and not going to school for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur felt important. It felt like an expression of Jewish identity at that time in my life. When I heard the shofar and the different liturgy and songs, I knew that this was an aspect of Judaism that I needed to honor and cherish. These occasions always ended with tzimmes at my aunt’s house, and made for moments that felt like the passing of culture and traditions from one generation to the next.

Moving from the High Holy Days to the joy that is Sukkot and Simchat Torah, the same familial and communal experiences will look a little different this Fall. Because you have placed your trust in the Temple to be your Jewish home, TBS’s leadership and the COVID-19 Task Force have thought a lot about the importance of maintaining the value of your partnership with TBS. To put this in context, I would like to use an analogy. Before the pandemic, you used to eat out at your favorite pizza place once a week. You have done this for years. Since the pandemic started, this restaurant has been take-out or delivery only. In keeping with your tradition, you bring a pizza home once a week, and it is still the same pie that you know and love. This Fall, while the delivery mechanism might be a little different, the TBS clergy and staff is going to do everything that it can to ensure that the High Holy Days and festivals are alive with the passion, creativity, and fun that TBS is known for. From streaming services to drive-in services, neighborhood shofar blows to High Holy Day gift bags, everyone at TBS is committed to creating an experience that is focused on one thing: you and your enjoyment of this wonderful time of year.

I started as Executive Director on April 6, and it has been a pleasure getting to know many of you. If I can ever be of any assistance, do not hesitate to be in touch. From my wife, Rabbi Stephanie, and our kids Liam and Lily, we wish you a *L’Shanah Tovah u’Metukah* to you and your family!

P.S. For 10+ years, my family ate at Capri Pizza on Main St. in Reading, MA every Tuesday after Religious School. I have extensive experience in these matters.



“We have been active members of Temple Beth Shalom for 27 years. When we joined, we connected with a vibrant Jewish community who welcomed us (transplanted New Yorkers) and, over the years, learned, traveled, celebrated, and mourned with us. Our sons, Daniel and David, grew up at TBS.

One of the enduring Jewish values we try to instill in our sons is that of *tikkun olam* (repairing the world). To live that value, we have contributed our time, talent, and, yes, treasure to TBS and to other Jewish causes. We see this as living our legacy. When we are gone, we hope that our financial gift to the Life & Legacy program will, in some small measure, enable this work to continue at TBS. We see this as part of our responsibility to leave a legacy that helps make the world a little better off, for “as my ancestors planted for me before I was born, so do I plant for those who come after me.”

From a practical standpoint, the timing of our legacy gift should not happen for many years. This means that there is no immediate impact on our family’s finances, and we have up to twelve months to complete the actual paperwork to establish the gift. With proper estate planning, the gift will have little impact on our sons, who remain our primary heirs.

For us, leaving a legacy also involves more than leaving a financial gift to TBS in our will. Life & Legacy has inspired us to prepare a *tzava’ot* or “ethical will” for our sons. Judaism has a long tradition of ethical wills stretching back to Jacob who, near death, blessed his children and instructed them where he wanted to be buried. Our ethical will provides the opportunity to share our wisdom and values learned over a lifetime, tell where we found meaning in our lives, and impart what hopes we have for our loved ones going forward.

We hope that you too will be inspired by the Life & Legacy program to both live and leave a legacy that includes TBS.”  
- Michael Griffaton & Debbie Costa



# FOOD DRIVE

TEMPLE BETH SHALOM

September 22, 2020

3:00-6:00 pm

\* MASK REQUIREMENTS & SOCIAL DISTANCING RULES WILL BE OBSERVED

## MOST NEEDED ITEMS

\* FOR SAFETY REASONS, PLEASE NO GLASS CONTAINERS OR EXPIRED ITEMS.

- mustard
- ketchup
- mayonnaise
- canned salsa
- pickles
- olives
- salad dressing
- sauerkraut
- honey
- balsamic vinegar
- olive oil

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# 16 High Holy Days

## Service Descriptions

All Online Services are available simultaneously on Facebook, [tbsohio.org](http://tbsohio.org), and YouTube  
The length of all services this year will be shorter to accommodate this format

### Selichot

- Join us Online for a meaningful Selichot experience. During the service we will change our Torah covers to the High Holy Day covers

### Shofar Blasts

- Want to hear a live shofar blast just before Rosh HaShanah? Join us at one of these locations for a brief but lovely event. These will all be drive-in and we ask that you please stay in your car.

### Rosh Hashanah

#### Family Services

- Join Rabbi B, Rabbi Lenette, Marc Rossio, and Angelo Dunlap online for a family-friendly way to welcome in the new year!

#### Zoom Schmooze Room

- Zoom Room will be open for a number of hours. Drop in and say hi to your friends.
- Zoom code is: 293 825 0165 Password: TBS.

#### Traditional Services

- Join Rabbi B, Rabbi Lenette, Gail Rose, Nick Ciranni, Debbie Costa, and the Sharyonim for a lovely Online service. Torah readings and other honors from congregants' homes.

#### Virtual Kiddush

- Say "Shanah tovah" and be a part of the community!
- Submit a short "Shanah Tovah" video to <https://www.tribute.co/rosh-hashanah-virtual-kiddush/> and at the time of day when we usually have our Kiddush Luncheon, we will get to see each other's faces in a new way!

#### Shir Shirim Musical Service

- Join Rabbi B, Rabbi Lenette, Emily Hartman, Marc & Hannah Rossio, Arkadiy Gips, Angelo Dunlap, Scott Roth, and Marc Ankerman as we safely sing our way into the new year.
- This is a drive-In service. Parking lot will open at 12:15 pm. If inclement weather, we will play a recorded version of the service online. RSVP Required.

#### Personal Tashlich: 2:30-4:30pm

- Bring a mask and your own bread! We will have two stations open to go down to the creek to do a self-guided tashlich, casting our sins away in the water. We will provide a prayer sheet. You bring the bread!

#### Pre-K Bubble Tashlich

- Join the Rabbis, Marc, and Angelo for a bubble tashlich. Each family must pre-register, bring a picnic blanket so we can socially distance on the Temple lawn. Masks required. This will be a brief, 20-30 minute program. It will be streamed online as well.

#### Rosh Hashanah Day 2

- Join the Rabbis in this informal service from their homes on the 2nd day of Rosh Hashanah.



# Service Descriptions

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## Yom Kippur

### Family Services

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### Zoom Schmooze Room

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### Traditional Services

- Join Rabbi B, Rabbi Lenette, Gail Rose, Nick Ciranni, Debbie Costa, and the Sharyonim for a lovely Online service. Torah readings and other honors from congregants' homes.

### Short Story Discussion

- Join Dr. David Stein on Zoom for a discussion on this year's short story.
- Zoom code is: 856 777 1841 Password: TBS

### Shir Shirim Service

- Join Rabbi B, Rabbi Lenette, Emily Hartman, Marc & Hannah Rossio, Arkadiy Gips, Angelo Dunlap, Scott Roth, and Marc Ankerman as we safely sing our way into the new year.
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### Spiritual Sharing Service

- Join Rabbi Benjy, Rabbi Lenette, Gail Rose, and Nick Ciranni for this soulful service of singing and sharing. We will hear about the Jewish Journeys of a few TBSers and have some time for contemplation .

### Yom Kippur Guest Speaker: Colleen Marshall from NBC4

- Join Colleen Marshall for a discussion on what's happening politically in Columbus these days. Colleen is an anchor for NBC4 News and the host of The Spectrum, NBC4's political Sunday show. It is sure to be an interesting hour!
- Zoom Code is: 871 6949 1966 Password: TBS

### Yizkor, Neilah, and Havdalah

- Join Rabbi Benjy, Rabbi Lenette, Gail Rose and other musicians as we recall the memory of our beloved ones this Yom Kippur. The parking lot will open at 4:15. We will then have a short break for those who want to leave, and Neilah will begin at 5:45. This is a Drive-In service, but it will also be streamed Online. RSVP Required.

# How Do I Attend High Holy Day Services?

## Online

All services will be streamed online simultaneously  
on Facebook, Youtube, and [tbsohio.org](http://tbsohio.org)



## Drive-In

We will have 3 Drive in Services: Rosh Hashanah Shir Shirim Service,  
Yom Kippur Shir Shirim Service, and Yom Kippur Yizkor/Neilah.

RSVP is required to attend Drive-In services.  
Go to [tbsohio.org/hhd-rsvps.html](http://tbsohio.org/hhd-rsvps.html) to RSVP

## Personal Tashlich

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down to the creek to do a self-guided tashlich.

RSVP is required for personal tashlich.  
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# DRIVE-IN ROSH HASHANAH SHIR SHIRIM

SEPTEMBER 19 | 12:45PM

PARKING OPENS AT  
12:15PM

Join Rabbi B, Rabbi Lenette, Marc & Hannah Rossio, Arkadiy Gips, Angelo Dunlap, Scott Roth, and Marc Ankerman as we safely sing our way into the new year.

We will park all cars at a safe distance.

This is a Drive-In service, but it will also be streamed Online.

**RSVP REQUIRED!**



If inclement weather, we will play a recorded version of the service online.

# DRIVE-IN YOM KIPPUR SHIR SHIRIM

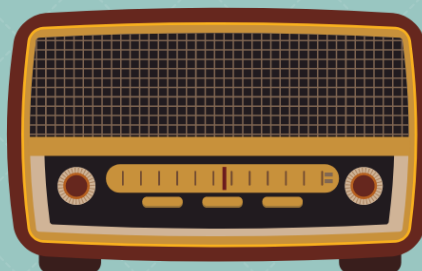
SEPTEMBER 28 | 12:45PM

PARKING OPENS AT  
12:15PM

Join Rabbi B, Rabbi Lenette, Marc & Hannah Rossio, Arkadiy Gips, Angelo Dunlap, Scott Roth, and Marc Ankerman as we safely sing our way into the new year.

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**RSVP REQUIRED!**



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# DRIVE-IN YOM KIPPUR YIZKOR & NEILAH

SEPTEMBER 28 | 4:45PM

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4:15PM

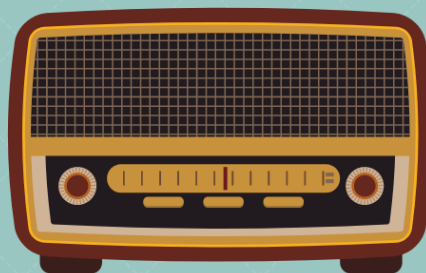
Join Rabbi Benjy, Rabbi Lenette, Gail Rose and other musicians as we recall the memory of our beloved ones this Yom Kippur.

Neilah will begin at 5:45.

We will park all cars at a safe distance.

This is a Drive-In service, but it will also be streamed Online.

**RSVP REQUIRED!**



If inclement weather, we will play a recorded version of the service online.

# 22 Simcha Station

## September Birthdays

September 1st – Gene Goldberg  
September 3rd – Julie Friedlander, Dick Golden, Jaime Goodman, Tom Lesko, Susan Oppenheimer  
September 4th – Marjorie Ciranni, Debbie Costa  
September 5th – Tim Gerber, Timothy Leasure, Sally Reising, Larry Singer  
September 6th – Brian Phillips, Arlene Senser, Jackie Shulman  
September 7th – Sergei Lobanov-Rostovsky, Timothy Mears, Moshe Rubin  
September 11th – Melanie Berman  
September 13th – Aaron Carroll  
September 14th – Carol Borovetz, Craig Shapiro  
September 15th – Dustin Mathias, Jason Van Hulse  
September 16th – Lauren Bonfield, Marlene Levine, Ben Seicol  
September 17th – Jamie Allen, Robert Kauffman  
September 18th – Stephen Keyes, Jamie Rogovin, Pam Scheer, Rich Shaw  
September 19th – Michael Gillespie, David Hirsh  
September 20th – Dan Chernyak, Gladis Goodman, Joshua Zeidman  
September 21st – Madalyn Benjamin, George Cronheim  
September 22nd – Seth Alpert, Philip Arnold, Marc Fishel, Bob Schwartz, Debra Thompson  
September 23rd – Steven Cohen, Beth Josolowitz, Angela Kauffman, Susannah Wolman  
September 24th – Todd Emoff, Bryan Searfos, Karen Strip  
September 26th – Marcy Shaffir  
September 28th – Erik Sanger, Tom Wright  
September 29th – Sam Edelman, K.J. Goldman  
September 30th – Emily Alonso-Taub, Jay Herskowitz, David Levy, Bernie Schubach

## September Anniversaries

September 1st – Joyce & Herbert Bronstein, Caroline & Evan Cohn, Lynn & Jerry Dobb, Tracy & Aaron Gilbert, Barbara & Ben McVay  
September 2nd – Julie & Ron Bryant, Elyse & Frank Weiss, Susannah & Jonathan Wolman  
September 3rd – Tricia & Justin Kattan, Miriam & Ken Siegfried  
September 4th – Leslie Aronoff & Robert Sanford, Rabbi Stephanie & Bobby Covitz  
September 5th – Erin & Joel Marcovitch, Betsy & Mark Schuster  
September 6th – Jodi & Adam Bering, Marci & Neil Carron, Beverlee & Stewart Jobrack  
September 8th – Laura & Gerald Green  
September 10th – Melissa & Rachel Goldblatt, Sherry & Vincent Solomon  
September 12th – Lindsay & Chance Nathanson  
September 14th – Ann & Nadav Cohen  
September 16th – Michele & Russ Flickinger  
September 17th – Kim & Jacob Dobres  
September 20th – Kelley & Harlan Louis  
September 21st – Laurel & John Zulliger  
September 22nd – Anne & Michael Cohen, Missy & Robert Weiler  
September 28th – Rachel & Dana Potnick

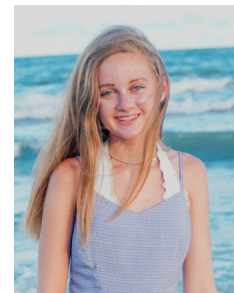
## Abby Spolter



On Saturday, September 12, 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 Kehillat Torah Religious School. She enjoys playing team sports, including soccer, basketball and lacrosse. Abby also likes biking and spending time with her friends.

## Jorie Freedman



Jorie Freedman will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday September 12, 2020 during a Havdalah service at Temple Beth Shalom. Jorie is the daughter of Lisa & Matt Freedman, sister to Ainsley & Harley Freedman and granddaughter to Jeanne & Michael Schmerler and Judy & Ken Freedman.

Jorie is an 8th grader at New Albany Middle School and is involved in choir and musical theatre. Jorie loves singing and performing. When she is not rehearsing for a show she can be found hanging out with her friends and will see any Broadway show whenever she can. Jorie has been attending TBS religious school and will be a madricha this school year. Jorie lives for her summers at GUCI (Goldman Union Camp Institute) and has made that her Jewish home away from home.

For Jorie's mitzvah project she made 100 fleece blankets and collected gift cards which were donated to Nationwide Children's Hospital Oncology department. Jorie is passionate about helping others in need and especially loves to do things to help children.

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# September Jahrzeits 23

## September 4th

Ira Howard Abramovitz  
Laura Agin  
Sidney Banks  
Sol Blank  
Israel Bloch  
Irene Block  
Lillian Braveman  
Rachel Cohen  
Sylvia Corwin  
Bernard Ehrenberg  
Mary Feicht  
Gloria Fox  
Gordon Harris  
Rosalind Helburn  
Elaine Herzog  
Akiva Isserlis  
Fred Jenny  
Arthur Klein  
Roslyn Levy  
Rachel Meizlish  
Ella Slotin  
Steve Smerekanich  
Jeanette Snider  
Karen Steitz  
Mildred Topolosky  
Lena Treger  
Celia Weiss

## September 11th

Mabel Abramovitz  
Myer Abramson  
Sam Birnbaum  
Jacob Borovetz  
Sol Eisenman  
Scot Elwood  
William Feicht  
Fern Fliegel  
Rebecca Handler  
Albert Pevtzow  
Archie Rafal  
Ida Rich  
Lynn Rycus  
Dorothy Scheer  
Pearl Schultz  
Barbara Shifrin  
Ruth Tannenbaum

## September 18th

Freda Basch  
Rita Berg  
Elizabeth Brown  
Martha Cohen  
Howard Cooperman  
Arthur Cowan  
Ed Freundlich  
Theresa Johnson  
Louis Katz  
Raymond Russell  
Goldie Schuman  
Louis Setnar

## September 25th

Morris Allweiss  
Sam Alpert  
Sidel Cooper  
Sidney Creve  
Stanley M. Fishel  
Sam Friedman  
Jerry Goldman  
Lois Greenblott  
Abraham Kanter  
Ida Katz  
Leon Levenson  
Herbert Meizlish  
Ida Odell  
Sigmund Oppenheimer  
Sanford Raab  
Ellie Rinkov  
Mack Robbins  
Ada Roth  
Mildred Roth  
Clyde Searfos  
Lewin Shaw  
Shelley Sosewitz  
Peter Taub  
Phillip Tolkan  
Joel Wachtel  
Philip Weisel  
Toby Wilson

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# 24 Presidential Address



## **“From Every Human Arises a Light” – Thoughts for the New Year**

As the High Holy Days approach, typically times of joy, personal reflection, repentance, and forgiveness, we instead find ourselves anxious, angry, and saddened that we are living in a world turned upside down by the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, we are battling feelings of grief, loss, and isolation, combined with outrage at the social unrest that plagues our society. All of us long for a return to “normal,” yet normal seems so far away and undefined. It is against this backdrop that we pondered what to write for our first High Holy Day message to you.

“From every human arises a light.” We were struck by this teaching from the Ba’al Shem Tov. (An 18th century Jewish mystic and healer from Poland who is regarded as the founder of Hasidic Judaism and whose name means “Master of the Good Name.”) We realized that ours is the history of a people who have constantly been challenged to move through the darkness and into the light. This has required each person, even during the most difficult and trying situations, to find that spark of light within to ultimately helped the individual and the community move forward.

Our shared vulnerability has allowed us to find new ways to bridge the physical separation, affirming how special our congregation is. We have found new options for connecting, engaging, teaching, learning, creatively passing time, and problem solving. Since March 2020, our TBS community has benefitted from the inspiration and power that comes from harnessing this human light:

- Our Task Force, through open, honest discussions guided by science and Jewish values, created a planned response that allows our congregation to operate safely. This response (available on the TBS website) addresses the well-being of our Clergy, staff, congregants, and visitors during Shabbat and lifecycle events, Religious School, the High Holy Days, and TBS programming. The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the Task Force’s recommendations, and the Task Force will continue to meet to reassess its recommendations based on the evolving state of the pandemic.
- Using our new best friends, Zoom and Facebook Live, we have offered our congregation over 300 virtual – but no less real – experiences. These creative and innovative experiences have resulted in congregants engaging with us in new and different ways. Highlights include our monthly Drive-In Shabbats, which draw over 100 congregants; Havdalah with the Bar-Lev Family; yoga; a live 10-week tour through Israel conducted via Zoom by an Israeli tour guide; and weekly Torah study and other classes.
- Rabbi Lenette is working with our religious school staff to create unique learning opportunities for our students.
- Our Rabbis and staff are re-imagining the High Holidays so that we can offer meaningful experiences, despite the inability to physically worship and celebrate together as a congregation. You will be able to “hear the sound of the shofar” in your neighborhoods!
- Our Rabbis’ continued pastoral support, combined with monthly outreach by staff and volunteers to our families, has continued TBS’s tradition of empathetic caring for our congregants.

Harnessing and spreading the light from these activities and programs is not possible without your continued support and engagement. We remain Joyful, Personable, and Accessible because of the commitment made by each of our families. So if you have not done so, please return your Partnership Renewals and renew your commitment to TBS. Our annual High Holiday appeal will be sent out soon. We know that we are living in difficult and uncertain times and that there are those among us who have been physically, emotionally, financially, and socially hurt by the pandemic. We need your support in whatever amount you are comfortable to continue to offer stability, opportunities for connection, and a spiritual home that supports the needs of all the members in our congregational family. And we need your engagement – your light – with our communal worship, our programs, our volunteer events, and the work of your Board of Trustees.

“From every human arises a light.” Our sacred community has shone brightly in these darkest of days and remains a beacon for our community. We are grateful to each and every one of you for continuing to believe in TBS and in our work. Like those who came before us, we can and will “get back to better.” In doing so, we will be stronger and more appreciative of who we are, what we have, and the world we inhabit.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, and from our homes to yours, L’shanah tovah. Our best wishes for a happy, healthy and sweet New Year. May 5781 be one of blessing, health, and peace for us all.

In partnership,  
Mindy and Michael, [presidents@tbsohio.org](mailto:presidents@tbsohio.org)



# Mitzvah Corps Central 25

## Tzedakah Collective

The Central Ohio WRJ Tzedakah Collective seeks to learn about local non-profit groups that do excellent work to lift up and improve lives in the populations they serve.

The Pyramid Community Development Corporation does just this by providing comprehensive training programs that teach and prepare impoverished individuals who live primarily in the Linden area of Columbus, with employable skills and viable career paths. This also creates new economic growth for the Linden area and its surrounding communities.

Instruction is in computer and telecommunication technology and software for IT careers; and in financial literacy, entrepreneurial skills for small business and retail management careers.

The programs also include internships, mentoring and networking to help students succeed.

The Zoom meeting link is below and will be sent to you again later. Here are the meeting details:

When: Sunday, September 13th, 4-5 PM. Note: The link will be open at 3:30 pm if you wish to social visit before the meeting.

Who: The Speaker will be the Pyramid CDC Executive Director, Linda Nelson

Why: To participate in a philanthropic organization of Reform Jewish Women in Central Ohio who want to learn about the needs in our community, and to make a difference through distributing grants to worthy non-profit groups. Tax deductible donation is \$60 per year (or more if you wish).

Important: Because of public school online learning in the Fall, tutors will be needed for Linden students. The Speaker will discuss this new program and how volunteers can help from their homes.

We hope that you can join us on September 13th. Feel free to reach out to one of us with questions.

Marsha Pond, Coordinator (marshapond@msn.com) and Zoom Coordinators Stacy Levin (splevin@gmail.com) and Pamela Feldman-Hill (pamela@feldman-hill.com)

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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 or (614) 665-9726.



### ***Lo Tov L'adam L'hiyot L'vado* – It is not good for humans to be alone**

While we are all practicing social distancing, we also want to create opportunities for connection. Temple Beth Shalom's affinity groups are an opportunity for small groups of congregants to get together over Zoom or in person if you are in an outdoor group. In the groups we study Torah, play Mahj, explore the outdoors, tell stories, and/or just chat. We have different groups based on a broad spectrum of interests. Want to have a virtual Wine Club? Connect with fellow preschool moms? Share your favorite walking trail? We can build a Temple affinity group around all that and more! TBS's affinity group initiative encourages our TBS family to form groups that have shared interests and passions in order to SEEK, ENGAGE, and

TRANSFORM caring and supportive relationships among themselves, with the Temple Beth Shalom community, and with Judaism.

## *Participate in Virtual Kiddush!*

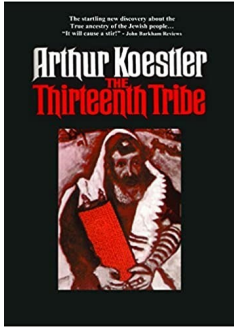
Since we cannot be together this Rosh Hashanah, we are creating a video montage for our Rosh Hashanah Virtual Kiddush.

It will only take you a minute to film and submit your Shanah Tovah greetings video.

Check the eWindow to submit your video!



# The Kosher Bookworm 27



## From Where Did the Ashkenazim Emerge?

By Steve Seeskin, TBS Library Committee Chairperson

*The Thirteenth Tribe: The Khazar Empire and Its Heritage*, by Arthur Koestler, 1976, is a rather academic, but nonetheless an interesting book supporting a yet unproven theory concerning the rise of the Ashkenazi (Jews of Eastern European decent). Koestler controversially theorized Eastern European Jews are more ethnically Khazar than they are Semitic. Semitic Jews originated in the Middle East and primarily populated the then diaspora: Spain, Portugal, Northern Africa, Babylonia, Persia, and what became Arab lands, including a greatly reduced population staying in ancient Israel. These Jews are referred to as Sephardim by Koestler.

The Khazars were a pagan tribe of Turkic-speaking people living in a country known as Khazaria, which was geographically positioned in the area between the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea with a southern boarder formed by the Greater Caucasus Mountains covering land in modern day southern Russia, northern Caucasus, eastern Ukraine, Crimea, western Kazakhstan, and northwestern Uzbekistan.

In 740 CE, the Khagan, the Khazar supreme ruler having semireligious character, seeking to make the Khazars more enlightened (in accordance with the times) than their historic pagan ways, converted to Judaism; choosing not Christianity so as not to offend the Islamic people to the south, and not Islam so as to not offend Christians to the West. It was a compromise decision to not provoke attacks from the east or south. Most of the Khazar people followed suit with their own conversion from pagan tribal ways to Judaism.

In 965 CE, Svyatoslav, the ruler of Kiev, attacked the Khazars; it was a devastating loss for Khazaria. The Khazars then migrated to safer lands most notably to Poland where they continued to practice Judaism.

Koestler tries to prove the assertion Ashkenazi Judaism descended from the Khazars -- not from the diaspora of Semitic Jews of ancient Israel. He uses history, migration paths, language development, and genetic dispositions to support his argument.

All-in-all, *The Thirteenth Tribe* is a fascinating read. Read it for yourself to see on which side of the debate you most agree.

Look for our next The Kosher Bookworm article in the December 2020 / January 2021 Edition of The Window. I am always open to and looking for fellow congregants wanting to write a guest column.

YOM KIPPUR GUEST SPEAKER

Colleen Marshall

THE CHANGING FACE OF POLITICS IN OHIO

September 28, 2020 | 3:30 pm



Colleen Marshall, anchor for NBC4 News and The Spectrum, will discuss politics in Ohio and how journalism here has changed over the years.

Colleen received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Point Park University in Pittsburgh. In 2004, Colleen graduated from the Capital University School of Law in Columbus, where she was the recipient of a Trustee's Scholarship, was named to the dean's list and was a member of Law Review and the National Moot Court Team. She also passed the bar exam in 2004.

Colleen has had two one-on-one interviews with President Barack Obama, one of which was in the White House.

Colleen currently serves as a board member for Columbus Metropolitan Club and is a member of Columbus Bar Association.



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# APPLE & HONEY TASTING GUIDE

## APPLES

### BRAEBURN

Originating from New Zealand, this apple has a firm, crisp bite and offers a pleasing balance between sweet and tart.



### FUJI

A crunchy, super-sweet and flavor-forward apple, the Fuji can be enjoyed as an everyday snack as well as in pies.



### GALA

This crisp, aromatically-sweet apple is delicious in salads, pies, and sauces.



### GINGER GOLD

Sweet and slightly spicy, Ginger Gold is generally considered one of the best early-season apples, perfect for snacking.



### HONEYCRISP

Pleasantly crisp, sweet and juicy, this popular apple is subtly tart. Honeycrisp apples are great for snacking and baking.



### JONATHAN

A classic US variety introduced in 1864. Widely regarded as one of the best flavored with a good sweet/sharp balance.



### MCINTOSH

The McIntosh variety is more than 200 years old have a slightly tart flavor that is sometimes described as "spicy."



### PINK LADY

Pink in color, this apple has a delicious sweet-tart taste and is great for cooking or eating out of hand.



### WEALTHY

The Wealthy Apple is a very juicy apple, with a tart and sweet strawberry flavor. Antique variety from Minnesota, c. 1860.



### ZESTAR

An early season apple with a crisp, juicy texture, and exciting zesty flavor with a hint of brown sugar.



## HONEY

### APPLE BLOSSOM

Fruity aroma and delicately sweet apple aftertaste.



### BEE FREE HONEE

Vegan honey substitute made from organic apples.



### BLACKBERRY

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### BUCKWHEAT

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# ROSH HASHANAH COCKTAILS

## POMEGRANATE HONEY COOLER

1 bottle dry white wine  
1.5 cups pomegranate juice  
4 tablespoons honey  
lemon juice

Combine ingredients in a carafe and stir.  
Serve chilled. Serves 6

## POMEGRANATE GIN & TONIC

1.5oz dry gin  
.5oz sweet vermouth or sherry  
.5oz pomegranate juice  
tonic water

Pour gin in lowball or highball glass. Add vermouth or sherry and juice, carefully swirl the glass. Fill with ice and top with tonic water.

## NON-ALCOHOLIC POMEGRANATE SPRITZ

sprite  
pomegranate juice  
lemon or lime juice

Combine pomegranate juice and sprite.  
Top with sprite and serve chilled.

## APPLE & HONEY WHISKEY

1.5oz honey whiskey  
dry sparkling cider  
lemon juice

Combine honey whisky and lemon juice.  
Top with sparkling cider. Serve chilled.

## SWEET APPLE PUNCH

2oz honey whiskey  
1oz apple cider  
.5oz lemon juice  
2 drops aromatic bitters  
tonic water

Combine ingredients in a carafe and stir.  
Serve chilled.

## APPLE BRANDY NEGRONI

2oz apple brandy  
1oz sweet vermouth  
1oz campari  
lemon juice

Combine ingredients in a glass and stir.  
Serve chilled.

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- ◆ Steve & Joy Seeskin, in celebration of Tammie Golden's 90th Birthday
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# Personal Tashlich Service

September 19 | 2:30-4:30pm

Bring a mask and your own bread! We will have two stations open to go down to the creek to do a self-guided tashlich, casting our sins away in the water. We will provide a prayer sheet. RSVP Required on Sign-Up Genius.





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