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TEMPLE BETH SHALOM MITZVAH CORPS'

VOLUNTEER FAIR

APRIL 21 @ 7:30 PM

AT TEMPLE BETH SHALOM

(Join us at 6:30 pm for Erev Shabbat Services featuring the Shabband)

LEARN ABOUT COUNTLESS VOLUNTEER

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES!



Join us to meet TBS' new Assistant Rabbi, Rabbi Lenette Herzog, before she starts in July!

Appetizers, drinks, and free babysitting available during event

Week of 4/2

Sunday, April 2 NO KT Religious

School (Spring Break),

Men's Club Poker, 7pm

Wednesday, April 5 Mah Jongg at TBS,

1:00 pm; NO Midweek

Hebrew (Spring Break)

Finance Committee Thursday, April 6

Meeting, 11:30 am;

WBS Chocolate Seder,

6:45 pm

Friday, April 7 Chag HaSiddur 4th

> Grade Shabbar and Taco Bar Dinner, 6:30

pm

Saturday, April 8 First Aliyah of Gabri

Levine (all welcome),

10:00 am

Week of 4/9

Sunday, April 9 KT Religious School,

9:00 am; WBS Mahj,

9:30 am; Library

Comm. Mtg., 12:00 pm; Board Mtg, 4:00 pm

Monday, April 10 TBS First Seder, 6:30

Tuesday, April 11 TBS Office Closed for

> Passover; Passover Service & Brunch,

10:00 am

Wednesday, April 12 Mah Jongg at TBS,

> 1:00 pm; Midweek Hebrew, 4:00 pm

Friday, April 14 Erev Shabbat Services

6:30 pm

Saturday, April 15 Simchat Shabbat

Services, 10:00 am

Week of 4/16

NO KT Religious Sunday, April 16

School; Adult Sunday

School, 10:00 am

Wednesday, April 19 Mah Jongg at TBS,

1:00 pm; Midweek

Hebrew, 4:00 pm

Friday, April 21 Shabbat Chai, 6:30 pm;

Volunteer Fair with

Rabbi Lenette, 7:30 pm

Saturday, April 22 First Aliyah of Michelle

Mears (all welcome),

10:00 am; First Aliyah of

Tess Madison (all wel-

come, 4:00 pm

Week of 4/23

KT Religious School, Sunday, April 23

9:00 am; WBS Mahj, 9:30 am; Yom HaShoah Program, 7:00 pm

Mah Jongg at TBS, Wednesday, April 26

> 1:00 pm; Midweek Hebrew, 4:00 pm

Friday, April 28 Erev Shabbat Services,

7:30 pm

Saturday, April 29 First Aliyah of

> Samantha Remer (all welcome), 10:00 am; Spring Gala, 6:30 pm

KT Religious School Sunday, April 30

and Open House, 9:00

Meet Rabbi Lenette!

We Got the Scoop: Marketing Coordinator Interviews Rabbi Lenette

TBS Hires Rabbi Lenette Herzog as Assistant Rabbi to start in July

Ben: Hey Rabbi, thanks for taking the time to answer some questions. The congregation is super excited to hear more about you! Why don't we start off with a little background. Can you tell us a little about your upbringing?

Rabbi Lenette: Thanks Ben! I was born in California and moved around a lot as a kid - I lived in Georgia, Massachusetts and Phoenix. My mom grew up Reform and my dad grew up Conservative, so I had a pretty strong Jewish identity since I was little and we always celebrated the holidays and went to synagogue for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. I have a brother, Zach, who is two years younger than me.

Ben: What's one of your favorite Jewish memories from growing up?

RL: Great question! One of my favorite Jewish memories is my first summer as a camper at Camp Newman, a Reform summer camp in northern California. I had never been to camp before and I made the most amazing friends, fell in love with prayer and Jewish music, and experienced living Judaism in a totally unique way. I clearly remember the last night, I pulled my first all nighter with my friends and spent a lot of time laughing and crying at the same time.

Ben: Did you always think that you were going to be a rabbi?

RL: I've thought about being a rabbi since I was twelve, but at the same time I was also considering a career in animation (I wanted to work for Pixar!) or something in writing. Once I started teaching religious school in college, however, I realized that being a rabbi was my true calling.

Ben: I can definitely relate to that! Teaching at TBS while in college was what led me to applying at Hebrew Union College. From a recent graduate to a soon-to-be first year, what did you most enjoy learning about in Rabbinical School?

RL: I loved learning about American Jewish history. I think it's fascinating that Jews have been able to thrive in this country unlike any other because America was founded on freedom of religion. Life as American Jews is unique and presents so many opportunities and challenges for us today.

Ben: I know that all HUC students participate in a rabbinic internship and I believe that yours was at University Synagogue in Los Angeles. Would you mind telling us a little about that experience?

RL: My internship at University Synagogue is what really caused me to fall in love with being a congregational rabbi. My work there has been a blend of rabbinical and educational responsibilities: I lead services, deliver sermons, and help lead life cycle events; I also teach in the religious school, lead religious school services, and help B'nai Mitzvah students with their d'var Torah speeches. University Synagogue is a warm, inclusive community and I have been honored to do so much learning and growing with them - which I can't wait to continue at TBS!

Ben: Speaking of TBS, while you were visiting Columbus we got a chance to talk about one of your passions, comic books! What draws you to them?

RL: When I was younger, comic books drew me in because I was a fan of superheroes. Today, I find that I really love the way comic books and graphic novels tell stories through a mix of visual and written media. The genre allows for all sorts of stories - from memoirs to history to zany science fiction - to be told in a really unique way. It might not be so surprising then to learn that Jews started the genre, since storytelling is a value integral to our religion and culture.

Ben: Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me! I know that everyone at TBS cannot wait for you to start! What excites you most about moving to Columbus and joining the TBS family?

RL: I can't wait to continue getting to know everyone in the TBS family. During my visit I was blown away by how welcoming and inclusive the TBS community is and I am so excited and honored to become part of the family. Columbus also seems like a really cool city and I'm excited to get to know it better as well!

Want your own chance to ask Rabbi Lenette some questions? Good news! Rabbi Lenette will be joining us for Shabbat Chai and the Mitzvah Corps Volunteer Fair starting at 6:30 pm on Friday, April 21st!

6 Reflections from Rabbi A



Dear Temple Family,

"לכל זמן ועת – לכל חפץ תחת השמיים."

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

As you know, on July 1, 2017, Temple Beth Shalom will be welcoming a new rabbi into our midst, Rabbi Lenette Herzog, and celebrating the accession to the post of Senior Rabbi, Rabbi Benjy Bar-Lev.

I am honored that the congregation has elected me to service as Rabbi Emeritus and am humbled to serve in this capacity. What this transition means differs from congregation to congre-

gation. For us, it means Rabbi B. and Rabbi Herzog will be your rabbis, and I shall be part of your, and their, "minyan" of supporters.

My hope has always been to reflect the vision of the founders of Temple Beth Shalom - to create a community that was joyful, personal and accessible. We wanted our practices to be meaningful and applicable to today's needs. And we want to create a caring community both for each other and for those beyond our circle.

I've always counseled staff and volunteers: What you did yesterday will not serve you for tomorrow. We've come a long way and have yet many miles before we sleep. We can never let our foot off the pedal, never lose our drive, and never compromise on the vision.

When I came to Temple Beth Shalom as a part-time rabbi in July of 1980, I inherited a 40-household group of dreamers. At the outset, I served the congregation in Columbus from Thursday through Sunday night and studied the balance of the week in Cincinnati for my Ph.D. With a soloist and lots of volunteer help, I learned and carried out every task a congregation requires. I have gradually turned those tasks over to others even as, sometimes, I have had to return to help on some.

I am staying in town. My beloved in-laws, Dick and Tammie Golden, are here. They raised their family – including my wife, Marcie – here. My "Havurah" is here. Many of the resources I need to pursue my next job as a writer on Jewish classical literature are here. After a break from TBS public life, I look forward to joining you as a fellow congregant and volunteer.

I have been given a gift – the chance to live a life of mitzvah-doing. I thank successive generations of TBSer's who have provided to me the opportunity to live out in a daily way a dream – mine and theirs, in the Prophet Micah's words: to seek justice, love mercy and to walk humbly with God.

Enjoy a Meaningful and Meaning-filled Passover,

Howard L. Apothaker, Rabbi



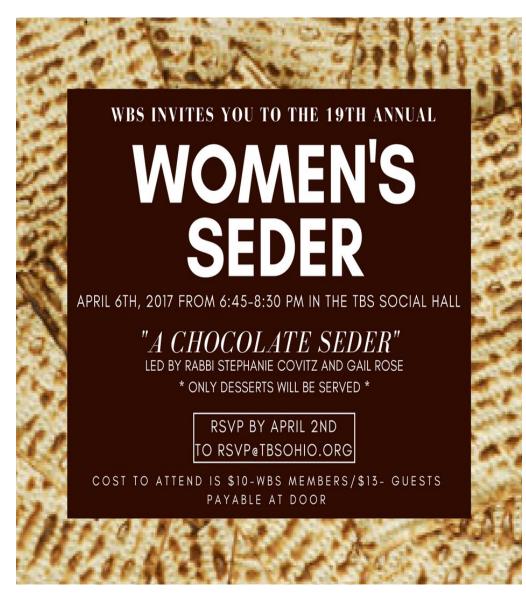
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!



David Neubauer and Bonnie Cram have been leading Friday afternoon Shabbat services at Kensington Place (independent living) for the past few years. It has been a fabulous experience to connect with a part of the Columbus Jewish population that we rarely connected with before. One two

Fridays per month, Bonnie leads a one hour-long Shabbat service. It begins at 1:30pm. There are between 12-20 residents at any given Shabbat. Kensington has a siddur that we follow. One does not need to know how to read Hebrew. The siddur has lots of English readings and the transliteration is already in there.

Its a fun and easy way to connect with a great group of residents. We are looking for another person who would love to share this experience with



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Transitioning to TBS 2.0

The Search Committee Process and More!

I have always loved the holiday of Passover. Some of my favorite childhood memories were made sitting around the seder table at my grandparents' house, having my grandfather, of blessed memory, quiz us on what exactly the plague of "Murrain" was (cattle disease, thank you Maxwell House Haggadah).

During those Passover seders, and at seder tables around the world, we are commanded to tell the story of the birth of the Jewish people - how we were freed from slavery, marched to freedom through the parted sea, and started anew on the other side. There is so much beauty in that story. And there is so much truth. One aspect of the story that I have always loved happens slightly later in the book of Ex-

there is so much truth. One aspect of the story that I have always loved happens slightly later in the book of Exodus. The Israelites, recently freed from slavery, have seen amazing miracles happen right before their eyes. They've seen plagues destroy their captors, the Egyptian army wiped out, not to mention an entire sea parting so that they could march forth to freedom. And then, three days later, they seem to have forgotten the miracles. They start complaining (it's what our people do best). We are hungry! We are thirsty! Maybe we shouldn't have left Egypt after all! I'm lactose intolerant! Three days after this gigantic, blockbuster miracle, and the Israelites seem to be spending a lot of time complaining. Why do they do this? Because they're scared. They're in uncharted territory. And we all know, change can be scary, change can be tough. It was true in our biblical narrative, and it's certainly still true today.

Regardless of the situation, transition can be a challenge. Here at Temple, since May of 2014, when you elected me to be the Senior Rabbi upon Rabbi Apothaker's retirement this coming July, we have been planning a smooth transition with intentionality and purpose. You have likely seen me in the last few years fulfilling roles not generally served by Associate Rabbis, officiating lifecycle events and doing pastoral work, helping direct the Board of Trustees and our staff, giving High Holy Day sermons to help direct the congregational vision; all of these have been done in consultation with Rabbi Apothaker and our leadership, and all with the purpose of helping to make the transition this summer a little smoother. I have the privilege of starting my 10th year of service to our congregation this summer, and am so honored and humbled to transitioning to this new role.

The most important job I have had thus far as Senior Rabbi-Elect is to help run the Search Committee that found our new Assistant Rabbi, Rabbi Lenette Herzog. The Chairs of the Search Committee, Bethany Klynn and Steve Herman did an outstanding job of running this committee, which was in operation from September through March. I could not be more thrilled to welcome Rabbi Lenette Herzog to Temple Beth Shalom. She will bring so many gifts to our congregation - her warmth, her keen intellect, her ability to connect with people, her deep love of Jewish Education, and so much more. I hope you had a chance to read her interview elsewhere in the Window. Rabbi Lenette will be ordained in May by the Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles, and will officially start here in Columbus in July.

Steve, Bethany, and I all received a number of questions about the process and how it worked, so here is a brief overview. In September, Bethany and Steve called together the committee, which really functioned as a long-term task force. They found a great cross-section of TBSers from different age demographics, different parts of town, people who had just moved to Columbus, and people who are founding members, people involved in Temple leadership and people who have not yet led here, people who come to Temple often, and some who we mainly see on the High Holy Days. It was a large group - 28 people total.

The Search Committee first met in September to learn about the process. They then broke into subcommittees. One group was responsible for writing an application that TBS would submit to the CCAR Placement Office. This was so important, as it would contain not only the job description, but also a snapshot of how we perceived of ourselves. Some of our applicants told me that it was the application itself that drew them to interview with us. A second group was responsible for writing questions that we would use to interview rabbis who were al-

ready in the field who applied for the job and that we would modify for 5th year HUC students afterward. The group met and came up with terrific questions that again, captured the essence of what is most important to Temple Beth Shalom as we look toward the future. Throughout the late Fall, a number of rabbis in the field applied for our job, and the committee looked through their applications, while the committee chairs interviewed them over the phone.

In December, it was decided by the committee that we would go to Los Angeles in February, and interview 5th year students being ordained by HUC. The Reform Rabbinical Schools in New York, Cincinnati, and LA, have all of their students meet on one campus for a few days each year, and all the congregations looking for a new rabbi meet there as well. We had a large number of students from HUC apply for our Assistant Rabbi position. The committee met in late January to review all the resumes and vision statements of the students. In early February, Steve Herman, along with Bonnie Cram and I went to Los Angeles and interviewed all the students who applied for our position. After interviewing all the wonderful candidates we settled on four top candidates to invite back to Columbus for on-site interviews.

Another subcommittee planned the visits of the candidates, coordinated their schedules, rides, meals, and even made welcome bags to have for them at the hotel. It was quite a process!

All four candidates agreed to come to Columbus for the on-site interviews, and we made sure to invite the ENTIRE CONGREGATION to meet each candidate while he/she was here.

Following three weeks of interviews, the committee met and reviewed feedback they had, as well as any feedback any of us had received from anyone else in the congregation. The committee chairs called for a vote, and a few days later, we made an offer to our first place candidate, Rabbi Lenette Herzog, and she accepted!

There were so many beautiful and touching parts about this process. In case any of us forgot, there are so many people who love this congregation in deep and enduring and inspiring ways. It was a theme we heard over and over again. In another place, I was just a number. At TBS, someone noticed me. At TBS people care about me. At TBS people love me. It was true for founding members of the congregation and it was true for people who just joined this year. We have an amazing community here, and that is something that we should all cherish.

Thank you to Steve Herman and Bethany Klynn for dedicating so much time and effort these past eight months to making sure we found and hired the right person for our new Assistant Rabbi job. Thank you to our marvelous committee members for working so hard and caring so much. Thank you to our past presidents and board members, who spent time with the candidates and got to know each of them. Thank you to everyone who drove a candidate to a hotel or took someone out for lunch or breakfast or dinner, or delivered a bag, or picked someone up at the airport. These were all sacred encounters, and they were all exceedingly meaningful to me and to our congregation.

And so our transition in earnest begins. I hope you're mark your calendar for Shabbat services on Friday, June 23, as we honor Rabbi Apothaker at his last official Shabbat service as Senior Rabbi of Temple Beth Shalom. There will be a number of events this summer to welcome Rabbi Lenette and introduce her to as many people in the congregation as possible. Stay tuned to your Temple calendar this Fall as we formally install Rabbi Lenette Herzog, celebrate Gail Rose's 10th year of Singing, and in Spring of 2018 as we acknowledge my 10th year of service to TBS. We have so much for which to be excited this coming year!

The Israelites were scared; there was a new path ahead, a wilderness never before traversed. But our siddur, our prayerbook, reminds us, "there is a different place, a promised land; that the winding way to that promise passes through the wilderness. That there is no way to get from here to there except by joining hands, marching together."

Cantorial Corner with Gail Rose

Young Musicians Encouraged to Enter the Hackman Competition

All 1st through 12th graders who study music privately are encouraged to enter the annual Justine Hackman Memorial Young Artists Competition. The competition is designed to encourage the musical efforts of young Jewish people and share their accomplishments with the community.

Auditions will be held on Sunday, May 7 at Congregation Tifereth Israel, 1354 East Broad Street, from 12:45 PM until 4:00 PM.

This competition will be judged by professional musicians. Winners will receive cash prizes and will be expected to perform at a concert on Wednesday, May 17th at 7:00 PM. The evening will conclude with the presentation of prizes and will be followed by an informal dessert reception.

Performance requirements limit candidates to solo performances of one memorized piece of vocal or instrumental music chosen in consultation with their private music teacher. Students requiring an accompanist must provide their own.

Auditions must be scheduled in advance. To enter, please contact Gail Rose, 855-4882, or grose@tbsohio.org for an application. Applications must be entered before April 24th. All Temple Beth Shalom participants will have the opportunity to play for a TBS service.

BACK TO SHUSHAN - A BIG SUCCESS

A huge thank you to the to the 36 member team that retold the story of Esther in an entertaining, crazy, talented, ridiculous and wonderful way. What a tribute to Rabbi Apothaker's long history of Purim Spiels! And...thanks to you, our great audience, for participating in the costume parade, singing, playing groggers, booing, noshing on our hamentaschen and even dancing in the aisles. A good time was had by ALL!!!

Deyenu, Chad Gadya, and Let My People Go

Passover is around the corner and we are focusing once again on the saga of the Exodus from Egypt. The Passover Seder (Pesach, festival of unleavened bread, festival of the paschal offering) fulfills the biblical commandment from God written in the Book of Exodus to teach and re-teach in every generation the story of Passover. Songs help reinforce, add group involvement and bring life to the many themes or meanings in our Passover story.

The kindergarten through third grade students in the Kehillat Torah Sunday School music classes learned the Passover songs "Dayenu" and "Chad Gadya".

"Dayenu" means "It would have been enough". The song is a message of thanks and gratitude to God. It is important to appreciate even the simplest of favors. "If God did a simple favor for us and didn't do anything else, it would have been sufficient", even if granting more favors would have helped the Hebrews to escape slavery sooner, or helped contribute to less suffering.

"Chad Gadya" is a Hebrew phrase meaning: "One Kid", where "kid" in this case means a baby goat. This Passover song chronologically describes all the empires throughout Jewish history that have occupied the Land of Israel who, one by one have been destroyed by successive empires, with the Jewish nation at the bottom, symbolized by the baby goat. The purpose of the song is to teach that every evil-doer, no matter how strong, will eventually suffer the consequences of their actions at the hands of God. This song inspires a firm and mature faith and belief in the power of God.

I used the picture book, "one Little Goat" adapted and illustrated by Marilyn Hirsh to teach the song. The children were fascinated to learn which country represented each character. They are:

Kid - Jewish people, Cat - Assyria (Iraq), Dog - Babylon (S. Iraq), Stick - Persia (Iran), Fire - Macedonia, Water – Rome, Ox – Syria, Butcher – Crusaders, Angel of Death – Turks, God – sends Jews back to Israel.

"Let My People Go" is a spiritual in which the text is taken from Exodus 7:26. After learning these songs, children enjoyed acting out the parts of Moses, Pharoh and the Jewish people.

These songs are included in all of the Haggadahs that I have ever seen. Please include these songs in this year's Seder to reinforce the Passover themes and to give your family and guests the opportunity to be musically involved in the mitzvah of retelling the story of the Exodus from Egypt.

)irective with Bonnie Abramowitz



What does it mean to be a member at Temple Beth Shalom? It munity that is inclusive, joyful, personal, and accessible. It's the people and relationships that make us a special congregation.

As Rabbi Apothaker and Rabbi Benjy say regularly, it's about people, not bricks and mortar.

The membership committee needs your assistance. Please spread the word about us by talking to your unaffiliated friends and neighbors about Temple Beth Shalom. Do you know a family who just moved here? Have a friend whose child is entering Kindergarten? These are great opportunities to share what TBS is all about. We also love when you post photos and comment on your positive experiences at one of our events. We enjoy when you bring friends and family to our Friday evening services. This is how favorable news spreads in our Jewish community.

Our Monthly/Weekly events are always open to the entire temple community and friends. These events include the First Friday Dinner, Learning with Rabbi

Apothaker, Sunday Morning Parent Group, WBS Lunch and Learn, Social Action drives, Men's Club means being part of a special com- Poker, Midweek and Sunday Morning Mah Jongg. I invite you to call the office to learn more about these chances to connect with other congregants.

> I hope you will grab a buddy and join us at any of our upcoming programs, such as the:

Women's Chocolate Seder on April 6th First Night Passover Seder on April 10th Volunteer Fair On April 21st 40th Anniversary Gala on April 29th Religious School Open House on April 30th Mitzvah Day May 7th.

We are always looking to find new ways to plug into our community. If you have ideas for a new program, learning opportunity, or an upbeat activity – please contact me.

Fondly,

Bonnie

Email me or call me! I am always available to chat about our temple community and hear your thoughts.



12 Celebrations

April Birthdays

April 1st — Aaron Loochtan

April 2nd — Lisa Freedman, Troy Friedlander, Diane Herman

April 3rd — Elaina Mears, Amitai Sela, Emily Cockley

April 4th— Carol Aurnou, Stewart Block, Cindy Coleman, Nathaniel Konin, Andrea Malinger

April 5th — Caroline Cohn, Judith Lee

April 6th — Neill Barger, Sheri Gittins, Diane Sokolov

April 7th — Linda Barger, Robert Blum, Bernard Cohen, Marcie Phalen, Aaron Phalen, Thomas Schwartz, David Stein, Rachel Westrick, Michael Zucker

April 8th — Larry Cowan, Leah Miller, Sandra Phalen

April 9th — Lisa Hess

April 10th — Phyllis Byer, Richard Headlee, Miriam Shoap

April 11th — David Benjamin, Amy Klaben

April 12th — Eric Bravo, Kim Dorrian, Cindy Ravitsky

April 13th — Scott Abramowitz, Roger Friedman, Jessica McDermott, AC Strip, Dawn Weiler

April 14th — Chad Holbein, Peggy Masser, Sherrie Merchant

April 15th — Erica Goldman, Karen Matros, Dane Perelstein, Barry Steinman

April 16th — Maureen Handler, David Kerns, Mark Slabodkin, Sara Scolnick

April 17th — Judy Feiertag, Dave Mandelbaum

April 18th — Shari Brooks

April 19th —Bart Kelsey, Mindy Hickenbottom

April 20th — Elinor Kaufman, Jerrold Lazerwitz, John Richardson, Richard Meizlish

April 21st — Wendy Cohen, Barry Yaillen

April 22nd — Caroline Green, Robert Weiler

April 23rd — Emily Desmond, Joshua Kass, Andrea Kleppel, Janet Meltzer, Ira Scheer

April 24th— Ellery Cadel, Howard Eckstein

April 25th — Michelle Gurevitz, Yakov Kamenetskiy, Jonathan Kent, Jason Levine

April 26th — Mark Schuster, Adam Smith

April 27th — Leslie Aronoff, Cynthia Cohen, Jean Epstein, Sarah Friedberg

April 28th — Alexander Kamenetskiy, Herschel Sigall

April 29th — Barbara Belford, Josh Klaben-Finegold, Diana Gerber, Mark Mandelbaum

April 30th — Marsha Block, Molly Wylie

April Anniversaries

April 6th — Gene Goldberg & Cheri Papier

April 9th — Ron & Nancy Tannenbaum

April 10th — Pam & Ira Scheer

April 12th — James & Renee DeBold

April 14th — Todd & Karen Matros

April 16th — Steve & Jamie Allen

April 17th — Philip Edelsberg & Marlene Levine

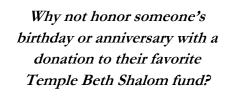
April 20th — Nancy Krasa & Bob Schwartz

April 24th — Lauren & Andrew Campen, Ben Payne & Bethany Klynn

April 26th — Bill & Susan Valentine-Cooper

April 29th — Matthew & Rebecca Minkin





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BeSTY Bulletin

BeSTY (9th-12th)

- ⇒ BeSTY Spring Lock-In April 22nd
- ⇒ Ceder Point Trip May 20th

JuBeSTY (7th-8th)

- ⇒ JuBeSTY Lock-In April 8th at Temple Beth Shalom
- ⇒ Ceder Point Trip May 20th

Club 56 (5th-6th)

- ⇒ SKYZONE April 9th after Religious School
- ⇒ LAZER KRAZE April 30th after Sunday School
- ⇒ Bonfire Fun End of School Celebration May 14th

Club Chaverim (3rd-4th)

- ⇒ SKYZONE after Religious School March 19th
- ⇒ Bonfire Fun End of School Celebration May 7th

SAVE \$200 OFF MITZVAH DJ We had a ENTERTAINMENT

Take advantage of \$200 towards bar or bat mitzvah celebration DJ entertainment, simply mention this offer when scheduling your event!

This coupon is valid on newly scheduled events only, must be mentioned at the time of scheduling and cannot be combined with any other offers or discounts. Must book event before December 31, 2017

MAZEL TOV!

We had a **BLAST** at your b'nai mitzvah celebratior

Jacob Rathkopf Emma and Nathan Strasser Samantha Fox Alyssa Mason

MattRyanDJ.com Matt Rvan IIIIII







GroundsGuys

My name is Lance Shnider. I am a proud resident of New Albany, and recently took on a new venture. I am now a partner in The Grounds Guys, a fantastic lawn care and outdoor space beatification company that serves this area. My involvement brings a new level of commitment to MY community, New Albany, as we work to service a greater population of customers in this area. I live in New Albany, my kids go to New Albany schools, and our friends and neighbors live in New Albany. I'm excited about the opportunity to help my neighbors and community continue to grow outdoor spaces and develop their landscape into their dream properties.

No one cares more about our community and neighbors than someone that has made their home here. Trust your home to us. From landscaping and yard maintenance, aeration, fall and spring color to holiday lighting and snow removal, we do it all.



Presidential Address



Taxing Times Pass Over TBS

As some of us are still preparing our Form 1040s and getting ready for Seders, we thought that our members might benefit from an insight into what our staff, Board of Trustees and committee members have been working on. Believe it or not, this is one of the busiest times of the year!

Co-Vice-Presidents Programming Bonnie Cram, Julie Alpert and Exec Director Bonnie Abramowitz have planned a Country & Western themed casino fundraiser which will be held at the temple on Saturday, April 29th. The event is aimed at giving our members and supporters a fun night-out for as little as \$54. Although concealed carry will not be permitted, you won't have to hide your wallet either. So put on your dancing shoes and your poker face and call (614) 8554882 for sponsorship opportunities and RSVPs.

2017 will be a year of rabbinic transition for Temple Beth Shalom. Over the last few months, cordial and respectful conversations have been taking place which will hopefully result in the Board entering into an agreement with Rabbi Benjy to be TBS's new senior rabbi for the foreseeable future. Under Rabbi Apothaker's tutelage the congregation learned the truth of "What is a congregation but its Rabbi?" We shall not forget this lesson!

With input from our rabbis and executive director and the leadership of Vice-President Finance Mike Rothstein, Treasurer Alan Klodell, Secretary Dave Segal, Board Member Seth Becker, Finance Committee members Walter Hirschberg, Neila Lieberman and our Exec Director the Temple's 2017-18 Budget is being drafted for approval of the Finance Committee in March, the Board in April and the Congregation at May's Annual Meeting. This process, if successful, will result in our congregants' finances not being overburdened while not risking the viability of our beloved congregation.

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Congregants interested in being involved with the Board of Trustees or Committees

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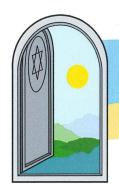
Immediate Past-President Steve Herman is chairing a Nominating Committee staffed by former co-President Miriam Siegfried, Barry Yaillen, Eric Naiman and Neila Lieberman. The mission of this short-lived constitutional committee is to assure the continuity of energetic and accountable lay leadership for the long-term benefit of Temple Beth Shalom. Their work will be presented to the Board no later than April 9th and to the Congregation soon thereafter.

Our cemetery committee of former co-President Joel Kent, former President Steve Grossman and Betty Hersch along with Congregation Beth Tikvah's representatives have crafted a renewal and amendment of our several decades-old relationship with historic Green Lawn Cemetery's Tikvah v'Shalom Section 116. This vital effort will guarantee our members affordable access to burial rights in consecrated ground for the next ten (10) years.

Our Strategic Planning effort led by Emily Alonso-Taub has gained critical mass and our security task force of Jonathan Wolman, Don Feibel, Marcie Golden, Brett Handmaker and Todd Goldman will oversee the implementation of robust measures to enhance the safety of our members and their children, guests and staff while at Temple or Religious School.

And did we mention that TBS has hired Rabbi Lenette Herzog as our new Assistant Rabbi? (Thanks to Rabbinic Search Committee co-chairs, Steve Herman and Bethany Klynn and their huge committee [you know who you are!]).

Our advice? Take the deduction and pass the gefilte fish, please!





Spring Open House!

At Our Sunday Home, the New Albany JCC

Sunday, April 30, 9:00 am

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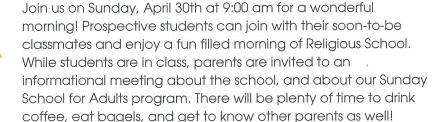
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Schedule:

9:00 am - Classes for students begin!

9:15 am - Prospective parents meet with current parents to chat about TBS and the Religious School.

9:45 am - Informational Meeting about TBS and the Religious School and our Sunday School for Adults Program.

11:00 am - Kids in K-2 are dismissed! Have a great week!

12:45 pm - Kids in 3-10 are dismissed! Have a great week!

Please bring your friends who are looking for a joyful, personal, and accessible Reform congregation right here in New Albany!

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First Friday in April is Chag HaSiddur! First Friday Family Friendly Service and Dinner:

Chag HaSiddur for Our 4th Grade Students!



Fourth grade students will help lead our Shabbat Service and receive their very own Siddurim (Prayer books) during the service. Shabbat Dinner, Activities, Games and Crafts to Follow the Service!

Friday, April 7th at 6:30 pm

Followed by a delicious Taco Bar Dinner, prepared by the TBS Men's Club, at 7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$10/adult \$5/child with a maximum of \$30/family

RSVP TO:

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BS KIBBUTZ KEF CAMP 2017! Cost:

Please plan for your incoming 3rd-8th grader to join us at Hebrew Camp this summer! We will spend part of each day doing Jewish Education in fun camp-like ways, doing a mitzvah project, making a movie and lots more! Each afternoon will be spent at someplace fun around Columbus like Zoombezi Bay Waterpark, Magic Mountain, the New Albany Swimming Pool, COSI, and more! It will be a great way to end the summer, make new friends, and have the time of your life!

\$55 per day, \$220 for the program

TBS Member Discount: \$50 per day, \$200 for the program.

Contact Kibbutz Kef Camp Director Ben Rosen (brosen@tbsohio.org) for details.

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- Jerry & K.J. Goldman, in honor of the marriage of their son, Dustin, to Shelby Westoby

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- Barbara & Marty Schuster, in honor of Bonnie's big 50th birthday! May you have many more big 5-0's!
- ♦ Barbara & Marty Schuster, in honor of Marcie Golden's 60th birthday

Mitzvah Day 2017



A great opportunity for all ages to come together to make a difference in the community. Sign-Ups will be up and running in early April, so please look for more details. We are encouraging all ages, young, old and everyone in between to attend. This event is NOT just for Sunday School kids. We are still adding activities and working out the details but here is a sneak peek at some projects for this year. If you are interested in being an activity Captain, please contact Mindy Agin (enaiman@columbus.rr.com) or Rachel Murray (rachel.murray26@gmail.com).

On-Site Activities

Collection: Children's Gently Used or New Clothing Drive, COTA Passes, and Gas Cards - JFS New Country/New Jobs

Making & packing sack lunches for Friends of the Homeless

Packing Bags of Hope for Homeless Families Foundation

Challah baking

Arts & Crafts room creating art for residents of Wexner Heritage Village & Kensington Place

TBS Beautification Project

Red Cross Bloodmobile

...and more

Save the Date! May 7th at 9 a.m.

Off-Site Activities

Ronald McDonald House Lunch

Ohio House Rabbit Rescue

Park Cleanup

LifeCare Alliance/Meals on Wheels - Packing & Delivering Meals

Village Coalition Against Hunger - restocking shelves at New Albany location

Habitat for Humanity/ReStore

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Women of Beth Shalom Featured Event!

Thursday, April 6th at 6:45 pm in the TBS Social Hall

The Women of Beth Shalom will be hosting the 19th Annual Women's Seder lead by Rabbi Stephanie Covitz and Gail Rose. We will explore the symbols and meaning of Passover in a community of women through a "chocolate seder". All TBS members are invited to attend! Cost is \$10 for WBS Members and \$13 for guestes! (payable at door). Please RSVP to rsvp@tbsohio.org by April 2nd!

Save the Date!

Thursday, May 11th at 9:30 am

End the year with your WBS family at the **End of the Year Happy Hour!** More info to come.



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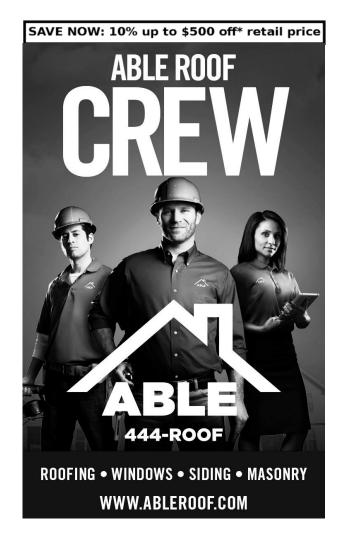


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April 14th

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Mack Roth Irving Shulman Morris Spector Al Tannenbaum Maurice Washer Adolph Weiler Alvin Worly

April 21st

Edna Abel Abraham Allen Max Ankerman Donald Barger Marilyn Blackstone Levison Simon Blum Albert Chait Marion Cohen Sally Figler Louis Finkelstein Sheila Feinknopf Edward Fuller Ruth Jaffe Lillian Kanter Martha Rosenberg Ada Sacks Myer Scheinholtz Elton Steinman Monya Tolkan Jack Weiss

April 28th

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SCRIP Anyone?

Did you know that TBS members may Nachum Feinstein purchase Scrip cards (similar to gift cards) through the Temple,



average of about 4% of each dollar spent? There are more than 400 participating merchants, including Giant Eagle, Meijer, CVS, Lowes, Home Depot, and Staples, as well as restaurants and even cruises. For more info and to download an order form, visit TBS website's Scrip page at www.tbsohio.org/scrip.html. When you're ready to order, contact Bonnie Abramowitz at (614) 855-4882 or email her at babramowitz@tbsohio.org.

TBS collected \$500 in FREE **MONEY** last year!



Thank you to all our Kroger shoppers!

Did you know you can support Temple Beth Shalom just by shopping at Kroger? The Kroger Community Rewards program was designed to make fund-raising for TBS the easiest in town...and all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card! In fact, TBS averages \$2,000 per year from Kroger through this program.

To get started, sign up with your Plus Card at www.kroger.com/communityrewards, and select TBS as the organization you wish to support. (You can find us on the list under Temple Beth Shalom on Johnstown Road, or use the organization code 81105.) Once you're enrolled, you'll earn rewards for TBS every time you shop and use your Plus Card! Remember—all participants must re-enroll each year to continue earning rewards for their chosen organization.





TBS Mitzvah Corps: April 2017

Do you ever wonder how you can make a difference in the community?

Do you have a little free time during the day and want to use that time wisely?

Do you ask yourself - How can I get my family involved in Social Action? How can I teach my kids about helping others?

Are you a High School student in need of ideas for Community Service hours?

Do you need help coming up with an idea for your Mitzvah Project?

WE HAVE THE ANSWERS TO ALL OF THESE QUESTIONS!

Come to TBS on Friday, April 21st at 7:30pm,

following services, to attend our:

VOLUNTEER FAIR

We have over 20 organizations that will be in attendance!

LifeTown

Love Without Hurt

Village Coalition Against Hunger

Gahanna Residents In Need

Ronald McDonald House

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Refugee Road Project

Alzheimer's Association

Friendship Circle

Tzedakah Collective

...AND MORE!

Sign-Ups for Mitzvah Day activities will also be available.

Appetizers and desserts will be provided, along with FREE childcare.

Upcoming Events

Monday, April 3rd — B.R.E.A.D. Rally

The B.R.E.A.D. Organization is comprised of many congregations that represent different faith traditions.

ALL ARE UNITED TO STAND TOGETHER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE!

The B.R.E.A.D. Rally will take place on **Monday, April 3, 2017 at 7 p.m.** at Congregation Tifereth Israel (1354 E. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43205). Arrive at 6:30 p.m. for caucus and registration. This is the next large meeting for all of our Justice Ministry/Rodef Tzedek Network Members and you'll hear updates on the campaigns to solve serious community problems and receive your tickets to the Nehemiah Action! The **Nehemiah Action** will take place on **Monday, May 1, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Celeste Center** on the Ohio State Fairgrounds (717 E. 17th Ave., Columbus, OH 43211).

It's important that we have a good turnout of TBS members. Contact Karen Cohn <u>614-288-8063</u> (text or call) or <u>kcohn1@columbus.rr.com</u> for more information about B.R.E.A.D.

Thursday, May 4th — Mitzvah Corps to serve lunch at YWCA Family Shelter

Sunday, May 7th — Annual Mitzvah Day (more info on page 21)

The Kosher Bookworm

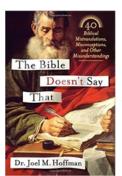
Come to the Fair!



By Steve Seeskin, TBS Library Committee Chairperson

The JCC of Greater Columbus is getting close to the end of its BookFair Program Year. The annual BookFair has two components. The first is a book sale, which is normally held in the JCC's main lobby before the Festival of Hanukkah; thus, enabling a wonderful read for your gifting needs. The display and sale of books is recent works of Jewish fiction and nonfiction for adult and youth readers. Most of the publications are by Jewish authors.

Second, is the program year hosting of several book author talks at different locations in the Greater Columbus Jewish Community. One such talk is coming up near the end of this month. On April 27, at 7:00 PM, the JCC BookFair will host Dr. Joel M. Hoffman. He will present his book <u>The Bible Doesn't Say That: 40 Biblical Mistranslations, Misconceptions, and Other Misunderstandings</u>. This event will be at Congregation Beth Tikvah.



The book explores what the Bible meant before it was misinterpreted over the past 2,000 years.

Acclaimed translator and biblical scholar Dr. Joel M. Hoffman walks the reader through dozens of mistranslations, misconceptions, and other misunderstandings about the Bible. In forty short, straightforward chapters, he covers morality, life-style, theology, and biblical imagery.



Dr. Joel M. Hoffman focuses on Bringing the Bible to life and is known for his "fresh insights and interpretations about religious life in the 21st century." A popular speaker, he presents to churches, synagogues, community groups and university audiences across the world. He holds a Ph.D. in linguistics and has served on the faculties of Brandeis University and Hebrew Union College.

In addition to his latest work, *The Bible Doesn't Say That: 40 Biblical Mistranslations, Misconceptions, and Other Misunderstandings*, Dr. Hoffman is the chief translator for the popular 10-volume series, *My People's Prayer Book* (winner of the National Jewish Book Award). His books include *In the Beginning: A Short History of the Hebrew Language*, from NYU Press, and, from St. Martin's, *And God Said: How Translations Conceal the Bible's Original Meaning* and *The Bible's Cutting Room Floor*. Writing under the pen name "J.M. Hoffman," he is author of the thriller series *The Warwick Files*.

Dr. Hoffman lives in Westchester, NY.

Advanced tickets may be purchased by going to columbusicc.org and navigating to the Jewish Bookfair page via the Cultural Arts tab.

Plan to attend this outstanding community event!

Book Club Chavurot!

The library Committee Welcomes all TBS Book Clubs to join together and utilize available resources!

The Library Committee is available to bring guest speakers, provide space for book club meetings, and can provide outreach for book club membership!

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26 April First Aliyahs



Gabriella Levine will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 10:00am. Gabriella is the daughter of Marla and Larry and sister of Talia, Sari, Jared and Jason Levine. Gabriella is the granddaughter of David Sokol, Cheryl Sokol, of blessed memory and Stuart and Paula Levine, of blessed memory.

Gabri is a seventh grader at Gahanna Middle School South and attends Temple Beth Shalom Kehillat Torah Religious School, where she is involved in the Madrichim in Training Program. She enjoys singing in the choir, music, volleyball and playing with her dog. She is going back to Emma Kaufmann Camp in Morgantown, WV to be with friends this summer.

For her Mitzvah Project, Gabriella has continued her volunteer work with Friendship Circle. She has enjoyed helping with many different programs offered to those with special needs. Helping others to enjoy fun activities, such as cooking, music and art, has been a fulfilling experience for her

Michelle Catie Mears will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on April 22, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Michelle is the daughter of Elaina and Tim Mears, sister of Anna Mears and granddaughter of Dr. Marvin and Myra Pravda, Mary Mears and the late Dale Mears, of blessed memory.

Michelle is a seventh grader at New Albany Middle School. She has a black belt in Tae Kwon Do, plays piano and cello, loves to read, goes to movies and enjoys traveling. For Michelle's Mitzvah project she volunteered at Pets Without Parents.

Michelle would like to thank her tutors, Rabbi Benjy and Ben Rosen, and her parents for all of their support in preparing for her Bat Mitzvah.





Tess Madison will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, April 22,2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Tess is the daughter of Jenny Madison and Tim Madison and the sister of Jonah, Canaan, Natalie and Grace Madison and grandaughter of Lois Greenblott and David Madison and Nancy and Don Albert

Tess is in 7th grade at Bexley Middle School where she enjoys playing, Lacrosse, volleyball, tennis and soccer. She is very grateful to be the 5th Madison child to have studied Hebrew with Joanne Grossman and enjoys learning from her and realizes this is the good stuff!! Thank you Joanne! For her Mitzvah project Tess is collecting suitcases and luggage for the Van Buren family shelter as many families do not have the opportunity to pack up their belongings when they move to the shelter and have to use plastic bags. Tess feels that it is important to "be somebody that makes everybody feel like a somebody"! and by donating luggage and suitcases the children can feel more like a somebody!

Samantha Kate Remer will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday April 29th at 10:00 am. Sharing in her celebration are her parents Larry and Kathryn Remer, brother Philip, sister Isabel as well as her grandparents Lew and Louise Parsley of Columbus and Arnold and Marlene Remer of Toledo.

Samantha is in 7th grade at New Albany Middle School where she enjoys plays cello and is a member of Student Council. She is also a member of Broadway Bound Dance Centre's Competition Dance Team and Girl Scout Troop 307.

For her Mitzvah project Samantha spent time volunteering for Lunches of Love, a program that helps to feed the homeless in Central Ohio.

Tutor Gail Rose, Rabbi Howard Apothaker, and Rabbi Benjy Bar-Lev assisted helped her prepare for this special day.





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Rabbi B will again be making the rounds this year to visit Beth Shalom college students all over Ohio, Indiana, Pittsburgh and Kentucky. If you have a college student in one of these places, please email Rabbi B at

rabbibenjy@tbsohio.org with your child's cell number and email so we don't miss them!



We will take students out for a meal and deliver some Passover treats courtesy of the Women of Beth Shalom as well!



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