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4 Upcoming Events

Week of July 31

Wednesday, August 3

1:00 PM Mah Jongg @ TBS

Friday, August 5

6:30 PM Family Friendly
Shabbat Service



Saturday, August 6

10:00 AM Simchat Shabbat
Services

Week of August 7

August 8-11

9:30-4:30 PM TBS Kibbutz Kef
Camp 2016!

Wednesday, August 10

1:00 PM Mah Jongg @ TBS

Thursday, August 11

5:00 PM WBS Happy Hour
@ Firefly

Friday, August 12

6:30 PM Erev Shabbat
Services

Saturday, August 13

10:00 AM First Aliyah of
Matthew Harris



Week of August 14

Sunday, August 14

10:00 AM Library Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 17

1:00 PM Mah Jongg @ TBS

Friday, August 19

6:30 PM Shabbat Chai!

Saturday, August 20

10:00 AM Simchat Shabbat Services

Week of August 21

Wednesday, August 24

1:00 PM Mah Jongg @ TBS

Friday, August 26

6:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, August 27

10:00 AM Simchat Shabbat Services

Sunday, August 28

5:00 PM TBS Welcome Back Picnic!



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Reflections from Rabbi A



The title of the book, *You Don't Have to Be Wrong for Me to be Right*, by Rabbi Brad Hirschfeld, fascinated me, especially its subtitle, "Finding Faith Without Fanaticism." I read the 250+ page book in about four hours.

Rabbi Hirschfeld used to be one of those fanatics, committed to reconstructing the Jewish state within its biblical borders. But an important act of religious intolerance carried out by one of his fanatical kind - the random shooting and killing of Palestinian students on the West Bank - combined with a harsh justification about the greater good that will be realized as a result of this injustice - brought him to a new understanding of himself and of the way in which he wanted to live in the world. He wrote this book as a personal journal to describe how he could hold

strong religious convictions even as he found ways to find common ground and to harmonize his life with those who held alternate beliefs.

It was the first modern Chief Rabbi of Palestine and mystic, Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook, who wrote: "It is precisely the multiplicity of opinions that derive variegated souls and backgrounds which enriches wisdom and brings about enlargement. In the end all matters will be properly understood and it will be recognized that it was impossible for the structure of peace to be built without those trends that appears to be in conflict."

For a fabric to be strong, threads have cross each other - ply against each other, but just enough so that the warped and the woofed can work as one.

As we enter the time for the national political conventions, I have thought - and worried - a lot about the political dialogue in the country. I worry about political fanaticism - broad-ranging, often rage-filled, proclamations without subtly ... intended for headlines that belong in the National Enquirer, not part of the national debate. I am worried about easy answers, single threads for complex issues.

And I am worried about political fanaticism, some of which has already led to violence.

Over the years, I have tried to engage in both a religious and political practice called "passionate moderation." And I have found that such a philosophy gets little play in the popular press. It's boring compared to the black-or-white singlemindedness that is the stuff either (1) of idealistic fanaticism - "This is the way the world works and you can't tell me otherwise!" - or (2) of relativistic fanaticism, resulting in a kind of individualistic nihilism - "I've got mine; too bad for you."

The first kind of fanaticism is justified either by an outside force like God, or by forces... which are attributed to the nature of the social beast, the forces usually depicted as an economic truism (Marxism; completely unfettered capitalism), which, as we have seen, especially over the past few years, and in light of the evidence arising from the ground-breaking work of Thomas Piketty, no matter the prevailing ideology, turned out not to be completely workable in practice. (The Kansas experiment, for example.)

The second kind of fanaticism arises when a culture - such as ours - over-values the rights of the individual ("The world revolves around me and mine, and everyone else must get out of the way.") compared with the health of the building blocks - communities and beyond - of civil society ("We're all in this together, so we have to invest some personal comforts on behalf of the common good.")

Think of this imperfect analogy. In college, I was an oarsman in an eight-man crew. To become a better oarsman, even for an "eight," sometimes one had to go out in a "single" - just you by yourself - and learn

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8 The Buzz with Rabbi B



Before becoming a rabbi at Temple Beth Shalom, I used to spend my summers at Camp Interlaken JCC, a Jewish camp in the North Woods of Wisconsin. For sixteen summers I was a camper, counselor, unit head, program head, and Camp Rabbi. In my later years at camp, around this time of the year, I had the same issue to work through every year: How do we, as a camp, observe the Jewish holiday of Tisha B'Av. Tisha B'Av, a holiday named for the date on which it is observed (like 4th of July) is one of the least known holidays, thanks to it happening on the Ninth of Av, which usually falls in the middle of the summer. Unless you grew up going to a Jewish camp or with a more traditional background, it is likely that you've never even heard of this Fast Day. On its surface, Tisha B'Av is a simple holiday - it commemorates a number of tragic events in Jewish history, that supposedly all happened on the 9th of Av, the most important being the destruction of the 1st and 2nd Temples in Jerusalem. Over time, it has morphed into a day to commemorate many of the calamities that have befallen the Jewish people.

If we look a little deeper into Tisha B'Av, we will see a number of important lessons waiting to be taught. One of the most important of those is that we must remember to treat people humanely, and we cannot stand idly by when someone does not. We cannot stand by when someone is being hurt, we must act. The rabbis wanted to find a reason that the Temples were destroyed, and illustrated the reason with a story:

A wealthy man had a good friend named Kamza and an enemy named Bar Kamza. He was holding a party and sent his servant to invite Kamza. The servant made a mistake and invited Bar Kamza instead. When the host saw Bar Kamza sitting at the table, he said, "What are you doing here? You tell tales about me! Get out!" Bar Kamza said, "If you let me stay, I will pay for what I eat and drink." The host refused. "Then I will pay for half the party," he said. The host again refused. Bar Kamza then offered to pay for all of the party. The host refused and kicked him out.

Bar Kamza said to himself, "Since the Rabbis who are the leaders of the community were all witnesses to my humiliation and did nothing to stop it, they must have approved of how he treated me! I will then go and inform on them to the Roman government!"

He went to the Emperor and told him that the Jews were rebelling against him.

"How can I be sure?" the Emperor asked. "Send them a calf to sacrifice and see if they will do it." So the Emperor sent a calf with Bar Kamza. On the way, Bar Kamza made a blemish on the calf, which would have made it unfit for sacrifice.

When the Rabbis received it, they were inclined to sacrifice it so as not to offend the authorities. One rabbi, Rabbi Zechariah ben Abkulas, objected saying, "People will then say it is OK to sacrifice unfit animals!" The Rabbis then proposed killing Bar Kamza so that he would not go back to the Emperor telling him they did not offer his sacrifice. Rabbi Zechariah ben Abkulas objected again saying, "People will then think it is OK to kill people who blemish animals!"

Said Rabbi Yohanan, "It was because of the actions of Rabbi Zechariah ben Abkulas that the Temple was destroyed, Jerusalem burned and the people exiled." On the surface, it seemed like Rabbi Zechariah ben Abkulas was doing what was right. He wanted to preserve Jewish tradition, but in so doing, he forgot to act when Bar Kamza was being humiliated in front of an entire party.

Many of us feel a sense of despair as we have watched the news and

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Dick and Tammie Golden's 65th Anniversary Shabbat



10 Cantoral Corner with Gail Rose



I have recently returned from Nashville, Tennessee. The purpose of my trip was to hear music. You might be saying to yourself, “I didn’t know that Gail was into country music”. Although I thoroughly enjoyed the Grand Ole Opry, country music isn’t my favorite genre. The purpose of the visit was to attend the 2016 International Convention of the Barbershop Chorus and Quartet Competition. You might be saying to yourself, “I didn’t know that Gail was into Barbershop music”. Well, I do have an interest in it because my husband, Arthur, is singing with a local Barbershop chapter, *The Singing Buckeyes*. Barbershop music is 4 part harmony (lead, tenor, baritone and bass) sung A Capella (without accompaniment).

Thanks to the television program, *The Sing-Off*, a new interest in A Capella singing has emerged. This program allowed millions of people to witness the excellence of musicianship, dancing ability and stage presence that this art form demands.

The philosophy of Barbershop Music is expressed in their four part harmony theme song, *Keep The Whole World Singing*. The song states that when we sing and carry our own part, there is only room for harmony and peace in one’s heart. The organization stresses the importance of and positive effect that singing has on one’s outlook on life and sense of importance and belonging to a community.

The speakers at the convention brought up the fact that many of us don’t know if we can sing. Do you know if you are able to sing in tune? Do you know if you are able to carry a musical part when there is harmony surrounding you?

In order to join our Temple Beth Community of Singers (Sharyonim) one must have a desire to be part of this warm, friendly and fun group and be able to sing in tune. If you don’t know whether you can sing in tune, why don’t you contact me to find out? We can discover your singing voice together! Our High Holiday Rehearsals are starting soon, so don’t delay. Rehearsals are at the Temple on Tuesday Nights. The dates and times are:

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| AUGUST | 23 & 30 | 7:30-9 pm |
| SEPTEMBER | 6, 13, 20, 27 | 7:30-9 pm |

If interested, please email Ms. Rose at grose@tbsohio.org
or call the Temple Office at (614) 855-4882.

State of the Temple with Bonnie Abramowitz **11**

We mailed our Membership Renewal Packets back in May. In it was your suggested financial commitment, as well as the contact and yahrzeit info we have on file for your family. By sending this form back, you help us determine our monthly cash flow and overall spending for the year. TBS is self-funded, so your membership dollars have a considerable impact on helping us maintain our organization. A **huge thank you** to those congregants who already sent back their forms.



By now you have received your July statement from TBS. You will notice a full year of membership being billed. Our fiscal year begins in July and ends in June. We use various billing codes (TAH, SAH, FOT) which we tried to explain on the green sheet included with the statement.

For those of you with children in Religious School, you will see these items billed to your September statement. The first day of Religious School is 9/18/16.

You may have noticed Women of Beth Shalom and Men's Club fees on your most recent statement. For this year, we tried something new and automatically billed these items to your account. We hope you will financially support these organizations that provide additional social, programming, and funding to TBS. If you wish to opt out of these fees, kindly indicate your wishes when you send in your next payment or on your membership renewal form.

Are there topics you'd like me to cover in future issues? Kindly let me know at babramowitz@tbsohio.org. To each of you, I am inspired by all you do to make TBS a wonderful place for worship and friendship.

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August 1-7

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Beverlee Jobrack (8/1) Lisa Ballmann (8/4)
Sari May (8/1) Cheryl Meisterman(8/4)
Stephen Pinsky (8/1) Diane Slutsky (8/4)
Lisa Singer (8/1) Nathan Cohen (8/5)
Jeremy Meizlish (8/2) Michelle Rosen (8/7)

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Jerry & Lynn Dobb (8/1) Sanford & Constance Meizlish (8/7)
Gary & Morna Smith (8/2) David Stein & Hilda Glazer (8/7)
Lauren Bonfield & Stephen Keyes (8/3)
Marcio Faerman & Patricia Pinto (8/3)
David Neubauer & Jean Krum (8/3)
Mara & John Derzon (8/5)
Krista & Seth Fliegel (8/6)
Neal & Maureen Handler (8/6)

August 8-14

BIRTHDAYS

James Bugenstein (8/8) Emma Rose (8/11)
Nichole Hoch (8/9) Tammie Golden (8/12)
Steven Lichtblau (8/9) Nevada Smith (8/13)
Lee Pinsky (8/9) Mark Bremen (8/14)
Barbara Turner (8/10) Daniel Edelsberg (8/14)
Daniel Benjamin (8/11) Hilda Glazer (8/14)
Marcio Faerman (8/11)
Christie Miller (8/11)

ANNIVERSARIES

Amitai & Rebecca Sela (8/11)
Kurt & Davora Beatty (8/12)
Amy & Amir Rubin (8/12)
Deborah Costa & Michael Griffaton (8/15)

August 15-21

BIRTHDAYS

Keith Golden (8/14)
Sharon Austin (8/16)
Susan Klunk (8/16)
Tim Madison (8/16)
Jonathan Axelrod (8/16)
Judy Radin (8/16)
Dan Rogovin (8/17)
Stacey Melko (8/18)
Steve Smith (8/18)
Janyce Katz (8/19)
Marion Lefton (8/19)
David Orenstein (8/19)
Sonja Shuman (8/19)
Rachel Cohen (8/20)
John Derzon (8/20)
Joseph Slade (8/20)
Maddy Weisz (8/20)
Laurel Zulliger (8/20)
Dana Potnick (8/21)
Jill Abolt (8/21)
Nathan Shulak (8/21)

ANNIVERSARIES

Emily Alonso-Taub &
Orlay Taub (8/16)
Jessica & Keith Bullock (8/16)
Cheryl & Patrick Boyce (8/17)
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August 22-31

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| Tony Brown (8/22) | Darren Kamnitzer (8/25) | Troy Crawford (8/29) |
| Natalie Segal (8/22) | Hope Buergenthal (8/26) | Neal Becker (8/30) |
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| Julie Rajczyk (8/24) | Martin Schuster (8/26) | Erin Handler (8/31) |
| Edye Slutsky (8/24) | Skip Weiler (8/26) | Edward Hastie (8/31) |
| Michael Zulliger (8/24) | Janet Fireman (8/27) | Brandon Pinsky (8/31) |
| Andrea Alexander-Shnider (8/25) | Aaron Axelrod (8/28) | Stephanie Weiss (8/31) |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| Dane & Ann Perelstein (8/22) | Michael & Susan Rothstein (8/28) |
| Steve & Karen Ricker (8/22) | Leon & Corey Friedberg (8/29) |
| Lori & Evan Jacobs (8/23) | I. David & Rita Cohen (8/31) |
| Seth Becker & Janet Meltzer (8/25) | Sam & Shayna Levi (8/31) |
| James & Babette Feibel (8/25) | Ronald & Natasha Petroff (8/31) |
| Stephen & Lee Pinsky (8/25) | |
| Kathy & Jay Worly (8/26) | |
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Presidential Address with Co-Presidents, Pam Scheer and David Neubauer

Getting to Know You



At 12:01 am on July 1, 2016 outgoing Board President Steve Herman passed the torch of TBS lay leadership to incoming co-Presidents, Pam Scheer and David Neubauer. Over the last 2+ years Steve and his Board accomplished several Herculean feats in service to our congregation. TBS will forever be indebted to Steve for his great work.

By way of introduction, each of our families has been TBS members for more than 30 years, we were married to our spouses, Ira Scheer and Jean Krum, by Rabbi Apothaker back in the '80s and have children who completed their religious educations at TBS. In April, 2015 we attended the Union of Reform Judaism sponsored Scheidt Seminar in Peachtree City, GA for incoming Board President training.

Among our most important goals for the next year are to increase the value of your relationship to TBS and to both secure our personnel and strengthen the bottom line of our congregation for the future. Rabbis A and Bar-Lev, Gail Rose and our professional staff headed by Executive Director Bonnie Abramowitz will be great teammates in helping our Board to do more for you. We will ask those members who are able to assist us in finally paying off our mortgage, growing our meager endowment and operating TBS on more than a "break even" basis. We will also be on the lookout for strategic opportunities in the broader central Ohio Jewish community.

We are excited to share Rabbi A's last year and Rabbi B's first year as Senior Rabbi. We hope to hire a new assistant rabbi for July, 2017. We will be celebrating TBS's 40th anniversary. We are in discussions with a private company to raise significant long-term annual income for TBS's benefit. We know that unforeseen challenges will also present themselves to TBS.

We aspire to earn your trust in us and take our responsibilities to you and the congregation very seriously. We want to be accessible to you whenever you and your family wish to reach out to us. You can contact David at (614) 271-2430 or kruj2@aol.com and Pam at (614) 231-3401 or pscheer@columbus.rr.com



*TBS's own Susie Blank is looking for volunteers to help out
at the **2016 Buckeye Kosher BBQ Festival!** If interested,
please contact Susie at*

choirgirl54@hotmail.com



Meet our New Youth Team!

As Summer progresses, we at TBS are thrilled to be planning for a fantastic 2016-2017 program year. We are so excited to announce that we have a new Youth Team who will be helping to arrange and run programming for all four of our youth groups. These three people have all been working at the Temple in other positions, and we are elated to have them helping us in the Youth Department.



Emily Hartman

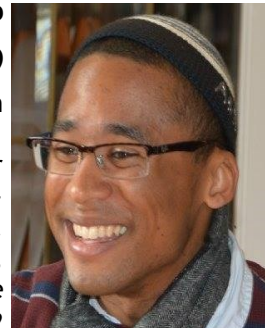
Advisor to BeSTY (High School Youth Group) and JuBeSTY (7th/8th Grade Youth Group)

Emily has been working at Temple Beth Shalom as a teacher since 2007 (she was Emily Axel before getting married). You have also likely seen Emily on the High Holy Days, as she is one of the singers in our "Sheer" Shirim musical services. Emily is so excited to be transitioning to her role, and brings lots of ideas, positive energy, and knowledge with her to the job. During the week, Emily is a Music Teacher in the Granville School district. To reach Emily you can send her an email to ehartman@tbsohio.org, or call her at the Temple office at 614-855-4882.

Angelo Dunlap

Advisor to Club 56 (5th/6th Grade Youth Group) and Chaverim (3rd/4th Grade Youth Group)

Angelo wears many different hats (or kippot) around Temple Beth Shalom. He has been teaching in our Religious School for the past five years, as well as helping to run the school, song-leading, and leading services at TBS and Religious School. In addition to playing guitar and singing, Angelo is a piano virtuoso as well. We are thrilled to have Angelo bring his passion for Judaism, his connectivity to kids and parents, and his sense of fun to this new job. During the week, Angelo teaches at the JCC New Albany and the Columbus Jewish Day School, doing music and Judaics. You can reach Angelo at adunlap@tbsohio.org or call him at the Temple office at 614-855-4882



Ben Rosen

Madrichim/Marketing Coordinator

Ben does many different jobs around the Temple, and he has been teaching in our school for the past five years. You may have heard from Ben, as he is the Temple's Marketing Coordinator, publishing the e-window weekly, the monthly Window, as well as many other print and online projects. Continuing with our musical theme, Ben can be spotted singing during services, as he was classically trained and sang with the Meshuganotes A Capella group in college. Ben brings charisma, great planning skills, and tons of creativity to the job. He will be managing the Madrichim on Sunday mornings, and helping everyone feel comfortable each Sunday. We are so thrilled to have him in this new role! You can reach Ben at brosen@tbsohio.org or by phone at 614-855-4882.



Please be sure to welcome all three members of our Youth Team! We will have a calendar of all youth events for the year published in September.



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| Marsha & Ellery Block | NEIL CARRON on his special birthday |

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| Violet Cohen & Family | Jim & Babette's granddaughter, ELIZABETH ARONOFF'S college education |
| Tammie & Dick Golden | Bat Mitzvah of ALLYSON SCHUSTER & CONFIRMATION CLASS 2016 |
| Barbra Crabill | DICK & TAMMIE GOLEN on their 65th anniversary |
| Roger & Madalyn Benjamin | DICK & TAMMIE GOLEN on their 65th anniversary |
| Mark Glazman & Janyce Katz | DICK & TAMMIE GOLEN on their 65th anniversary |
| | The FEIBEL FAMILY's recent simcha |
| | MR. GOLDEN's recovery |
| Harold & Beatrice Mindlin | DICK & TAMMIE GOLEN on their 65th anniversary |
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balance and technique. Otherwise, sometimes you practiced your oar techniques in a simulation tank. And then of course, there was the endless on shore training with running hills and weightlifting. All that effort was meant to build up the individual oarsman.

But most of us would never compete as a single. What we had to do with that individual work was to take all of that personal training and talent and making it harmonize with the rest of the oarsmen in the boat. That's why its called "crew." You might have been as an individual of brutish strength, but you had to tone it down when the boat needed more speed and technique. You might not have the lung strength, but, no matter: You had to keep pace with the team's rhythm no matter what. Because you might be a bit taller or a bit shorter, your reach would differ from the oarsman fore and aft. If you did not adjust, your individual effort might be superior, but you boat would drag.

Indeed, sometimes a technically inferior oarsman individually would often "fit" the crew better due to some factor which even experienced coaches could not fathom. And some folks could not or would not harmonize. Those teammates were constitutionally better suited to be individuals in single shells, or in smaller "fours."

Let me make the shift: Just as there is no ideal oarsmen for a given situation requiring harmony, there are no perfect ideas for every given situation. In crew, everyone uses his/her best talents and training and then modifies to fit the boat's needs under the many water and weather conditions under which any practice session or meet might transpire. And in any situation, the oarsman that you were yesterday might have to be measured and modified to fit the circumstances - in and outside the boat - that prevail today.

In the realm of ideas, we must similarly look, in our cooperative enterprise, be it in our religious life or our political life for strong and talent folks who also are cooperative by nature. Most such people speak in measured ways, whether in their religious or their political life.

As for me, I enter each day with a direction, burnished by time and experience (trial and many errors). But am ready and open to redirect when such doubt arises that it requires a re-gauging of the givens. My faith and my political world view are constantly evolving as I remind myself of the view of Reinhold Niebuhr who once famously wrote about when orthodoxies claim, "We are right.": "It is when we are not sure that we are doubly sure."

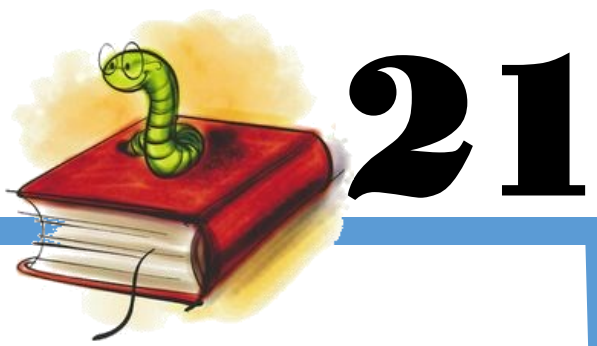
Those who are passionately moderate know, per Rabbi Hirschfeld, "You Don't' Have to Be Wrong for Me to be Right." We can work off of what is working for us now, with the openness to moderate. The poet, Yehuda Amichai put it this way: "From the place where we are right, flowers will never grow in the spring. The place where we are right is trampled like a yard. But doubts and loves dig up the world like a mole, a plow."

And one more thing: Passionate moderates must also learn to find ways to hear fundamentalists and to channel their energy and idealism. Like crew coaches teach the oarsmen to do in a boat, we must press ourselves to find a common end and to combine our efforts cooperatively to achieve it.

Our crew team was always pretty good, not the top winners in every meet, but competitive always. And when we did well, it was not because we had the better athletes, or were in better shape, or had better training (analogous to a person's ideas). We could have had all that and still lost. It was because our boat was in sync, the oars all hitting the water at the same time, channeling our passions into the kind of harmonization that made for winning times.

Let us look for the harmonizers. They are not namby-pambies. They are the smart ones that realize that, like the efficient and successful crew teams, when we account for all the conditions, and still pull together, we may achieve greater success.

The Kosher Bookworm



By Steve Seeskin,

TBS Library Committee Chairperson

During the late spring and early summer months the TBS Library has acquired 17 books from the CCAR (Central Conference of American Rabbis) Press, the publication arm of the Reform Judaism Movement.

The Library Committee thought you may be interested in these additions to our library. Two are described here and the remaining listed books have their full descriptions at the following TBS webpage www.tbsohio.org/tbs-library.html.

The Sacred Calling: Four Decades of Women in the Rabbinate. Edited by Rabbi Rebecca Einstein Schorr and Rabbi Alysa Mendelson Graf. 2016. Women have been rabbis for over forty years. No longer are women rabbis a unique phenomenon, rather they are part of the fabric of Jewish life. In this anthology, rabbis and scholars from across the Jewish world reflect back on the historic significance of women in the rabbinate and explore issues related to both the professional and personal lives of women rabbis. This collection examines the ways in which the reality of women in the rabbinate has impacted on all aspects of Jewish life, including congregational culture, liturgical development, life cycle ritual, the Jewish healing movement, spirituality, theology, and more.

The Sacred Encounter: Jewish Perspectives on Sexuality. Edited by Rabbi Lisa Grushcow, DPhil. 2014. This wide-ranging anthology takes a close look at the breadth of human sexuality from a Jewish perspective. The essays begin with a look at biblical and rabbinic views on sexuality, and then proceed to explorations of sexuality at different moments in the life cycle, sexuality and the marital model, diverse expressions of sexuality, examples of sexuality education, the nexus of sexuality and theology, and the challenges of contemporary sexual ethics. *The Sacred Encounter* is a thought-provoking and important Jewish resource. Perfect for personal study, or for high school or adult classes.

- * *Birkon Artzi: Blessings and Meditations for Travelers to Israel.*
- * *Divrei Mishkan Hanefesh: A Guide to the CCAR*
- * *Machzor Haneirot Halalu: These Lights Are Holy.*
- * *Machzor: Challenge & Change, Volume 1. Machzor: Challenge & Change, Volume 2.*
- * *Mishkan Moeid: A Guide to the Jewish Seasons.*
- * *Mishkan R'fuah: Where Healing Resides.*
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- * *Omer: A Counting.*
- * *On the Doorposts of Your House: Al Mezuzot Beitecha, Revised Edition.*
- * *The New Union Haggadah, Revised Edition.*
- * *The Open Door: A Passover Haggadah.*

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social media this summer. We have witnessed violence in our own country against the LGBT community, against people of color, and against law enforcement officers – all of whom were just living their lives, doing their jobs, when violence erupted. We are reminded by Tisha B’Av that rather than simply despair, we are obligated to continue working to make our world a safer, stronger, healthier place. May we each find strength in this mandate from the book of Leviticus, “Do not stand idly by while your neighbor bleeds.” Let us not stand idly by, rather, may our resolve be strengthened to work toward a time when violence in our country is an outlier, not the norm. This lesson is how we taught Tisha B’Av to hundreds of campers throughout the years. We taught them: speak up if you see someone treated unfairly. Speak up if someone is being humiliated and hurt. Speak up for those who do not have a voice. It isn’t just a nice thing for us to do, as Jews, it is part of our covenantal relationship with God.

The Tisha B’Av fast begins at sundown on August 13, through the evening of August 14. May we observe it with our prayers and our hearts, and may we observe it by working to make a difference in our world.

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