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WITH OSU'S JEWISH ACAPELLA GROUP!

MESHUGANOTE SHABBAT

FEBRUARY 10 AT 6:30 PM
TEMPLE BETH SHALOM
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Upcoming Events

Week of 1/29

Sunday, Jan. 29	KT Religious School, 9:00 am
Wednesday, Feb. 1	Mah Jongg at TBS, 1:00 pm; Midweek Hebrew, 4:00 pm; Women's PM Torah Study, 7:00 pm
Friday, Feb. 3	First Grade Shabbat and Dinner, 6:30 pm
Saturday, Feb. 4	Simchat Shabbat Services, 10:00 am

Week of 2/5

Sunday, Feb. 5	KT Religious School, 9:00 am
Wednesday, Feb. 8	Mah Jongg at TBS, 1:00 pm; Midweek Hebrew, 4:00 pm
Friday, Feb. 10	MeshugaNotes Performance and Erev Shabbat Services, 6:30 pm
Saturday, Feb. 11	5th/6th Grade Learning Service and Tu B'shevat, 10:00 am

Week of 2/12

Sunday, Feb. 12	KT Religious School, 9:00 am; WBS Mahj, 9:30 am
Tuesday, Feb. 14	Purim Spiel Rehearsal/ Auditions, 7:00 pm
Wednesday, Feb. 15	Mah Jongg at TBS, 1:00 pm; Midweek Hebrew, 4:00 pm
Friday, Feb. 17	Shabbat Chai, 6:30 pm
Saturday, Feb. 18	Shabbat Morning Services and First Aliyah of Nora Butter, 10:00 am (all welcome)

Week of 2/19

Sunday, Feb. 19	NO KT Religious School, Library Comm. Mtg, 4:00 pm
Tuesday, Feb. 21	WBS Lunch & Learn, 12:00 pm; Spiel Rehearsal, 7:00 pm
Wednesday, Feb. 22	Mah Jongg at TBS, 1:00 pm; Midweek Hebrew, 4:00 pm
Friday, Feb. 24	Erev Shabbat Services, **7:30 pm**
Saturday, Feb. 25	Tot Shabbat, 10:00 am
Sunday, Feb. 26	KT Religious School, 900 am; WBS/Mitzvah Corps Social Action Program, 9:30 am; Board Mtg, 4:00 pm
Tuesday, Feb. 28	Speil Rehearsal, 7:00 pm

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Reflections from Rabbi A

The Trump era has begun. Of American Jewry, 24% voted for now-President Trump, down 6% from Gov. Romney's total in 2012. 71%, 3% and 2% went respectively for the Democratic, Libertarian and Green Parties.

I write this note on the eve of one of my many trips to Israel. In all likelihood, the city in which I shall spend Friday will soon become official recognized by the United States at the capital of Israel. Mr. Obama's administration already built a spanking new facility in Jerusalem for that purpose (even though, for some very complicated and changing political reasons successive US administrations since Israel's founding have kept the US Embassy in Tel Aviv). Withal, I like the move.

That's "American Jews." What of Jewish Americans?

I was reminded by Arthur Brooks, president of the American Enterprise Institute, of the story of W. C. Fields as he lay dying in his hospital bed. From outside came the sound of a newsboy shouting, "Wuxtry! Stock market prices fall!" Stirred out of his stupor, Fields signaled those at his bedside and whispered, "Poor little urchins out there — undernourished, no doubt improperly clad — something's got to be done about them, something's got to be done."

He dozed off, but seconds later, opened his eyes again.

"On second thought," he said, "Scr-w 'em."

With one party control, we are about to see if the theory – trickle down economics – actually works in practice. 75% of Jewish Americans think that the theory – that "all boats will rise" – as American industry is deregulated and unleashed is "narischkeit," fool's gold. Other believe that the theory is as good as gold.

Whatever the plan is to be, I hope that the lower and middle classes see a closing in the seemingly ever-widening gap between the haves and the have-nots. I hope that our people can rest assured that the government of the people and by the people is for the people's healthcare. The need to see all of this secure does not keep the W. C. Field's of our story wake at night. Some identify which his "second thought.

If you don't really care, you might save yourself from reading on.

But even if you do care, there is little we – the average American – can do about the fact of our nation's economy or of its ethos. So what can WE do?

I have counseled many of my friends, just as Brooks does: "Think small." We cannot help a million, but we can help many, some, a few.

It is told of the famous Rabbi Levi Yitzhak of Berdichev, who dozed off before the concluding service of Yom Kippur. In a dream, he had ascended to the highest heaven to stand before the throne of judgment in order to find out what the destiny of his beloved community would be for the coming year. Levi Yitzhak came before the scales of judgment for his very own, little town of Berdichev. Seeing that the side of the scale with good deeds had but a few pitiful items on it, while the side of the scale with the deeds of omission and commission were full, he turned to God and with panic and fear.

"Sovereign of the of the Universe, I know that the record of my people in Berdichev is dismal, but what do you expect? Had you put us into a Garden of Eden, you could expect us to act like angels, but, dear God, You placed us into a harsh and difficult setting. Before it is too late, show us Your grace and mercy and send us Your redeemer."

God was willing to discuss the matter with Levi Yitzhak: "Levi Yitzhak, you put forth a very cogent argument. There is much merit in it. Sit down and tell me about what you'd like Me to do. As Yom Kippur is ending, you have but moments to make your case."

Levi Yitzhak was about to sit down and with the time quickly running out, to convince God to save the world when, out of the corner of his eye, he glanced down at his little town of Berdichev, and he noticed that Hayyim, the laundry man, to whom no one paid any attention had fainted. He was about to expire from fasting.

"Save Hayyim," pleaded Levi Yitzhak, for as our tradition states, "To save one life – it is as if one is saving the world." And with that, Hayyim came to and God withdrew.

There are two points I wish to make. The first is based on the wisdom of Moses Maimonides (d. 1104), who said: "We should see ourselves throughout the year as if our deeds and those of the world are evenly poised between good and bad, so that our next act may change both the balance of our lives and that of the world. We must see what we do as making all the difference, even if we underestimate our influence.

Consider, for example, the 1966 an eleven-year-old African-American boy who moved with his family to a white neighborhood in Washington. Sitting on the front step of the house, passers-by turned to look at them, but no one gave them a smile or even a much as a glance of recognition. Years later, writing about those first days in their new home, he says, "I knew we were not welcome here. I knew we would not be liked here. I knew we would have no friends here. I knew we should not have moved here …"

As he was thinking those thoughts, a woman passed by on the other side of the road. She turned to the children and with a broad smile said, "Welcome!"

Disappearing into the house, she emerged minutes later with a tray laden with drinks and cream-cheese and jelly sandwiches. That moment – the young man later wrote – changed his life. It gave him a sense of belonging where there was none before. It made him realize, at a time when race relations in the United States were fraught with legal discrimination, that a black family could feel at home in a white area and that there could be relationships that were color-blind.

Over the years, he came to admire much about the woman across the street, but it was that first spontaneous act of greeting that became, for him, a definitive memory. It broke down a wall of separation and turned strangers into friends.

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TBS Madrichim Shine!

- *This will be the first in a series of articles called "Spotlight on our Religious School: What we Love about Kehillat Torah".*

As I was making my usual rounds throughout our Religious School last week, I stopped by a small group of fifth graders, all of whom were working on Hebrew and having a good time with the High School Sophomore who was supervising their group and helping them. It is always gratifying to see one "generation" of our TBS kids teaching another, and doing it with so much skill and joy. Each Sunday I am struck by how many wonderful, responsible and committed teenagers we have working in our school. These kids wake up at 8:00 am each Sunday morning and come to Religious School and work as integral members of our staff. As a synagogue community, we should be proud that more than 60 7th – 12th graders have made this terrific commitment.

As a result of having so many 7th-12th graders who show up to work each Sunday morning, we have many different jobs for them. Our 7th graders are in a "Madrichim In Training" program with teacher Jordan Ankerman, who is in her third year of running that program. The word "Madrich" means guide or counselor. In the program the 7th graders learn about group dynamics, how to help control a classroom, how to do one-on-one Hebrew tutoring, they learn downtime games, leadership skills and have a really fun social time hanging out with one another.

Many of our 8th grade madrichim are tasked each Sunday with a series of jobs around the school. They act as Temple photographers, videographers, art specialists, animal mascots, attendance/tzedakah collectors, Rabbi B's "executive assistant" and also act as substitute teachers if one of the classroom madrichim is gone. This informal time is also a great opportunity for the 8th graders to bond with one another and to form Jewish friendships that will last and last. Some 8th graders are permanently placed in classrooms as well. The High School madrichim, led by our Madrichim Coordinator Ben Rosen, do all kinds of wonderful and important jobs. Many of them are teacher aides in classrooms, helping teachers with everything from making copies, to getting supplies together, to teaching in small groups and sometimes teaching their own lesson to the class. A majority of these kids have been madrichim since they were in 8th grade and are doing a fantastic job of learning and growing. Some of the High School madrichim also work in the front office, help make and deliver snack and can provide younger kids with powerful one-on-one experiences.

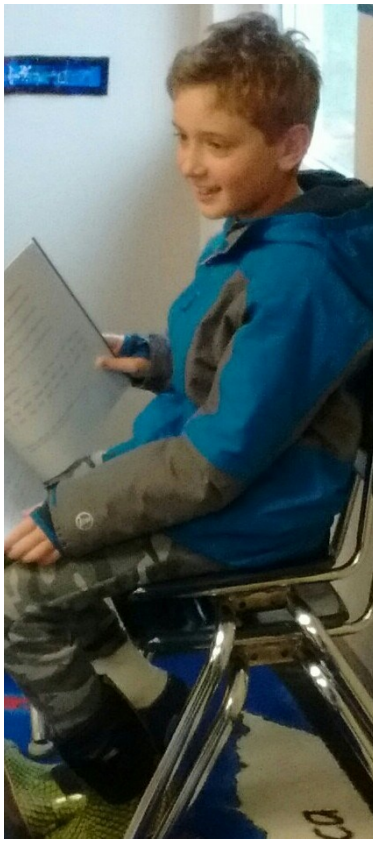
Some of our madrichim are Kesher Aides, which means they work one on one with kids who may have learning disabilities, or other challenges. These madrichim are so great with their individual kids – they are warm, caring, and understanding. I couldn't be prouder of this small group.

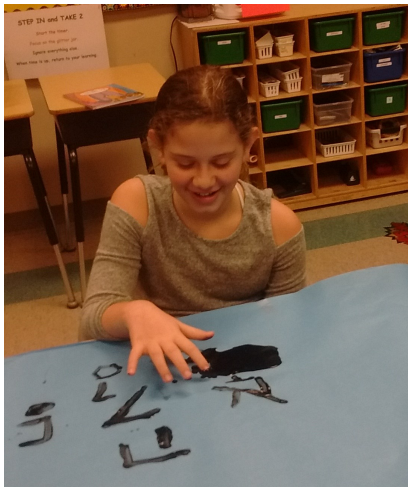
Above all else, all of our madrichim act as role models to the younger kids. It is so wonderful to walk into one of our 6th grade classrooms and hear the kids talking about their excitement to one day be a madrich or madricha in our Religious School. The program is so positive in so many ways. It encourages kids to stay active in our Religious School after a bar/bat mitzvah happens, and it makes becoming a madrich or madricha a rite of passage. If you have a son or daughter in 7th – 12th grade and he or she is interested in helping out on Sunday mornings, please give me a call and we will find a job!

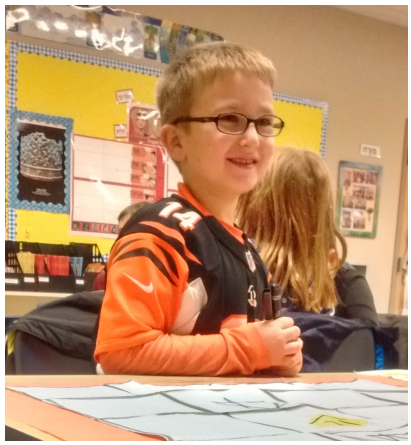
~All KT Religious School photographs by madricha, Emily Golan (11th grade)~

Fun Times at KT Religious School 9

Kehillat Torah - Beth Shalom
Community of Learners







Ohio State's MeshugaNotes to perform at TBS!

We are so excited to welcome Ohio State's first and only co-ed Jewish acappella singing group, the MeshugaNotes to our bimah at 6:30 PM on Friday, February 10th. Instead of a sermon, the group will be performing music of various styles including Hebrew/Jewish, Israeli, Yiddish, pop, oldies and OSU spirit songs. Please join us for this special musical Shabbat.

The MeshugaNotes!

WANTED

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Why?

For the 2017 Purim Spiel!

"Back to Shushan"

Saturday, March 11th 5:00 PM

Please join **Rabbi Apothaker** as he participates in his last (as Senior Rabbi) Purim Spiel. Help us tell the story of the struggles that Doc and Marty/Mordy face as they go back in time to make sure the Jews are saved from Hamen's vile decree.

Come one, come all. No experience or talent is necessary to join in the mitzvah of retelling the story of Esther and celebrating Purim with your TBS family.

Rehearsal Schedule:

Tuesdays:

February 14 (auditions) 21, 28 7:00 - 9:00

March 7 7:00 – 9:00

Thursday: March 9 7:00 – 9:00

Saturday: March 11 2:30 rehearsal and 5:00 Performance

The generosity of our TBS community is truly special. I am excited to update you on the success of recent Fundraisers:

High Holy Day Appeal- Our monetary goal was $20,000, and we exceeded our goal by $3,000!!

Hannukah Raffle- Thanks to the sponsorships by Wesley Woods and Shirck Orthodontics, we raised $4,000 with this year's raffle. A shout out to Lance Shnider, who secured the sponsors, and printed/stuffed/mailed this year's raffle info.

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Capital Campaign/Mortgage Payoff- WE ARE SO CLOSE!!! Since starting the Second Wave of our campaign 18 months ago, charitable congregants have helped us tremendously. With the help of Steve and Theresa Belford's lead gift, and many other generous donors, we have collected and committed funds that place us WITHIN $50,000 of our GOAL of PAYING OFF THE MORTGAGE!! This campaign started in 2007.

Finishing off this campaign is crucial to our temple community, and would be a meaningful tribute to our soon to be Rabbi Emeritus Howard Apothaker and incoming Senior Rabbi Benjy Bar-Lev.

Please contact me regarding any of the above, or to discuss other giving opportunities of interest to you.

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February Birthdays

February 1st — Ariel Benzakein, Marci Carron, Corey Dubin, Sandra Flaherty, Jessica Meizlish

February 2nd — Steven Altschuld, Paula Bernard, Joel Kent

February 4th— Seth Seibold, Herb Shnider

February 5th — David Lefton

February 6th — Neila Lieberman

February 7th — Michael Griffaton

February 8th — Sheryl Angart, Don Barger

February 9th — Zachary Austin, Jessica Scheer

February 10th — Becca Foskuhl, Janice Silver

February 11th — Suzanne Hirsh

February 12th — Lance Shnider, Jonathan Bleiweiss, Aaron Friedberg, Brian Mason, Michael Weisel, Jonathan Wolman

February 13th — Robert Berky, Stephen Brooks, Kim Dobres, Barry Turner, Laura Weinberg, Robert Basista

February 14th — Monica Katz, Alan Meizlish, Jeff Waltman

February 15th — Roger Goldberg, Jeri Kearns

February 16th — Deborah Bates, Leon Friedberg, Steve Loewengart, Steve Sferrella

February 17th — John Kobacker

February 19th — Richard Saltzman

February 20th — Melissa Goldblatt, Scott Roth, Joshua Levine, Pam Miller-Meizlish, Catherine Michael

February 21st — Mark Dornfeld, Michael Kaufman

February 22nd — Howard Apothaker, Janet Brand, Manette Sandor, Ron Zaczepinski

February 23rd — M.J. Benzakein, Michael Piccerello, Andrew Goodman, Lisa Spector

February 24th— Sheila Torch

February 25th — Jill Barnett, Alan Buergenthal, Gene Shuman, Timothy Westrick

February 26th — Matthew Minkin, Ann Perelstein, Robert Sanders, Wendy Weiler

February 27th — Joseph Blum, Mitch Miller

February 28th — Eve Beeler, Elizabeth Cohen, Amy Dubin, Linda Mendel, Michael Roads, Alan Weisenberg, Marisa Weisel

February Anniversaries

February 3rd — Martin & Randi Lewis

February 18th — Shawna & Aaron Garry

February 19th — Randy & Ruth Bank

February 22nd — Linda & Moshe Rubin

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Be the BeSTY in 2017!

Upcoming Youth Events

2/12

7th and 8th Graders to Lazer Kraze after Sunday School!

2/19

High School Sunday Brunch!

3/11

PURIM LOCK-IN for 7th-12th Grade!

4/8

7th and 8th Grade Lock-In @ TBS!

4/22

High School Lock-In and Israeli Cooking Night @ TBS!

5/20

CEDAR POINT TRIP for 7th-12th Graders

For more information please contact Emily Hartman at emaxel.3@gmail.com

Presidential Address

PLANNING FOR THE NEXT 4 YEARS AND PERHAPS LONGER

For almost ten years one of the Board of Trustees highest priorities has been to pay off the Temple's mortgage and to complete all deferred maintenance of the temple's real property . The purpose of this goal was and continues to be the "freeing up" of congregational revenues to enlarge and improve Temple programming that directly benefits our members. Mike Rothstein, V.P. Finance, Steve Herman, immediate Past President and Lance Shnider, Trustee, are spearheading our lay leadership's dash to the finish line in this effort (Please contact Executive Director, Bonnie Abramowitz. at babramowitz@tbsohio.org or (614) 8554882 if you would like to assist!).

One of the by-products of this process was the initiation of a long-term Strategic Planning activity for the Board. Human beings sometimes get so consumed in the accomplishment of our day-to-day objectives that we fail to step back and candidly assess our environment and ourselves for future circumstances. Led by Trustee Emily Alonso-Taub, Associate Director of Advancement at Ohio Wesleyan University, and her friend, Kennia Papadakis, Senior Lecturer in Finance at the Fisher College of Business at The Ohio State University, the Board has been engaged in an energetic analysis of Temple Beth Shalom's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and "threats". Since the activity started in mid-November the Board, Rabbi Bar-Lev and a couple members have spent two 2-hour sessions solely devoted to this exercise. The third meeting is planned for the afternoon of February 5th. We hope that the product of the Strategic Planning effort will not only provide guidance to future congregational leadership but also enrich the relationship between the Temple and our membership.

Finally, as Steve Herman and Bethany Klynn, co-chairs of TBS's Assistant Rabbi Search Committee, reported in last month's Window this month begins a rapid-fire chain of events that will hopefully result in the engagement of a new assistant rabbi effective July 1st. We are pleased that 10 of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion's Class of 2017's expected 25 graduates will be interviewing with Rabbi Bar-Lev, Steve and Bonnie Cram in Los Angeles over Super Bowl weekend. Later in February a number of events will be held at the temple for members to meet and greet the candidates selected by the search committee. We want to invite all of our members to participate in this exciting experience. Please pay attention to our website www.tbsohio.org, the e-Window and correspondence from the Temple for specific details on the search activities!

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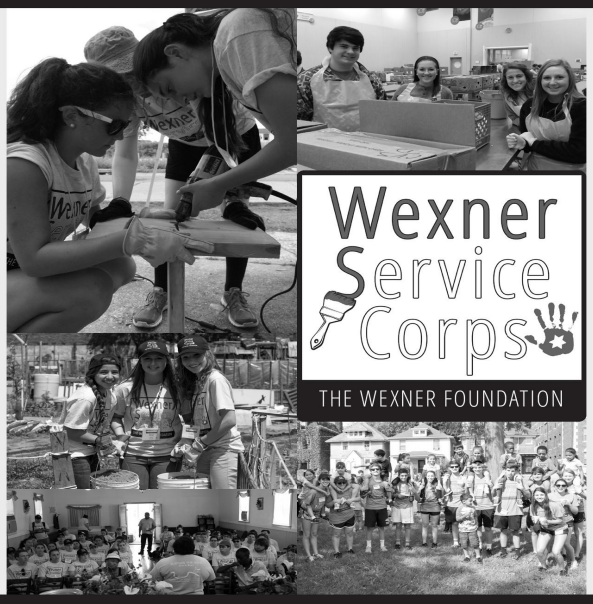
The Service Corps is for those who want to

- be a better leader
- be challenged
- learn how to make a difference
- give back to our community
- learn about real world challenges
- engage in Jewish conversations

The Wexner Service Corps is *competitive* and *selective*. We encourage applicants to give appropriate thought and effort to their applications. All completed applications must be received by Monday, February 13.

Go to **WexnerServiceCorps.org** or contact Rabbi Michael Emerson at memerson@wexner.net for additional information.



REPAIR, REBUILD, RENEW

I applied to the Wexner Service Corps in 2015 after hearing positive feedback from friends who had participated in the program previously. I was entering my junior year of high school, and I had never been on a service trip, let alone one with a focus on Jewish service. I spent two summers at Jewish camp during middle school, but, aside from religious school, that was the extent of my time engaged in significant Jewish learning.

In June of that year, I traveled with 40 other teens to Detroit, Michigan. I quickly adjusted to the group atmosphere, and each day I was usually paired with a different member of the Corps to accomplish various service activities, including working at a community garden, Jewish cemetery and food bank. This not only helped me make new friends, but also allowed me to gain a new perspective about the communities outside of my home in Bexley. Throughout the week, we spent time in inner city elementary schools playing with the students and creating a fun field day activity for the end of the school year. For the first time, I saw a different version of school – one we found out was common across the country: no air conditioning, limited resources, and dilapidated buildings. Many of the schools had been saved from closing by groups of alumni that had come together, but received little funding beyond that. Each day's service experience was paired with Jewish learning and reflection, where we discussed the meaning of *tzedek,* justice, in the Torah and the best ways to help those in need.

I was so moved and motivated by my experiences in Detroit with the Corps that, upon my return, I created a social justice club at my high school. We focus on different social justice topics each month, and make it our mission to initiate conversations about these issues within the school. Because of my experiences in Detroit and the monthly service events in Columbus, as well as my dedication to the social justice club, I applied to the Senior Leadership Cohort (SLC) of the Wexner Service Corps for the summer of 2016.

Six WSC members from the Detroit trip returned to be a part of the SLC, and we served as group leaders and role models for the new WSC participants on the trip to Philadelphia. While there, we worked with students in inner city neighborhoods and cleaned up an expansive Jewish cemetery that dated back to the 1700s and which had fallen into disrepair and neglect. Most importantly, once again the days of service were paired with thought-provoking conversations about the role Judaism plays in service and our responsibilities toward broader society and those in need. Our conversation about the City of Brotherly Love, and what that really meant in the context of the Torah, sticks with me to this day.

Wexner Service Corps not only encouraged and emboldened me to become an activist in my own school, it also helped me strengthen the connection I have to Jewish texts and messages contained in our Jewish tradition. I was able to build lasting relationships with other Jewish teens from all around Columbus and take part in thoughtful discussions. Last but not least, I was able to open my eyes to see the harsh realities of many communities in need around the country, and I am proud that I was able to play a small part in helping to make the world a better place.

Julia Cohn
TBS Member and Senior at Bexley High School

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April 10th, 2017, time TBA

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Women of Beth Shalom Featured Event!

Sunday, February 26th at 9:30 am

The Women of Beth Shalom is partnering with the Social Action Committee to put together snack bags for the Ronald McDonald House. WBS will be sponsoring a bagel and lox breakfast for all volunteers. Be on the lookout for an evite!

Save the Date!

Thursday, March 9th, time TBA

The Women of Beth Shalom are hitting the lanes! Join us for a fun bowling event at Gahanna Lanes! More info to come.

Thursday, April 6th @ TBS

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. All TBS members are invited to attend!

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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February 3rd

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Evelyn Steinberg
Joseph Goldenberg
Michael Green
Charlotte Harris
Bertha Meisterman
Joseph Perlmutter
Jean Polacheck
Anna Sapadin
Edward Schneir
Eric Smerekanich
Dora Staman
Martin Voronkov
Jack Waltman
Nina Weinstein
Sam Weinstein
Lee Yassenoff

February 10th

Sandrea Chait
Helen Cooper
William Duchon
Jerome Freundlich
Leonard Goldman
Leonhard Katz
Lee Kent
Doby Lakin
Hayward Miller
Joseph Regueiro
Frank Scheer
Robert Segal
Estelle Steinman
Florence Suzner
Joshua Weisel
Dorothy Weiss
Irving Yaross

February 17th

Maryleone Basch
Anna Poppendieck Gainer
Morris Garek
Iser Goldberg
Edwin Helburn
Evelyn Katz
Harry Kohn
Anna Lefkovitz
William Maxman
Bernard E. Rosenberg
Helen Skilken
Joseph Slotin
Donald Snider
Ann Spolter
Lottie Stern
Marjorie Tenney
Jean Torch
Joseph Torch
Elizabeth Tishler

February 24th

Mary Austin
Lea Bank
Allen Bondy
Edith Shapiro Brody
Sam Chait
George Coburn
Ethel Felix
Murray Kessler
Gertrude Lazerwitz
Ida Lichtblau
Martin Masser
Pearl Saltzman
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TBS collected $500 in FREE MONEY last year!

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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.

Monthly Mitzvah - Collection for Village Coalition Against Hunger

The mission of the VCAH is to identify and serve the hunger needs of individuals and families in the New Albany Plain Local School (NAPLS) district with dignity and hospitality.

Items requested are below:

- Breakfast cereal (this is a BIG need, we constantly run out!)
- Soup
- Granola Bars
- Canned Chicken and Tuna
- Toiletry items: soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.

Please drop items off in the VCAH collection bin in the lower level at Temple. For more information, please visit http://villagecoalition.org or contact Sheryl Angart, a member of TBS and board member of VACH at Sangart@newalbanysmiles.com. VCAH also needs help with packing & delivering of groceries bi-monthly.

The next Monthly Mitzvah will be a Diaper and Wipes Drive for the Y Family Shelter. Look for details in next month's Window!

Upcoming Social Action Activities

Sunday, February 26th at 9:30 am @ TBS

Mitzvah Corps and Women of Beth Shalom are partnering for a wonderful social action event and breakfast. Join us to put snack bags together for the residents of the Ronald McDonald House. WBS will provide a delicious bagel and lox breakfast for all volunteers.

Calling All Mensches!

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noun

a person of integrity and honor.

If you are involved in an organization, sit on a board, are passionate about a cause, know of a family in need or just want to get more involved in Social Action, WE NEED YOU!!! Mitzvah Corps would like to put together a Social Action Directory to help connect members and get more people involved in worthy causes. We also want to provide ideas for Bar/Bat Mitzvahs when doing their projects. We are looking for Captains for projects for the Temple's Annual Mitzvah Day to be held on May 7th, 2017. Please email rachel.murray26@gmail.com or lzulliger@gmail.com

The Caring Circle Needs *YOU!*

Did you know the Temple Beth Shalom Caring Circle helps congregational members with everything from organizing rides for those who unable to drive to doctors' and other appointments to meals for families with new babies. The Circle would love to have more volunteers! There is no obligation.

Interested members can add their name to the Circle's email list and volunteer if and when they are able to. Please send an email with your contact information to the tbscaringcircle@gmail.com.

The Written Word

By Steve Seeskin, TBS Library Committee Chairperson

This month, The Kosher Bookworm will briefly review three loosely related books in our library. The first two are Sacred Treasure of the Cairo Genizah: The Amazing Discoveries of Forgotten Jewish History in an Egyptian Synagogue Attic and Stolen Words: The Nazi Plunder of Jewish Books, both by Rabbi Mark Glickman. The third book is Outwitting History: The Amazing Adventures of a Man Who Rescued a Million Yiddish Books, by Aaron Lansky.

Glickman was the Assistant Rabbi at Temple Israel in Dayton, Ohio, when Joy and I were members in the late 1980s and early 90s. We formed a bond with this then young rabbi that has lasted with occasional E-mail posts over the years. He now resides in Calgary, in the Canadian Province of Alberta.

- ***Sacred Treasure*** is the story of the 1896 rediscovery of the geniza, at the Ben Ezra Synagogue, in Cairo. This synagogue was active for many years when Jews lived in Muslim lands of the Middle East and Northern Africa. Moses Maimonides, was known to study and pray at the Ben Ezra Synagogue. Glickman tells about the extraordinary findings, the careful collection, preservation measures, packaging, shipping and cataloging of this treasure trove that some say rivals the Dead Sea Scrolls for importance. From scraps of ink faded artifacts, scholars have been able to piece together aspects of culture, trade, educational means, liturgy, and theology of Cairo's Jews. To quote about the finding, from the book's dust jacket, "Indiana Jones meets The DaVinci Code in an old Egyptian synagogue." This is an amazing venture that Glickman tells in a well-documented; yet, in a spell-bound manner.

- ***Stolen Words*** chronicles the plunder of Jewish books by the Nazis. In addition to public book burnings, the Nazis stole books from Jewish homes, synagogues and libraries and hid these books in tunnels and basement facilities of building such as castles. Glickman tells the story of how there was a massive organized Post World War II effort to locate and recover these books out of the ashes of the Holocaust. From the pages of these recovered books, the pre-war culture of European Jewry is revealed as a memorial to the victims of Nazi genocide.

- ***Outwitting History*** is Lansky's personal story of how he and a small group of U.S. college students began an effort to collect Yiddish language books. He collected from private home libraries and traveled to foreign lands in his passion to save these precious artifacts of a Jewish culture that was dying from assimilation. Ultimately, Lansky started the National Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, MA, so this collection has a permanent home. The Center has not only cataloged its holdings -- but, it has translated the entire collection into digitized English to be studied and enjoyed by all. Lansky's story is one of determination and is full of amusing anecdotal mini-stories.

These books can be found in your TBS Library shelved under the following numbers:

Sacred Treasure (207GLI)
Stolen Words (736.9GLI)
Outwitting History (503.9LAN)

Pick one up and read it. You will be glad you did!

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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February First Aliyah

On Saturday, February 18th at 10 o'clock in the morning Nora Butter, daughter of Melanie and Jeff Butter, sister of Ryan, granddaughter of Jeffrey Froelich, Marsha Froelich of blessed memory, Beverly Butter and Eliot Butter is called to the Torah for her First Aliyah.

Nora is a 7th grader at Gahanna Middle School East and she attends the Temple Beth Shalom Kehillat Torah Religious School where she is involved in the Madrichim in Training Program. She enjoys playing flute, volleyball, baking and ALL THINGS Broadway! She knows EVERY SINGLE WORD in the Hamilton songbook, and looks forward to spending her summers with friends at GUCI in Zionsville, Indiana.

For her mitzvah project, Nora is sharing a message of inclusion and awareness by speaking to elementary school classes about her experience as a Little Person. As an advocate, her goal is to increase understanding of what it is like to have a physical disability and decrease bullying, poor treatment, or discrimination of others in school and the larger community.

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The young man, Stephen Carter, would become a law professor at Yale. In his book, *Civility*, he tells us of this Sara Kestenbaum who acted out of the Jewish traditional notion of "*hesed* – the doing of acts of kindness – which is in turn derived from the understanding that human beings are made in the image of God."

"Civility", he adds, "itself may be seen as part of *hesed*: it does indeed require kindnesses toward our fellow citizens, including the ones who are strangers, and even when it is hard."

"To this day", he adds, "I can close my eyes and feel on my tongue the smooth, slick sweetness of the cream cheese and jelly sandwiches that I gobbled on that summer afternoon when I discovered how a single act of genuine and unassuming civility can change a life forever."

And so the second, related point. Even while others trust the "unseen hand" of which Adam Smith spoke as the instrument that will "save the world;" even if you do not trust the "unseen hand" to lift up all the boats; and even if you think that what you might do will never "tilt the balance," you must still act. You must not despair: change a life and change the universe - one life at a time, one day at a time, one act at a time.

Sara Kestenbaum died long before Stephen Carter rose to success. We never know in advance what effect a single act may have. Sometimes we never know it at all. Because we cannot finish the work, or even predict its results, states our tradition, still "we are not free to desist from it."

So go small: Each act of *hesed* on the personal level, each phone call on the political level, each prayer on the providential level lends itself to saving the world.

Have a question or concern?

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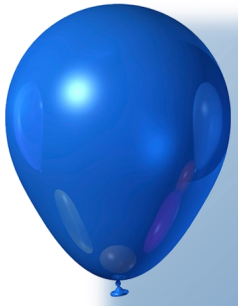

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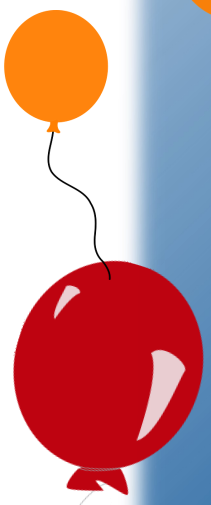

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