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Shabbat

Featuring *Illuminati*,
the Columbus Gay Men's Chorus
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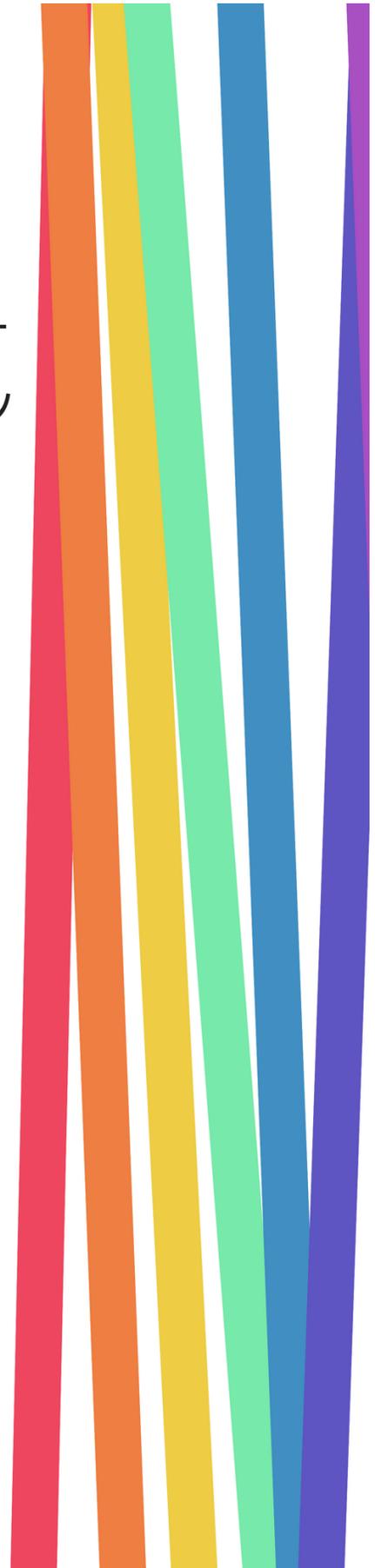
Friday, June 8th

6:30 PM

Temple Beth Shalom

The celebration doesn't stop here! Join
TBS as we march in the Stonewall Pride
Parade for the 9th year in a row on
Saturday, June 16th.

Contact Angelo Dunlap at
adunlap@tbsohio.org for more info!



4 Upcoming Events

All Erev Shabbat services during June, July, and August will begin at 6:30pm

6/1 - 6/10

- Friday, June 1** Family Friendly First Friday Erev Shabbat Services and Dinner, 6:30pm
- Saturday, June 2** Simchat Shabbat Service, 10am
- Wednesday, June 6** Mah Jongg at TBS, 1pm; Women's PM Torah Study, 7pm
- Friday, June 8** Pride Shabbat featuring Illuminati, 6:30pm
- Saturday, June 9** First Aliyah of Maya Rubin, 10am
- Sunday, June 10** Library Committee Meeting, 10am

6/11 - 6/17

- Wednesday, June 13** Mah Jongg at TBS, 1pm
- Friday, June 15** Shabbat Chai musical Erev Shabbat services with the "Sha-band", 6:30pm
- Saturday, June 16** First Aliyah of David Griffaton, 10am; Pride Parade, 10:30am
- Sunday, June 17** Father's Day

6/18 - 6/24

- Tuesday, June 19** WBS Lunch and Learn, 12pm
- Wednesday, June 20** Mah Jongg at TBS, 1:00 pm
- Friday, June 22** Erev Shabbat Service, 6:30pm
- Saturday, June 23** Healing Circle Shabbat Service, 9:30am; First Aliyah of Tyler Ballmann, 10am

6/25 - 6/30

- Monday, June 25** Mitzvah Corps Serving Lunch at YWCA Family Shelter
- Wednesday, June 27** Mah Jongg at TBS, 1pm
- Thursday, June 28** Lunch Bunch, 12pm
- Friday, June 29** Erev Shabbat Services, 6:30pm
- Saturday, June 30** Simchat Shabbat Services, 10am

All Erev Shabbat services during June, July, and August will begin at 6:30pm

7/1 - 7/8

Wednesday, July 4 TBS Office Closed

Friday, July 6 Family Friendly First Friday Erev Shabbat Services, 6:30pm

Saturday, July 7 Simchat Shabbat Service, 10am



7/9 - 7/15

Wednesday, July 9 Mah Jongg at TBS, 1pm

Friday, July 13 Erev Shabbat services, 6:30pm

Saturday, July 14 Simchat Shabbat Service, 10am



7/16 - 7/22

Tuesday, July 17 WBS Lunch and Learn, 12pm

Wednesday, July 18 Mah Jongg at TBS, 1:00 pm

Friday, July 20 Shabbat Chai musical Erev Shabbat services with the "Shabband", 6:30pm

Saturday, July 21 Simchat Shabbat Service, 10am

7/23 - 7/31

Wednesday, July 25 Mah Jongg at TBS, 1pm

Thursday, July 26 Lunch Bunch, 12pm

Friday, July 27 Erev Shabbat Services, 6:30pm

Saturday, July 28 Healing and Meditation Shabbat Service, 9:30 am

6 The Buzz with Rabbi B



Tisha B'Av: Rebuild the Temple

I recently received an email from a former student and teacher at TBS, who is now studying to become a rabbi. He is the Director of Jewish Programming at a Jewish Summer Camp, and wanted my opinion on how the camp should observe the Jewish holiday called Tisha B'Av.

I immediately thought back to my sixteen summers as a camper, counselor, unit head, program head, and Camp Rabbi at a camp in Wisconsin. In my later years at there, near the middle of the summer, I was faced with that same issue year after 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 happens 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. It has also, over time, 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 did at least stop the other rabbis from killing Bar Kamza. 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 seen an increase in violence against Jews and other minority groups over the past couple years. We felt it acutely when the neo-nazi white nationalist groups marched last summer and fall, intimidating entire communities of people. We feel that despair as we watch mass shootings like Parkland and Las Vegas unfold. We again feel that despair as we witness violence in Israel and abroad. We are reminded by Tisha B'Av though, that rather than just 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 vio-

lent acts in our country and around the world are outliers and not the norm. As we stand up against violence in our world, we slowly rebuild the Temple, brick by brick, as we work to return humanity to our world.

And 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 July 21, through the evening of the 22nd. May we observe it with our prayers and our hearts, and may we observe it by working to make a difference in our world.



Saturday, June 23rd at 9:30 am

Saturday, July 28th at 9:30 am

Meditation & Healing Shabbat

Please join us for a unique healing experience. The service will feature a guided meditation for healing and wellness led by TBS congregant, Tirtzah Sandor and Nick Ciranni.

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8 CHAI-er Learning with Rabbi Lenette Herzog



Growing Up at Jewish Camp

I remember my very last night as a camper very clearly. It was dusk, and our Avodah unit gathered in the same rotunda where we had ended each day together for the past eight weeks. Our counselors told us about how proud they were of the community we had created over the summer; how much each of us had grown and become our best selves; and, per our unit's theme, how much work we had done giving back to camp, even creating a new prayer space for the whole Camp Newman community. They hoped we could take that dedication, our friendships, our best selves back to the outside world. Our song leaders led us in our favorite songs, the bedtime Shema, and one final Havdalah ceremony. As the sun set, and the Havdalah candle crackled as it was extinguished by the wine, my friends and I held each other, arm in arm, and unabashedly sobbed our hearts out. We didn't want the magic to come to an end.

While it certainly didn't seem like a positive memory in the moment, I look back on that night as a testament to the powerful, transformative nature of Jewish summer camp. There is nothing quite like it - as much as we might try to replicate the feeling in services and religious school, there is a special blend of ingredients to summer camp that makes it so special and impactful. Since prototype Jewish summer camps began in the 1920's, and really taking off in the 40's and beyond, they have become a staple of our Jewish youth experience - becoming part of a special, immersive Jewish culture and community, with experiences that shape our growth and friendships that last a lifetime. And having grown up at Camp Newman, and then spending most of my rabbinical school summers at Camp Hess Kramer, I have both experienced and also seen it in action.

Here are just some of the ingredients that make the "magic" of Jewish summer camp:

The time and space of liminality. Summer camp gives campers a moment to pause among all kinds of transitions and authentically explore who they are. Campers are not only moving from one grade to another - a defining identity while in school—but they are also in an age of transition from childhood to adulthood. (This also includes college age counselors - more on them later!) Campers not only have the opportunity to connect with nature, and therefore disconnect from our technology-driven society, but also to slow down, and focus on activities they love (or have never tried before!), relationships with their peers, and themselves. Camp is a space that is in itself liminal—somewhere between wilderness and civilization—and provides campers with an opportunity to live in a structured, but also highly creative and enthusiastic community.

This community is its own ingredient—an intentional, immersive Jewish culture. Community at camp is like a series of concentric circles—the larger camp community, to units, to cabins, to interpersonal relationships, as well as counselor and staff communities. Each circle has its own culture within the larger camp community, equally rooted in tradition and spontaneity. Growing up at camp, there are cheers for everything - all-camp flag raising, before and after meals, introducing a skit or special camp character, during mail, whenever a unit's name was called - there were even "forbidden" words such as "announcements," that, when accidentally spoken, would initiate its own cheer. There are special songs and rituals for beginning and ending each day; inside jokes that would naturally be created among the whole camp; special traditions reserved for particular units. Each camp has its own language and culture, and Judaism becomes a natural, organic part of that culture. Jewish time becomes part of camp's natural rhythm - regardless of which camp, many of us can wistfully remember wearing white on Shabbat, with a special, laid-back schedule on Saturday, ending with Havdalah. And aside from Jerusalem, I have rarely spoken as much Hebrew as I have at summer camp - place names, unit names, cabin names, and cheers all have Hebrew seamlessly integrated.

But most importantly, because camp culture is, by its own nature, creative and less-than-serious, our campers access Judaism in a completely different way - also creative and less than serious! Hebrew puns and Jewish jokes are around every corner. At every camp I go to, services are full of singing, cheering, and each camp's own special shtick; there are engaging stories instead of sermons. At Camp Hess Kramer, our own counselors would lead special tefilah services for older grades—ranging from meditation to Broadway-themed. This gives our campers an amazing opportunity to fall in love with their Jewish identity in all sorts of unique ways, as well as the openness to find—and claim—that connection.

This special connection to Judaism even extends to Israel. Many summer camps have Israeli counselors and staff, many of whom are experiencing American Judaism for the first time. Campers have a special opportunity to not only learn about Israel from young Israelis, but also develop close connections with them. A few years ago at Kramer, we learned that an Israeli who was a longtime counselor, and at the time was serving in the IDF (Israeli army), and had been deployed to Gaza during Operation Protective Edge. We made the announcement during services and said a special prayer for him; and then I sat with many counselors who were in tears, with the fear that their friend might get hurt. While camp programming allowed Israelis to teach their campers the joy and complexities of Israel, the deep relationships fostered created a personal connection that is extremely difficult to replicate outside of camp.

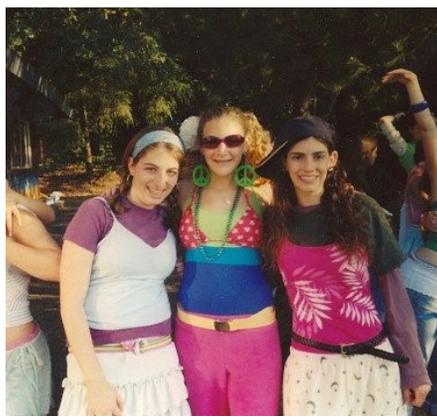
The third ingredient is the special community of peers created during camp. The phrase “friends for life” might sound corny, but camp has the potential to create those kinds of bonds—even when those friends are from other states. Helping to create and sustain the camp’s special culture creates a bonding experience all on its own, and this is only magnified by spending every waking moment with your friends. I am still in touch with friends from Newman, and one of my song leaders was even my classmate in rabbinical school. Over my years at camp it has been amazing to see campers who will travel or even fly to other states to visit camp friends during the year, and counselors who, after growing up with camp friends, will be roommates in college, travel to see each other on breaks, and even go on international trips together. Many form romantic relationships and have gotten married. This love of camp among adults has even created a popular new trend of adult Jewish summer camp experiences across the country.

The power of community was never clearer to me than last year, when my childhood camp suffered a devastating blow—the California wildfires swallowed up Camp Newman and almost completely burned it down. This was nothing short of traumatic to thousands of campers, staff and alumni. As Newman’s directors held a special livestream to end a horrific day with the traditional camp songs and prayers, they reminded us that it is the community, not the physical space that is the real lifeblood of camp. They found a new location for camp this summer as they rebuild. Camp is a sacred place—but it is secondary to the sacred relationships that it builds and fosters.

A liminal space, immersive culture, and strong community and peer relationships, is also what allows individual campers to really explore what it means to be themselves. Many camps pride themselves on a “come as you are” attitude and encourage campers to really break out of their shell in new activities, improvise jokes in skits, and silly shtick and programming. Living outside one’s home (perhaps for the first time) and school also requires campers to become independent in a completely new way, both in terms of food, sleep and hygiene (though sometimes there is a learning curve there!), as well as relationships and conflict. I have seen campers grow tremendously over the space of a couple of weeks as they learn to be their best selves and fully embrace it. This has been incredibly important in recent years as Jewish camps have become a safe space for LGBTQ campers to authentically express themselves and feel fully accepted.

But much of that would not be possible without counselors, the fourth and perhaps most important ingredient of camp. They essentially become big siblings of their campers, creating fun traditions for their cabins, promoting camp traditions and community, and also helping campers when conflicts arise. They are leaders at camp, leading services and song sessions, rope course and art; they are the hype during Maccabiah (sports day) and the leaders of serious discussions about gender, race and theology. It is a well-kept secret that camp is as much for the counselors as it is for campers. Counselors learn how to run engaging programs and discussions like educators; how to be a role model for children, helping them become independent and resolve conflict, like parents; they learn how to balance an exhausting job with their own personal friendships; how to work with a supervisor and receive feedback; and they also engage in their own learning and growth as Jews, by leading programs and services. Counselors create the magic of camp. They pass on the traditions they grew up with—or even created as campers—to a new generation, and help create new ones with their campers.

In this light, camp in a sense becomes a microcosm for the best of what Judaism has to offer: an immersive, creative community where traditions and rituals are beloved but always changing, and owned equally by every individual in that community—providing endless opportunities for sacred relationships and individual growth.



Above: A selection of fun photos of Rabbi Lenette during her years at URJ Camp Newman in San Rafael, California!



Robin Leasure to receive Excellence in Teaching Award June 1st



On the evening of Friday, June 1st at Temple Beth Shalom, Robin Leasure, a TBS member and religious school teacher, will be awarded the annual JoAnne and Steve Grossman Torah Aura Excellence in Teaching Award. The award, generously funded by Steve and JoAnne Grossman of Bexley, is given every year to the teacher that best represents the qualities of dedication, ruach, and creativity at the Temple Beth Shalom Kehillat Torah Religious School.

Robin Leasure has been teaching Hebrew and Judaics at the school for over 6 years, but her relationship with Temple Beth Shalom precedes that by many years. As a child, Robin was first a student at the school and then a madricha (teaching assistant). Of her many years at TBS Robin said, "I had so much fun and learned so much growing up at Temple Beth Shalom that after I graduated from undergrad I knew that I had to be part of the TBS religious school community again!"

JoAnne Grossman, co-founder of the Torah Aura Fund and Robin's Bat Mitzvah tutor said, "It is an honor for me that Robin is the honoree of this year's Torah Aura Award. It does not get better than Robin!" **Steve and JoAnne Grossman would like to invite community members to attend the award presentation and Shabbat service on June 1st and stay after for a dinner honoring Robin. Dinner is free thanks to a generous donation by Steve and JoAnne Grossman. RSVPs are strongly recommended.**

PLEASE RSVP BY MAY 31st



Summertime is Our Busy Time

It is that time of year where we ask you to confirm your contact info, double check the yahrzeit info we have on file, and for you to renew your membership and financial commitment to Temple Beth Shalom. Be on the lookout in your mail for a packet from TBS. We work hard to make sure we have up-to-date information; so we appreciate you taking the time to review, complete, and return the renewal forms.

We cannot say it enough, we are extremely grateful for your support. This year you've helped us celebrate many special events this year, including two rabbi installations, two Bar-Lev babies, and two 10 year anniversary celebrations. For this we say THANK YOU!! Each of you are a blessing, and have helped to make Temple Beth Shalom the vibrant and growing Jewish community it is. It is gratifying to work for an organization that is beloved by its congregants.

We've had other successes over the past 12 months, including the \$99,000 security grant which helped to install security enhancements-some visible and some not so visible. New driveway and patio lighting, exterior video technology, and large security planters are a few of the visible improvements. We are extremely grateful to the State of Ohio, because without this grant we could not have funded these needed items.

You also helped us purchase new prayer books which will be used for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

As we close out our fiscal year on June 30th, we are on solid footing for both membership and financial stability. Our membership stands at 460+ families, and new families are calling each day to inquire about membership. Our new incoming co-presidents are working with the newly formed Fundraising Committee to design easy, fun, and engaging ways to raise funds for TBS. Speaking of engagement, we have plans to hire new staff to help our congregational families deepen their relationship with TBS through small group events and activities.

Our biggest hurdle over the next few years is to build up our savings for the inevitable replacement of our driveway, parking lot and HVAC system. There is no easy way to do this without your continued generosity.

While you are enjoying the summer, our staff will be hard at work updating our membership database, beginning our new fiscal year, and getting ready for the High Holy days which start the evening of September 9th.

As always, I welcome the opportunity to speak with you and help answer any questions you have. Enjoy your summer!

YOU'RE INVITED TO

LUNCH BUNCH

Tuesday, June 28th | 12 PM | \$7 Lunch

Join us for a new TBS tradition, the monthly Lunch Bunch!

This month Avi Gabbay, owner of Psee Solutions, will be hosting a Q & A on everything technology related.

Feel free to bring electronic devices along to the program to get a hands-on lesson!

Call the TBS Office at 614.855.4882 for more information and to RSVP

12 Birthdays

June Birthdays

- June 1st — Karen Skilken, Robert Hammond, Shana Sokol
- June 2nd — Megan Pinsker, Jill Weiler
- June 3rd — Michael Hecht, Gary Hoch, Alan Weiler,
Michael Rubinstein
- June 4th — Richard Rogovin, Susan Rothstein
- June 5th — Alison Van Hulse, Megan Ellis
- June 6th — Heidi Brodsky, James Kobacker, Daniel Rajczyk,
Maxine Weinberg
- June 7th — Raul Weiss, Brandon Berman
- June 8th — Leslie Green, Matthew Romanoff
- June 9th — Susan Bugenstein, Richard Kohn
- June 10th — Brian Goodman, Steven Bates
- June 11th — Lori Baker
- June 12th — Marvin Blank, Kacy Austin, Russell Kutell,
Lisa Spolter
- June 13th — Marissa Mendel, Sommer Sheely
- June 14th — Michelle Cohen, Michael Cohen, Brian Mendel,
Michelle Macia
- June 15th — Mark Strasser, Walter Hirschberg
- June 16th — Julie Levy, Gary Barnett, Michal Mendelson
- June 17th — Bethany Klynn, James Feibel, Ryan Fogelman
- June 18th — Adam Bering, Maya Sinvany, Judi Mormol
- June 19th — Ben Payne, Ronni Feibel, Irina Kamenetskiy,
Rita Cohen
- June 20th — Mitchell Shifrin
- June 21st — Deborah Voronkov, Jeffrey Friedlander,
Steven Weiler
- June 22nd — Natalie Mayer
- June 23rd — David Schulte, Vincent Solomon, Kari DuBro,
Jeffrey Butter, Justin Kattan, Joel Roth,
Nicholas Mendel
- June 24th — Sherri Resnick, Gerry Kent, Bea Gardner
- June 25th — Maryam Heidarpoor, Brent Meizlish, Steve Allen,
Katrina Schneir, Sharon Edelman
- June 26th — Brian Galloway, David Neubauer, William Schwartz,
Martin Tobin
- June 27th — Julie Zucker, Jennifer Lee, Cathy Hannan
- June 28th — Gina Loewengart, Arlene Kleiman, Renee DeBold
- June 29th — Barbara Schuster, John Zulliger, Jesse Neubauer
- June 30th — David Brandt, Jacqueline Feibel

July Birthdays

- July 1st — Sherman Katz
- July 2nd — Mindy Agin, Sheri Sherman, Jacob Tishler,
Nissan Bar-Lev, Robert Sanford, David Singer
- July 3rd — Inna Slabodkin
- July 4th — Beth Abramovitz, Janine Scher, Linda Rogovin
- July 5th — LaJune Cohen
- July 6th — Leah Apothaker, Rose Zulliger
- July 7th — Neal Handler, Marc Slutsky
- July 8th — Marlene Lesko, Deb Rycus, Erica Brillson,
Lois Kamnitzer, Kathy Rogovin
- July 9th — Bonnie Michael, Denice Weinberg, Susie Rozanczyk
- July 11th — Beth Gerber, David Lazerwitz, Jill Monk
- July 12th — Barbara Brandt, Jay Pinsky, Carl Tishler, Jodie Meizlish
- July 13th — Robert Holbein, Stewart Jobrack, Elizabeth Zulliger,
Theresa Belford, Susan Gordon
- July 14th — Ariel Hirsh, Rachel Goldblatt
- July 15th — David Cohn, Stephanie Covitz
- July 16th — Andrew Ciranni, David Lippy
- July 17th — Jerry Goldman, Kimberly Ciranni, Alex Dubin,
Adam Rajczyk, Valerie Robbins, Patrick Elwood
- July 18th — Lynn Emerman, Joan Fishel, Marissa Kent,
Carly Solomon, Adam Neubauer, Gabriela Weiss,
Chelsea Day
- July 19th — Michelle Friedman
- July 20th — Connie Hirsh, Eugene Shifrin, Glen Gardner
- July 22nd — Lorn Spolter, Julie Alpert, Jason Rubinstein
- July 23rd — Alisa Becker, Susanne Cobey, Ileen Wachtel
- July 25th — Kelley Louis, Barbara McVay, Holly Hobzek
- July 26th — Stephanie Bain, Maya Lewis
- July 27th — Terri Sigulinsky, Marty Oppenheimer
- July 28th — Anne Cohen
- July 29th — Howard Spector, Nick Ciranni, Andrew Campen
- July 30th — Lauren Sferrella, Monica Dornfeld, Amanda Chernyak
- July 31st — Marla Levine, Richard Gilley, Bobbie Lusignolo,
Missy Weiler



Oh, What a Night!

My heart is still overwhelmed with joy as I continue to review in my mind all the wonderful elements of the service that occurred during the Friday, May 18th “Gail Rose 10th Anniversary” Shabbat. What a compliment that we had to bring more chairs into the sanctuary to accommodate all of the supportive and loving people who came to celebrate this special Shabbat with me. I curated the service with the intention of including all of the groups that produce the sounds that give the music heard at Temple Beth Shalom its communal, spiritual, inspirational and joyful qualities. Being an educator, I couldn’t resist the opportunity to include various genres including ancient chants, Broadway, classical, con-

temporary Jewish composers and Gospel to demonstrate some of the many styles that Jewish music has taken on.

Thank you to the following musicians that gave of their time and talents:

Sharyonim Choir: Debbie Costa- Director, Merry Pruitt-Accompanist, Madalyn Benjamin, Marvin Blank, Susan Bugenstein, Michael Cohen, Nick Ciranni, Cindy Cohen, Marian Cuenot, Rachel Goldblatt, Connie Hirsh, Joel Kent, Denise Kohn, Marlene Levine, Ed Radin, Cindy Ravitsky, Arthur Rose, Emma Rose, Jonathan Schaffir, Marcy Schaffir, Tom Shook, Barry Yaillen

Klezmer Band: Scot Ashton, Nick Ciranni, Angelo Dunlap, Arkadiy Gips, Daniel Griffaton, Anna Mears, Larry Remer, Tom Shook

Shabband: Rabbi Benjy Bar-Lev, Nick Ciranni, Angelo Dunlap, Arkadiy Gips, Rabbi Lenette Herzog, Connie Hirsh, Cheri Papier, Ben Rosen, Scot Roth

And thank you to the following people who made our oneg so beautiful and delicious: Bonnie Abramowitz, Scott Abramowitz, Susan Bugenstein, Cindy Cohen, Bonnie Cram, Marian Cuenot, Joel Kent, David Kleppel, Denise Kohn, Robin Lifter, Judi Mormol, Cindy Ravitsky, Arthur Rose, Emma Rose, David Segal, Kathy Segal, Barry Yaillen

Rabbi Benjy Bar-Lev, Cantor Jack Chomsky, Debbie Costa, Rabbi Lenette Herzog and Rabbi Debbie Lefton, I appreciate your kind and heartwarming words. I have asked all of you for copies of your speeches because they are treasures that I want to have at my fingertips. David Lefton, because of you I will have a video to share and to keep forever and Carol Rich, your written articles for publication are so appreciated. I enjoyed our time on the phone collaborating.

I thank you all for this magical music Shabbat. I want to keep this amazing memory alive in my heart forever.

And now moving forward to create new memories...

Sharyonim High Holiday Choir rehearsals will begin Tuesday July 31st!!!!

The first rehearsal be from 6:30 – 9:00 and will include a welcome back dinner.

There are only 6 rehearsals scheduled before Rosh Hashanah. The practices are always on **Tuesday nights** starting at 7:30 PM in the Temple Beth Shalom Social Hall.

The choir is composed of a diverse group of people who are united in their love of singing, desire to be part of a Jewish Community and enjoy being immersed in Jewish Song and Prayer. Although we have a core membership who have been singing with the choir for many years, we also welcome new members to share our joys, passions and friendship. The only requirements are that you can sing on pitch and are committed to attending the rehearsals.

If you are interested in joining our Sharyonim Choir please contact me at grose@tbsohio.org.

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Women of Beth Shalom

The Women Of Beth Shalom have had a great year and are looking forward to many new programs next year. Be on the lookout in August, we will be selling Rosh Hashanah baskets for you to wish family and friends a healthy and happy new year. We hope everyone has a wonderful summer and look for our table at the welcome back picnic. Don't forget to join our Facebook group and email us anytime with your thoughts/suggestions.

Lesley Thompson and Rachel Westrick
womenofbethshalom@gmail.com

Men's Club

This June the Men's Club will be taking it out to the ball game! Be on the lookout for an email with a date and time for our trip to a Clipper's game at Huntington Park.

Men's Club will be preparing a temple cookout-style first Friday dinner on **Friday, June 1st**. Thanks to a generous donation by JoAnne and Steve Grossman, the dinner will be free for all attendees! If interested in helping cook for the June 1st dinner, please email Osi Zimmer at tbsohiomensclub@gmail.com.

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We look forward to the opportunity to work with the TBS staff, the Board and many volunteers to continue the progression of TBS in what the URJ refers to as a sacred partnership. We appreciate David Neubauer's and Pam Scheer's efforts in efficiently transitioning the presidency to us and know that we can look forward to their assistance, as well as that of other past leaders, as we move forward.

Our vision includes: (a) completing the strategic plan with the continued participation of many others who have been contributing to this effort, and to begin its implementation, (b) helping Rabbi Benjy to implement the engagement initiatives he envisions to drive TBS, (c) working with Rabbi Lenette to assure the continued success of the religious school, (d) collaborating with the Board and Bonnie Abramowitz to assure both the short and long term financial stability of TBS, and (e) working with members and staff to provide the programs and services that our current and future members desire from TBS in a financially responsible manner.

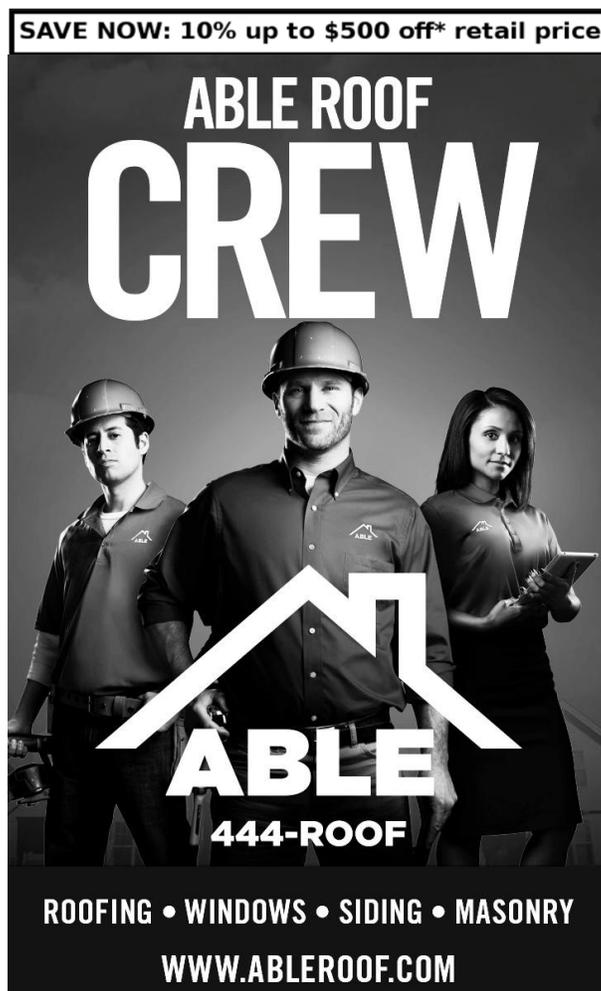
In regard to fulfilling our mission of providing what the membership desires from their relationship with TBS, we would like to hear what your desires are, recognizing that not everyone has the same things in mind. Please tell us what TBS is doing well and needs to be preserved and what changes or new programs you would like to see. It is our intent to try to get in front of as many of you as possible to better understand your thoughts and desires. If we are not able to speak to you as part of an already formed group, please feel free to email either or both of us at dsegal1013@gmail.com or bonnieprawar@yahoo.com. If you would like to provide your view, thoughts or comments either by phone or in person we would be happy to arrange to do so.



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Ruth Fiske
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Yetta Mart
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Geraldine Phalen
Marilyn Phillips
Joseph Pravda
Caryl Solove
Miriam Weisel

June 8th

Mark Chait
Alvan Covitz
Max Dreifus
Rose Estren
Adele Freed
Barry Friedman
Robert Garek
Carolyn Goldblatt
Nathaniel Goldstick
Joseph Kaplan
Louis Kastner
Edward Klaben
Kurt Loewengart
Jack Oruch
Margaret Prizant
Rose Raizes
Harriet Scheiner
Mindy Silver
Harry Singer
Wilma Taylor

June 15th

David Bryant
Samuel Cantor
Pearl Cohn
Joy Gallion
Kenneth Garver Sr.
Emily Goldsmith
Charles Kass
Marion Koppelman
Diane Lowy
Darlene Mills
Allen Pavlofsky
Charlotte Ravitsky
Lottie Resnick
Marvin Schnitzer
Blanche Sharkey
Rosa Wise

June 22nd

Lewis Apothaker
Oscar Bain
Joseph Basch
Fred Berg
Carl Blotner
Alvin Burack
Rose Garek
Simon Glazman
Harold Golden
Leah Jacobson
Maxwell Margolis
Betsy Neustadt-
Rosenwasser
Sheila Seed
Evelyn Wernick

June 29th

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Jeanne Barnett
Irving Brambier
Marilyn Cantor
Manny Elman
Jacob Friedman
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Arthur Hersch
Hal Johnson
Mina Katz
Sylvia Kauffman
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July 6th

Hortense Altman
Richard Basch
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July 13th

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July 27th

Myron Cohen
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20 Mitzvah Corps Central



Featured Organization: The Central Ohio Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) Tzedakah Collective

The Central Ohio Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) Tzedakah Collective bimonthly meeting will be held **Sunday, June 24th, from 3-5pm at Congregation Beth Tikvah**, 6121 Olentangy River Rd. in Worthington. All Reform Jewish Women are invited to participate in the Tzedakah Collective. Each bimonthly meeting will have speakers from worthy nonprofit groups and in December members will vote on which group(s) will receive a grant. Each member contributes a tax deductible donation of \$60.

The focus of the Tzedakah Collective this year is to learn about and support Central Ohio programs that restore human dignity. The speakers will be:

Judge Jodi Thomas from the CATCH Court who will speak about how the Courts are addressing the issues surrounding the victims of human trafficking, prostitution and sexual exploitation. Changing Actions to Change Habits (CATCH) is a specialized docket of the Franklin County Municipal Court.

April Thacker from Freedom a la Cart. April is a Case Manager and Survivor and will speak from her unique perspective. Freedom a la Cart is a non-profit group that combines support services and workforce training for local survivors of human trafficking. It is a box lunch and catering service.

Susan Trianfo, Volunteer and Key Partners Manager will be available to address volunteer and mentoring opportunities at Freedom a la Cart.

Morissa Freiberg, Director of Education at Congregation Beth Tikvah will lead the relevant text study.

Please contact Marsha Pond at marshapond@msn.com if you would like to participate or have questions.

Upcoming Events & Opportunities to Help

Continuing Collection - School Supplies for Gahanna Residents In Need

GRIN believes a helping hand can change the world! Every year, GRIN collects school supplies and backpacks to give to those in need during their Back -To-School Fair. Please drop off any NEW school supplies at Temple during the month of June.

DELIVER KOSHER MEALS TO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL! Kids can help too, so you can do it as a family over the summer!

Bikur Cholim translates to "visiting the sick," but the newly formed Bikur Cholim Society of Columbus does much more than visit. The society provides kosher meals to observant families who come from around the world to Nationwide Children's Hospital for treatment. We operate solely through donations and volunteers who pick up meals (already prepared) and deliver them to Children's and/or Ronald McDonald House. Signing up is easy—just follow this link to the sign-up Google doc for details. <https://tinyurl.com/yd4ulho2> QUESTIONS? Contact TBS Member Deb Rycus at deb.rycus@gmail.com or 614.561.4346

B.R.E.A.D. Nehemiah Action Report

Sixteen members of TBS attended the Nehemiah Action on May 7 where over 2500 people gathered to hear updates on the current B.R.E.A.D. campaigns.

The Juvenile Justice campaign is working with Columbus City Schools and Juvenile Court Judge Elizabeth Gill to implement Integrative Restorative Practices into the schools and court.

The Welcome Columbus campaign is hoping to introduce a form of identification called One ID Columbus available to everyone who lives in Franklin County.

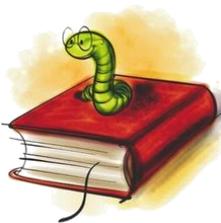
The newest campaign is Families First and Housing Now which has a goal of developing a 10 year, regional affordable housing plan as there is not nearly enough affordable housing in Columbus and Columbus is the least economically diverse large city in the U.S. According to a recent report, only 4 percent of Columbus neighborhoods include an economic mix of housing, the lowest of the 20 cities in the study.

Lunch at the YWCA Family Center

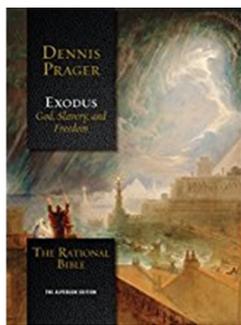
Members of TBS will prepare and serve lunch at the YWCA Family Center on Monday, June 25. Contact Laurel Zulliger (lzulliger@gmail.com or 614-323-6419) if you would like to help.

Exodus 20:3 - “You shall have no other gods besides Me.”

By Steve Seeskin, TBS Library Committee Chairperson



Note: Last month the Kosher Bookworm featured the two-volume set *Songs Ascending: The Book of Psalms: A New Translation with Textual and Spiritual Commentary* by Rabbi Richard N. Levy and published by the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) Press. It works out TBS's Rabbi Lenette Herzog has a personal connection to Rabbi Levy and his Psalm Project. Rabbi Levy was one of the HUC professors Rabbi Lenette had the distinct privilege of studying under at the HUC Los Angeles Campus. Moreover, Rabbi Lenette provided her own student research time to the project Rabbi Levy had as part of the development of the two-volume set, which in my opinion is a significant contribution to the realm of Jewish literature.



This month the Kosher Bookworm will take a quick look at Dennis Prager's *The Rational Bible: Exodus: God, Slavery, and Freedom*. Prager is a well-known and accomplished Jewish scholar, educator, book author, speaker, columnist, and radio show host. I had the memorable occasion to hear him speak at Temple Israel, in Dayton, Ohio, over two decades ago when Joy and I were members of that congregation. Prager writes this book to Jewish, Christian, other faith-based religious groups, as well as, to both uncertain and non-believer audiences. However, Prager is unapologetic for his view that YHVH is the Creator, the Exodus is historically true, and the Torah is the divine word of God.

Prager's approach to the book is to provide the Book of Exodus line-by-line chapter and verse. He does this using the English translation, from the Torah's Biblical Hebrew, as provided in the New Jewish Publication Society (JPS) Translation of scripture. Immediately after all but the easiest verses to comprehend, Prager provides a short and enlightening discussion about the text. Additionally and sprinkled throughout the book, Prager treats the reader to his essay on the Torah reading. These essays, I liken to the kind of additional insight that is commonly done as a d'var Torah. In the space remaining, it is one of these essays we shall delve into a bit further—Prager titled this essay “False Gods.”

He argues the multitude of gods (idols) of ancient civilizations have mostly been replaced by both monotheism and atheism, but unfortunately other aspects of modern humanity have taken on characteristics of a theism, including: education, art, love, reason, religion and faith, and the special category of money, which is often thought of as a false god but is not one.

- **Education** (Prager): “Education, when divorced from the higher ends of God and goodness, has either had no moral impact or has actually made people worse.”
- **Art** (Prager): “When art is not a vehicle to God and God-centered morality, it often becomes a morally worthless false god.” By art, Prager refers to both visual and audible (musical) works.
- **Love** (Prager): “When morally directed, love is incomparably beautiful. But it is not a moral guide in and of itself, any more than art or education.”
- **Reason** (Prager): “The belief that reason automatically leads to moral behavior is itself unreasonable—because reason is only a tool.”
- **Religion and Faith** (Prager): “Neither faith nor ritual observance must be and end in and of itself; both must be a means of making us better people by living according to God's moral will.”
- **Money** (Prager): “...while there have always been people who live for acquiring money and material items, money is not a false god because—unlike art, education, reason, religion, and faith—almost no one, among those who do live for money, argues money is the highest good. So, while it may function as a god, it is not believed in as a god.”

Read for yourself this eleven-page essay and the additional wisdom shared by Dennis Prager in the pages of this book. Also, you may find it interesting to visit Prager University at <https://www.prageru.com/>.

Closing Notes: 1) The Kosher Bookworm is grateful for the skill and service provided by Ben Rosen. As Ben moves on to the next phase of his life, we can only say that we will miss him and wish him only the best life has to offer. Todah rabah, Ben! 2) Effective immediately, I am going to a quarterly Kosher Bookworm article in *The Window* rather than the ten times per year schedule of the past several years. I will try to maintain a schedule of March, June, September, and December/January articles.

22 June B'nai Mitzvah



Jonathon Hammond will become a Bar Mitzvah on Thursday, June 7th, 2018 in Caesarea, Israel. Jonathon is the son of Robin & Bob Hammond, grandson of Claire Marshall, David Lebow and Edward & Babetta Hammond.

Jonathon is a 7th grader at Columbus Academy and he attends the Temple Beth Shalom Kehillat Torah Religious School where he is involved in the Madrichim in Training Program. Jonathon plays the Oboe and is very active in running and swimming. For his mitzvah project, he applied his love of cooking and baking and made pies to raise money for pediatric cancer. He donated all the proceeds to St. Jude in memory of his friend, Louie Becker.

Jonathon is excited to combine this special occasion with his love for the ocean when he becomes a Bar Mitzvah on the beach in Israel in June.



Maya Rebecca Rubin is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah for her first Aliya on June 9, 2018. Maya is in the 7th grade at Gahanna Middle School South. She is active in a variety of clubs such as Character Counts, Chess Club, Ski Club and South Live. Maya enjoys playing the viola and running the 400 meter dash in track. She loves to travel and spend time with family and friends.

Maya would like to thank Rabbi Benjy, Rabbi Lenette and Ben Rosen for their enthusiasm and dedication to prepare her for this meaningful event.



On Saturday, June 16, 2018, at 10 o'clock in the morning, David Costa Griffaton, son of Michael Griffaton and Debbie Costa, brother of Daniel, is called to the Torah for his First Aliyah.

David is a Seventh Grade honors student at Lakeview Junior High School in Pickerington, Ohio, and attends the Temple Beth Shalom Kehillat Torah Religious School where he is involved in the Madrichim in Training Program. In addition to studying with Gail Rose at Temple Beth Shalom to prepare for his Bar Mitzvah, David studies Modern Hebrew with Professor Galit Golan from The Ohio State University.

He is also a dancer and attends Columbus' BalletMet Academy where he studies ballet, tap, and jazz and has danced in numerous productions, including Rhythm on the Riverfront, The Nutcracker, Romeo and Juliet, and Giselle. This summer he will attend BalletMet's five-week summer intensive program. He also studies Irish step dance and contemporary dance at ML Dance Academy in Pickerington. David enjoys Taekwondo (he's a Third Degree Black Belt), playing clarinet, stop-motion animation, origami, videogames, reading, and writing. David especially likes creative writing and the endless possibilities it offers, and has been taking writing classes and five-week writing workshops at the Thurber House in Columbus since the Third Grade.

For his mitzvah project, David wrote, illustrated, and published a young adult fantasy book, which he then sold to raise money for the Thurber House and its children's literacy and writing programs.



On Saturday, June 23rd at 10 o'clock in the morning, Tyler Ballman will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah. Tyler is a 7th grader at New Albany Middle School and attends Temple Beth Shalom Kehillat Torah Religious school. Tyler is a diver. He has been a member of the Ohio State Dive Club for the past two years and the New Albany Country Club Swim and Dive Team (GO PENGUINS!). When he's not diving or doing homework, he enjoys playing X Box with friends.

For his mitzvah project, Tyler is volunteering at the Mid-Ohio Foodbank. It's distribution center distributes over 70 million pounds of food to over 525,000 families in central and eastern Ohio every year! He became interested in this last November when his school had a fundraiser in collaboration with the Foodbank. Funds raised from the middle school enabled the Foodbank to purchase turkeys so that all families in our community could enjoy a Thanksgiving Dinner. Tyler is volunteering at the Grove City location's Kroger Community Pantry. Tyler gives a special thank you to TBS member, Emily Alonso-Taub, Vice President of Development for the Mid-Ohio Foodbank, for helping to connect Tyler to this impactful mitzvah project opportunity.

Meet the new Marketing Coordinator!

Amanda Cohen

Amanda was born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio and has always been involved in the Jewish community. After graduating from Otterbein University in 2013, Amanda worked at the Cincinnati Skirball Museum on the campus of HUC.

In her spare time Amanda enjoys cooking and baking.

Amanda lives in Grove City with her husband, Jonathan, and their two cats, Oakley and Jack.



Have a question or concern?

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Our Erev Shabbat Service Schedule

Time	Week of the Month	Evening Theme
6:30 pm	First Week (Service & Dinner)	“First Friday” Family oriented service, with music and story!
6:30 pm	Second Week	“Life-Long Learning” Educational presentation, usually with text. Standard TBS music.
6:30 pm	Third Week	“Shabbat Chai” All music service with the “Shabband”!
7:30 pm* *6:30 during summer months	Fourth Week	Classical Shabbat with Sermon. Formal TBS music.
6:30 pm	Fifth Week (when applicable)	Traditional Shabbat with Standard TBS music.

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