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# January Shabbatot

All services begin at 6:30 and are live in the sanctuary as well as streaming on the TBS website, Facebook, and YouTube.

January 7th

Family Friendly First Friday with 2022 Blessing

January 14th

Green Shabbat Celebrating Tu B'shevat

January 21st

Musical Shabbat Chai & 20s-30s Sushi Shabbat

January 28th

Guest Speaker Dr. Don Sylvan Provides an Update on Israel

## 4 December Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			7:30pm— Chanukah Concert w/ Gail & Orlay	2 6:30pm— Online Chanukah Candle Lighting	3 6:30pm— Consecration & Chanukah Party Outside	4 10am— Eliza Anderson FA 6:30pm— Online Chanukah Candle Lighting
5 9am— Religious School 11am— Yoga with Julia 6:30pm— Online Candle Light- ing	6	<b>7 6:30pm</b> — Mitzvah Day Meeting on Zoom	8 1pm— Daytime Mahj 6pm— Jewdies Meeting	<b>9</b> 7pm— Reader's Circle on Zoom	10 6:30pm— Erev Shabbat Services	<b>11</b> <b>4pm</b> – Riley Lowe FA
12 9am— Religious School 11am— Yoga with Julia 7pm— Men's Club Poker	13	<b>14</b> 11am− Lunch & Learn	15 1pm— Daytime Mahj	16	<b>17</b> <b>6:30pm</b> — Shabbat Chai in the Sanctuary	18 10am— Zoom Service & Study
19 9am— Religious School 11am— Yoga with Julia	20	21	<b>22</b> <b>1pm</b> — Daytime Mahj	23	24 6:30pm— Erev Shabbat Services	<b>25</b> 10am— Zoom Service ♂ Study
<b>26</b> 11am— Yoga with Julia	27	28	29	30	31 6:30pm— Erev Shabbat Services	

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## 6 The Buzz with Rabbi B



#### The Jewish Calendar PSA: The More You Know!

Shalom! I was recently on the phone with a family trying to identify a bat mitzvah date for their daughter. When we were looking through the calendar the parent was surprised that Purim this year falls on March 17 (also St. Patrick's day, so we'll have to do something fun with that - the luck of the Jewish?). How is it that Purim falls so late in the season, when Rosh HaShanah started on Labor Day weekend? So, as we close our gregorian calendar year, say goodbye to 2021 and welcome 2022, I thought it might be

nice to share some interesting facts about how the Jewish calendar is set up.

So first, let's understand why sometimes holidays are "early" or "late." The Jewish calendar is based on the lunar (moon) cycle. A year of 12 lunar months is about 11 days shorter than a solar year. Because of that, if there were no correction to the calendar, eventually the lunar and solar dates would be far apart from one another. This matters in Jewish tradition because of our holidays. As we know almost all of our holidays are time/season sensitive. Passover is to be celebrated in Spring, Shavuot around the first harvest of the year, and Sukkot in the Fall at the end of the harvest season. If the calendar were left without corrections for dates we could be celebrating Sukkot in April or Chanukah in July (isn't there a song about that?).

Here's how the fix works. In order to ensure that our seasonal holidays continue to happen at their appointed times, the rabbis developed a system that corrects the calendar by inserting a whole leap month seven times in every 19-year cycle. Those years are now fixed - in the 3rd, 6th, 8th, 11th, 14th, 17th, and 19th years of the 19 year cycle, there is an extra month added in. In case you're wondering, because the year is 5782 we are in the 17th year of this 19 year cycle, which is why we have a leap month added. The leap month happens in Adar, the month of Purim. So instead of one month of Adar, on leap years we have Adar 1 and Adar 2. Purim gets shifted to Adar 2 and Adar 1 becomes an extra month of celebration.

Want to take a deeper dive? Here are the Hebrew months and when they usually fall according to the gregorian calendar. Tishrei (September-October), Heshvan (October-November), Kislev (November-December), Tevet (December-January), Shevat (January-February), Adar (February-March), Nisan (March-April), Iyyar (April-May), Sivan (May-June), Tammuz (June-July), Av (July-August), Elul (August-September).

In order to further fine-tune their calculations, the rabbis determined that the months of Nisan, Sivan, Av, Tishrei, and Shevat are always 30 days long. Iyyar, Tammuz, Elul, Tevet and Adar are always 29 days long. Heshvan and Kislev are either 29 or 30 days in length. The lengths of the months Heshvan and Kislev are adjusted so that Rosh Hashana never falls on a Sunday, Wednesday or Friday. This in turn assures that Yom Kippur, which is the 10th of Tishrei, cannot fall on a Friday or Sunday (preceding or following Shabbat).

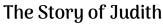
When was our calendar created? There are references to the calendar as early as Biblical times. And later, around the middle of the 4th century the formulas to determine the calendar based on mathematics were solidified.

There are many more interesting aspects of the Jewish calendar, which is really a fascinating work of art and science. Why is any of this important? To really live a Jewish life and practice Judaism, an essential aspect is to live on Jewish time, to understand the rhythm of the holidays, and how they interplay with one another and the seasons. In order for this to work correctly, they all have to happen at precisely the right time. Our tradition teaches that every moment is important, that we shouldn't waste the precious time we have on this earth.

If you are interested in learning more about the Jewish calendar, send me an email or give me a call and I'll set you up with some great books and articles.

Wishing you a very happy and healthy 2022 (or the end of Tevet 5782)!

## CHAI-er Learning with Rabbi Lenette Herzog



Dear Friends,

One of my favorite stories associated with Chanukah is the story of Judith. It's not often told in Religious School (for reasons that will become clear later!) but it features one of our most heroic Biblical Jewish women, and she also carries an important reminder as we head into the darkest time of the year, and our Festival of Lights.

The Book of Judith is an ancient but highly fictionalized tale, taking place in the early second or first century BCE. Judith is a Jewish story but also an apocryphal work,

meaning it is not included in our Biblical canon, like the Book of Maccabees. And speaking of which, while Judith's story doesn't take place during the time of the Maccabees, its literary connections associated Judith with Chanukah in Jewish tradition.

Let's get to the story. Judith was a widow living in a town called Bethulia. While Bethulia itself may not have been remarkable, its location was crucial: one had to pass through Bethulia in order to enter the single road into Jerusalem. When the Israelites were in conflict with the Assyrians, the Assyrians laid siege to Bethulia in order to attack Jerusalem. (The Assyrian Greeks are also the enemy in the Maccabees story.)

After Bethulia's water supply was cut off for over a month, the town's leaders prepared to surrender. But Judith was resolute, and told Bethulia's leaders that they shouldn't give up, but to trust in God and their own strength to find another way. They essentially dismissed Judith, telling her there are no other options, and the best a widow could do for her suffering village is pray for rain. But Judith, not unlike other Biblical heroines like Queen Esther, instead decided to take matters into her own hands.

After praying to God, Judith infiltrated the Assyrian army, pretending to be an Israelite spy. She boldly walked into the camp with her maid and successfully convinced the Assyrian soldiers, and then the leader of the troops, General Holofernes, that she's on their side. After several days, Judith dined with Holofernes, and once he passed out from drinking a little too much wine, Judith prayed again and then decapitated Holofernes with his own sword! Judith returned to Bethulia in the dead of night, instructing the Israelites to defeat the Assyrians in the morning, now missing their general. The Israelites defeated the Assyrians, and Judith is lauded as a hero. Though many Israelite men wished to marry Judith, she chose to remain independent for the rest of her life.

Judith's story is a fascinating and inspiring one. Like Esther and the women of the Exodus story, Judith's strength and intelligence doesn't just save her own life, but all Jewish people. Though Judith is inspired by her faith and trust in God, this doesn't stop Judith from taking action and relying on herself to succeed in an extremely dangerous and high risk situation. Alice Bellis of Howard University claims that Judith is "perhaps the strongest Hebrew hero in all of biblical literature." And Sidnie Crawford writes, "Unlike Esther, who allows the males around her to carry out the violence on her enemies, Judith, herself wields the sword—a sword that belongs, not coincidentally, to a man." During Chanukah, we can certainly celebrate Judith's heroism and selflessness right alongside Judah Maccabee.

Today, Judith also reminds us that there is always hope in times of distress. While we might not be tasked with saving a town - or an entire people - we still hold a responsibility for our fellow human beings. And we make good on that responsibility every time we reach out to someone who is ill, support a loved one or stranger in need, or wear a mask and help protect the health of those around us. Just as a single flame can illuminate the darkness, one person's act of heroism, generosity and kindness can make a difference. As we face the second winter of the COVID-19 pandemic, and celebrate our Festival of Lights and this holiday season, may we also embody that hope, strength and perseverance.

## 4TH ANNUAL TBS REVERSE RAFFLE

**FEBRUARY 20, 2022** 

3-4pm · Streaming on Facebook

GRAND PRIZE: \$7,500!



Proceeds support two great community partners: The New Albany Food Pantry & TBS.

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON









## Cantorial Corner with Gail Rose



#### Temple Beth Shalom Commissions composer, Nate Terry

This Chanukah Rabbi Benjy asked me if I would present a Chanukah livestream concert on December 1st at 7:30 PM.

I thought about this request. Yes, Chanukah is fun and it is one of our most well-loved holidays. I appreciate the fact that the holiday uses song literature written in both ancient and contemporary times. This is also an opportunity to work with Temple Beth Shalom's own Concert Pianist (okay we do share him with the world) Orlay Alonso. This answer was, that I would be honored to present a livestream performance that

would celebrate the 4th night of Chanukah. After I researched the repertoire that I wanted to present, I searched for Chanukah music written specifically for piano. Much to my dismay, I did not find any.

Have you noticed the improved sound quality of our services both in person and live streamed? This improvement is due to Nate Terry, our technical guru. Nate is constantly checking and changing sound levels so our product is balanced in both vocal and instrumental sound. Technology is a skill that Nate developed during COVID. He took the initiative to learn sound technology so he could record his rock band and later continued his self-education and recorded vocal videos.

Nate is originally from Zanesville, Ohio and received his BME (Bachelor of Music Education) in 2019 from Capital University. Terry continues to work at Capital as an accompanist and collaborative pianist. He is also the organist at Mifflin Presbyterian and Office/Building Administrator at Faith Lutheran and is the owner of Major 7 Publishing.

After hearing one of Nate's original piano compositions, I knew he would be the perfect composer to create an original piano score for this occasion. The piece is intended to appeal to children but is challenging to play. This is Nate's description of the piece:

The *Dreydl Rondo* is a piano piece arranged and commissioned by Temple Beth Shalom for the Chanukah Season. The idea behind the piece is the "spinning" of a dreidel, which inspired several aspects of what you will hear. First is the form used. A rondo "turns" or spins on itself, coming back to the original theme several times. I chose *My Dreydl* (or *I have a little dreidel*) for the "A" theme, *Oh Chanukah* for "B", and *S'Vivon* for the "C" theme. For you musicians/poets reading this, here is the song structure.

- A "My Dreydl" slow, laid back, major key, 4/4
- B "Oh Chanukah" dark, slow, minor key, 4/4
- A "My Dreydl" faster, playful, major key, 6/8
- C "S'Vivon" driving, fast, growing in intensity, minor key, 2/4
- A "My Dreydl" faster, spinning & fun, major key, 6/8

The piece slowly grows in intensity and speed from start to finish, and uses a few vital pieces of the traditional song texts to stand out. In the text, I tried to reflect words such as "lights" or "Chanukah" with irregular chords or chords with added notes/harmonies. In the end of S'vivon, the words "for eight days" stuck out to me, so during the last "C" to "A" transition, you will hear eight repetitions of that line, followed by a varying chord progression above it. I also used the flowing and trilling piano accompaniment to mirror the spinning of a dreidel throughout the song. I hope this piece is a fun start to your Chanukah celebration!

If you did not have the opportunity to hear Nate Terry's *Dreydl Rondo*, you can re-watch the Chanukah concert on the TBS website, Facebook, or YouTube page.

### 10 LIFE & LEGACY SPOTLIGHT

#### **Donor Advised Funds**

Written by Jackie Jacobs - JewishColumbus

Donor advised funds have been growing in popularity among philanthropists and it's easy to understand why.

Contributions to these funds allow people to create charitable accounts and receive an immediate tax deduction. DAFs are relatively simple to set up and their management is outsourced to an institution, like a community foundation (such as the Columbus Jewish Foundation or Columbus Foundation) or commercial sponsor like Fidelity and Vanguard.

Besides the tax deduction, donors can also avoid capital gains taxes if a gift is property that has appreciated in value. For donors concerned about inheritance taxes, their gift reduces the size of an estate by the value of the asset. DAFs are also considered by the IRS to be public charities and won't be subject to the 2 percent excise tax private foundations must pay on net investment income.

This low-maintenance way to oversee donations both large and small has increasing appeal. A report from the national Philantropic Trust, one of the largest DAFs, found assets in these funds were nearly \$160 billion in 2020, a 9.9 percent jump from the year before.

As their name implies, DAFs still allow donors to have an active role in advising where their money goes—to a point. Donors can typically recommend which organizations receive their gifts. Most organizations that sponsor DAFs will honor those requests, so long as donations are to approved charities with 501 (c)(3) status. However, it is ultimately the organization, not the donor, that has the final say.

Here are some other factors to consider in deciding whether a DAF would be a good fit for your philanthropic portfolio:

- You intend to limit grants only to IRS-approved charities, and not to individuals.
- You want to make a charitable donation for tax purposes, but don't want to decide right away where the money should go. With DAFs there is no time limit to make a donation. In contrast, a private foundation must disburse at least 5 percent of its assets annually.
- You want to make gifts anonymously, which is more difficult when the money comes from a private foundation.
- You don't want to commit a large amount of assets right away. Some sponsors allow DAFs to be set up with just a few thousand dollars.

The ability to get an immediate tax deduction and the allure of having just one document to deal with at tax time is tempting. So is the prospect of allowing philanthropy to become a hands-on family affair. As an example, children can place B'nai Mitzvah gifts in a B'nai Tzedek Fund at the Columbus Jewish Foundation. This, in essence, is a mini-donor advised fund that receives initial matching dollars from the Mitzi & Henry Saeman family and the Columbus Jewish Foundation, a division of Jewish Columbus. Building an intergenerational philanthropic mindset may be a DAF's greatest gift of all.

## The Game Plan with Bobby Covitz



#### A Gift That Will Sustain TBS For The Next Generation

It's the year 2050, and TBS is 73 years old. What do you envision when you think about this scenario? Maybe the Temple's parking lot has been converted to accommodate the latest hover-cars, and has a retractable roof to provide shade for outdoor services. Or, maybe the Temple has a developed a digital service called TBS Live, which produces digital programming, podcasts, and Shabbat/holiday content out of a state of the art media center.

Maybe these ideas are over the top, but creating a future where TBS can continue to push the envelope and innovate will be challenging if the Temple is not financially stable. Right now, you have an incredible opportunity to help TBS create this future via **LIFE & LEGACY**. By creating a legacy – or after-lifetime – gift, your generosity will produce a sustainable, long-term source of revenue that will insure that TBS is strong for decades to come. When your legacy gift is combined with the 30 commitments that have already been collected, the impact is only amplified.

#### How do I get started with LIFE & LEGACY?

The only prerequisite for participating in LIFE & LEGACY is a passion for supporting a beautiful Jewish future for our Temple. You don't need to be a certain age or have a certain level of income to participate in LIFE & LEGACY. It's quite simple: fill out the enclosed Letter of Intent form, and you can then take up to a year to finalize your plans. Because life is unpredictable, it's important to note that the act of signing the form is **not legally binding**. The Letter of Intent is a strong statement that you care about the future of TBS, and will explore how to make a legacy gift to support the future of the Temple. Some legacy giving vehicles include a life insurance policy, a gift in a will or trust, or a percentage of a retirement account. **Please consult your financial advisor to determine the method that works best for you**.

In addition to helping secure the future of TBS, your LIFE & LEGACY commitment can also help the Temple in the here and now. As of writing, TBS must secure 10 Letters of Intent by February 28, 2022 to secure a \$5,000 grant from JewishColumbus. These funds will be used to help defray the costs of refurbishing and redecorating the windows above the ark in the sanctuary, which have been unadorned for the past couple of years.

Pam Scheer, LIFE & LEGACY Chair, would love to chat and help you begin your legacy giving. Please give me a call at (614) 855-4882 to continue the conversation. Thank you for considering a beautiful legacy gift to support the future of our great Temple.

#### It's year-end giving season!

The last day of the calendar year to make a tax-deductible contribution -- Annual Appeal or any gift to one of the various funds that support Temple life - is December 31, 2021.

Please consult your financial advisor for any questions on the tax implications of your philanthropy.



## TBS NEEDS TO SECURE 10 MORE LEGACY COMMITMENTS BY FEBRUARY 28, 2022.

IF WE MEET OUR GOAL, TBS WILL RECEIVE A \$5,000 GRANT FROM JEWISHCOLUMBUS, WHICH WILL HELP THE TEMPLE REFURBISH AND REDECORATE THE WINDOWS ABOVE THE ARK IN THE SANCTUARY.



As we approach the congregation's 44th anniversary, we continue to celebrate the values that have made Temple Beth Shalom a warm and inclusive place since the beginning. Now it is our turn to become a link in this holy chain, to ensure that this special congregation will be here for many more generations.



PAM AND IRA SCHEER

We want our legacy to be that Temple Beth Shalom will be a strong and thriving congregation for years to come. We made a legacy gift because TBS has been a tremendous support to our family in our years of membership. Now we know that we can support the Temple long after we're gone.

To learn more about this great opportunity to keep TBS's light burning, please contact Executive Director Bobby Covitz at (614) 665-9520 or bobby@tbsohio.org

#### Make Your Legacy a Vibrant Jewish Tomorrow

#### Letter of Intent

In honor of my/our values and traditions, I/we declare my/our commitment to help sustain Columbus's Jewish organizations and synagogues for generations to come.

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE.	
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## 14 TBS Green Team

#### Food Waste: Humanitarian and Environmental Impact

I have written about food composting on the Green Team's Facebook page and thought I would put some information about the humanitarian and environmental impact of the food waste.

SWACO (Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio) states that there is nearly one (1) pound of food wasted per day per household which is sent to the landfill. The population of the greater Columbus area is over 2 million residents (2017 census). Simply put there is over 2 million pounds of food waste per day going into the landfill daily.

The World Wildlife organization, in their article "Fight Climate Change by Preventing Food Waste", reports that an estimated one-third (1/3) of the food produced goes to waste. The 1.3 billion tons of food that this represents (fruits, dairy, meats, vegetables, and grains) could be enough calories to feed every undernourished person in the world. The food waste is generated at the farm, spoilage during distribution, or thrown away by hotels, grocery stores, restaurants, schools, and home kitchens.

Not only are there humanitarian implications to the food waste but also environmental impact. Food that rots in landfills generates methane gas. Methane is a greenhouse gas 20 times more disruptive to the environment than carbon dioxide. It is estimated that 6%-8% of all the greenhouse gas emissions created by humans could be reduced if we stopped food waste. In the U.S. alone, wasted food generates greenhouse gases equivalent to the emissions of 32.6 million cars. Additionally, there is the wasted energy and water it took to grow, harvest, package and transport the food.

How does composting eliminate methane production?

The answer to this question comes from a recent article published by the Government of Western Australia, Agriculture and Food. In the absence of water and oxygen the microbes that breakdown the organic matter produces methane. This process is known as anaerobic fermentation. In the presence of water and oxygen, methane producing microbes can't exist. In the presence of water and oxygen, microbes, such as bacteria and fungi, use the carbon as energy and decompose the organic waste. The benefit of this is:

- heat, which kills pathogens and seeds, is produced
- the remaining carbon is stable humus that is weed-free and safe to use for agriculture, landscaping, gardening or other purposes.

#### What can we do?

Like most large issues it feels like no matter what we do it won't make a difference. In the case of food waste, the issue is now part of the greater Columbus conversation. Numerous communities have started curb side food composting or drop off locations. Check with your community to see of they have a composting project. There are several organizations that are dedicated to food composting such as GoZero and The Compost Exchange to name a few. SWACO is promoting a three (3) step program; Prevent, Recovery and Compost.

**Prevent**: Reduce food waste by planning to only buy what you can use. Use a freezer to store food items or take up home canning like our grandparents and parents did.

**Recovery:** Use up leftovers in innovative dishes that you can make. Food that turns ugly, wilted or brown doesn't mean it has lost it flavor. Find recipes that you can bake, blend, or boil that imperfect produce or fruits.

**Compost:** The last step is to compost the food that is not usable turning it into a usable resource instead of an environmental hazard. Food scraps become nutrient rich soil amendment when composted with other organics.

Temple Beth Shalom started composting with All Saints for the food waste that is generated at both of our congregations over a year ago. Recently the composting effort of both Beth Shalom and All Saints took the next step. With All Saints lead the two congregations have created a compost drop off station at the congregations with GoZero.org. The Green Team would like to thank Shawn Duffy of All Saints and Bobby Covitz for collaborating getting the GoZero food waste drop off station established.

Reduction of food waste at the home along with composting takes commitment on your part along with the commitments already made by several cities that have establish composting programs, organizations that are offering composting services, and SWACO's promotion of composting. Please take time to consider the food waste and disposal method at your own home.

"We don't inherit the earth from our ancestors: we borrow it from our children" author unknown

Rick Sandor

Green Team: Tirtzah S, Joanne G, Steve G, Alan K, Bonnie C, Rona R, Neil C, Lesley T, Michael G.

## Mitzvah Corps Central

#### Central Ohio Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) Tzedakah Collective

Are you interested in joining a women's giving circle that supports nonprofits that improve the lives of women and families in our community? It's not too late to join other Reform Jewish women from across Central Ohio and become a 2021 member of the Tzedakah Collective.

The Tzedakah Collective meets 5-6 times a year (currently by Zoom) to learn about the needs in our community and local nonprofits that address those needs. This year we are considering The Starfish Assignment, The Artmobile, Learning 4 Life Farm, and Alive in My Heart for funding. Since 2014, the Tzedakah Collective has donated a total of \$13,780 to 17 organizations.

You can become a member any time during this calendar year, and all members can vote on 2021 grant allocation at our December 12th meeting. Joining is easy! Just make an annual tax-deductible contribution of \$60 (or more if you wish). Join like-minded women who make a difference in our community through collective giving.

To join, send a check made out to Women of Temple Israel to Marsha Pond, 844 Clubview Blvd. North, Columbus, OH 43235. For more information, contact Laurel Zulliger at 614-575-4577.

#### TBS Mitzvah Corps

We will be preparing and once again, serving lunch at the YWCA Family Center on December 7, 2021 and January 21, 2022.

The YWCA Family Center is an emergency shelter for up to 50 families who are experiencing homelessness.

In addition to housing, the Family Center links these families to important resources to get them back on their own feet such as childcare and help in finding jobs and permanent housing.

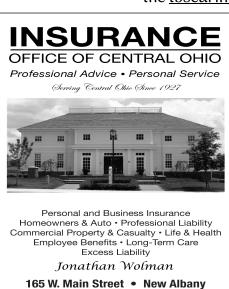
To provide food and/or to serve lunch at the YWCA Family Center, contact Laurel Zulliger.



#### The Caring Circle Needs YOU!

The Temple Beth Shalom Caring Circle helps congregational members with everything from organizing rides for those who are 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 <a href="mailto:thetase:thetase: 1.5">the total the total thetase: 1.5">the total total thetase: 1.5">the total total thetase: 1.5">the total total total thetase: 1.5">the total tot



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## 16 December & January Yahrzeits

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#### December 17th

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#### December 24th

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#### December 31st

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## Scouts, Trailblazers, Pathfinders, Explorers: A History of Women Rabbis

DECEMBER 14:

Earl Yaillen

JANUARY 18: TBS PATIO OR LIBRARY (WEATHER PERMITTING)

2022 marks the 50th anniversary of the ordination of Sally J. Priesand, the first woman publicly ordained as a rabbi. Yet, her groundbreaking ordination, which opened the door for subsequent generations of women, was preceded by the impactful lives of other, lesser-known female scholars and community leaders.

In this four-session adult education series developed by the Women's Rabbinic Network, we will spotlight a few of the significant women from the 1500's to the early modern period who held quasi-rabbinic status in their communities; compare and contrast the ordinations of Rabbis Sally Priesand and Regina Jonas (Who?Come find out!); explore the challenges faced by the first generation of women in the rabbinate; and reflect on how women's leadership has changed the rabbinate and the Jewish community as a whole.

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#### January 7th

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#### January 14th

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#### January 21st

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#### January 28th

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## 18 Simcha Station

#### **December Birthdays**

December 1st - Evie Singer

December 2nd — Lisa Rubinstein

December 3rd — Dana Mason, Arthur Rose

December 6th - Lori Rossio

December 8th — Rabbi Benjy Bar-Lev, Edit Grayfer, Laurie Gang

December 9th - Sanford Meizlish, Rabbi Lenette Herzog

December 10th — Sherrie Kass-Roth, Alan Meisterman, Bennett

Cohen

December 11th - Rose Berky, Jennifer Silver

December 12th — Todd Matros, Lee Goodman, Andy Kool-Tucker

December 13th — Jeremy Cram, Karen Ricker, Francine Wahrman

December 14th — Jeff Stone, Michael Dwyer, Ann Cohen

December 15th — Len Brillson, Jimmy Lowe

December 17th - Connie Rittenhouse

December 18th - Carol Lynn Levine, Josie Taylor

December 19th — Terri Searfos

December 20th — Elyse Weiss, Luba Shnider, Nancy Paul

December 21st — Jessica Rathkopf, Krista Fliegel, Aaron Friedberg

December 22nd - Allison Eckes

December 23rd — Bobby Covitz, Nurit Friedberg

December 24th - David Hirschfeld, Steven Dankof

December 28th — Harlan Louis, Faye Sigall

December 30th - David Tumen

December 31st - Jodi Harris, Constance Meizlish

#### **December Anniversaries**

December 5th - Mitchell & Janice Silver

December 17th − Bruce & Sandy Wylie

December 21st - Matt & Lisa Freedman, Lori & Rich Shaw

December 22nd - Ann & Daniel Lang, Steve & Victoria Loewengart

December 23rd − Joel & Gerry Kent

December 25th - Richard & Linda Rogovin

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December 29th — Larry & Linda Mendel, Darrin & Sherri Resnick,

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December 31st — David & Julie Levy

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#### January Birthdays

January 1st — Sue Culkar, Barbara Holbein

January 2nd — Ted Bernard, Lauren Campen, Gail Rose

January 3rd — Russ Flickinger, Matt Freedman, Christine Hecht, Eric Naiman

January 4th — Victoria Loewengart, Marvin Pate, Jacky Philips, Sarah Phillips, Sandra Roads

January 5th — Larry Eisenman, Stephanie Elias

January 6th — Richard Hall, George Nagy, Nathan Robbins

January 7th — Evan DuBro

January 8th — Brett Handmaker

January 9th — Babette Feibel

January 10th - Marilyn Friedman, Joan Wurmbrand

January 11th — Joe Dorrian

January 12th — David Cantor, Bobbie Kauffman

January 13th — Jon Wasserstrom

January 14th — Sarah Hall, Stephen Kauffman, Ryan Miller, Mike Wenter

January 15th — Michelle Chapman, Osi Zimmer

January 16th — Amanda Lowe

January 17th — Lesley Thompson

January 18th — Jennifer Macre, Ronald Petroff

January 19th — Jan Cohen, Steve Ricker, Cathy Taub

January 20th - Jeff Harris, Larry Levinson, Wendy Singer

 ${\tt January\,21st-Marc\,Ankerman,Ann\,Lang,\,Richard\,Prystowsky,}$ 

Chris Thompson

January 22nd - Michael Cohen

January 23rd — Bethany Kinstlinger

January 24th — Jodi Benningfield, Gayle Pavlofsky

January 25th — Philip Edelsberg, Kathy Goldman, Jon Handler,

Denise Kohn, Jim Shulman

January 26th — Amy Liccardi

January 27th - Nellie Nagy

January 28th — Kenneth Goldberg

January 29th — Avi Gabbay, Michael Goldman, Marc Horowitz,

Rick Sandor, Sandy Scheiner

January 31st — Corey Friedberg, Jim Lusignolo

#### January Anniversaries

January 2nd − Beth & Tim Gerber

January 9th − Judy & Marc Ankerman

January 11th — Bennett & Lauren Cohen

January 12th − Lisa & Michael Rubinstein

January 18th − Richard & Denise Kohn

January 20th - Francine Wahrman & Judy Sawicki



#### Eliza Anderson



On Saturday, December 4th 2021 Eliza B. Anderson daughter of Edit and Marc Anderson, sister of Samuel Anderson, granddaughter of Jeff and Isabella Grayfer, Janice Owings, TO, and Mark Anderson, z'l is called to the

Torah for her First Aliyah.

Eliza is a 7th grader at New Albany Middle School. Eliza co-created an online student run newsletter for the middle school. She is a member of the middle school debate team, student council, book club and was chosen as one of the few students to participate in Science Olympiad.

Eliza enjoys, music, baking, crafts, stationary and organizing anything and everything. She also plays tennis, volleyball, and hockey. When she finds time to relax you will often find her nose buried in a novel or watching Hamilton for the millionth time. Eliza enjoys spending her summers with friends at Camp Wise in Chardon, Ohio.

Eliza's mitzvah project was on hold due to COVID but she wants to volunteer at the Columbus Public Library or at Nationwide Children's Hospital.

#### Riley Lowe



Riley Lowe is having her Bat Mitzvah on December 11th. Daughter of James and Amanda Lowe, sister to Jake Lowe, granddaughter to Sandy and Judy Lowe and Donald and Maria Stallard.

Riley is a freshman at Gahanna Lincoln High School and she has been attending Temple Beth Shalom since 2019. She has worked extremely hard to learn her prayers and Torah portion for her Bat Mitzvah. Riley enjoys playing softball and golf. She loves to travel, learn new things, and meet new people. She is an active member of many clubs, including student council and global scholars. She prioritizes her school work but always makes time to be with her family and friends.

For her mitzvah project, Riley partnered with GRIN to set up a Donate to GRIN drive. GRIN is an organization that works with those in Gahanna who are in need of clothing, food, water, and necessities for everyday life. The drive has been a huge success and has supported many families and people of all ages during difficult times.

#### **AFFINITY GROUPS... Find Your People!**

Have you thought about starting an Affinity Group, but not sure what it involves? The good news is that being a great leader does NOT require you to be an expert. You are NOT expected to be a teacher, and you do NOT need any specialized Jewish knowledge. Instead, as a leader we ask that you offer a welcoming environment for your group to meet and facilitate discussions in addition to your unique activity.

How do you begin? TBS will help you create a diverse membership by helping choose the makeup of your group: adults, parents, families, young adults or multi-generational, men, women, LGBTQ, professionals, etc. Reach out to one or two friends and tell them why you are starting and leading an Affinity Group and encourage them to invite others. TBS will help market your group to encourage others to register. Let us build relationships while sharing a common interest and have fun doing Jewish together!

Contact Lesley Thompson at lthompson@tbsohio.org.

## 20 The Kosher Bookworm

#### CCAR Press Books with Discussion Guides - Part 1

By Steve Seeskin, TBS Library Committee Chairperson

The following are CCAR Press books which have free PDF discussion and study questions suitable for book clubs, adult and teen classes, and individual study. For additional information and online ordering, please visit ccarpress.org. All are also available as E-books.

#### Because My Soul Longs for You: Integrating Theology into Our Lives

Edited by Rabbi Edwin C. Goldberg and Rabbi Elaine S. Zecher

This volume explores how we experience God through prayer, text study, poetry, food, music, service, movement, meditation, interpersonal connection, and much more. The accompanying study and discussion guide will help us cultivate moments of divine encounter.

#### Mishkan Ga'avah: Where Pride Dwells

Edited by Rabbi Denise L. Eger

This groundbreaking collection of LGBTQ+ prayers, poems, liturgy, and rituals is both a spiritual resource and a celebratory affirmation of Jewish diversity. Giving voice to the private and public sectors of queer Jewish experience, Mishkan Ga'avah is also a commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of both the Stonewall Riots and the first pride march, reflecting the longtime advocacy of the Reform Movement for full LGBTQ+ inclusion. The accompanying discussion guide will help facilitate a deeper understanding of the LGBTQ+ Jewish experience.

#### Understanding Covenants and Communities: Jews and Latter-day Saints in Dialogue

Edited by Mark S. Diamond and Andrew C. Reed

The Jewish and Latter-day Saint have at times been at odds, yet share a number of significant historical and communal bonds. This volume provides a deeper understanding of the Jewish and Latter-day Saint traditions and how the two faith communities can engage in a meaningful dialogue. The accompanying discussion guide will foster a better understanding of the other and a growing sense of our identity; it was created to make conversations and deep encounters possible and to shed light on both the values and histories we share, as well as the theologies in which two communities differ.

#### Opening Your Heart with Psalm 27: A Spiritual Practice for the Jewish New Year

Edited by Rabbi Debra J. Robbins

This volume is a compelling invitation to mediate on the deeper meaning of the fourteen verses of Psalm 27. The accompanying study guide will provide gentle guidance through this annual spiritual practice.

#### The Book of Jonah: A Social Justice Commentary

Edited by Rabbi Shmuly Yanklowitz

In this volume, Rabbi Dr. Yanklowitz shows that the Book of Jonah delivers a message of human responsibility in a shared world. The accompanying discussion guide will deepen the reader's understanding of Jonah's dilemma and how it relates to our calling to social justice in a modern world.

#### Inscribed: Encounters with the Ten Commandments

Edited by Rabbi Oren J. Hayon

The essays in this collection shed light onto each of the Ten Commandments, showcasing contemporary thought on the ancient text. The accompanying discussion guide will encourage careful reading of the texts presented, leading to academic study and discussion.

#### The Sacred Exchange: Creating a Jewish Money Ethic

Edited by Rabbi Mary L. Zamore

The essays in this collection create a rich and varied discussion about our relationship with money and that must reflect our religious values. The accompanying discussion guide has different study tracks intended to start a comprehensive conversation about how Judaism can guide us in this multi-faceted relationship.

In February I will provide additional books to continue this list.

#### Join The Community

And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them. (Exodus 25:8)

Close your eyes for a moment. Think about the times you were at TBS before COVID-19 upended our secular and spiritual lives. Remember the sights, sounds, tastes, smells, and feel of being in our synagogue surrounded by your fellow congregants. Like me, maybe you remember the sight of our ushers greeting you on Shabbat and handing you a prayerbook and song sheet; the

sounds of children haggling over how many tickets Rabbi Benjy's prizes cost at the Purim Carnival; the taste of snacks at Oneg Shabbats and Men's Club dinners; the smell of challah baking on Mitzvah Day (and the taste!); the touch of hugs and handshakes from friends and family who've gathered to worship, commiserate, and celebrate.

My most memorable experiences have occurred when gathered physically with others – whether for services, meetings, Religious School, adult education, or special events. For most of us, going to TBS has never been about prayer alone. Instead, it meant reconnecting with friends (and the chance to make new ones), schmoozing, raising children in a Jewish environment, and attending services as a community. In all of these experiences, we connect with the divine. None of this occurred online.

The pandemic, of course, accelerated the trend toward online experiences. Shopping, food ordering/delivery, school, work, conversations and meetings, and worship, are all done virtually. This has allowed us and TBS to survive and, in some respects, to thrive. Our online services are well attended! But, as David Suissa wrote in *Jewish Journal*, "The virtual world, for all of its miracles, has the capacity to numb and isolate our communities, and that our most urgent task is to bring people back into our physical spaces. As we focus on safety, we can never lose sight of the big picture: The soul of a community is defined by physical attendance."

So, our virtual engagement, while critical to sustaining us and TBS during the pandemic, has a downside. Suissa observes that, "We're all creatures of habit. There's a real risk that the more we live online, the more we will increase our communal isolation, the more we will get comfortable with it." That is a risk we are preparing to confront as move into 2022: How do we reengage and reconnect our congregation with each other physically?

First, we hope to see you in person at TBS. As we have oft repeated, our COVID policies have been guided by *pikuach nefesh* (preserving life), and we continue to rely on the wisdom and guidance from our Taskforce to make practical, safe, decisions in this regard. The widespread availability of COVID vaccines (and, we hope, of vaccination among the congregation) should allow us to be together in greater numbers. "Synagogues can and should become the communal antidote to everything virtual. They should be the source, the last bastion, of real human connections," Suissa notes.

Second, beyond the walls of TBS, we hope that you will actively participate in one of our many affinity groups, which you can find listed in this issue of The Window and on the TBS website. And, if you have an interest that isn't yet reflected by one of the current affinity groups, contact Leslie Thompson about starting one. If you're interested in something, other congregants are probably interested as well.

Third, have your children join one of our Youth Groups. Angelo Dunlap is working to reenergize these programs to provide our youth with a meaning experience.

And fourth, look to connect with TBS at our in-person events, including our special April Extravaganza of Mitzvah Day on April 10, the Dan Nichols weekend on April 23-24, and the TBS Gala on April 30. These are wonderful opportunities to join your TBS community.

These are just a few of the ways to reconnect with TBS. Ultimately, "Jewish identity is only strengthened when people meet in person, either at an event, a prayer service or at a Shabbat table." We hope to see you in person at TBS and at TBS events soon!

Shalom.

Mindy Agin & Michael Griffaton, Co-Presidents

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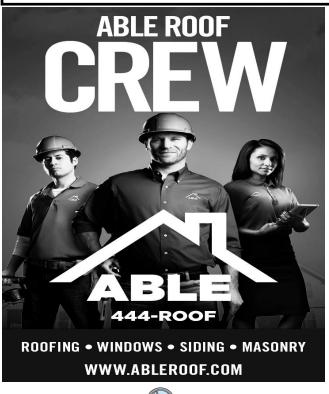
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