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Tikvah Topics



Annual Meeting 2018
Thursday, May 17

6 p.m. Reception
7 p.m. Meeting



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Shabbat Services

May 4

6:15 p.m. Community Shabbat Dinner

7:15 p.m. Family Shabbat with Sixth Grade Participation Celebrating Our Education and Youth Staff

May 5

9 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service Celebrating the Bat Mitzvah of Adina Hill

May 11

7:15 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service featuring Shironim

May 12

9 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service Celebrating the Bat Mitzvah of Gabriella Russell

May 18

7:15 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service celebrating Confirmation

May 19

9 a.m. Torah Study

May 25

7:15 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

May 26

9 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service celebrating the Bar Mitzvah of Michael Robinson

Bima Flowers and Oneg Sponsors

Thank you to our members who have provided Onegs and Bima flowers for our entire congregation to enjoy. Please call the Temple office at 614.885.6286 if you wish to sponsor Bima flowers, Pre-Oneg and/or Oneg.

May 4

Bima flowers sponsor:
Francene Hill, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of her daughter, Adina Hill.

May 11

Bima flowers sponsor:
Bonnie and Sylvan Frank, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Gabriella Russell.

May 18

Oneg and Bima flowers sponsors:
Parents of 2018 Confirmation Class of students, in honor of the Confirmation of their children.

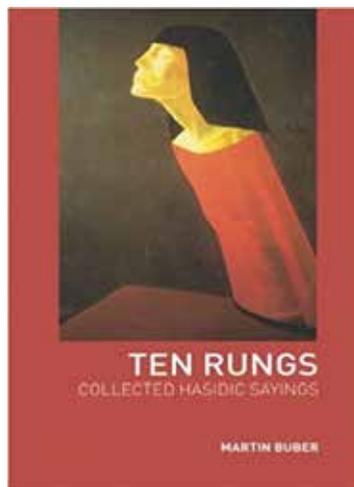
May 25

Oneg and Bima flowers sponsors:
Vannessa Moses and Richard Robinson, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Michael Moses Robinson.

Current as of April 23, 2018. Please consider being an Oneg sponsor on May 4 and May 11, 2018.

Hasidic Tales Retold: A Guide for Your Spiritual Journey

Tuesdays, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m., beginning May 1



In this ongoing class, Rabbi Emeritus Gary Huber will guide reading of and reflection on the legendary tales of the impassioned Hasidic rebbes of the 18th-19th centuries. The lives and teachings of these profound and enigmatic spiritual masters from Eastern Europe offer great insights for modern Jews. Each Hasidic tale is a spiritual gem, often in the form of a parable or allegory that can be retold for a modern audience.

As always, our text study will be accompanied by much lively class discussion. There is no charge for the class, but each student will need to purchase a copy of Martin Buber's *Ten Rungs: Collected Hasidic Sayings*. It is available on Amazon in paperback.

Classes will be held on Tuesday of each week, May 1 - June 5. Please register by calling the office, 614.885.6286.

✈ Congregation Beth Tikvah Mission Statement

Congregation Beth Tikvah, serving the Greater Columbus area, is a warm, welcoming and inclusive synagogue dedicated to educational, religious and social activities that build community and further the cause of Judaism.

Beth Tikvah seeks to promote the enduring and fundamental principles of Reform Judaism and to ensure the continuity of the Jewish people; to enable its adherents to develop a relationship to God through communal worship, study and assembly; and to apply the principles of Reform Judaism to the values and conduct of the individual, family and the society in which we live.



With Blessings

A message from Rabbi Rick Kellner



On the last Shabbat of April we read the verses of Leviticus that instruct us, "You shall be holy, for I, Adonai your God, am Holy." What follows is a code of practice, deeds, and actions that enfold an individual into the arms of holiness.

Leviticus 19 sprouts a vision of a world in which we shall not hate another in our heart; we love our neighbor as ourselves; we shall not reap our harvest to the edges of our field, or gather the gleanings, or fallen fruit, rather we leave them for the poor and the stranger. There is a vision of paying laborers on time, of not defrauding a neighbor, of treating strangers as one of our own while not standing idly by the suffering of our fellow.

These words reflect a powerful vision of holiness and help us recognize that *kedushah* (holiness) can be found through the performance of mitzvot that are *bein adam l'chaveiro*, between two human beings.

This should not belittle the performance of mitzvot between a person and God, or a person and their own self, but rather reminds us that we "elevate" in holiness when we elevate another.

We often reflect that *kedusha* in Judaism is experienced by elevating. We are struck by the image of Jacob's dream in which he beholds a ladder on which divine beings ascend and descend, forging a connecting between the earth

and the heavens.

One cannot see a ladder and avoid thinking about climbing higher. The same can be said of Maimonides' "8 levels of *tzedakah*." When teaching that lesson, I once took a ladder and showed how each level raised the bar of giving a bit higher, with the highest being an understanding that we help a person so that individual can thrive on his or her own. This highest level is reminiscent of the old adage that it's better to teach a person to fish than to give that person a fish to eat.

What if one found holiness by peeling back layers and looking inward? I might argue that the seat of holiness can be found in one's heart. The two commandments of love in the Torah are found in Leviticus 19, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," and Deuteronomy 6, "You shall love God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all of your being."

Linking the two commandments helps us to understand that when we love another, we also love God. The source of that love is the heart, the innermost part of our essence. To connect heart to heart is to see the humanity in every living soul.

Each year, we partner with other faith organizations to connect heart to heart and see every human soul. Through the work of BREAD, we strive to make our community, our city, our country, a better place to live.

How are we doing this? BREAD is working to:

- 1) Help create more affordable housing in our city. We discovered the root of many problems is poverty. When people do not have a healthy place to live, other problems arise.
- 2) Help people with criminal records have easier access to jobs, especially construction jobs.
- 3) Partner with Columbus City schools to adopt Restorative Justice practices, which will help reduce suspensions and the school-to-prison pipeline that results from suspensions.
- 4) Make our city more welcoming by establishing an ID program. The homeless and refugees would benefit from this.

I hope you will join us on Monday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Celeste Center on the Ohio State Fairgrounds. You need a ticket for this event and parking is free. There will also be a bus from Beth Tikvah. We will learn more about BREAD's work that has been going on and the projects BREAD has won in recent years. Let us pursue justice together!

L'Shalom,

Rabbi Rick Kellner

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B.R.E.A.D. Nehemiah Action Meeting
6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 7, at the Celeste Center

Bus leaves Beth Tikvah at 5:15 p.m.

(Parking at the Ohio State Fairgrounds is free.)

Learn more about B.R.E.A.D.'s ongoing social justice work in the community.

Call 614.885.6286 or email Abby at alison.goldbaum@gmail.com to register for your free ticket and/or the bus.

A letter from the President



Judy Weisberg
President,
Congregation
Beth Tikvah

“Hope to see you at the Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 17!

Exercise your right to vote. Plus, nosh and chat! We’ll talk about the state of the congregation, elect Board members and vote on a motion to add Shishim to the Board of Trustees.”

Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting on May 17. The meeting starts at 7 p.m., with light snacks – bagels, egg and tuna salad, and cookies beginning at 6:30 p.m. So come, eat, chat!

Why would you want to come to this meeting – well, besides the food? As usual we will elect the Board of Trustees, present the budget, and talk about the State of the Congregation. Also, we will say goodbye to Rabbi Jenn, vote on a proposed amendment to our constitution, and hear from Josh Reinicke, Building Committee Chair, on some upcoming projects around the temple, including the condition of the parking lot.

As you know, Shishim has been granted a temporary position on the Board of Trustees occupying one of the two At-Large positions. But because the Board would like to retain two At-Large positions, and because Shishim wishes to have a permanent seat indicative of their importance in the Congregation, the Board voted to recommend enlarging the Board to include a permanent seat for them.

Beth Tikvah is uniquely fortu-

nate to have very active and involved senior members. We need to recognize and reinforce that. Most of the seats on the Board are occupied by committee chairs who program and manage particular aspects of congregational life. The At-Large position was created to seat someone with a special skill or expertise that the Board might need. Additionally, these two positions are not tied to a particular committee constituency and so should take a larger view of temple business.

As a temporary position, Shishim could be removed at any time if a compelling need were felt for a special skill set on the Board. After waiting several years for a permanent seat, Shishim has asked to be seated as a regular board committee – Senior Programming. The Board recommends that we grant Shishim a permanent seat by adding them to the Board while retaining the two At-Large seats. In addition to the recommended substantive change to the constitution, there is also some reorganization to put all related materials together.

Sheri Scaglione and Francene Hill have gone above and be-

yond this past month with two temple programs which took tremendous time and effort planning, coordinating, and gathering of various items including food. Sheri and her committee created a FUNdraising program with lots of laughs, good food, high energy, and spontaneity. I wish someone had taken a video of all of you laughing! Lots of interaction between performers and audience made this a fun evening. If you see Sheri, thank her for the evening as well as the \$6,000 it raised for the temple.

Francene and her committee organized the temple’s First Night Seder. Over 100 people enjoyed this meal, which Francene coordinated. If you see Francene, thank her for orchestrating this seder. Rabbi Rick’s seder service is learning-directed but always welcoming and fun for all ages. We are so blessed to have him guide us through this service.

Sincerely,

Judy Weisberg

Make an Impact!

In late May, we will all receive a short, confidential survey about congregational life at Congregation Beth Tikvah from our partners at the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ). Your answers will guide the BT Board in planning the year ahead.

It’s the **BIGGEST IMPACT** you can make in 7 minutes!

More information to come...

Behind the Scenes at Beth Tikvah



**Debbie
Vinocur
Executive
Director**

Several times a month I receive calls from people curious about Beth Tikvah. Sometimes they've just moved here and are looking for a Jewish home; sometimes they've lived here for years and have decided it's time to reconnect. I invite them to come visit us for a tour. I'm excited for the "prospective member" to come see our beautiful building and hear about all that our great community has to offer.

Each time I give a tour, it gives me the opportunity to reflect on who we are: not only on Rabbi Rick, Morissa, Julie, the staff, or me— but on YOU, our congregants.

This past month we honored our members who've been part of the Beth Tikvah community for 18 or more years: the Chai Society. 205 member families have helped build the community we are today. 150 members have joined in the last five years, and together with the rest of Beth Tikvah, they are helping shape the community we will be tomorrow.

We now stand together over 485-member families strong. The depth of our congregational spirit is deep. Without you, the building is empty. With you, the building is full of life.

The Beth Tikvah year—June 1, 2017-May 31, 2018—is almost over. I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the hard work of our Board and Committees. Here are some of the year's highlights:

- The Executive Committee and

Board of Trustees provided guidance to help us continue growing as a community.

- Social Action provided opportunities to give back to our community.
- Membership provided opportunities to create new bonds with each other.
- The New Member Connection Committee welcomed 41 new families.
- Shironim helped move us spiritually by enhancing Shabbat and High Holy Day services with their uplifting voices.
- Shishim provided enriching programming to bring together members age 60+.
- The Fundraising Committee raised funds to increase the operating budget and help ensure the continuity and growth of all the great things happening here at Beth Tikvah.
- The Sisterhood provided an opportunity for the women of Beth Tikvah to build community and give back to the Temple.
- The Brotherhood provided opportunities for us to come together with events like the Souper Bowl and Latke Fest.
- The Garden Buds beautified our grounds.
- The Caring Community brought comfort to those who were ill or suffered a loss.

We must acknowledge the hard work of each staff member and the physically demanding work our custodians perform setting up and tearing down every event and providing a clean space for us to gather.

All of us together make up the Beth Tikvah Community.

Once a year the congregation comes together to review our year. I hope you will join us at the Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 17. We will start with a reception, then gather together in the sanctuary to hear the business of Beth Tikvah: who we are and how we are.

I'd also like to welcome Felicity Nesham-West to the Beth Tikvah staff. Felicity is our new Communications Manager. She has spent the past two years completing a Master's in Journalism-Public Relations. Before that, she was lead copywriter for the Jewish Community Center of Greater Columbus. Felicity, her husband, Paul, and their two sons, Milo and Luca, are looking forward to growing with the Beth Tikvah community, beginning with the boys starting religious school here in the fall. If you ask Felicity what she loves most about communications she will tell you, "It is the opportunity to build and deepen relationships that grow a sense of community." Please introduce yourself and welcome Felicity to Beth Tikvah.

Finally, we will mail out membership packets, as usual. Expect them in your mailboxes by the last week of May.

Sincerely,

Debbie Vinocur

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Enjoy a light reception at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Board election, including a vote on a motion to add Shishim to the Board of Trustees.

A Note about Education

I cannot believe another year of Religious School is coming to a close. Time flies when you're having fun!

During the 2017-2018 school year we saw our enrollment grow to 270 students. 99 more students have enrolled in our school since I started at Beth Tikvah nearly six years ago. I am so proud of, and humbled by, our community of students, teaching staff, and families, for their commitment to Jewish education and identity building!

This year has been particularly impactful to me, watching our current 7th graders become Bar and Bat Mitzvah. When I started in 2012, these students were in 2nd grade. Watching them transform into young, Jewish adults has really blown my mind. I am so blessed to be part of our students' Jewish journeys!

During the 2017-2018 school year, we debuted a few significant innovations. The biggest of these came with implementing a new Hebrew learning model- Small Group Hebrew- in addition to continuing to offer standard Hebrew School on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. Small Group Hebrew instruction takes place with 2-6 students who meet each week in one-hour blocks on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays between 4 and 7 p.m., and on Sundays between 12:15 and 3:15 p.m. The amount of language acquisition our students have gained from

this innovation is astounding! year!

This school year, 79% of our Hebrew-aged students (3rd-6th grade) are enrolled in small group instruction, compared to 14% who are enrolled on Wednesdays. This tells me this form of smaller, more intensive Hebrew instruction is something our community was craving.

A few weeks ago, I observed a group of our 3rd graders during their Hebrew lesson. They were reading with more fluency and translating more words than I have ever seen in that age group. I am so appreciative of my fantastic team of Hebrew instructors who have been alongside our journey of transition to this innovative model.

We also implemented a parent/child learning program in our 6th grade class. Under the leadership of Rabbi Jenn Mangold, this program has been incredibly well-received. Once a month, parents joined their children for an hour of learning on the theme of preparation for the journey of B'nai Mitzvah.

Some of the topics covered in these learning sessions included: sharing sacred memories, creative exploration of Torah portions, and Jewish heroes. Students and their parents also had the opportunity to collaborate on writing their own prayers surrounding the theme of freedom. We are looking forward to expanding this next

Another goal for the 2017-2018 school year was to continue to build a "camp-like" atmosphere during Religious School. Last year, we debuted *chuggim* (electives) in our 5th-6th grade classes which students loved. When you ask our kids who attend Jewish summer camp what their favorite part is, I always hear "chuggim"! This year, we expanded this to include 3rd-4th grade. It's exciting to see students deepen their connection to Judaism through cooking, literature, music, and more! We are looking forward to adding more options for chugs next year for our 3rd-6th grade students.

We also channeled the Jewish camp "vibe" with two all-school, experiential programs: Hanukkah Around the World, where families learned about worldwide Hanukkah traditions; and an all-school celebration of Israel's 70th birthday. This was a unique opportunity for our 5th graders to help their 3rd grade friends with a digital scavenger hunt, and for our 2nd graders to help their Pre-K friends write their name on their pictures to send to our sister school in Israel. I look forward to expanding our camp-feel and all-school programming next year.

L'Shalom,



Morissa



Morissa Freiberg

Director of Education

SNEAK PEEK:

Next month, I will share a preview of innovations we will implement in the 2018-2019 school year. I look forward to sharing them with you!



Interested in becoming a B'Nai Mitzvot?

Adult B'Nai Mitzvot classes begin this Fall!

Email Rabbi Rick to learn more at RabbiRick@BethTikvahColumbus.org.

Wrapping Up a Year of Youth Engagement

Greetings! As my first school year at Beth Tikvah comes to a close, I find myself looking through averages, frequencies, budgets-- all the data we rely on to show our progress as an organization.

These data are a fine way to track program efficiency and effectiveness. I can use data to tell you that BethTY, the Beth Tikvah 6th-12th grade youth program, engaged over 40 teens this year, not including NFTY regional events. I can use data to tell you 30+ 6th-12th graders participated in our largest event.

But data cannot describe the feeling of excitement and energy our teens have, or the optimism that we all have for the future.

Over the past year our teens participated in BethTY programs ranging from the purely social to volunteer opportunities and educational experiences. Programs included volunteering for Meals on Wheels, playing Broomball at the Dublin

Chiller, and holding a drive for the Worthington Food Pantry, just to name a few. It has been incredible to see how excited these teens are to hang out with their Jewish friends or participate in Jewish discussions. Many events were teen-organized and led, proving beyond a shadow of a doubt that, with guidance, they are just as capable as any adult.

This year, teens have taken center stage as social justice advocates and leaders of tomorrow. The dreadful shootings in schools nationwide have been a catalyst for teens to come together, demonstrate their power in numbers, and exercise their massive voice to say, "Enough is enough."

Our teens are no different: they attended the gun control rally in downtown Columbus, and the BethTY Board created a program to educate themselves on issues surrounding gun control. At L'Taken in Washington, D.C., they lobbied for a multitude of issues ranging from environmental initiatives to upholding

the ADA. They participated in J-Serve, an international day of Jewish teen community service.

Our teens are energized, proactive, and engaged; I could not ask for more amazing young adults to work with! I look forward to continuing this level of Congregational, Judaic, and social engagement with BethTY teens, reaching even greater heights in the coming years.

On May 4th, we will be having our annual BethTY Board Election where we will honor our current Board and usher in the 2018-2019 Teen Board. All of the candidates are driven, hard-working, well-rounded individuals I am confident will help continue to grow BethTY over the next year.

L'Shalom,



Marc



**Marc Hochhauser
Youth Engagement
Director &
Religious School
Administrator**

"Our teens are energized, proactive, and engaged; I could not ask for more!"

Mazel Tov to our May B'nai Mitzvot!

Adina Hill

May 5

Adina's favorite time of year is almost here: summer, spent at Camp Wise. She loves to take part in some of her favorite activities there, such as playing soccer, reading, painting, and drawing. She loves art and has considered becoming an artist someday.



But her passion is in caring for animals, which is why she completed her mitzvah project at the Ohio House Rabbit Rescue. Because of her great love and compassion for animals, Adina hopes to one day be an animal rights activist.

Michael Robinson

May 26

Michael is a 7th grader at Genoa Middle School, where he plays bass guitar and trombone in jazz and concert bands, respectively. He is looking forward to spending his fifth summer at Camp Wise this year, where he loves his Jewish connection. There, he can apply skills learned from Boy Scouts, which he joined in 2nd grade. He has proudly earned the rank of Second Class scout.



Michael enjoys playing lacrosse, Ninja Gym, and the great outdoors- especially camping, riding bikes, and climbing rocks. For his mitzvah project, Michael recycled electronics, filling a U-HAUL cargo van and delivering the electronics to Goodwill where they were cleaned and sold.

Thank you to our contributors:

ADULT EDUCATION FUND

- Judy Krasnoff in memory of her beloved husband, Michael Krasnoff
- Judy & Herb Weisberg in memory of Jacques Zakin, beloved husband of Laura Zakin
In memory of Saul Blumenthal, beloved husband of Linda Blumenthal
- Kirsten Boeh
- Judy Borus
- Ann & Herb Mirels
- Mary Powell

CARING COMMUNITY FUND

- Cindy & Tim Barker in memory of Cindy's beloved brother, Al Penson
- Linda Blumenthal in honor of loving friends
- Judy & Herb Weisberg in honor of Eleanor Pearlman's "special birthday"

JEWISH CAMP FUND

- Karen & Chuck Boster in memory of Chuck's grandmother, Lena Daitch

MUSIC FUND

- Cindy & Tim Barker
- The Mayerson Family in memory of Connie's father, Don Shaffer
In honor of the birth of Alyson & Kris Vigneron's baby boy, Judah Harrison Vigneron

- Paul Feder
- The Beth Tikvah Shironim

PRAYER BOOK FUND

- In memory of Cindy's beloved brother, Albert Penson
- Cindy & Tim Barker
 - Rochelle & Stu Zweben



Thursday, May 3 at 6 p.m.

Join us for an evening of dinner, drinks, BINGO, prizes and more! A portion of the proceeds will go to the establishment of a Youth Scholarship Fund dedicated to helping BT 6th-through-12th graders participate in NFTY programs that teach compassion, fight injustice, engage with Israel and build community.

Brotherhood News

Attention Brotherhood Members!

Mark your calendars for the Brotherhood Annual Meeting and Dinner on Wednesday, May 9, beginning at 6 p.m. at Beth Tikvah.

The evening will include:

- Election & installation of Brotherhood Officers
- Delicious banquet by Chef Chris Hughes of Fork in the Road Catering
- Engaging talk by John Stefano
- A good time shmoozing with fellow Brotherhood friends.

Contact Jonathan Beck at JPBeck@vorys.com for more information.

Sisterhood News

Thanks to all who donated to our mascara collection drive during Mitzvah Day. Because of you, we were able to donate over 100 tubes to Dress For Success!

Save-the-date for the Sisterhood year-end Installation Celebration Dinner on Thursday, June 7, at 6:30 p.m. Be on the look-out for an email invitation to this annual celebratory dinner, complimentary for Sisterhood members. This wrap-up is a chance to celebrate accomplishments, install officers for the 2018-19 calendar year, and enjoy a delicious meal.

Email Rachel at RachelLambermont@gmail.com to learn more.



Library Minyan and Torah Study

Library Minyan and Torah Study returns **on May 12!** Join Rabbi Rick for a highly-participatory, guitar-led Saturday Morning service from 9-9:45 a.m. Stay for a discussion of the weekly Torah portion from 9:45 - 10:30 a.m.

Mazel Tov to the 2018 Confirmation Class!

Bentley Adkins	Benjamin Katz	Andrew Spence
Micah Burkart	Joseph Kleban	Naomi Strauss
Lydia Colvin	Emily Movshin	Ali Winter
Adam Gluck	Chad Rozen	Juliana Withee
Simon Joseph	Jackson Scaglione	
Hannah Karr		

Special Thanks to Rabbi Rick Kellner for his wisdom and dedication in teaching the 2017-2018 Confirmation Class.

Thanks also to Rabbinic Intern Jenn Mangold for her assistance.

Thank You to Everyone Who Helped Make Mitzvah Day a Success!

What a fabulous day we had celebrating Mitzvah Day and Good Deeds Day! It was wonderful seeing everyone proudly wearing their t-shirts. Thank you to all the religious school students, parents and congregants who participated to make a difference in many peoples' lives in so many ways. Here are a few of the ways you helped:



- \$127 raised by 1st grade religious school students selling lemonade to donate to US Together to help refugees.
- 148 cards made for veterans after their Honor Flight from Washington, D.C. to Columbus, to thank them for their service.
- 36 bags filled with personal care items and no-sew blankets to be distributed to foster children in Franklin County Children's Services.
- Collected/cleaned and sorted children's books plus made bookmarks for students at Como Elementary and Hamilton STEM Elementary in the Columbus Public Schools.
- Donated items to help care for dogs trained by 4 Paws for Ability to become service dogs for children and veterans with disabilities.
- 88 pillows for children at Nationwide Children's Hospital + 100 "snack packs" for visitors staying at the Ronald McDonald House.
- 75 cards and 75 "flower pens" for patients at The James Cancer Hospital.
- Prepared bagged lunches and stuffed Birthday Bags to benefit our neighbors at the Worthington Resource Pantry
- \$590 raised by the Pancake Breakfast for "Friends of the Shelter" to provide medical care to injured and sick dogs.
- Built a ramp to the storage shed to make it easier to wheel carts in and out.
- Signed up to help Reform Ohio create a more just and compassionate Ohio.
- Collected yarn for women at the Ohio Reformatory to make scarves and hats for kids.



With Special Thanks to the Following Mitzvah Day Project Chairs, Congregants, and Staff!

Lynne Allen
Allison Avner
Cindy Barker
Sharon Chelnick
Cheryl and Lydia Colvin
Suzanne Ecker
Evie Freeman
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Thank you Dora Sterling, Rabbi Rick, Debbie Vinocur, Rabbi Jenn Mangold, Morissa Freiberg, and Joanne Notowidigdo for all your help and support and an extra special thank you to Jesse, Mike, and Del for your invaluable help carrying and moving donations and setting up and tearing down the social hall.

Contributions (cont'd)

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND (Richard M.C. Kellner)

- Linda Blumenthal in memory of her beloved husband, Saul Blumenthal
- Marilyn & Stuart Cooper to honor Rochelle Zweben for her leadership on behalf of the Beth Tikvah Sisterhood Book Club
- Marcey & Rick Forman in memory of Rick's father, Louis Forman
- Marsha & Stephen Harris in memory of Marsha's mother, Ruth Levinson
- Linda & Les Kellner in memory of Linda's grandmother, Mary Zuckerman
- Sandra Overstreet in memory of her beloved mother, Jean Mandell
- Valerie & Joe Rosenthal in memory of Joe's grandfather, Milton Rosenthal
- Candace Tibbals with gratitude to Rabbi Kellner

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

- Rhoda & Bill Gilbert in memory of Sheldon Berman, father of Marcia Levy

RITUAL COMMITTEE FUND

In memory of Al Penson, beloved brother of Cindy Barker

- Paul Feder
- Wendi & Randy Stern
- Judy & Herb Weisberg

SENIOR PROGRAMMING FUND

- Judy & Herb Weisberg in memory of Saul Blumenthal, beloved husband of Linda Blumenthal

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

- Anita Epstein with appreciation to Bobbie Garber & Bob Fisher



In Loving Memory

- Aileen Marsha Adams, beloved mother of Sarah Adams
- Sheldon Martin Berman, beloved father of Marcia Levy
- Al Penson, beloved brother of Cindy Barker

Thank You To Our Bronze Sponsors for A Night of Comedy 2018!



Our Night of Comedy was a huge hit! Thank you to the following Bronze sponsors who made this successful event possible:

- Bradley and Kelly Needleman
- BWS Education Consulting
- Jeffrey and Carol Folkerth
- Hanlin Rainaldi Construction
- Stanley Steemer International

Thank You

- Thank you Jackie Kon, Mitzvah Day Committee Members, and all the volunteers who helped make Mitzvah Day such a successful day of giving back to our community.
- Thank you to everyone who made A Night of Comedy 2018 such a success!
- Thank you to Bob Fisher for volunteering as our Interim Finance Assistant.



Most Needed Items:
Canned Tuna, Chicken,
& Personal Care Items

L’Dor Vador Financial Update to the Congregation By Stu Zweben, Trustee At-Large

At last year’s annual meeting, I gave a final expense report to the congregation on the L’Dor Vador project that made possible expansion of our Religious School classroom space, the ability to bring the JCC North preschool to Beth Tikvah, the Gary Huber Library, and remodeling of the kitchen.

Since we have a five-year pledge collection period and a loan to pay off, I am providing an update of these two aspects of the project.

At the end of May, we will reach the end of the second year of the five-year pledge payment period. While we are just reaching the 40 % mark in payment time, we have collected approximately 74% of the pledged money already. 56% of the families who made pledges already have completed their pledge payments in full.

Thank you to those who have enabled us to make additional, no penalty payments toward the principal on the \$515,000 loan we took out to help finance the project.

The sooner we repay the loan, the sooner we can begin rebuilding our reserve funds, which were reduced so that the size of the required loan could be kept as reasonable as possible. Our current loan balance is approximately \$328,000. The projection is that we will fully pay off the loan late in 2021, much sooner than originally anticipated.

Thank you for continuing to honor your L’Dor Vador pledges. Those of you with year-three payment obligations should expect to receive a notice in May, because your first year-three payment will be due at the beginning of June.

I know we can count on you to keep up this excellent record.

Congregation Beth Tikvah Annual Meeting

Thursday, May 17, at 7 p.m.
Light Reception at 6:30 p.m.

Review of the 2017-18 Budget Election of the Board of Trustees

We are pleased to present the following
nominees for the 2018-19 Board of Trustees:

Officers (one year term)

President: Judy Weisberg
1st VP: Cindy Barker
2nd VP: Lewis Sanderow
Treasurer: Iris Ailin-Pyzik
Secretary: Ilissa Eiferman
Past President: Ernie Mandell

Board Members Up for Election (*office terms*)

Adult Ed: Michael Flamm (2018-20)
Building: Josh Reinicke (2018-20)
Finance Chair: Michael Spaulding (2018-20)
Ritual: Alan Miller (2018-20)
Social Action: Jackie Kon (2018-20)
At Large: Marlowe Lichtenfeld (2018-20)
Shishim*: Jane Mitchell (2018-20)

Board Members Continuing Term

Fundraising: Sheri Scaglione (2017-19)
Membership: Wendy Klein (2017-19)
New Members: Sharyn Fried Koch (2017-19)
Religious School: Shana Birely (2017-19)
Youth Activities: Jenny Byers (2017-19)
At Large: Stu Zweben (2017-19)

* Elected by their individual memberships

***Brotherhood:** Steve Dritz (2018-20)
***Sisterhood:** Rachel Lambermont (2018-20)

The Beth Tikvah Board of Trustees proposes that the Congregation approve amending the Constitution to:

- (1) Add Shishim--our senior group--as a member of the Board of Trustees.
- (2) Change the title of three committee chairs to correspond with their current duties.
- (3) Clarify existing language in the Constitution regarding Trustees.

MOTION:

To be considered in accordance with Article XVI of the Beth Tikvah Constitution, the Board of Trustees proposes that the congregation vote to approve the following amendments to the Constitution at the Annual Meeting.

Articles VII, IX, and XII of the Beth Tikvah Constitution are to be amended as follows:

- (1) Articles IX and XII: add Shishim (Senior Programming) as a new standing committee and add the Chair of the Shishim committee as a trustee on the Beth Tikvah Board of Trustees; (2) Articles IX and XII: change the names of three standing committees, as follows, to reflect changes of responsibility: (a) Fund Raising and Planned Giving Committee changed to Fund Raising Committee, (b) Finance Committee changed to Finance/Endowment Committee, and (c) Youth Activities Committee changed to Youth Engagement Committee; and (3) articles VII and IX: clarify the language pertaining to the Board of Trustees and the Election of Trustees merely for the purpose of providing a more coherent reading of those Articles.

On March 8, 2018, the Board of Trustees approved, by a two-thirds majority, that the above Motion be submitted to the congregation at the Annual Meeting.

Celebrate our Educators!

Family Shabbat Service with 6th Grade participation in honor of our Education & Youth Staff!

Friday, May 4th 2018

6:15PM - Dinner

7:15PM - Service

Join us in honoring our Teachers, Youth Staff, Madrichim, and graduating seniors! Our 6th graders will participate in the service. Dinner is open to the entire Congregation - please join us!

Dinner is \$10/adults, \$8/children - under 3 eat free!

Please RSVP by 5/2 by going to:
<https://tinyurl.com/famshabbatmay>



End of the year bowling with ...

KESHET & CHALUTZIM!

Keshet is Beth Tikvah's parent/child group for grades Pre K-2

Chalutzim is Beth Tikvah's youth group for grades 3-5

SUNDAY, MAY 6TH

1:30PM-3:30PM

COST: \$18

Includes: bowling, pizza and drinks

A Bus to Plain City Lanes will be provided for Chalutzim (3rd-5th grade).

The bus will leave from Beth Tikvah at 1PM.

Parent pickup at Plain City Lanes is required!

*****Keshet (Pre-K-2nd grade) must be accompanied by an adult throughout the event**

PLAIN CITY LANES
325 S JEFFERSON AVE
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HEAD TO THE FOLLOWING
WEBSITE TO RSVP:
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WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM (WRJ) TZEDAKAH COLLECTIVE

By Marsha Pond

A Tzedakah Collective is a unique opportunity for individuals to come together, explore needs in our community and the world, and pool resources to meet them. Together, members maximize the impact of smaller, financial donations and empower one another to become philanthropists.

Our Tzedakah Collective, now in its 5th year, was formed under the leadership of Pamela Feldman-Hill from Temple Israel and is open to all Reform Jewish Women in Central Ohio. This group is made up of women who are committed to making a difference. Members are from Temple Israel, Beth Shalom, and Beth Tikvah. Each member contributes \$60 (tax-deductible) to a collective fund which is distributed at the end of the year as a grant. Each bi-monthly meeting is a chance to learn about a worthy organization in need of financial support, reflect on relevant text study, share information and socialize.

Those who are unable to attend meetings may participate as a "virtual member" by reviewing all the materials electronically. At the end of the year, all members vote on the grant recipients. Over the past four years, the group has learned about 26 agencies, either by member research or by a speaker from an agency. Six grants were awarded, totaling \$5,180.

In March, our Tzedakah Collective was awarded the Or Ami "Light of My People" 2018 Gold Award at the Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) Fried Leadership Conference. This award "recognizes exemplary social justice, community service and educational programming that serves as a model for other WRJ Districts and sisterhoods."

The first meeting of 2018 was held Sunday, April 15th. Future meetings, held in private homes, will be June 24, August 19, October 21, and December 16, 2018. You can become a member at any time.

Please contact Marsha Pond (email marshapond@msn.com or call 614.468.1728) if you are interested in participating or would like additional information and/or to make carpool arrangements. Childcare may be made available in the future. The more participants, the more good we can do!

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All dates and times are subject to change. Visit the calendar on bethtikvahcolumbus.org for up-to-date information.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10 a.m. Garden Buds 4-7 p.m. Small Grp. Hebrew 7:30 p.m. Hasidic Tales Retold	2 4:30 p.m. Hebrew School 7 p.m. Conversation on Civil Discourse: Israel	3 8:30 a.m. Exec. Committee 12:30 p.m. Kibbitz and Kraft 4-7 p.m. Small Grp. Hebrew 6 p.m. WINGO (Women's Bingo)	4 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Sha-Boom 6:15 p.m. Education Shabbat Dinner 7:15 p.m. Family Shabbat with 6th Grade Participation Celebrating our Education and Youth Staff 9 p.m. BethTY Elections & Lock-In	5 9 am Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service celebrating the Bat Mitzvah of Adina Hill
6 9:30 a.m. Last Day of Religious School 12:15 p.m. Small Grp. Hebrew 12:30-2:30 p.m. Teen Program 1:30-3:30 Keshet and Chalutzim Bowling 7 p.m. Sunday Night Study	7 12 p.m. Women's Torah Study 4-7 p.m. Small Grp. Hebrew	8 10 a.m. Garden Buds 12 p.m. Sisterhood Book Club 4-7 p.m. Small Grp. Hebrew 7:30 p.m. Hasidic Tales Retold	9 4:30 p.m. Hebrew School 5:30 p.m. Brotherhood Annual Meeting and Dinner	10 10 & 11 a.m. Adult Hebrew 10:30 a.m. Shishim Event 4-7 p.m. Small Grp. Hebrew 7:30 p.m. Board Meeting	11 8:45 a.m. JCCN Special Person Shabbat 7:15 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service featuring Shironim	12 9 a.m. Library Minyan and Torah Study
13 7 p.m. Sunday Night Study	14 7 p.m. Shironim Rehearsal	15 10 a.m. Shishim Committee Meeting 10 a.m. Garden Buds 4-7 p.m. Small Grp. Hebrew 7:30 p.m. Hasidic Tales Retold	16 7 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal	17 10 & 11 a.m. Adult Hebrew 12 p.m. Downtowners Meeting 12:30 p.m. Kibbitz and Kraft 4-7 p.m. Small Grp. Hebrew 7 p.m. Annual Meeting	18 7:15 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service celebrating Confirmation	19 9 a.m. Torah Study 6 p.m. Yizkor 6:30-9:15 p.m. Shavuot Dinner & Torahthon
20 Building Closed for Shavuot	21 7 p.m. Shironim Rehearsal	22 10 a.m. Garden Buds 7:30 p.m. Hasidic Tales Retold	23	24 10 & 11 a.m. Adult Hebrew 12:30 p.m. Kibbitz and Kraft	25 7:15 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service	26 9 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service celebrating the Bar Mitzvah of Michael Robinson
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on Tikkun Leil Shavuot
Saturday, May 19

6 – 6:30 p.m.

Shavuot Yizkor service

6:30 – 7:15 p.m.

Dairy dinner and dessert

(RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/y7gvp2ms>.
Suggested donation - meal provided by
Social Action Committee.)

7:15 – 7:45 p.m.

Speed Torah

(It's like Speed Dating but with the Torah)

7:45 – 8:15 p.m.

Who said the Torah had to be kosher?
with Rabbi Jenn Mangold, Rabbinic
Intern

8:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

The Ties that Bind: Modern Perspectives
on Covenant with Rabbi Rick Kellner

8:45 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.

A Ritual for Shavuot