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# Tikvah Topics



Rabbi Rick Kellner led Walk With the Rabbi on October 14, 2018.

While walking with members, he discussed, *"Is Reform Judaism Authentic Judaism?"*

Missed out? Join us in Spring 2019!



## **Make Your *Mishpacha!***

**Learn How Your Contributions Strengthen Your Beth Tikvah Family this Hanukkah Season.**

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## Shabbat Services

### November 2

7:15 p.m. Family Shabbat Evening Service with 4th Grade Participation

### November 3

9 a.m. Torah Study

### November 9

7:15 p.m. Veterans' Shabbat Commemorating 80th Anniversary of Kristallnacht

### November 10

9 a.m. Torah Study  
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service celebrating the Bat Mitzvah of Maddy Movshin

### November 16

7:15 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service led by Rabbinic Intern Jordy Cohen

### November 17

9 a.m. Torah Study

### November 23

7:15 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service led by Ritual Committee

**(NO TORAH STUDY THIS WEEK DUE TO HOLIDAY)**

### November 30

7:15 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service Honoring the 2018 Ed Schechter Award Recipient: Marty Seltzer

## Fund of the Month:

### Mishpacha Fund

*On the cover (inset):*

*Bruce Chapman, Lois Winnick-Chapman, & Jaxson Neel at Simchat Torah.*

*Photo by: David Binkovitz*

## Celebrate Your Simcha! Sponsor an Oneg or Bima Flowers

Mark your special occasions and commemorate milestones in your life by sponsoring an Oneg or Bima flowers. This mitzvah is enjoyed by our entire congregation! Thank you to our members who provide Onegs and Bima flowers. Please call the Temple office at 614-885-6286 to select a date to sponsor or learn more.

### November 2

*Bima flowers:* Smokey Lynne Bare and Dr. Ira Mersack in honor of their anniversary and Racing Silk Colors

### November 9

*Bima flowers:* Scott and Kim Movshin in memory of Kim's grandmother, Thelma Ginsberg; and in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Maddy.  
*Oneg sponsors:* Robert and Jeannie Lewis in memory of Sy Lewis and Morton Schwartz and in honor of their service.

### November 30

*Oneg sponsors:* Rhonda Moskowitz and Chris Farrar in honor of the naming of their grandson, Peter Jacob Chandler, son of Myriam and Will Chandler

*Current as of October 23, 2018. Please consider sponsoring an Oneg on November 2, November 16, November 23. Please consider sponsoring Bima flowers on November 16, November 23, or November 30.*

## We are family! Mishpacha Appeal 2018

*Remember Your Beth Tikvah Family This Season of Giving!*  
Learn more about how everyone's contributions make a difference & help us reach our fundraising goals, on p. 8-9.



## 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



***“If you need a ride to the polls this Election Season, please do not hesitate to ask. We have volunteers lined up ready and waiting to help you!”***

With the absence of Jewish holidays, Shabbat excepted of course, between Simchat Torah and Hanukkah, our attention turns to an American holiday – Thanksgiving.

We are invited to think about the many opportunities for gratitude that we have. We hope that we find such opportunities on a daily basis. We are grateful for the many blessings we have in our lives, from family to friends.

This season also reminds us that we should be grateful for the right to vote. The Religious Action Center, the social justice arm of the Reform Movement has focused on voter engagement during the season leading up to Election Day.

Members of congregations have worked to register to vote. Last month, when a number of us walked around Linden encouraging people to vote and trying to register new voters, Keila Naperstek and I knocked on many doors on a mixed racial street.

Two encounters stand out from that day. One man answered and we asked if he was registered to vote and he said no, we asked if he wanted to register and he said no. We really were not sure how to respond as he vehemently opposed voting.

A couple of houses later, we asked the man who answered the door if he was registered to vote. He said he was but

that he was not sure if he was going to vote. Then he said his grandmother would probably drag him to vote. Both of these men are African-American.

One of my colleagues was also working to register voters in Cincinnati where she encountered an African American man in his mid to late 60s.

When they asked him if he was registered, he proudly responded that he was and that he never missed voting because he remembered growing up in the south and getting beat up for trying to register to vote.

He talked about how younger people take the right to vote for granted and that he is proud to show up every year on election day and exercise his right and live out his freedom.

I am grateful for the right to vote, for the right to choose who I want to lead. I am also grateful for the right to express my hopes and dreams for my community, state and country.

Over the past few weeks, we have tried to help members of our own community get to the polls. As of this writing there had not been anyone who requested a ride to get to the polls. If you need a ride to the polls this Election Season, please do not hesitate to ask. We have volunteers lined up ready and waiting to

help you.

The book of Jeremiah teaches us, “And seek the welfare of the city to which I have exiled you and pray to the Eternal in its behalf; for in its prosperity you shall prosper.” (Jeremiah 29:7)

After the Israelites were exiled, the Prophet Jeremiah teaches the community that they are to be engaged in the affairs of the city in which they live. The prosperity of the city and the community at large is tied directly to the lives of the Israelites and the Jewish community living therein. So too, must we engage in the affairs of the city and state in which we live. Our own prosperity is tied to those around us.

As we all cast our votes on Election Day, we are grateful for the opportunity to engage civically. If you would like, I invite you to say the following blessing as you vote:

*Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam she-asanu b'nei chorin.*

*Praise to you Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, who has made us free.*

Rabbi Rick Kellner

# A Letter from the President

There are four things I want to mention to you this month: Presidential Office Hours, the congregational surveys, the holiday Mishpacha Appeal, and the reorganization of the Jewish community in Columbus, all detailed below.

1. During the October Presidential Office Hours, only one person joined me to discuss their concerns. I hadn't expected a flood of people. Myron Kaliski and I had a good conversation about issues in our congregation and the Jewish community. He wanted to share some ideas with me and to volunteer to assist our members who need a ride to medical appointments. This was a good start to a new program. If you have ideas you'd like to share, please come to the second in a series of Presidential Office Hours on Sunday, November 4, from 9:30-11 a.m.

2. We had our first call with our URJ mentor/coach at the October Board meeting to discuss the results of the URJ Benchmarking Survey. She will help us see the big picture as well as some of the trends and issues that should be our focus. We've also just received the answers to the open ended survey questions which we're now culling for specific ideas and suggestions. Thanks for sharing these thoughts.

3. At the Kol Nidre service, a family exploring different congregations sat down next to me. The man mentioned that he had been at Erev Rosh Hashanah and was extremely surprised that I had not requested

money in my speech, as this was a tradition in all the other synagogues he had attended for the Holidays. I explained that this was not the Beth Tikvah way. I did assure him that, like all congregations, we required money to support our infrastructure, staff salaries, and programs. I assured him that we do ask congregants for money, but that our drive is centered around Hanukkah.

When to ask for additional funds to support the Temple has been a persistent topic in a URJ blog for Temple Presidents. A URJ staff person pointed out that the direct ask was seen as an egalitarian improvement over the selling of holiday honors that has been the norm for decades and still is in some congregations. At Beth Tikvah we ask congregants to participate in services based on their volunteer support of the congregation and the community.

4. You may have been hearing over the past year of a rumored reorganization of major Jewish community agencies. In mid-October, the community held a large reception to promote this reorganization and to introduce the CEO of the new agency. The new entity is called JewishColumbus, which combines the Foundation and the Federation. The hope is that the new entity will be both more effective and more efficient. Hopefully the new organization will share information more easily, will address community problems more quickly, and will develop more creative ways to strengthen the Jewish community in Columbus. The new CEO of JewishColum-

bus is Joel Marcovitch. I wrote about him last month when he attended our Board meeting. Joel's goal was to entice the nearly 400 attendees to dream with him about what the Columbus community could be in 10 years. In 2028, he wanted to see the increased delivery of services to people in need; to see more educational opportunities for both adults and children; to see more connection with Israel; and to see the opening of several kosher restaurants, including one in Worthington. Our congregation may especially appreciate that he said we have to recognize the families made up of various faith traditions. He thanked these families for opening their hearts and homes to us.

I hope you have had an inspirational High Holiday season; a joyful and hopeful celebration of Sukkot; and were able to enjoy one of my favorite Beth Tikvah events: Syrah in the Sukkah. We're settling in for the Religious School year. If you want a powerful example of the warmth and vibrancy of the Temple, drop by on Sunday morning and enjoy the gathering at the start of Religious School: children, parents, teachers, madrichim -- all sharing, learning, and growing together spiritually!

I hope to see you at an event soon!



Judy Weisberg



Judy Weisberg  
President,  
Congregation  
Beth Tikvah

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**Presidential Office Hours - Sunday, November 4 - 9:30-11 a.m.**  
**Upcoming 2018-19 Office Hours (one Sunday/month):**  
**Dec. 9, Jan. 6, Feb. 10, March 10, April 7, May 5**

Judy Weisberg will dedicate the Sunday before each month's Board meeting, to YOU: the congregation! Bring your questions, compliments, complaints, ideas, and suggestions.



# A Note about Education



Morissa Freiberg  
Director of Education

This past week, I attended my first leadership meetings in Chicago for the Association of Reform Jewish Educators.

In July, I began a three-year term on the Board of this national organization. I am honored and humbled to sit around the table with Reform Jewish Educators that I have looked up to for many years in my career. This was my first experience participating in a Board where I was not a non-voting member.

It was so impactful for me to be making values-based decisions with my colleagues to shape the future of our organization.

During our leadership meetings, we spent time expanding our education on sacred partnerships – a concept introduced to me during Beth Tikvah’s 2018 Board Retreat

with Lisa Lieberman-Barzilai.

I was thrilled to continue this work with her in ARJE. We discussed the values of mutual respect, trust, honesty, listening and communication, transparency, confidentiality, flexibility and reflection, as they relate to our work as Jewish Educators and ARJE Board Members.

We also spent time deepening our understanding of the ARJE Mission and Vision, and how this relates to our decision making. I think it is important to share that aspect of our work as a national organization with you. ARJE’s mission is:

- ARJE is the voice for Reform Jewish education.
- We advance the profession of the Jewish educator.
- We are dedicated to inspiring excellence in Jewish

education.

If you’d like to learn more about ARJE’s vision and the work that we’re doing, visit [www.reformededucators.org](http://www.reformededucators.org).

I am so excited to begin my term on this Board and let my voice be heard among this respected group of Educators.

I look forward to sharing more about my experience at our Annual Gathering in January, where I will be serving on the “T’filah Team” and helping plan worship, as well as share some music on cello with my community of educators.

L’Shalom,

Morissa R. Freiberg, RJE

***“It was so impactful to be making values-based decisions to shape the future of our organization!”***

## Mazel Tov to Our November Bat Mitzvah!



**Maddy Movshin**  
November 9

Maddy is in 7th grade at Heritage Middle School in Hilliard. She enjoys riding and showing horses, sewing, listening to music, anime, and drawing. She plays violin in the school orchestra. For her mitzvah service project, Maddy chose to work with Patches of Light, a nonprofit organization created to assist families with critically ill children who are facing extensive medical treatments and financial hardship. She designed and sewed stuffed animals for the “Hug Bags” that Patches of Light gives children in the hospital. Maddy’s sister received a “Hug Bag” several years ago. Maddy saw how much the “Hug Bag” meant to her sister, so she decided she would create a stuffed animal to include in them.

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Beth Tikvah & PJ Library are partnering on these preschooler-friendly events for ages 4 & under! RSVP at [tinyurl.com/PJPalsNov18](http://tinyurl.com/PJPalsNov18) or email Alyssa Russell at [Alyssa@JewishColumbus.org](mailto:Alyssa@JewishColumbus.org).

## FIREFLY PLAY CAFE

November 4 | 4-6 pm



# SHABBAT SHABOOM!

Join us for an intergenerational Shabbat program for you and your 0-4 year old.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9 | 9AM**

We will read a PJ Library story, make challah and sing songs.

PJ Library room at Congregation Beth Tikvah

# Youth Engagement at Beth Tikvah



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

***“I am very proud of how involved our teens have become in Temple life and hope that more will follow suit!”***

This time of year has always been my absolute favorite. Some may see it as the official end to their summer: an imprisonment by the falling temperatures and seemingly endless months of school. I, however, choose to enjoy new beginnings and seasonal delights. The colors turning on the trees ... football season in full swing ... the return of hockey and basketball ... apple cider and pumpkin pie. This year has been particularly special, as the Beth Tikvah Temple Youth (BethTY) have started their school year with a determination to make this their most active year to date!

I have previously written about the BethTY Board’s busy Summer, planning events and creating programming for their peers and Junior BethTY, our 6th-8th grade youth group. The start to their school year has been no different. BethTY was especially busy during the High Holy Days. Some of these teens helped to create the 3rd-6th grade service alongside Rabbinic Intern Jordy Cohen; others assisted Morissa Freiberg in the Pre-K-2nd grade service; still others volunteered with the High

Holy Day food drive by passing out donation bags and helping to load the truck for the Worthington Food Pantry.

I am very proud of how involved our teens have become in Temple life and hope that more will follow suit! BethTY and Junior BethTY have held several local events in addition to the High Holy Day volunteer work. On September 1, BethTY had its first Lock-In of the year after attending and participating in Selichot services. The evening came complete with Havdalah, a surprise 80s dance party, and the perennial favorite Lock-In game: “Murders in the Dark.”

On September 28, Junior BethTY participated in a Sukkot Celebration that was entirely planned by the BethTY Board. During the celebration, Junior BethTY played some fun games and learned about hunger and need in both the U.S. and Central Ohio. They continued their evening by creating almost 30 Birthday Bags to be donated to the Worthington Food Pantry, beating the count from last year! The evening concluded with dinner in the Sukkah and Shabbat services.

Thank you to all the families who donated goods for the Birthday Bags!

The most recent BethTY event was NFTY-Ohio Valley’s Fall Kallah, which was held at GUCI from October 5-7. BethTY sent nine teens this year, including three first-time attendees, as part of a contingent of more than 85 teens who gathered from across five different states.

The camp-like atmosphere of Fall Kallah contributes each and every year to an awesome weekend of programming with all their friends. The teens really love these NFTY weekends and would love for you to join them!

BethTY’s next event is Volunteer Day, which will be held on November 3 (details below). Please keep an eye out in your email and in the Thursday Buzz for more info! We would love to see you there!

L’shalom!

Marc Hochhauser

**BethTY Volunteer Havdalah!**

**Saturday, November 3  
 1:45-5:30 p.m.**

Join your BethTY friends for an inspiring day of volunteering! We will be sitting down at Beth Tikvah for a conversation with congregant Bob Feist to learn about his survival during the Holocaust & the life he built in the years after. We will then hop on a bus to Wexner Heritage Village, make crafts with residents, and celebrate Havdalah together!

**Email Marc at [mhochhauser@bethtikvahcolumbus.org](mailto:mhochhauser@bethtikvahcolumbus.org) to learn more!**



NFTY-OV Kallah Participants (Left to right): Noah Spaulding-Schecter, Chad Rozen, Katie Humphrys, Hannah Karr, Micah Burkart, Alexandra Scaglione, Livi Holz, Hannah Reinicke, Lydia Colvin, Nora Butter;  
 Front: Cincinnati Shlichim

# Adult Learning!

## JCC Columbus Jewish Film Festival in Partnership with Beth Tikvah Presents *The Testament*

**Wednesday, November 7  
7 p.m. at McConnell Arts Center**

Protagonist Yoel researches a massacre that took place in Austria in WWII. Witnesses, survivors, and collaborators prove unreliable until he stumbles upon his mother's testimony and realizes his whole life may have been built upon a lie!

Join your Beth Tikvah friends and Rabbi Kellner who will introduce this 90-minute, Israeli/Austrian film directed by Amichai Greenberg (*in Hebrew, German, & Yiddish with English subtitles*).

Tickets will sell out fast so order yours today at <https://columbusjcc.org/schedule/>.

## Teen Mental Health *with the Center for Jewish Parenting*

**Sunday, November 4  
10:45 a.m.**

*(Mark Your Calendar for January 13!)*

Do you have a teen or pre-teen? Are you concerned about their mental health? With the rise of anxiety, depression and stress, we feel it's important to help you navigate this journey as parents. Join Margaret "Charlie" Knerr, MS, IMFT-S, a marriage and family therapist, as we cover what parents need to know about the prevention and treatment of mental health struggles for teens. We will discuss how to help your teen or pre-teen with anxiety, depression, stress, academic and relationship issues.

RSVP for our first of three sessions by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/CFJPNov4> (a make-up of our October session will take place in February).

## Eat! An Exploration of Jewish Food with Rabbinic Intern Jordy Cohen

**Saturdays,  
November 17  
& December 15  
3-5 p.m.**

*Each session costs \$20/participant*

Jordy Cohen will teach this Mini-Series exploring the ins & outs of Jewish food.

*What is "Jewish food"?*

*Where do our traditions come from?*

*Why do we eat what we eat?*



Together, we'll learn all this and more, then practice in the Beth Tikvah kitchen, preparing familiar staples and perhaps some new dishes and tastes. All are welcome; no prior Jewish/cooking knowledge is required. Recipes will either be dairy- and nut-free or gluten-free/gluten-free modifiable.

Join us as we learn, cook, and most importantly, eat!  
RSVP here: [tinyurl.com/CookingwithRabbiJordy](https://tinyurl.com/CookingwithRabbiJordy)

## The People v. Eve *A Mock Trial with Audience Participation* **Sunday, December 16 1 p.m.**

Is the matriarch of Eden guilty of theft and sedition for sampling a forbidden fruit from a certain tree? Watch legal experts argue the case in a dramatic courtroom battle! The audience will serve as the jury and render the verdict.

Beth Tikvah members and legal professionals will bring this "Mock Trial" to life in lead roles of judge, bailiff, and attorneys. BethTY teens will also assist as witnesses. Join us for the fun; look in upcoming editions of *News from Beth Tikvah* to learn more!



# 2018 Hanukkah Mishpacha: #MakeYourMishpacha

*Donate to the 2018 Hanukkah Mishpacha Appeal - Every contribution makes a difference!*

Mishpacha means family. As we approach Hanukkah, we reflect on the blessings of our Beth Tikvah family, and on our values of inclusiveness, freedom, and dedication. We strive to build relationships and bring meaning to each of you - our members. During this time of year, we ask our congregants to prioritize Beth Tikvah in their year-end giving by making a donation to the Mishpacha Appeal. The Mishpacha Appeal is an annual opportunity to sustain and support our operating budget so that we can continue providing spiritual services and valued programs for every member. Please consider Beth Tikvah's Mishpacha Appeal as you think about your year-end donations.

Check Facebook for updates on how to  
**#MakeYourMishpacha**  
& impact the Beth Tikvah community!

We'll be sharing stories of how your Mishpacha donation impacts Beth Tikvah, and how each of us contributes to the growth and community-building that happens here every day. Whether in Adult Education, BethTY events, celebrations and rituals, Religious School, Social Action, or the myriad other ways we empower people to live and learn Jewishly, each of you makes a difference in the lives of children, teens, and adults growing in their connection to Judaism and each other.

Did you know?

- The Mishpacha Appeal began in 2003 and is our longest-running fundraising appeal.
- The Mishpacha Appeal is Beth Tikvah's biggest annual fundraiser? This year, our fundraising goal is \$45,000.
- The Mishpacha Appeal bridges the gap between our operating budget and membership commitments.
- Every contribution is important; no matter what the size, every congregant is encouraged to participate.
- You can give any time of the year to the Mishpacha Appeal.

Once again, we are aiming high with a goal of 70% congregational participation in the Mishpacha Appeal. Every contribution makes an impact. Please clip the card below to mail along with your 2018 Hanukkah Mishpacha Appeal contribution. Donations can also be made under the "Giving" tab on the front page of our website: [www.bethtikvahcolumbus.org](http://www.bethtikvahcolumbus.org). Thank you in advance for your consideration. May the Hanukkah lights bring warmth and strength to your family this season of giving!

- The Beth Tikvah Board of Trustees

 **Hanukkah Mishpacha Appeal Contribution Form** 

To be credited for the 2018 tax year, check and credit card payments must be received by Wednesday, December 19, 2018.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Suggested Donation:**  \$25  \$50  \$75  \$200  \$400  \$750  Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I/We wish to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the 2018 Mishpacha Fund Appeal.

I/We would like to pledge a monthly, recurring donation to begin on December \_\_, 2018, in amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the 2018 Mishpacha Fund Appeal.

In honor of  In memory of Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Payment: enclosed:  CHECK  CHARGE:  MasterCard/VISA  Discover  American Express

Credit Card Number:     -     -     -

Security Code #: \_\_\_\_\_ Charge Card Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
(month) (year)

*Mishpacha means family. Thank you for making the Beth Tikvah family stronger.*

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# Meet Your Mishpacha! Q&A Interview



## Introducing Sheri Scaglione, Fundraising Chair!

Get to know your Beth Tikvah family! Each month, we'll share a conversation with a Beth Tikvah member or Board member. Because our Mishpacha Appeal begins in time for Hanukkah just a month away, we interviewed Sheri Scaglione, Fundraising Chair. Sheri is a full-time working mom of two teens who knows the struggle of juggling family, career, and volunteering. We talked about how the Fundraising Committee makes time to meet monthly and plan fundraising. As an accountant and project manager, she understands how precious time is. She works to ensure Beth Tikvah fundraising is fun, efficient, and rewarding for all. Like the Hanukkah Mishpacha Appeal, this committee is essential to the success of Beth Tikvah's programming and its vision to empower people to live and learn Jewishly and make the world a better place.

### **Q: Why is the Mishpacha Appeal and giving back to your Beth Tikvah family so important to you?**

A: When you give back, you get back so much in return. When I became Fundraising Chair three years ago, I had no idea how much I would get back. I've developed new friendships. I'm invested in what happens here because it truly feels like a big family. Beth Tikvah is all about forging relationships and deepening engagement. But to be able to offer the rich diversity of Jewish programming that Beth Tikvah fosters, we need everyone's support. The Mishpacha Appeal is the primary way we do this. Your dollars support and help shape the growth of our Beth Tikvah community-- because this is our Jewish home all of us are building together.

### **Q: What would you say to someone interested in giving back to Beth Tikvah, but not sure they have the resources to help?**

A: Every little bit helps! We want fundraising to be infused with our Jewish values of being inclusive, welcoming, and promoting our belief in tikkun olam and tzedakah. By supporting our community, we're providing opportunities for Jewish learning, deepening our spirituality and connection to Torah, and our commitment to social justice. Your Mishpacha donation shows our Jewish values at work. Every dollar makes a difference. Regardless of the amount you can give, can you give?

### **Q: Can you share a fun fact that our members might not know about you?**

A: I've been running marathons for over 20 years, and have completed 27 marathons. My best time was 3:19. In high school, I was the kid at the end of the track who's fallen behind, but I kept at it. I always tell my kids: 'Eventually you will get to that finish line.' I just jumped in and got hooked. For me, it was kind of like that when I joined the Board. I just dove in headfirst, not fully knowing what I was getting into. But then I really enjoyed it and have gotten so much back from it.

### **Q: You've said you "have to give back to get back," what have you gotten back by supporting Beth Tikvah?**

A: My kids go to a school where there's a handful of Jewish kids. By being involved in BethTY, they get that feeling of Jewish community they wouldn't otherwise have. To see my kids get more involved, that's what moves me. It's really part of why I've gotten more involved at Beth Tikvah. I'm setting an example for my kids who see me giving back, financially and as a volunteer. They start to understand why giving's so important, and to have that value in life. Now my daughter, Alexandra, wants to join the BethTY Board. If we didn't have resources to grow BethTY programming, we wouldn't have all these teens involved and making connections through and to their Judaism. We wouldn't be who we are as a Congregation.

### **Q: How do you put the "fun" in *fun*-draining at Beth Tikvah?**

A: We have a great time! In a way, working on the fundraising committee is a big party! A lot of what we do is event planning and coordinating. We want for people to have fun working together and making new friends in the process. It's a chance to say, "If I were throwing a party for 500 of my closest friends, what would I want that to look like?" We welcome everyone's input because it's a team effort. This spring, we'll be seeking volunteers to help with the Spring Fundraiser. If you would like to learn more or are interested in joining the Fundraising Committee, email me at SheriS@columbus.rr.com.

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## End-of-Year Giving & Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs)

Once again, we're approaching the end of the tax year. For our members obligated to make withdrawals from their retirement accounts (IRAs), there is an additional option for making charitable contributions in a tax-advantaged manner. If you're required to take a distribution from your retirement accounts (Required Minimum Distribution or RMD), making a donation to Beth Tikvah using the Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) option may reduce your tax liability more than making a withdrawal and a donation. This option can only be used if you have already reached the age of 70 ½, not just being in the year when you reach 70 ½. The maximum QCD in a given tax year is \$100,000. The funds must be delivered to the charity directly, and must be deducted from your IRA before the end of the year. Therefore, it's advisable to choose this option before December to meet this requirement. When a QCD is used, the amount counts toward the RMD amount. It does not count as taxable income, unlike when funds from the RMD are withdrawn and then donated. This means the QCD amount does not increase taxable income. To meet the requirements, consult your IRA custodian regarding which accounts qualify, and request they send a check payable to Beth Tikvah. Most IRAs are eligible, though most Roth IRAs are not. Donations to a donor-advised fund are not eligible to receive funds from a QCD. Donations to Beth Tikvah can be directed to whichever area you choose: for example, the Mishpacha Appeal, building maintenance, a Capital Campaign pledge, oneq or Shabbat flowers, Adult Education, the Garden Committee, the Caring Community Fund, next year's membership commitment, or any of our many programs or dedicated funds. For a complete list of options, please consult our website or call (614) 885-6286.

# Brotherhood & Sisterhood News



On October 10, Brotherhood enjoyed dinner at China Dynasty, during which Dave Parr, the 2017 recipient of the Ed Schechter Founders Award, announced that Marty Seltzer (*pictured at left*) was selected as the 2018 recipient of the award. See p. 11 for details on the November 30 Shabbat service honoring Marty! Also during our dinner at China Dynasty, featured speaker Bill Davidge, studio host and analyst for the Columbus Blue Jackets, was interviewed by his friend and fellow Brotherhood member Art Flesch. It was a fun time for all!

## Coming Up!

- **November 4 at 5:30 p.m.:** Join us for a presentation by Dale Gnidovec, Curator of Ohio State University's OSU's Orton Geological Museum. "A Scientific and Fun Look at the Jurassic Park Movies" is also open to BethTY members and their fathers.
- **December 7:** We'll fry up latkes for the annual Latkefest! Thanks to Mike Fliegel, Latke Fryer Extraordinaire, for leading this effort again.
- **December 23:** Our Annual Meals On Wheels event - more info coming soon!

To join Brotherhood or learn more, contact Steve Dritz at [Dritz4OSU@gmail.com](mailto:Dritz4OSU@gmail.com) or call 614-561-1665.



## 13th Annual Columbus Souper Bowl "B'nai Mitzvah" Birthday - Saturday, February 2, 2019

- Sponsors, silent auction donors, and entrants are needed in two categories: Amateurs & Professionals – Chicken Soup & Non-Chicken Soup (gluten free, vegetarian, etc.).
- Entry Forms for Amateurs & Professionals + Sponsorship / Donation forms are available in the Beth Tikvah Lobby & online at [www.bethtikvahcolumbus.org](http://www.bethtikvahcolumbus.org).
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## Sisterhood's Annual BAGELS & BOUTIQUES Holiday Craft Extravaganza

**Sunday, November 18  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

*Raffle prizes! Exquisite art & crafts!  
Over 20 vendors make your holiday gift-giving easy!  
Plus, bagels and other delicious treats!*

Join us for this holiday tradition in time for Hanukkah which begins early this year, on December 2. Shop for gifts at the "boutiques" of 20+ artisans and craftspeople as well as from the Sisterhood Gift Shop! Woodworking, ceramics and pottery, blown and stained glass, collages, paintings, knitwear, vintage games and more will be available for sale. Make your holiday shopping easy and support a good cause! \$1 raffle ticket sales support Beth Tikvah and its Sisterhood, and enters you to win one of 20+ randomly drawn prizes valued at \$25 each! Each "boutique" is providing a prize from their collection of hand-crafted goods, such as glassware or jewelry, from vendors such as (new this year!): Myriam Solomon Jewelry, St. Louisville Blown Glass, Hemmerling Eco Jewelry, Lesourd Silver and Metalworks, Jason Wolff Ceramics, Karen English Photography, and Yep Food Collage. Thank you to all our volunteers, vendors, and shoppers who make this special event a success! For more information or to join Sisterhood, contact Rachel Lambermont at [rachelambermont@gmail.com](mailto:rachelambermont@gmail.com).



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# Pray With Us!

## Veterans' Shabbat

& 80th Anniversary Commemoration

## of Kristallnacht

with Featured Speaker

**Bob Feist**

*Honoring our congregants  
who've served in the military*

**Friday, November 9**

**7:15 p.m.**

Bob Feist, Beth Tikvah member and Holocaust survivor, will speak about his experiences in France during World War II. He will reflect on post-Kristallnacht Europe and his journey serving in the military. Rabbi Rick Kellner will offer a blessing for those who've served in the Armed Forces. If you are an active or retired member of the military, please join us so we can thank you for your service.



*Bob Feist with his daughter,  
Debbie King*

## Shabbat Evening Service

*Honoring the 2018 Ed Schechter Award Recipient*

**Friday, November 30 -7:15 p.m.**

Please join us for this celebration as we honor Marty Seltzer and formally present him the 2018 Ed Schechter Award. This prestigious award recognizes Marty's outstanding service to the Brotherhood, the Jewish community, and to Beth Tikvah, including as the only individual to serve two terms as President of the Temple!

The award was established in memory of Dr. Ed Schechter - founder of Beth Tikvah's Brotherhood.

## Family-Friendly Events this November

### Family Shabbat & Dinner

*with 4th Grade Participation*

**Friday, November 2**

**Dinner at 6:15 p.m.**

**Services begin at 7:15 p.m.**

All families are welcome!  
Join the Friday night fun.  
RSVP at [tinyurl.com/  
FamilyShabbatNov2018](http://tinyurl.com/FamilyShabbatNov2018)

*Dinner costs \$10/adults & \$8/kid,  
3 & under are FREE!*

*Celebrate Shabbat*

at

**TIKVAH TOTS!**



Tikvah Tots is Congregation Beth Tikvah's monthly Shabbat service and program for children 2nd grade and younger and their families.

*Our Kindergarten Religious School students will lead a song during this month's Tikvah Tots. All are welcome to join our Shabbat celebration!*

5:45PM - Shabbat service, singing, and story with Rabbi Rick

6:15PM - Family-friendly dinner & craft projects -- hosted this month by BethTY, our 9th-12th grade youth group!

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

**NOVEMBER  
9TH**

**@ 5:45 PM**

**RSVP by 11/7:**

<https://tinyurl.com/tikvahtotsnovember>

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- Shelley Nathan in appreciation for the High Holy Day Services

# Shishim in November

Thursday, November 8, from 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

*(includes noon lunch with reservation)*

*Fascinating Topics & Exciting Speakers! This month's include:*

• Varieties of Converso "Marrano" Experiences Among the Sephardim with author and Professor Matt Goldish

• Nov. 6 Election Update with Dr. Herb Weisberg: "What Happened & What's Next?"

At 11 a.m. we will learn about the expulsion and forced conversion of Sephardic Jews from Spain and Portugal between 1391 and 1492. Approximately 50% of the Sephardic Jews in Spain converted to Christianity. Prof. Goldish will highlight the paths the Conversos took as they negotiated their new religious identities.

At 1 p.m. we will examine the outcome of the November 6 election with Beth Tikvah member and Professor Emeritus of political science at OSU, Dr. Herb Weisberg. Dr. Weisberg will share his insights as to what we might anticipate in the coming months and years as a result of the election. He will also lead a discussion about the possibilities for the 2020 election.

At noon, Shishim members and guests can enjoy a delicious meal together, but lunch reservations are required. To reserve your spot, email Sally Stefano at sjms4772@gmail.com or calling (614) 436-4290 by November 5.



*Dr. Herb Weisberg*



*Prof. Matt Goldish*

## Shishim 2018-19 - Save-the-Dates!

December 13

- Jewish Classical Music
- Dreaming of a Jewish Christmas

January 10

- Becoming a Sage as You Age
- Comparative Jewish Music

## Sisterhood Book Club Meets 2nd Tuesdays at Noon!

*Bring a bag lunch & join us in the Rabbi Huber Library!*

We will discuss these upcoming books:

- Nov. 13 - This Is How It Always Is by Laurie Frankel
- Dec. 11 - We Were the Lucky Ones by Georgia Hunter
- Jan. 8 - Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng

# Impact Your Spiritual Home

## Our Spiritual Home Has Demands of Any Home

By Iris Ailin-Pyzik, Josh Reinecke & Debbie Vinocur

Did you know that, after staffing costs, the second highest expenditure for most organizations is building maintenance? This is true of Beth Tikvah, as well. We speak of Beth Tikvah as a 'spiritual home' for our congregation, but the physical home is a necessity for housing worship, study, and social gatherings. Like all of us, as it ages, it needs more attention and maintenance. These expenses are budgeted for as much as possible, but there are always surprises, just like for the upkeep of our own homes.

Thanks to the support of our members, these building improvements can be budgeted for. Here are the latest projects—surprises and planned upgrades—that your dollars work to ensure are kept up with as part of meeting the needs of our House of Hope!



-We all know the original, 30+ year-old parking lot and its potholes needed repaving, but did you know that the substructure and drain system also needed rebuilding? These repairs, along with the addition of 10 new parking spaces, comprised the bulk of the work on our new, beautiful lot! We hope you are enjoying the smoother, pothole-free driveway as you enter our lot!

-We replaced two furnaces (which also supply air conditioning) that dated from 1994.

-Like the furnaces, there are the ongoing maintenance efforts that we likely only notice when

they need repair. Before the High holidays, the carpets in the lobby, social hall, and sanctuary were cleaned, along with the chairs and light fixtures.

-Parts of our roofing system were replaced during modifications to our building.

## Election Day Bake Sale - November 6

Beth Tikvah will host a Bake Sale in the lobby throughout Election Day. All proceeds will benefit the Worthington Resource Pantry. If you would like to donate baked goods, please drop them off on Monday, November 5. Consider helping our community by baking or buying items. Brownies and cookies are always a hit! If you donate any treats that meet dietary needs such as gluten- or egg-free, please label them. Contact Barbara Taxier at [taxierb@gmail.com](mailto:taxierb@gmail.com) to let us know what you will be contributing or if you need additional information.



### October's Most Needed Items at the Worthington Resource Pantry:

- Canned Chicken and Tuna
- Beans of any kind (except green)
- Personal Care Items and Large-Size Diapers

If you're interested in joining the Social Action Committee, email Chair Jackie Kon at [jackiek29@gmail.com](mailto:jackiek29@gmail.com).

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In memory of Manfred Luttinger, beloved husband of Rose Luttinger

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### Thank you for your generous donations in appreciation of the High Holy Day Services

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For more information about the different funds, please visit our website, [www.bethtikvahcolumbus.org](http://www.bethtikvahcolumbus.org).

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• Thank you Tikvah Topics helpers John and Eileen Ames!

• Thank you to our volunteers who helped plan and put together our Oct. 24 Civil Discourse: Andrea Adkins, Steve Dorman, Liz Shafran, Andrew Smith, Don Sylvan, & Judy Weisberg

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**Friday, December 7  
Beginning at 6:15 p.m.**

**A festive night of song with our  
instrumentalists, the Shironim, and 3rd-4th  
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will also bless Beth Tikvah's new members.**



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