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Tikvah Topics



Chag Pesach Sameach!



Join Us for our Beth Tikvah Passover Tradition!

First Night Seder

Friday, April 19 - 5:30 p.m.

See page 8 for details.

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Shabbat Services

April 5

7:15 p.m. Chai Society Shabbat Vayinafash Evening Service

April 6

9 a.m. Torah Study
9:30 a.m. Parshapalooza: Torah Study for Tweens
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service celebrating the B'not Mitzvah of Sophie and Cydney Platt

April 12

6:15 p.m. Shabbat Dinner
7:15 p.m. Family Shabbat Evening Service featuring 3rd Grade Participation

April 13

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

April 19

5 p.m. Pre-Seder Prayer Service
5:30 p.m. Passover First Night Seder Dinner

April 20

NO Torah Study

April 26

5:45 p.m. Tikvah Tots Shabbat Service
6:15 p.m. Tikvah Tots Dinner
7:15 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with Yizkor

April 27

NO Torah Study

Fund of the Month Security Fund

Opt-Out of Receiving Tikvah Topics by Mail: Request Online/PDF
Email ONLY at tinyurl.com/EmailMeTT

Celebrate Your Simcha! Sponsor an Oneg or Bima Flowers

Thank you to our members for your generosity in providing Onegs and 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! Please call the office at 614-885-6286 to learn more.

April 5

Bima flowers: Michelle and Josh Platt, in honor of the B'not Mitzvah of their daughters, Cydney and Sophie Platt

April 12

Bima flowers and Oneg: Jodi and Tom Collins, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Asher Collins

April 19

Bima flowers: Lynn and Bob Sowards, in memory of Lynn's mother, Dorothy Mervis Lehr

April 26

Bima flowers: The Thursday Adult Hebrew Classes, in honor of and with appreciation to Morissa Freiberg

Oneg: Keila Naparstek-Hund and Tom Hund, in memory of Keila's father, Arthur Naparstek

Call Joanne & Sponsor Bima flowers or an Oneg in the Month of April for Your Life Cycle Event!

Mitzvah Day Sunday, April 7

Pancake Breakfast

8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

\$6 for ages 9+

\$4 for ages 8 & under

Benefits Friends of the Shelter



Most Needed Items:

- Shampoo
- Canned beans, tuna, chicken, fruit
- Lunchbox faves (lunchables, applesauce cups, fruit cups, cheese, crackers, etc.)

Kick-Off Celebration: 9:30 a.m. * Good Deeds Projects Begin at 10 a.m.

Celebrate our day of TIKKUN OLAM (Repairing the World): Mitzvah Day is April 7!

To thank you for participating, we'll receive FREE T-shirts from the Good Deeds Day Organization! Please wear your t-shirts from last year! Email Jackie Kon at jackiek29@gmail.com for more info.

This Year's Projects Start at 10 a.m.

- Lemonade Stand
- Supply Drive for Friends of the Shelter
- Beth Tikvah Grounds Spring Clean Up
- Birthday & Lunch Bags for Worthington Resource Pantry
- Bookmarks & book donation for Como & Hamilton Stem Elementary
- Make Cards & Flower Pens for patients at The James
- Toiletries Drive for "US Together" & "Freedom a la Cart"
- Cosmetics Collection for Dress for Success
- Pillows for Nationwide Children's Hospital Patients
- Blankets for Teens in Foster Care
- Snack Packs for Ronald McDonald House
- Thank you notes for Honor Flight participants
- Children's Shoe collection for Joseph's Coat of Central OH
- Camp O'Bannon Supply Drive for kids in Licking Co.
- Form 5 Prosthetics

Sign up online to donate materials and bring them to the bins in our lobby to support these projects at <https://tinyurl.com/MitzvahDonationsApril7>.



Congregation Beth Tikvah Vision

To empower people to live and learn Jewishly and make the world a better place.



With Blessings

A message from Rabbi Rick Kellner



The other day Debra told me she had to run to Barnes and Noble to pick up a book she had placed on hold for Zoe. Zoe's principal, Ms. Allie Seiling recommended this book for Zoe because it shares a powerful message. The name of the book is *Most People*, written by Michael Leannah and Jennifer E. Morris.

Following the antisemitic attack at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, I found myself speaking with so many people, including parents of young children, about how to explain what had happened. Numerous people had shared with me their concern for personal safety and their lack of faith in humanity over the hatred directed at Jews. When asked, "What do I tell my children?," I responded, "It's important that they know that most people do not hate us. Most people are good at heart."

In the wake of the dual terror attack in the mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand, the same questions surfaced in my mind. My concern is for our Muslim brothers and sisters and their feelings of insecurity in a world where Islamophobia causes them concerns for their personal safety. To them, I want to share this message that most people are good at heart.

In Anne Frank's diary, she wrote, "It's really a wonder that I haven't dropped all my ideals, because they seem so absurd and impossible to carry out. Yet I keep them, because in spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart." How is it that we can grow and nurture this value in ourselves and bring it to light for others?

I firmly believe that the answer is in the Torah. When I pass the Torah to our Bar and Bat Mitzvah students, I share with them some variation of the following words: "This scroll contains the teachings of our people's lives. Its message is love and justice, goodness and hope. Freedom is its gift to all who treasure it. We entrust to you to carry through our congregation today but also, just as important to carry upon your heart each and every day bringing its lessons to the world around you."

We have the potential to be the light that our darkened world needs. Acts of terror and hatred surround us. The bullies, those who harbor hate, those who do violence, are not most people. Their actions may seem louder but as *Most People* teaches us: most people want to help others when they see someone crying or in trouble; most people

want to smile at you; most people want to make a difference.

I hope you will share this book with your children or grandchildren, and believe it or not, share it with yourselves, too! Sometimes adults need to read a simple message designed to reach the hearts and minds of young people.

I also hope you will make it a priority to join us for Mitzvah Day on Sunday, April 7. You can find details on pg. 2 (@left).

It is a day when we will make a difference for countless lives across our city. If you cannot make it to Mitzvah Day, every day gives us an opportunity to live and learn Jewishly and make the world a better place.

Find an opportunity to donate tzedakah, volunteer at a local food pantry, or since spring is arriving, volunteer to clean up a local park.

We know how to make a difference. We are **"Most People!"**

L'Shalom,

Rabbi Rick Kellner

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Columbus Board of Rabbis - Yom HaShoah Observance on May 3 at 12 p.m.

Join us for the 34th Annual Columbus Yom Hashoah Observance & Holocaust Remembrance at City Hall. Holocaust survivor Dr. Al Miller will speak of his memories of childhood friends joining the Hitler Youth and wearing uniforms with pride, then cutting him out of their lives for being Jewish. As conditions became worse for the Jews of Berlin, his family sent him to Switzerland, while his brother was sent to England. His parents remained in Germany, enduring Kristallnacht and hiding in a friend's home. The family would eventually reunite in England before immigrating to America. For more info, contact Justin@JewishColumbus.org or 614.559.3205.

A Letter from the President

April brings us a busy month, but maybe not quite as hectic as last month. April 19 is our annual tradition: the congregational First Night Seder.

Passover Traditions

Passover is one of the three pilgrimage festivals of the Jewish calendar when Jews traveled to Jerusalem with plant offerings. This holiday is one of the great celebrations of Jewish family life. Rabbi Kellner says he gets more phone calls from people worrying about “getting things right” for this holiday than any others.

Many families still empty the house of *chametz* or leavening, and a few still sell their chametz products to non-Jews. But for most of us, it is a time of gathering friends and family (biological, chosen, or Temple) to celebrate our liberation from bondage. We tell the stories that bind us together as a community, eat matzah, and sing songs that our families have sung for generations.

Surprisingly, the impact of this holiday is growing as churches encourage their members to host Seders or even host them as a community. My stepmother, who isn't Jewish, proudly and excitedly showed me the Haggadah her Protestant congregation used for a Seder. That Haggadah was decidedly Protestant, not Jewish.

But celebrating freedom is always a good thing. And recognizing that this important tradition was developed by Jews is also a good thing as are the opportunities to take note of those who are still not free and to consider what modern mental and physical slavery looks like. I hope to see you at Beth Tikvah's Congregational Seder on April 19.

Mitzvah Day

April 7 is Mitzvah Day, one of my favorite congregational activities. Mitzvah Day requires us to think about the needs of others. Our community works together to contribute concretely to the welfare of others. Our challenge is not to regard Mitzvah Day as a once and done event, but to realize that focusing on the needs of others and bettering the world should be an ongoing project.

Beth Tikvah participates in BREAD, Reform Ohio, our tutoring projects with Como and Hamilton schools; runs a Civil Discourse project; and supports our congregants with our Caring Community committee. There are myriad ways we can make helping others an ongoing activity in our lives.

Projects in the Works

We're beginning to send out our Shabbat Prayer Books for repair. The initial bindings of Mishkan T'Filah weren't strong enough,

and CCAR Press is offering to repair the bindings for 99 cents per book. We send 50 books at a time, so it will take awhile to get to all the ones in need of repair.

Also in the works: Rabbi Kellner has begun meeting with some of our interfaith families to explore developing special programs that support them as they navigate congregational life.

Security

One of the most effective, and cheapest, security measures we can take is to have greeters at the front door each Shabbat, from various age groups. We need greeters who can recognize their fellow congregants. Please step up to help even if you weren't asked to do so in advance. Being welcoming means recognizing and greeting our members and welcoming and kindly checking on those we don't know. These two aspects are truly the intersection of being welcoming and providing security.

Finally, my office hours are Sunday, April 7 – Mitzvah Day. Look for me in the Temple, amid the flurry of activity and volunteering!

Chag Sameach,



Judy Weisberg



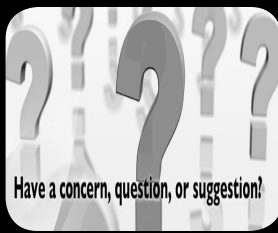
**Judy Weisberg
President,
Congregation
Beth Tikvah**

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Save the Date!
Beth Tikvah Annual Meeting
Vote on the Incoming 2019-2020 Board
Monday, May 13 at 7 p.m.

President's Office Hours:
Sunday, April 7 - 9:30-11 a.m.

Upcoming 2019 Office Hours:
Sunday, May 5



Have a concern, question, or suggestion?

A Note about Education



Religious School students making Mishloach Manot for Purim

Our Religious School classes have been busy! In February, we observed Jewish Disabilities Awareness, Acceptance & Inclusion Month (JDAIM) by using a special curriculum developed by the Matan Institute. Matan educates Jewish leaders, educators and communities, empowering them to create learning environments supportive of children with special needs, through training Institutes and consultations across North America. I was blessed to undergo training through Matan in 2016. We welcomed Matan to Columbus for Community Educator Day in 2017, where our teachers had the opportunity to learn with this incredible institution. Let's see what else our classes have been up to this year!

Lili Graver, Pre-K: We learned about Purim, mitzvot and good deeds. Our class continues to learn about Shabbat, enjoying Hebrew Through Movement lessons with HaMoreh Daniel, and music with Julie Sapper.

Ilene Burkart, Kindergarten: This past month has been busy! We heard stories and had discussions about being inclusive with

our friends through our special all-school curriculum for JDAIM. We also read stories, saw a video and did crafts related to Purim.

Jane Mitchell & Dora Sterling, 1st Grade: The "little" kids who arrived in the fall have grown significantly this year. Developmentally, being Jewish is no longer reduced to a holiday treat or a picture book story of long ago and far away. These kids truly avow that being Jewish is acting in a manner with special purpose. Being Jewish embodies values, beliefs, traditions, culture, homeland, Hebrew and living joyfully.

Stephanie Stillman & Abby Ophir, 2nd Grade: Our class has been having a lot of fun getting to know Abby, our new teaching assistant. We delve into the study of blessings, and learning more specifically about the different blessings for food.

Gisela Weinstein, 3rd Grade: This year our curriculum has been mostly learning all the different rules of Judaism, and that there are rules for almost everything. We also learned when it is okay to break the rules, linking it to the story of Purim, and how Queen Esther broke the rules to save the Jewish people.

Leigh Zircher, 4th Grade: For Purim, we acted out a play and did improv games. We learned the story of David and Goliath and played "Pin the rock on Goliath's Head." For Jacob and Esau: Jacob tricked the very hairy Esau out of his birthright for some soup!

Alisa Swissa, 5th Grade: Most of our recent efforts involved preparing for our student-led Family Shabbat service, which was amazing. I'm so proud of each student and all the hard work that went into making our service meaningful. We had the privilege of participating in a live video chat with author Steve Sheinkin, where students were able to ask questions about a graphic novel they received as a gift from PJ Library/PJ Our Way.

Brad Rozen, 6th Grade: We continued engaging the students to explore what it means to be Jewish. Highlights include: Playing a game of JewParty – testing the kids on their knowledge on a wide range of categories in a Jeopardy knock-off. Corey Washer taught them the 39 Melachot, and how it is related to the Shabbat AND the mishkan; they even built a model mishkan. We also connected how many Jewish holidays deal with Jewish persecution and intolerance (Purim, Passover, Yom Hashoah, Channukah). Then we identified Prophets - many of whom were reluctant and went through phases: Command, No Way, Speak, Too Difficult.

We can't wait to celebrate Passover this April and learn even more as the year comes to a close on May 5! Join us then for a weekend with singer-songwriter, Alan Goodis!

L'Shalom,

Morissa R. Freiberg, RJE



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Director of Education

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Israel Travel Scholarships for Teens!

Did you know that the Religious School Committee grants scholarships for teen Israel travel? If your child has been Confirmed at Beth Tikvah they qualify for funding! Contact Morissa at mfreiberg@bethtikvahcolumbus.org or Religious School Chair Shana Birely at shanabud@hotmail.com to learn more.

Youth Engagement at Beth Tikvah

Greetings and happy spring, everyone!

Working at Beth Tikvah has given me the opportunity to meet and work with some remarkable teens. I am truly grateful to work alongside this year's BethTY Co-Presidents: Micah Burkart and Hannah Karr. These young leaders have gone above and beyond in planning, recruiting, and keeping BethTY and its fun,

monthly programs exciting and engaging.

These young women have done an outstanding job creating a welcoming, inclusive, and warm space for our teens at Beth Tikvah.

Last month, I gave BethTY Co-President Hannah Karr a chance to share her insights after a year of helping to lead our BethTY teens. This month,

it's BethTY Co-President Micah Burkart's turn to share her thoughts.

Read on to learn more about BethTY Co-President Micah Burkart!

L'Shalom,

Marc Hochhauser



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Youth Engagement Director & Religious School Admin.

Reflections on BethTY Leadership - By Micah Burkart



Micah Burkart, BethTY Co-President

proud and honored to be able to look at this amazing group and know that BethTy will be in great hands in the future.

I am beyond thankful to Beth Tikvah, NFTY, and the URJ for giving not only me, but hundreds of other teens across the country a way to become leaders in their communities and work to become their most authentic selves. As my senior year quickly approaches, I am taking in all of the lessons and skills that NFTY has given me, while I look to the future.

Here are just a few of the things that NFTY has taught me: First, always be yourself. The number one thing that NFTY has gifted me is a place where I can be my most authentic self. No matter who that may be NFTY welcomes me with open and loving arms and encourages me to greatness.

Secondly, NFTY has shown me I have a voice, and it deserves to be heard. We are each valid individuals with opinions, thoughts, and concerns.

NFTY and the URJ have given me, and thousands of other Jewish teens, a place and a way to share how we feel and help us use our words to make change in the world.

Third, NFTY gave me a place where I could grow and learn as a leader. I was shown in NFTY that a good leader isn't always the person who speaks the loudest or bosses everyone around. But a good leader is someone who is truly themselves and encourages and enables others to do the same.

In all, what I have gained over my years growing as a Jewish adult is that all you can really do to plan for the future is try your best, be yourself, follow your heart and leave the rest to G-D.

I leave you with the words that Elle Woods told us when she graduated from Harvard Law (in the movie *Legally Blonde*) that I live by everyday, "You must always have faith in people, and, most importantly you must always have faith in yourself."

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Shalom, everyone!
As my term as BethTY Co-President comes to an end, I am able to look back and reflect on the year that we had.

When I started in BethTY my freshman year, we had all of about four people in our youth group. Now, I can look and see our *kehillah kadosha* ("Holy Community") growing at an exponential rate. I'm so

Mazel Tov to our April B'nai Mitzvah!



Cydney Platt

Cydney is a sophomore at Columbus Academy, where she plays volleyball, participates in musical theater, and is on the Service Board. She plays flute and piccolo in the school band, in which she also serves as a band officer. Cydney is a proud GUCI camper and an active member of the BethTY Board, serving as the group's Communication Vice President. For her Mitzvah Project, Cydney and her younger sister, Sophie have made hundreds of seed pods for Habitat for Humanity of Delaware & Union Counties, where families will be given the seed packets as housewarming presents.

Sophie Platt

Sophie is a sixth grader at Columbus Academy. She enjoys singing and participates in the school's choir and musical theater. Sophie loves expressing her creative side through art, especially drawing and painting. She is excited to return to summer camp at GUCI this year.

For their joint Mitzvah Project, sisters Cydney and Sophie have been making hundreds of seed pods. Families receiving new homes through Habitat for Humanity of Delaware & Union Counties will be given the seed packets as housewarming presents representing a welcome gift to our community.



Asher Collins

Asher is a seventh grader in Dublin. In addition to being a state champion bowler and district champ basketball player in Special Olympics, Asher also enjoys playing baseball with his Miracle League team, and being a percussionist in band. He enjoys swimming, sporting events and concerts. For his Mitzvah Project, Asher worked with Form 5 Prosthetics Inc, a nonprofit making affordable adapted prosthetics using open source design and 3D printing technology. He collected #5 plastics for their annual drive and has been helping sort and clean the donations to be recycled in the Form 5 lab. To learn more or make a donation in honor of Asher becoming a Bar Mitzvah, visit: Form5ProstheticsInc.org, or consider donating to www.bridgewayohio.org or The Mother Ship, both local nonprofits that benefit children and families affected by autism.

Brotherhood News

Brotherhood members learned what it takes to live a long life at our March event, featuring a dinner of Katzinger deli delights. Author David Cohen discussed his latest book, *1000 Years of Memories*. According to Cohen, a key to a long life is social interaction, another reason to stay active with Brotherhood! This March, we also had the honor to sponsor the Saturday morning Bagel Breakfast at the Manny Luttinger Memorial Adult Education Shabbaton. Thank you to all who attended these memorable events!

COMING UP! 5:30 p.m., APRIL 10 Dinner Featuring Author & Former OSU Vice President Bill Shkurti & Journalist Todd Jones

For Brotherhood members who remember the "Peace Not War" 1960s and for those who want to learn more about the 1960s: you won't want to miss our April event! On April 10, Brotherhood is hosting a dinner followed by a presentation by Bill Shkurti, an author and retired Ohio State University Vice President, and Todd Jones, a prominent local journalist, about activities at OSU during the tumultuous late 1960s. Bring your draft card with you! **If you have any questions about Brotherhood, please contact Steve Dritz by email, Dritz4OSU@gmail.com, or by phone, 614-561-1665.**

Thanks to Volunteers, Entrants, Sponsors & Guests, Souper Bowl Raised \$12K+ to Send Kids to Camp

Thank you to everyone who made our B'nai Mitzvah Souper Bowl XIII a milestone to remember! The event drew over 400 people who sampled chicken and non-chicken soup, then voted to determine the best soup in Columbus. The Souper Bowl professional category winner for their matzo ball chicken soup was newcomer Harvey & Ed's. Jill Armstrong, Harvey & Ed's General Manager, said: "We were interested in the 'Souper Bowl' because we are a new store and saw it as a great opportunity to get involved with the community and have some fun." Professional entrant Cameron's American Bistro won first place in the non-chicken soup category with a gluten-free cauliflower soup. For amateurs, Matthew Belasco won for best chicken soup, his third year in a row. Mark Siegal won first place with his non-chicken soup recipe for "Summer in February" corn chowder. Proceeds from the Cook-Off provide scholarships for the Jewish Camp Fund. \$12,000+ was raised to help send 25 Beth Tikvah kids to camp this summer! Cans of soup were collected from guests and donated to Holy Family Soup Kitchen. "Thanks to the support of the community and our sponsors, the 13th Anniversary 'Souper Bowl' was a big success," said Jeff Wasserstrom. "Plans are already underway to make next year's event—Souper Bowl 14—even better!" Contact Jeff to learn more at JeffWass@yahoo.com.



Passover First Night Seder - April 19 at 5:30 p.m.

Order tickets at tinyurl.com/BTSederApril19 or fill out the form below.

The Beth Tikvah Seder with family and friends has become one of our most cherished traditions, and is **open to the community**. Please join us!

Prices	Members	Non-Members
Adults (ages 13+)	\$42.00	\$57.00
Children (ages 4-12)	\$25.00	\$30.00
Children (ages 3 & under)	FREE	\$16.00

Families are encouraged to bring their own Seder Plates.

First Night Seder Reservations

The **FIRM DEADLINE** for all reservations is Friday, April 12.

Please make check out to Congregation Beth Tikvah and return form and check to:
Congregation Beth Tikvah, 6121 Olentangy River Rd., Worthington, OH 43085

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

I would like to sit by: _____

Member Adults (13+)

Chicken _____
Brisket _____
Vegetarian _____
Gluten Free _____
Total: _____
x \$42 _____

Member Children (4 - 12)

Chicken _____
Brisket _____
Vegetarian _____
Gluten Free _____
Total: _____
x \$25 _____

Member Children (0-3)

Total: _____
x Free Free

Non-Member Adults (13+)

Chicken _____
Brisket _____
Vegetarian _____
Gluten Free _____
Total: _____
x \$57 _____

Non-Member Children (4 - 12)

Chicken _____
Brisket _____
Vegetarian _____
Gluten Free _____
Total: _____
x \$30 _____

Non-Member Children (0-3)

Chicken _____
Brisket _____
Vegetarian _____
Gluten Free _____
Total: _____
x \$16 _____

How many guests want gefilte fish? ___ (included in meal cost)

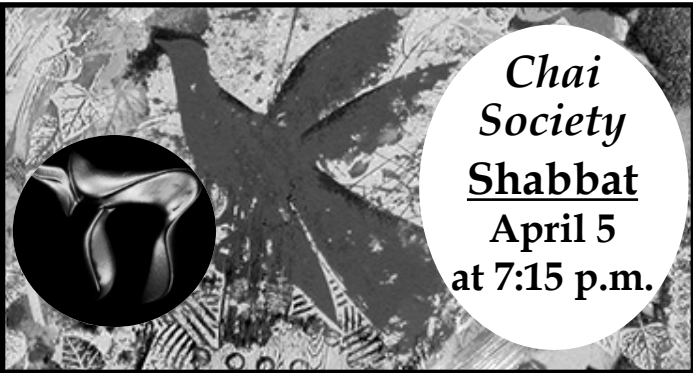
Donations

- To host a Beth Tikvah Family in need \$ _____
 To MAZON \$ _____

You can also sign up for First Night Seder via a link in upcoming News from Beth Tikvah e-newsletters.

Total: \$ _____

Prayer & Learning for the Whole Family



*Chai
Society*
Shabbat
April 5
at 7:15 p.m.

Our Fourth Annual Chai Society Member Shabbat honors all members who have been part of the Beth Tikvah family for 18+ years! The Membership Committee will recognize you at this special Shabbat Vayinafash Service. If you have achieved Chai, Double-Chai or Triple-Chai, please plan on celebrating with your Beth Tikvah family on April 5 as we honor all of our long-standing members. Plus, enjoy a dessert reception and a signature cocktail celebrating YOU!

PARSHAPALOOZA!

Torah Study for "Tweens"

APRIL 6TH
9:45AM-12:30PM

Calling all 4th-6th graders!! Parshapalooza is an NEW program for the 2018-2019 school year. This program is an opportunity for our youth to come together on Shabbat morning for interactive and experiential Torah study, nosh on some bagels and other treats, and attend Shabbat Morning Services together.

The goals of Parshapalooza are to increase our students level of comfort and knowledge in text, build cohesive community, and deepen students understanding of Shabbat morning liturgy in preparation for B'nai Mitzvah. This program is led by Director of Education, Morissa Freiberg,

RSVP:

<https://tinyurl.com/parshaapril>

Shabbat Shaboom! - April 12 at 9 a.m.

Join us in the PJ Library Room at Beth Tikvah for an intergenerational, community Shabbat program for you & your 0-4 year old. In partnership with PJ Library and the JCC North Preschool, we will read a PJ Library story, make challah and sing songs. Email Alyssa Russell at Alyssa@JewishColumbus.org to RSVP.



Family Shabbat Service

with 3rd Grade Participation

Friday, April 12

Join Rabbi Rick, Julie Sapper, and our 3rd Grade Students for an evening of prayer and song!

6:15 p.m. Community Shabbat Dinner
(\$10/adult, \$8/child over 3)

7:15 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service
with 3rd Grade Participation

RSVP by 4/10 at tinyurl.com/FamShabbatApril12

Shabbat with Tikvah Tots!

Friday, April 26 at 5:45 p.m.

This month's Shabbat program for children under 9 includes Parent-Tot participation. We invite all kids in attendance to sing a Shabbat song, enjoy a family-friendly dinner, then crafts. All are welcome to join our Shabbat celebration!

5:45 p.m. - *Service, songs, & story with Rabbi Rick Kellner*

6:15 p.m. - *Kosher for Passover Dinner & craft with Morissa Freiberg*

Kosher for Passover Dinner:
\$10/adult, \$8/kids
(under 3 eat free)



RSVP by 4/23 to tinyurl.com/TikvahTotsApril26

Growing in Wisdom



Shishim: Second Thursday Lunch & Learn

April 11 - 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Includes Lunch with reservation by noon on April 8

Fascinating Topics! Exciting Speakers! This April's include:

(11 a.m.) Are Crows Smarter Than You?

(1 p.m.) Documentary Movie: *Raise the Roof*

At 11 a.m., Barbara Ray, Dublin's Nature Education Coordinator, will explain how crows can use tools, navigate crosswalks, and even help humans! Perhaps the American crow is smarter than you? They are certainly one of the most clever and curious animals in our midst with an immense capacity to evaluate and solve puzzles. Through exploring puzzles of our own we will have fun examining their intelligence.

At 1 p.m., we will watch the documentary film, *Raise the Roof*, which tells the story of the reconstruction of a lost 18th century synagogue. The film follows Rick & Laura Brown as they embark on a 10-year pursuit to reconstruct the elaborate roof and painted ceiling of the Gwozdziec synagogue which was destroyed by the Nazis.

At noon, members and guests can enjoy a delicious meal together: \$12 for members, \$15 for guests; reservations required. **To reserve lunch, email Sally Stefano at sjms4772@gmail.com or call 614-436-4290 by noon April 8.**

Sisters in Spirituality



Sisterhood News: New Gift Shop Items for all your Passover Needs!

We were happy to celebrate 30 years of "Women of the Wall" on March 8 with Rabbi Kellner, Julie Sapper, and our Shironim and Sisterhood participants. We had so much fun at the "Dinner with Your Sister" that we have a date set for the next one: May 1! Join the fun! Kick-off for WINGO 2019 planning coming soon!

Our Gift Shop now features specialty items for Passover, with many new items just arriving. We have spent hours searching the internet for beautiful and affordable Judaica from artists all over the world. We've done the work for you! Be sure to stop in soon - some items are selling as we unpack them! Our Gift Shop is open Sundays during Religious School and by appointment. **For more info or to join Sisterhood, contact Rachel Lambermont at RachelLambermont@gmail.com.**

Women of Reform Judaism Tzedakah Collective

Sunday, April 14, from 3-5 p.m.

at Temple Beth Shalom (5089 Johnstown Rd., New Albany)

The Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) Central Ohio Tzedakah Collective will learn about the non-profit GROWLERS DOG BONES, which provides employment opportunities and teaches meaningful life skills for adults who are autistic or have other disabilities. Amy Nolttenmyer, founder and mother of an autistic young adult, will describe her motivation and mission to create a vocational training program for her son and others with disabilities. They really do make dog biscuits from donated microbrewery by-products! (Amy will bring some to sell!) All Reform Jewish women in Central Ohio are invited to attend!



The Tzedakah Collective is a women's philanthropy group that learns about the mission and needs of local nonprofits whose work is consistent with our Jewish values. Collectively, we determine how grant money is distributed. A tax-deductible donation of \$60+ is all that is necessary to become a Tzedakah Collective member. Attendance at bi-monthly meetings isn't required - you can participate "virtually!" RSVP not required but helpful. Email marshapond@msn.com to learn more!

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Weekend with Dr. Cantor Evan Kent
Friday, May 17 - Sunday, May 19
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Friday, May 17 - Community Shabbat Dinner @ 6:15 p.m., Evening Service @ 7:15 p.m. followed by Lecture "Jews as Consummate Storytellers": Dr. Cantor Evan Kent will speak on how Jews are consummate storytellers. Our holidays, festivals, and celebrations are filled with stories. The Torah, Talmud, and Midrash are also full of stories used to inform and educate. Even the stories our grandmothers shared are vital in the transmission of culture and tradition. Evan will share with us the power and vitality of storytelling and how we can assure these important stories remain part of our heritage.

Saturday, May 18 at 10 a.m. - Shabbat Morning Torah Study with Bagels & Nosh

As part of our Saturday morning Torah study, Cantor Kent will share insights for this week's Parashah from the perspective of the sacred stories that are found not only in the Torah, but in the Midrash and the Talmud. How do the stories from the sages inform and enlighten our perspective on this week's Torah portion?

Saturday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m. - Features the performance of *Shards: Putting the Pieces Together*

Cantor Evan Kent will perform his one-man musical play for us, delighting us with his puppetry, songs, and stories, appropriate for ages 12+, as he tells the story of his grandparents' emigration from Europe to the U.S. in the early 20th century.

Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with Light Snacks - *Chad Gad Yah: The Story of the Goat*

Goats are famous in Jewish storytelling! We'll look at how one particular story about goats ("The Story of the Goat" by Shay Agnon) is told and retold across the generations. We will examine not only this story but the stories that constitute our own lives - how these tales are repeated differently and why this occurs. How can we hold onto our own life stories? How can we make our stories relevant and meaningful for our children and grandchildren?

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Congregation Beth Tikvah



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April 2-May 7

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Civil Discourse with Rabbi Kellner
Monday, April 22 at 7 p.m.

Join us for a "Conversation on Civil Discourse" - an ongoing discussion of current events - in politics, in our communities, and in our homes. Topic TBD - look in News From Beth Tikvah for more info or call the office at 614.885.6286 to RSVP.

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Congregation Beth Tikvah presents
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at tinyurl.com/BTSpringFundraiser2019 and
receive a FREE raffle ticket for every
reservation!

Sponsorship opportunities are available at individual or corporate levels. We're also collecting donations for the Silent Auction-- if you know of a restaurant or small business, gift cards always make great auction items!

Let's party!

Help us plan: volunteer, donate, or sponsor the Party of the Year! Email Sheri Scaglione at sheris@columbus.rr.com to learn more about sponsorship and volunteer opportunities.

Spring Flower Sale Order Form

Return order forms by April 22. Forms available in lobby. Our Annual Flower Sale from Thorsen's Greenhouse will be ready in time for Mother's Day gifts, with all proceeds supporting Beth Tikvah!

Order flats and baskets of beautiful flowers from Thorsen's Greenhouse in time for Mother's Day gift-giving or to enjoy in your own yard. **Proceeds support Beth Tikvah!**

PRE-PAID orders must be placed by Monday, April 22, 2019.
Make checks payable to *Beth Tikvah*. Return orders and checks to the temple office.

Flowers will be delivered to the temple for pick up on **Wednesday, May 8, 2019, from 4 - 6 p.m.**

Name: _____
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- Sun/Partial Ivy Geraniums Red Pink Lavender Salmon Rose
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- Judy & Herb Weisberg

For more information about the different funds, please visit our website, www.bethtikvahcolumbus.org.

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April - Adar II / Nisan

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 12 p.m. Women's Torah Study 4-7 p.m. Small Group Hebrew 6:30 p.m. Adult B'nai Mitzvah	2 10 a.m. Garden Buds 4-7 p.m. Small Group Hebrew 7:30 p.m. Rabbi Huber's "Jewish Spiritual Literature"	3 4-7 p.m. Small Group Hebrew	4 NFTY-OV Spring Kallah in Indianapolis 8:30 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting 10 a.m. Adult Hebrew 12:30 p.m. Kibbitz and Kraft 4-7 p.m. Small Group Hebrew	5 NFTY-OV Spring Kallah in Indianapolis 7:15 p.m. Chai Society Shabbat Vayinafash Evening Service	6 NFTY-OV Spring Kallah in Indianapolis 9 a.m. Torah Study 9:45 a.m. Parshapalooza: Torah Study for Tweens 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service celebrating the B'not Mitzvah of Sophie & Cydney Platt
7 NFTY-OV Spring Kallah in Indianapolis 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Mitzvah Day (Begins with Pancake Breakfast, Projects Start at 10 a.m.) 9:30 a.m. Presidential Office Hours 12:15/1:15 p.m. Small Group Hebrew 7 p.m. Sunday Night Study Group	8 4-7 p.m. Small Group Hebrew 6:30 p.m. Adult B'nai Mitzvah 7 p.m. Shironim Rehearsal	9 10 a.m. Garden Buds 12 p.m. Sisterhood Book Club 4-7 p.m. Small Group Hebrew 7:30 p.m. Rabbi Huber's "Jewish Spiritual Literature"	10 4-7 p.m. Small Group Hebrew 5:30 p.m. Brotherhood Dinner	11 10 a.m. Adult Hebrew 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Shishim Lunch & Learn 4-7 p.m. Small Group Hebrew 7:30 p.m. Board Meeting	12 9 a.m. Shabbat ShaBOOM! 6:15 p.m. Family Shabbat Dinner 7:15 p.m. Family Shabbat Evening Service with 3rd Grade Participation	13 9 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service celebrating the Bar Mitzvah of Asher Collins
14 9:30 a.m. Religious School 6th Grade Family Learning 11 a.m. PJ Library Palooza! with Author Marjorie Ingall 12 p.m. Madrichim Lunch & Learn 12:15 p.m./1:15 p.m. Small Group Hebrew 12:30 p.m. Post-Confirmation Teen Program 7 p.m. Brotherhood Board Meeting	15 4-7 p.m. Small Group Hebrew 6:30 p.m. Adult B'nai Mitzvah	16 10 a.m. Garden Buds 10 a.m. Shishim Committee Meeting 4-7 p.m. Small Group Hebrew 7:30 p.m. Rabbi Huber's "Jewish Spiritual Literature"	17 4-7 p.m. Small Group Hebrew	18 10 a.m. Adult Hebrew 12:30 p.m. Kibbitz and Kraft 1 p.m. Caregiver Support Group 4-7 p.m. Small Group Hebrew	19 5 p.m. Pre-Passover Prayer Service 5:30 p.m. Passover Begins First Night Seder	20 NO Torah Study
21 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL OR SMALL GROUP HEBREW THIS WEEK	22 NO SMALL GROUP HEBREW THIS WEEK 6:30 p.m. Adult B'nai Mitzvah 7 p.m. Civil Discourse 7 p.m. Shironim Rehearsal	23 NO SMALL GROUP HEBREW THIS WEEK 10 a.m. Garden Buds 7:30 p.m. Rabbi Huber's "Jewish Spiritual Literature"	24 NO SMALL GROUP HEBREW THIS WEEK	25 NO SMALL GROUP HEBREW THIS WEEK 10 a.m. Adult Hebrew 12:30 p.m. Kibbitz and Kraft	26 5:45 p.m. Tikvah Tots with Parent Tot Participation 6:15 p.m. Tikvah Tots Dinner 7:15 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with Yizkor	27 NO Torah Study 7 p.m. BethTY Elections & Lock-In
28 9:30 a.m. Religious School Parent Tot 12:15 p.m./1:15 p.m. Small Group Hebrew 12:30 p.m. Teen Program 2:30 p.m. Geshet Hebrew 7 p.m. Sunday Night Study Group	29 4-7 p.m. Small Group Hebrew 6:30 p.m. Adult B'nai Mitzvah	30 10 a.m. Garden Buds 4-7 p.m. Small Group Hebrew 7:30 p.m. Rabbi Huber's "Jewish Spiritual Literature"	<div style="background-color: #808080; color: white; padding: 10px; border: 2px solid white;"> <h2 style="margin: 0;">Save-the-Date!</h2> <h1 style="margin: 0;">Resler Scholar-in-Residence Weekend: May 17-19</h1> <p style="margin: 0;"><i>To read more & RSVP for this enriching weekend of study, check out pg. 11!</i></p> </div>			

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