

THE TIFERETH ISRAEL FORUM

January/February 2019 | Teivett/Sh'vat/Adar I 5779

Tu Bishvat: The Birthday of the Trees
Monday, January 21, 2019

Inclusion Shabbat

Jan. 4 & Feb. 1 | 7:30 pm | Katz Chapel

A warm and meaningful Kabbalat Shabbat for people and families with special needs. All are welcome. For more information, contact Helen Miller at 614-236-4764.

Boker Tov Shabbat

Jan. 5 & Feb. 2 | 11:00 am | Katz Chapel

A special Shabbat celebration for children up to age 5 and their grown-ups. For more information, contact Morgan at 614-928-3286 or mlevin@tiferethisrael.org.

Shabbat Neshamah

Jan. 18 & Feb. 15 | 6:00 pm | Katz Chapel

Nurture your spirit with Kabbalat Shabbat. We start getting in the Shabbat mood in the Atrium at 5:30 pm with some wine and cheese, generously sponsored by Fran & Steve Lesser, before moving into the chapel for a service filled with singing, poetry, prayer, and meditation.

Anniversary Shabbat

Jan. 19 & Feb. 16 | 9:30 am | Sanctuary

Each month, congregants celebrating a wedding anniversary are invited onto the bimah during Shabbat morning services for the honor of an aliyah and a sweet gift.

Member Appreciation Shabbat

February 23 | 9:30 am | Sanctuary

We take some time on this special Shabbat to express sincere appreciation for all the people who make Congregation Tifereth Israel possible - its members.

Sisterhood/Men's Club Shabbat

March 1 | 6:00 pm | Katz Chapel

March 2 | 9:30 am | Sanctuary

Members of our auxiliary organizations will lead portions of the Shabbat service and the congregation will take a moment to recognize their contribution to the shul.

On the cover: A suspended orange tree grows on the streets of Jaffa.

Shabbat Service Schedule

Va'era

Friday Evening Service
Inclusion Shabbat
Shabbat Warmup – ShabbaTunes
Shabbat Morning Service
Young Peoples' Synagogue
Boker Tov Shabbat

January 4-5/28 Teiveit

6:00 pm
7:30 pm
9:00 am
9:30 am
10:30 am
11:00 am

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Friday Evening Service
Shabbat Warmup – Torah Talks Parsha Study
Shabbat Morning Service – Gabrielle Schiff, bat mitzvah
Young Peoples' Synagogue

January 11-12/6 Sh'vat

6:00 pm
9:00 am
9:30 am
10:30 am

B'shalach - Anniversary Shabbat

Wine & Cheese Oneg
Shabbat Neshamah: Friday Evening Musical Mindfulness Service
Shabbat Warmup – Shabbat Stretch: Light Yoga & Mindfulness
Shabbat Morning Service – Shabbat Shira & Chelsea Wasserstrom, bat mitzvah
Young Peoples' Synagogue

January 18-19/13 Sh'vat

5:30 pm
6:00 pm
9:00 am
9:30 am
10:30 am

Yitro - Scholar-in-Residence Shabbat

Friday Evening Service
Shabbat Dinner - by reservation
Shabbat Warmup – Mah Chadash: What's News in Israel
Shabbat Morning Service – sermon by Scholar in Residence
Young Peoples' Synagogue
Kiddush – Scholar in Residence learning - *Jews and God Talk: The Promise of Jewish Feminist Theology*

January 25-26/20 Sh'vat

6:00 pm
7:15 pm
9:00 am
9:30 am
10:30 am
12:30 pm

Mishpatim - First Grade Consecration

Friday Evening Service
Inclusion Shabbat
Shabbat Warmup – Torah Talks Parsha Study
Shabbat Morning Service
Young Peoples' Synagogue
Boker Tov Shabbat

February 1-2/27 Sh'vat

6:00 pm
7:30 pm
9:00 am
9:30 am
10:30 am
11:00 am

T'rumah

Friday Evening Service
Shabbat Warmup – ShabbaTunes
Shabbat Morning Service – Rose Levy, bat mitzvah
Young Peoples' Synagogue

February 8-9/4 Adar I

6:00 pm
9:00 am
9:30 am
10:30 am

T'tzaveh - Anniversary Shabbat

Wine & Cheese Oneg
Shabbat Neshamah: Friday Evening Musical Mindfulness Service
Shabbat Warmup – Shabbat Stretch: Light Yoga & Mindfulness
Shabbat Morning Service – Maya Snyder, bat mitzvah
Young Peoples' Synagogue

February 15-16/11 Adar I

5:30 pm
6:00 pm
9:00 am
9:30 am
10:30 am

Ki Tissa - Member Appreciation Shabbat

Friday Evening Service
Shabbat Warmup – MaChadash: What's News in Israel
Shabbat Morning Service
Young Peoples' Synagogue

February 22-23/18 Adar I

6:00 pm
9:00 am
9:30 am
10:30 am

Vayakhel - Sisterhood/Men's Club Shabbat

Friday Evening Service
Inclusion Shabbat
Shabbat Warmup – Wild Card
Shabbat Morning Service – Shabbat Shekalim
Young Peoples' Synagogue

March 1-2/25 Adar I

6:00 pm
7:30 pm
9:00 pm
9:30 am
10:30 am



CONGREGATION TIFEREETH ISRAEL
2019/5779 SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE
**#METOO & TORAH:
FEMINIST JUDAISM**
JANUARY 25-27, 2019

FEATURING
**DRS. JUDITH PLASKOW &
MARTHA ACKELSBERG**
FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

Friday Evening Service
6:00 pm

Shabbat Dinner & Discussion
#metoo & Torah: Judaism & Feminism in 2019
7:15 pm

\$36/person • \$25/Aleph Member (20s & 30s)
RSVP at: bit.ly/CTIScholarinResidenceShabbat

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

Shabbat Morning Services with Sermon by Prof. Judith Plaskow
Followed by Kiddush & Learning
Jews and God-talk: The Promise of Jewish Feminist Theology
9:30 am

Free and open to the public

Sponsors-Only Wine & Cheese Reception
6:45 pm

Community Havdallah
7:30 pm

Dessert & Panel Discussion
Keep On Keeping On: Fifty Years of Jewish Feminist Revolution
7:45 pm

Free and open to the public

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

Tifereth Israel Hebrew High School Program
Judaism and Feminism: The Next Generation
10:00 am

Free and open to all Columbus-area teens



Plaskow

Judith Plaskow is Professor Emerita of Religious Studies at Manhattan College and a Jewish feminist theologian. She received her B.A. from Clark University in 1968 and her Ph.D. from Yale in 1975. She has authored many books on the intersection of religion and feminism, including, "Standing Again at Sinai," the first work of Jewish feminist theology. **Martha Ackelsberg** is the

William R. Kenan Jr. Professor Emerita of Government and Professor Emerita of the Study of Women & Gender at Smith College. Much of her work has been an exploration of what she terms applied feminist theory, specifically constructions of gender and citizenship.



Ackelsberg

Niggun & Music Havurah

Monthly | Wednesdays | 7:30 pm

Join the joy of music, both vocal and instrumental, with this new experimental "jam session" led by Cantor Chomsky. Register at: bit.ly/CTINiggun5779. For more information, call 614-928-3295 or email jchomsky@tiferethisrael.org. FREE. We will meet at 7:30 pm (following Dinner, Drinks & Drash) on:

- January 9
- February 27
- March 27
- April 24
- May 22

Perek Yomi with Rabbi Skolnik

Weekly | Tuesdays | 8:30 to 9:30 am

Explore a new chapter of the Hebrew Bible each week, beginning with "In the beginning" and moving onward from there! Drop in for a few sessions, or make it a regular part of your week! Bring your favorite Hebrew Bible. New students welcome at any time. Register at: bit.ly/CTIPerekYomi5779. For information, contact Joy at jconteras@tiferethisrael.org or 614-928-3291. FREE. Can't get there? Watch it at facebook.com/CTIcbus/videos.

Social Justice Seder

January 20 | 3:00 to 4:00 pm | MLK Library

We will celebrate Tu B'shvat (the birthday of the trees) and honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a special environmental social justice seder in partnership with Pastor Jeffery Kee and our friends from the New Faith Baptist Church of Christ. Space is limited. Please contact Program Director Rebecca Haimowitz-King at 614-928-3287 or rhaimowitz@tiferethisrael.org to RSVP.

Sisterhood/Men's Club Shabbat Dinner

Save the Date: March 1 | 7:15 pm

Sponsored by Tifereth Israel Sisterhood and Men's Club and the congregation in honor of Sisterhood/Men's Club Shabbat. Details forthcoming.



5779 CONSECRATION

First Graders

Cobi Abeles
Corey Cooper
Kate Grischkan
Ellison Gutter
Beatrice Ketner
Mila Lewin
Declan Moran
Neve Moran
Dominic Pesetsky
Eliana Rubin
Liav Skolnik
Theodore Smith

*The congregation
is cordially invited
to join our first graders and
their families as they
officially begin
their Jewish educational
journey of discovery!*

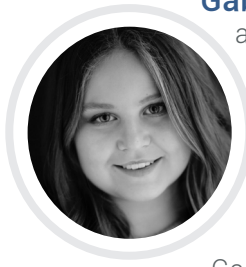
*Festive Kiddush following
Shabbat morning services*

February 2, 2019
During Services
Tifereth Israel



B'not Mitzvah

Gabrielle Elizabeth Schiff will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on **Saturday, January 12, 2019.**

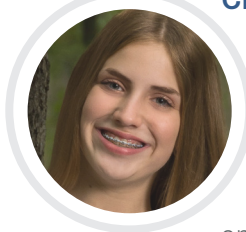


Gabrielle is the daughter of Stephanie Schiff and Scott Wilson Schiff; the sister of Jared Schiff, Zachary & Courtney Schiff, Lexi Schiff, and Emma Schiff; and the granddaughter of Robert Schiff, Shirley Wilson Schiff Levitin, z"l, Deborah Carmean, and Terry Carmean, z"l.

Gabrielle is a seventh grader at Bexley Middle School and attends the Samuel M. Melton Religious School. She received her bat mitzvah instruction from Eran Rosenberg and Cantor Jack Chomsky. Gabrielle loves tennis, singing, piano, and baking.

Stephanie and Scott cordially invite relatives, friends, and members of the congregation to worship with them and join them on this happy occasion for a kiddush luncheon in honor of Gabrielle at the conclusion of services.

Chelsea Jordan Wasserstrom will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on **Saturday, January 19, 2019.**

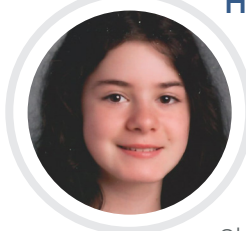


Chelsea is the daughter of Julie & Brad Wasserstrom, sister of Emily, and the granddaughter of Donna & Rodney Wasserstrom and Judi & Gary Cooper, all of Columbus, Ohio.

Chelsea is a seventh grader at Bexley Middle School and attends the Samuel M. Melton Religious School. She received her bat mitzvah instruction from Greg Margulies and Sari Goldson. Chelsea plays piano and enjoys reading, watching Netflix, and karate.

Julie & Brad cordially invite relatives, friends, and members of the congregation to worship with them and join them on this happy occasion for a kiddush luncheon in honor of Chelsea at the conclusion of services.

Hamutal Rose Levy will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on **Saturday, February 9, 2019.** Hamutal is the daughter of Chen-Li & Albert Levy, the sister of Gabriel, and the granddaughter of Caroline & Victor Levy, Zilla Loon, and Joseph Loon, z"l.



Hamutal is a seventh grader at Bexley Middle School and attends the Samuel M. Melton Religious School.

She received her bat mitzvah instruction from Cantor Jack Chomsky and from her mother. Hamutal is a blue belt in karate and loves to read.

Chen-Li & Albert cordially invite relatives, friends, and members of the congregation to join them on this happy occasion for a kiddush luncheon in honor of Hamutal at the conclusion of services.

Maya Snyder will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on **Saturday, February 16, 2019.** Maya is the daughter of Kim & Adam Snyder and the granddaughter of Barbara & Stanley Rabner, Mary Dee & Bernie Caplin, Barry Miller, and Eric & Kathy Snyder.



Maya is a seventh grader at Bexley Middle School and attends the Samuel M. Melton Religious School.

She received her bat mitzvah instruction from Cantor Jack Chomsky and Emma Segerman. Maya enjoys spending time with friends and family and playing volleyball and basketball.

Kim & Adam cordially invite relatives, friends, and members of the congregation to join them on this happy occasion for a kiddush luncheon in honor of Maya at the conclusion of services.

New Year Brings New Youth Shabbat Experience

Rabbi Hillel Skolnik | hskolnik@tiferethisrael.org



Each year, as the secular calendar changes, I am overcome with gratitude that while the rest of the world only has one chance to commit themselves to a New Year's resolution, we have two (actually we have 5 since there are 4 Rosh Hashanahs in the Jewish calendar year; however, that is a topic for a different article). We have Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, and now, as 2018 becomes 2019, we can once again think about new things that we would like to be part of our lives. We have a chance to continue planning for the future, envision new concepts and re-envision those that have been part of our lives, but could use a reboot.

One such program that comes to mind in this moment, is what we call YPS, which means either "Young Peoples' Service," "Young Person's Synagogue," or some combination of the two. In either event, we are taking this opportunity to reinvent this program to better suit the needs of our congregation, specifically the educational and spiritual needs of our grade-school students. Here's the plan:

Beginning in March and working on a two-week rotation, one week will be a Junior Congregation-style service, held downstairs in the pit, followed by a creative learning opportunity for the kids in attendance. The service and learning afterwards will typically

be led by Rabbi Braver, Youth & Family Director Morgan Levin, or me. It will mean that Rabbi Braver and I will be spending less time on the bimah together during the latter part of the service, but we both believe in being an active part of a successful experience for our students on Shabbat mornings.

On the second Shabbat in our rotation we will host a "Shabbat Clubhouse" for our grade school students, with fun activities and games. Following this primarily social time those in attendance will be invited onto the bimah to lead the Musaf service along with Cantor Chomsky, or whoever is leading on that particular Shabbat. We hope that this chance to be part of leading the adult service will help build the confidence of our students as they grow toward being leaders in our main sanctuary.

Yes, this is a bit of a work in progress and there may be changes along the way, but as 5779 continues into 2019, and as we continue to dream together of our future, I hope that you will be a part of this new and exciting experience at Tifereth Israel.

Mazal Tov To...

Rachel & Jeffrey Danziger and Ilene & Neil Danziger on the birth of their daughter and granddaughter, Eliza Ruth Danziger.

Jan & Mike Price on the birth of their granddaughter, Hannah Elizabeth Gray.

Helen Chronister on the promotion of her son-in-law, Jared W. Howard (Amy), to Lieutenant Colonel of the U.S. Air Force.

Todah Rabah!

The congregation is grateful for the sponsorship of Shabbat kiddush by: **Hilary Griffith and Joselin Linder**, in honor of the first yearzeit of their mother, Rhoda Linder, and the victims of the shooting at Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, on November 3.

Louis Lowy, in honor of his grandson, Ethan Botkin, becoming a bar mitzvah, on November 10.

Irina & David Bilenko, in honor of their son, Benjamin Bilenko, becoming a bar mitzvah, on November 17.

Maria & Steven Glimcher, in honor of their daughter, Sasha Glimcher, becoming a bat mitzvah, on November 24.

The Derrow family, in honor of Gabrielle Derrow becoming a bat mitzvah on December 8.

Milestone Anniversaries January

Donna & Rodney Wasserstrom 50

February

Anita & Bruce Freimark 50

Bonnie & Bob Reichgott 50

Lisa & Joseph Levy 25

Daily Services

Sunday 9:00 am & 5:00 pm

Monday - Thursday 7:30 am & 5:30 pm

Friday 7:30 am & 6:00 pm

Office Closings

The Tifereth Israel administrative offices will be closed on the following dates:

Tuesday, January 1 - New Year's Day

Monday, January 21 - Tu B'Shvat/MLK Day

Transitions: Making Sense of Life's Changes

Mondays: January 7, February 4 & March 4

7:00 to 8:30 pm

Led by the Tifereth Israel clergy team and the Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens, Senior Minister of First Congregational Church

We face the challenge of change every day. Using the story of the Exodus as a model, we will explore strategies for how to handle the ups and downs of life's constant changes.



Register at: bit.ly/CTITransition5779

Torah Trope Tutorial

2nd & 4th Sundays | 10:00 to 11:00 am

Learn how to chant the Torah trope or refresh your memory with Dr. Jerry Benis. Basic Hebrew reading skills required. FREE. Register at: bit.ly/CTITrope5779. For information: jerrybenis@yahoo.com. FREE.

So A Rabbi Walks Into A Bar. . .

February 25 | 6:30 pm | Seventh Son Brewing

It's no joke! Join Rabbi Braver and friends from Tifereth Israel for a relaxed, casual drink and conversation with co-host Moishe House Columbus. For more information, or to suggest a gathering place, email Joy at jcontreras@tiferethisrael.org or call 614-928-3291.

Lunch & Learn Downtown

January 16 & February 27 | 12:00 to 1:00 pm

Enjoy some stimulating conversation and Jewish learning over a FREE veggie/dairy lunch. In January we will discuss why the Israelites didn't take a shortcut through the desert. In February, we will explore leap months and other oddities of the Hebrew calendar. Location to be determined. Lunch is sponsored by Marty & Debra Rosenthal and Fran & Steve Lesser. Led by Rabbis Skolnik and Braver. RSVP at: bit.ly/CTILunchDowntown5779. Email Joy at jcontreras@tiferethisrael.org or call 614-928-3291 for information. Can't get there? Watch it live or later at facebook.com/CTIcbus/videos.

Book Group: Feminist Theology

Weekly | Friday | 8:15 to 9:15 am

Join the conversation between two feminist theologians, Dr. Judith Plaskow and Carol P. Christ, as they debate the nature of divinity in the world, beginning from the premise that the transcendent, omnipotent, male God of traditional theologies must be re-understood. No registration required and new members welcome. For information, contact Joy at jcontreras@tiferethisrael.org or 614-928-3291. FREE.

Musical Opportunities Abound at Home and Abroad

Cantor Jack Chomsky | jchomsky@tiferethisrael.org



Off to Africa!

As I mentioned in the last Forum, I am preparing to embark on an amazing adventure – as one of the leaders of a contingent of Cantors Assembly members visiting the Abayudaya Jewish community in Uganda. My wife, Susan, will join me and eight other Cantors Assembly members as we fly to Entebbe and then travel on to Kampala, Mbale and other communities in Uganda.

This community was founded 100 years ago by a tribal chief who chose to pursue "Old Testament" lifestyle and values as a response to attempts to convert him and his tribe to Christianity. For 70 years or so, they persisted in maintaining their life of Jewish intention against serious odds – including terrifying abuse during the time of Idi Amin. It wasn't until the 1990s that they really established firm contacts with Jews from elsewhere.

They are known, among other things, for their unique music. We'll be doing some recordings of that music – and going in various directions to connect with numerous aspects of their inspiring community.

Look for opportunities to connect with me after my return in early February. I'll be speaking on a Shabbat morning, and at some other times too.

Purim!

We typically begin our fun Purimspiel preparations in January each year. This year, Purim is a little later than "average" because it's a Jewish leap year (meaning that we add a month to the Jewish calendar before we get to Purim).

Our group of Purimspiel participants includes people who have been involved for many years and newcomers. It's one of the more diverse groups in the synagogue.

Please consider being part of it. Contact me at 614-928-3295, jchomsky@tiferethisrael.org, or cantorjc@aol.com to get involved. You don't even have to go on stage. There are other valuable things for you to do.

Wednesday Evening Music

We'd love to have you join us in singing or playing an instrument in our Niggun & Music Havurah. We are working on building the group into an in-house band that can enhance Friday nights and other occasions. We meet on select Wednesdays at 7:30 pm, following Dinner, Drinks & Drash (which is held from 6:00 to 7:30 pm). Our 2019 sessions are on Jan. 9, Feb. 27, March 27, April 24, May 22.



Save the Date
Saturday, February 9
7:15 pm
Sushi & Sake
\$36/person
\$20/30 & under or 65 & over
A night of fun & sushi with your friends from Tifereth Israel



FREE HEBREW CRASH COURSE: LEVEL II

SIX TUESDAY NIGHTS, 6:00 TO 7:30 PM
JANUARY 8, 15, 22, 29 & FEBRUARY 5, 12

Already know the Hebrew aleph-bet? Review your reading skills while learning basic prayer vocabulary, grammar, and phrases from Adon Olam, Lecha Dodi, and other familiar prayers.



Space is limited. Register online at:
bit.ly/CTIHebrewCrashII2019

Congregation Tifereth Israel
2019/5779 Scholar-in-Residence
Weekend

January 25-27, 2019

#METOO & TORAH:
FEMINIST JUDAISM
Featuring Drs. Judith Plaskow
& Martha Ackelsberg

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Your support helps make Tifereth Israel Scholar-in-Residence programs accessible to the entire Tifereth Israel community, regardless of ability to pay.

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Sarah the Matriarch: \$118
Shabbat Dinner for two (2)

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Shabbat Dinner for two (2)
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Director Rebecca Haimowitz-King
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614-928-3287.

2019 Tifereth Israel Snowbirds' Lunch with Rabbi Hillel Skolnik

West Coast

Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2019
11:15 am

Naples Flatbread Kitchen & Bar
10801 Corkscrew Rd., #520
Estero, FL 33928

East Coast

Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2019
12:00 pm

Ben's Kosher Deli & Restaurant
9942 Clint Moore Road
Boca Raton, FL 33498

RSVP by Thursday, February 14, to Joy at
jcontreras@tiferethisrael.org or 614-928-3291



Rashi+ Weekly Torah Study

Weekly | Thursdays | 8:15 to 9:15 am

Study the classic commentary of Rashi, plus other Medieval Torah commentators, through careful reading and lively discussion. No Hebrew knowledge needed. New students always welcome. No registration required. Led by Rabbi Berman. For more information, contact Joy at jcontreras@tiferethisrael.org or 614-928-3291. FREE.

Kavannah: Jewish Mindfulness Practice & Study

Two Sessions on Mondays, 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Session II: March 11 & 25, April 8

Session III: June 17 & 24

Rabbi Braver and Beth Brown lead the exploration of the deep roots of mindfulness practice and *kavannah*, focus in prayer, in the Jewish textual tradition, from the time of the Talmudic rabbis through the Hassidic mystics of Eastern Europe. Then, join us in trying out a variety of guided meditation exercises. Whether you've never meditated before or are a mindfulness master, there will be something new to experience in a friendly, safe, and affirming environment. FREE. For more information, contact Joy at jcontreras@tiferethisrael.org or 614-928-3291. Register online at bit.ly/CTIKavannahII5779.

Short Story Discussion Group

Weekly | Wednesdays | 10:30 to 11:30 am
February 27 through April 10

Have you been wanting to join a book club but never seem to have time to read the book? Our lively short-story discussion group is the perfect alternative. All are welcome. Register at: bit.ly/CTIShortStory5779. Contact Helen Chronister, librarian, at 614-253-8523 or hchronister@tiferethisrael.org for more information or to get started. FREE.

From Boychikz Il Mensch: A Celebration of Jewish Music



Monday, January 14
7:30 pm

FREE

Featuring: The Ben Gelber Band

A program of the Tifereth Israel Cultural Arts Fund

6th - 8th Graders!

GET READY FOR AN AWESOME

KADIMA KINNUS

FEBRUARY 1 - 3, 2019

@ TIFERETH ISRAEL



A weekend full of fun, friends, and Shabbat programming!
FREE for Tifereth Israel members attending their first kinnus and having completed their b'nei mitzvah!
Host in your home - you don't have to have kids!

Contact Morgan for more information at mlevin@tiferethisrael.org
Register today at regpacks.com/crusy1819

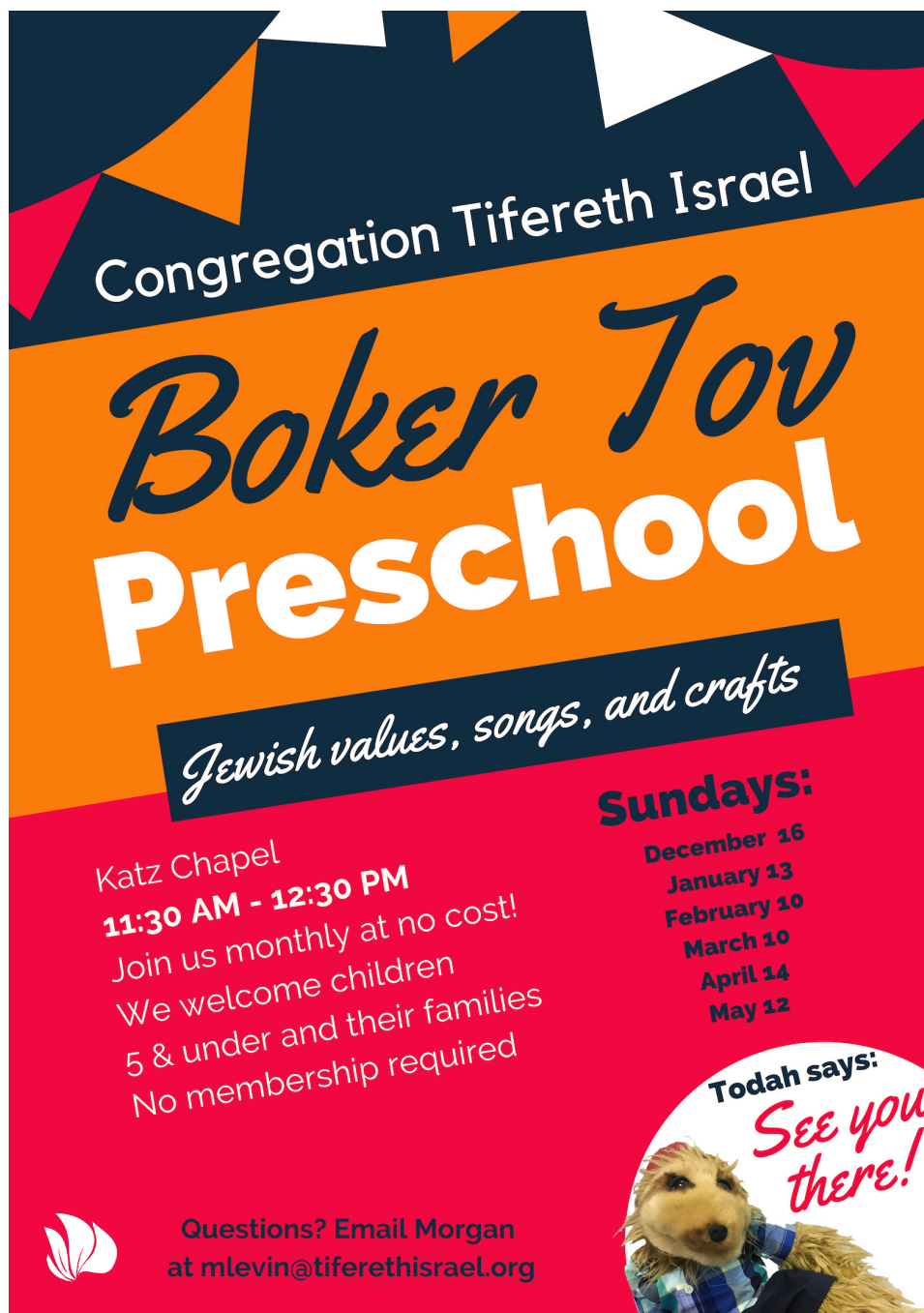


Northeast Potluck Shabbat Dinner

Friday, February 22
6:00 pm

Welcome Shabbat at this family-friendly dinner hosted by the Willen family. The main dish will be provided and Guests are asked to bring a dairy/vegetarian dish to share.

RSVP at bit.ly/NEShabbatFeb
For more information, contact Rebecca at 614-928-3287 or rhaimowitz@tiferethisrael.org



Congregation Tifereth Israel

Boker Tov Preschool

Jewish values, songs, and crafts

Katz Chapel
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Join us monthly at no cost!
We welcome children 5 & under and their families
No membership required

Sundays:
December 16
January 13
February 10
March 10
April 14
May 12

Todah says:
See you there!

Questions? Email Morgan at mlevin@tiferethisrael.org

Pray & Mean It

January 14 & February 11, 25 | 6:30 to 7:30 pm
Why do we pray what we pray? What can I do to feel less lost in the prayer service? How can I connect more deeply with the poetry and melodies of the siddur? Join Cantor Chomsky in conversation and study on these questions and more. FREE. Register at: bit.ly/CTIPray5779. For information, contact Joy at jcontreras@tiferethisrael.org or 614-928-3291. FREE.

Israel Discussion Group

Monthly | Second Shabbat | 12:30 pm
Rob Cohen leads a thoughtful discussion of an Israel-related news article or topic during Shabbat kiddush luncheon. FREE. All are welcome.
For more information, contact Rob at rcohen@porterwright.com.

Mindfulness Minyan

Sunday, January 20 | 10:30 am
Based on the traditional shacharit (morning) service, join us for a spiritual, musical experience that integrates elements of yoga and mindfulness meditation with accessible, core elements of Jewish tefilah (prayer). Bagels and mimosas to follow. At It Looks Like It's Open, 13 East Tulane Road, Columbus, 43202.

Study Circle: Hassidic Teachings

Weekly | Wednesdays | 9:30 to 10:30 am
February 27 through April 10
While Hassidic tales have become widely known to modern audiences, the profound spiritual teachings that stand at the very heart of Hassidism have remained a closed book for all except scholars. Join us in studying these extraordinary teachings, made accessible and in translation through Art Green's "Speaking Torah." Register at: bit.ly/CTIHassidicTeachings5779. For information, contact Joy at jcontreras@tiferethisrael.org or 614-928-3291. FREE. Can't join us? Watch it live or later at facebook.com/CTIcbus/videos.

2018/5779 Kol Nidre Appeal

The leadership of Congregation Tifereth Israel offers its most sincere gratitude to and acknowledges all those* whose generous contributions to the 2018/5779 Kol Nidre Appeal will enable us to continue to meet the needs of our congregational family. Contributions to the synagogue of any size are always appreciated. To discuss a new or additional gift to Tifereth Israel, please contact Executive Director Steve Friedman at 614-928-3269 or sfriedman@tiferethisrael.org.

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Why I love Tifereth Israel

Leslie Rosen



When I was growing up in Cleveland, the synagogue was the center of my family's life. My parents were officers and board members of the synagogue, as well as its many affiliate organizations. My sister and I attended weekday Hebrew classes through high school, and we spent our summers on the day camp staff through college and beyond. My friends and social life in high school revolved around USY, an experience that I still credit today with the leadership skills and love for Judaism that have played such a big role in who I am. It seemed that every conversation at the dinner table in my childhood home revolved around something having to do with the synagogue.

It was a natural transition for me to join Tifereth Israel after making Columbus my home. However, my 35-year career as a first-grade teacher took over my energy, my brainpower, my time, etc. Months would pass between visits to the synagogue and my observance took second place to my commitment to my students.

My father passed away in 2008. While I had retired from teaching, I still spent very little time at the synagogue. Yet it seemed natural to me to begin coming each evening to say Kaddish for my dad. I felt it was the least I could do to honor his commitment to Jewish life. A beautiful thing happened. I developed close relationships with each of the clergy members and I made some wonderful new friends. Being within the walls of Tifereth Israel felt right to me. I realized that a huge piece of my life had been missing for so many years. Subsequently, I joined committees and became a member of the Board of Trustees. I found myself not only serving on the board and giving of my time, but also chairing a variety of events. I asked my dear friend Jerry Benis to teach me how to read Torah. I read my first parsha on the 50th anniversary of my bat mitzvah, held at a time when girls had a very small part on Friday night. I have read Torah at least once a year since. I have continued to attend services every Friday night, a habit which takes me back to my family's tradition of so many years ago. I frequently attend evening minyan.

Tifereth Israel offers a full slate of religious, cultural, educational, and social justice programming. There is something, actually a lot of things, for everyone. It is a place where we all can feel warm, safe, and connected. While young families today are so torn to be so many places for so many different reasons, I pray that they can look at our wonderful synagogue and see it as a place to center their lives and the lives of those they love. It's certainly worth a try and the returns are tremendous.



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Save the Date

Tifereth Israel Family Passover Seder

Friday, April 19, 2019

Minyan @ 6:00 pm | Seder @ 6:45 pm

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All are welcome!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 24 Tevet Religious School Closed Office Closed Minyan 9:00a	2 25 Tevet Religious School Closed Minyan 7:30a,5:30p	3 26 Tevet Minyan Rashi+ 7:30a,5:30p 8:15a	4 27 Tevet Minyan Feminist Theology Candle Lighting Inclusion Shabbat 7:30a,6:00p 8:15a 5:01p 7:30p	5 28 Tevet Vaera Shabbat Warmup Shabbat Morning Servi. YPS Boker Tov Shabbat Havdallah 9:00a 9:30a 9:30a 10:30a 11:00a 6:02p
6 29 Tevet Religious School Minyan Hebrew High Scho. Sisterhood Mtg. Kadima Event 9:00a 9:00a,5:00p 9:00a 10:00a 12:30p	7 1 Shevat Rosh Chodesh Shevat Minyan Transitions: Mak. 7:00p	8 2 Shevat Minyan Perek Yomi Religious School Hebrew Crash Cou. Board Meeting 7:30a,5:30p 8:30a 4:00p 6:00p 6:30p	9 3 Shevat Minyan Religious School Dinner/Drinks/Dr. Niggun & Music H. 7:30a,5:30p 4:00p 6:00p 7:30p	10 4 Shevat Minyan Rashi+ 7:30a,5:30p 8:15a	11 5 Shevat Minyan Feminist Theology Candle Lighting 7:30a,6:00p 8:15a 5:08p	12 6 Shevat Bo Shabbat Warmup Shabbat Morning Servi. YPS Israel Discussion Grp. Havdallah USY 8th Grade Intake 9:00a 9:30a 10:30a 12:30p 6:09p 6:30p
13 7 Shevat Minyan Religious School Hebrew High Scho. Men's Club Brunch Torah Trope Tuto. Boker Tov Presch. K-5 Youth Event 9:00a,5:00p 9:00a 9:00a 10:00a 10:00a 11:30a 12:30p	14 8 Shevat Minyan Pray & Mean It Ben Gelber Band 7:30a,5:30p 6:30p 7:30p	15 9 Shevat Minyan Perek Yomi Religious School Hebrew Crash Cou. Asking Jewish Qu. 7:30a,5:30p 8:30a 4:00p 6:00p 6:15p	16 10 Shevat Minyan Lunch & Learn Religious School 7:30a,5:30p 12:00p 4:00p	17 11 Shevat Minyan Rashi+ 7:30a,5:30p 8:15a	18 12 Shevat Minyan Feminist Theology Candle Lighting Wine & Cheese On. Shabbat Neshama Shabbat in a Box 7:30a,6:00p 8:15a 5:16p 5:30p 6:00p 7:00p	19 13 Shevat Beshalach Anniversary Shabbat Shabbat Warmup Shabbat Morning Servi. YPS Havdallah 9:00a 9:30a 10:30a 6:17p
20 14 Shevat Religious School Closed Minyan Tu Bishvat Seder 9:00a,5:00p 3:00p	21 15 Shevat Tu B'Shvat Office Closed MLK Day Minyan 7:30a,5:30p	22 16 Shevat Minyan Perek Yomi Religious School Hebrew Crash Cou. Asking Jewish Qu. 7:30a,5:30p 8:30a 4:00p 6:00p 6:15p	23 17 Shevat Minyan Religious School Dinner/Drinks/Dr. 7:30a,5:30p 4:00p 6:00p	24 18 Shevat Minyan Rashi+ 7:30a,5:30p 8:15a	25 19 Shevat Scholar-in-Residence Weekend Minyan Feminist Theology Candle Lighting SIR Dinner & Dis. 7:30a,6:00p 8:15a 5:24p 7:15p	26 20 Shevat Yitro Scholar-in-Residence Weekend Shabbat Warmup Shabbat Morning Servi. YPS SIR Kiddush & Learning Havdallah SIR Sponsor Reception SIR Dessert & Panel D. 9:00a 9:30a 9:30a 10:30a 12:30p 6:25p 6:45p 7:45p
27 21 Shevat Scholar-in-Residence Weekend Religious School Hebrew High Scho. Minyan SIR Teen Event Torah Trope Tuto. 9:00a 9:00a 9:00a 10:00a 10:00a	28 22 Shevat Minyan 7:30a,5:30p	29 23 Shevat Minyan Perek Yomi Religious School Hebrew Crash Cou. Asking Jewish Qu. 7:30a,5:30p 8:30a 4:00p 6:00p 6:15p	30 24 Shevat Minyan Religious School 7:30a,5:30p 4:00p	31 25 Shevat Minyan Rashi+ 7:30a,5:30p 8:15a		



Shabbat in a Box

Friday, January 18

Host friends from Tifereth Israel, new and old, in your home for Shabbat dinner. We'll supply the Shabbat goodies, you provide the meal and atmosphere.

Not ready to host but interested in meeting new people from your congregational family? We can arrange that too.

RSVP as a host or guest at: bit.ly/CTIShabbatInABoxJan

Questions? Contact Program Director Rebecca Haimowitz-King at 614-928-3287 or rhamowitz@tiferethisrael.org



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February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 27 Shevat Kadima Kinnus @ CTI World Wide Wrap 9:00a Religious School 9:00a Hebrew High Scho. 9:00a Minyan 9:00a, 5:00p Men's Club Brunch 10:00a	4 29 Shevat Minyan 7:30a, 5:30p Transitions: Mak. 7:00p	5 30 Shevat Rosh Chodesh Adar I Minyan 7:20a, 5:30p Perak Yomi 8:30a Religious School 4:00p Hebrew Crash Cou. 6:00p Sisterhood Mtg. 7:30p	6 1 Adar I Rosh Chodesh Adar I Minyan 7:20a, 5:30p Religious School 4:00p	7 2 Adar I Minyan 7:30a, 5:30p Rashi+ 8:15a	1 26 Shevat Kadima Kinnus @ CTI Minyan 7:30a, 6:00p Feminist Theology 8:15a Candle Lighting 5:32p Inclusion Shabbat 7:30p	2 27 Shevat Mishpatim Kadima Kinnus @ CTI Consecration 9:00a Shabbat Warmup 9:30a Shabbat Morning Servi. 10:30a YPS 11:00a Boker Tov Shabbat 6:34p Havdallah
10 5 Adar I Blood Drive 9:00a Religious School 9:00a Hebrew High Scho. 9:00a Minyan 9:00a, 5:00p Torah Trope Tuto. 10:00a Boker Tov Presch. 11:30a K-5 Youth Event 12:30p	11 6 Adar I Minyan 7:30a, 5:30p Pray & Mean It 6:30p	12 7 Adar I Minyan 7:30a, 5:30p Perak Yomi 8:30a Religious School 4:00p Hebrew Crash Cou. 6:00p Board Meeting 6:30p	13 8 Adar I Minyan 7:30a, 5:30p Religious School 4:00p Dinner/Drinks/Dr. 6:00p	14 9 Adar I Minyan 7:30a, 5:30p Rashi+ 8:15a	15 10 Adar I Minyan 7:30a, 6:00p Feminist Theology 8:15a Wine & Cheese On. 5:30p Candle Lighting 5:49p Shabbat Neshama 6:00p	16 11 Adar I Tetzaveh Anniversary Shabbat 9:00a Shabbat Warmup 9:30a Shabbat Morning Servi. 10:30a YPS 12:30p Israel Discussion Grp. 6:50p Havdallah
17 12 Adar I Religious School Closed Minyan 9:00a, 5:00p	18 13 Adar I Minyan 7:30a, 5:30p	19 14 Adar I Purim Katan Minyan 7:30a, 5:30p Perak Yomi 8:30a Religious School 4:00p	20 15 Adar I Minyan 7:30a, 5:30p Religious School 4:00p	21 16 Adar I USY Kinnus - Cincinnati Minyan 7:30a, 5:30p Rashi+ 8:15a	22 17 Adar I USY Kinnus - Cincinnati Minyan 7:30a, 6:00p Feminist Theology 8:15a Candle Lighting 5:57p Northeast Potluc. 6:00p	23 18 Adar I Ki Tisa Member Appreciation Shabbat 9:00a USY Kinnus - Cincinnati 9:30a Shabbat Warmup 9:00a Shabbat Morning Servi. 10:30a YPS 10:30a Havdallah 6:58p
24 19 Adar I USY Kinnus - Cincinnati Minyan 9:00a, 5:00p Religious School 9:00a Hebrew High Scho. 9:00a Torah Trope Tuto. 10:00a K-5 Youth Event 12:30p	25 20 Adar I Minyan 7:30a, 5:30p Pray & Mean It 6:30p Rabbi Walks Into. 6:30p	26 21 Adar I Minyan 7:30a, 5:30p Perak Yomi 8:30a Religious School 4:00p	27 22 Adar I Minyan 7:30a, 5:30p Hassidic Teachin. 9:30a Short Story Group 10:30a Lunch & Learn 12:00p Religious School 4:00p Dinner/Drinks/Dr. 6:00p Niggun & Music H. 7:30p	28 23 Adar I Minyan 7:30a, 5:30p Rashi+ 8:15a		

Dinner, Drinks & Drash

Dinner & Drinks @ 6:00 pm | Drash @ 6:30 pm

Schmooze over a FREE dinner and drinks, followed by discussion and learning.

RSVP to: bit.ly/CTIDinnerDrinksDrash5799

Wednesday, January 9

Faith to Love: Honoring

Dr. King in Interfaith

Justice Work

Rev. Dan Clark

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Wednesday, January 23

Introduction to Jewish

Mysticism & Kabbalah

Rabbi Alex Braver

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Wednesday, February 13

Topic to be Determined

Rabbi Hillel Skolnik

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Wednesday, February 27

Hebrew Poets Talk

About God

Dr. Adena Tanenbaum,
Melton Center for Jewish
Studies at OSU

Sponsored by:

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We mourn the loss of synagogue members:

Stanley Thall, beloved husband of Pearl Fishman-Thall.

Marshall David, beloved father of Joy (Avraham) Benatar and
grandfather of **Jeffrey, Esther**, Michael and Naomi Benatar.

Ruth Rosenthal, beloved mother of Lee (Stacy) Rosenthal.

Gladys Berger, beloved wife of Allan Berger and mother of
Robert Berger.

We note with sorrow and mourn the passing of:

Cathy Glickstein, beloved sister of Steve (Sherri) Glickstein
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Ann Rubin, beloved mother of Scott (Karina Magaziner-
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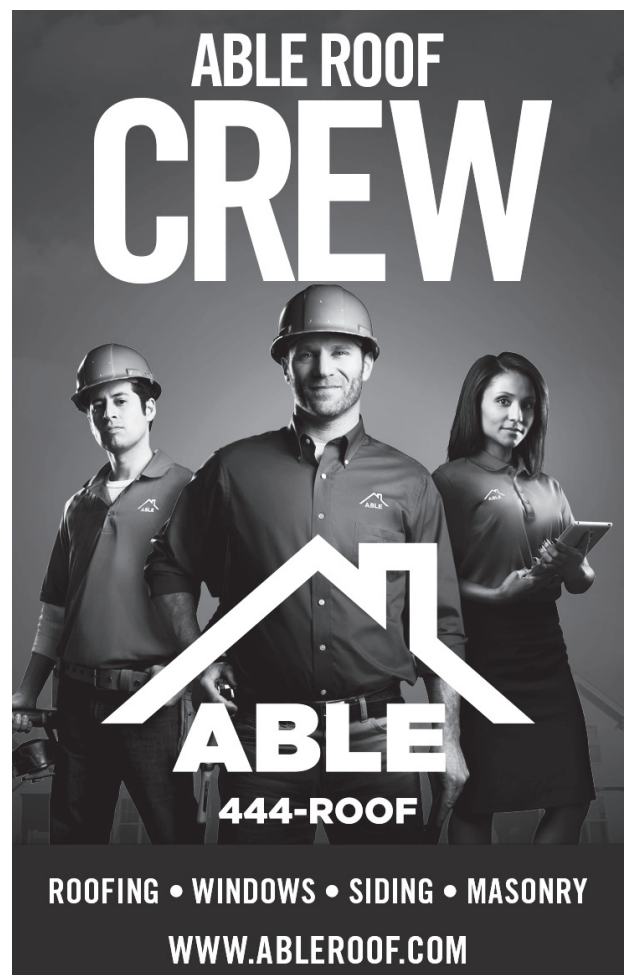
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