

THE TIFERETH ISRAEL FORUM

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Inclusion Shabbat

January 3 & February 7 | 7:00 pm

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

January 4 & February 1 | 11:00 am

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

January 17 & February 21 | 5:30 pm

Each month, nurture your spirit with a Kabbalat Shabbat filled with singing, poetry, prayer, and meditation.

Anniversary Shabbat

January 18 & February 20 | 9:30 am

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.

Learners' Service

February 15 | 10:30 am

Explore the text and melodies of the Shabbat morning service, with discussion, learning, and singing. For more information, contact Doug Segerman at djsegerman@gmail.com

Shabbat Clubhouse

Every Saturday | 10:30 am | The Pit

Children in kindergarten through grade six are invited to an all-new, interactive Shabbat experience designed just for them, including leadership opportunities, synagogue skills, fun activities with friends, great prizes, and more. No registration or membership required.

Daily Services

Sunday 9:00 am & 5:00 pm
Monday - Friday 7:30 am & 5:30 pm

Rosh Chodesh

January 27 7:20 am & 5:30 pm
February 25-26 7:20 am & 5:30 pm

Shabbat Service Schedule

Vayigash

Friday Evening Service
Shabbat Begins/Light Candles
Inclusion Shabbat
Shabbat Warmup – ShabbaTunes
Shabbat Morning Service
Shabbat Clubhouse
Boker Tov Shabbat
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah

January 3-4/7 Tevet

5:30 pm
5:01 pm
7:00 pm
9:00 am
9:30 am
10:30 am
11:00 am
6:02 pm

Vay'chi

Shabbat Begins/Light Candles
Friday Evening Service
Shabbat Warmup – Torah Talks
Shabbat Morning Service
Shabbat Clubhouse
Israel Discussion Group
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah

January 10-11/14 Tevet

5:08 pm
5:30 pm
9:00 am
9:30 am
10:30 am
12:30 pm
6:09 pm

Sh'mot - Anniversary Shabbat

Shabbat Begins/Light Candles
Shabbat Neshamah: Friday Evening Mindfulness Service
Shabbat Warmup – Mah Chadash: What's News in Israel
Shabbat Morning Service
Shabbat Clubhouse
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah

January 17-18/21 Tevet

5:15 pm
5:30 pm
9:00 am
9:30 am
10:30 am
6:16 pm

Va'era - Scholar-in-Residence Shabbat (see pg. 9)

Shabbat Begins/Light Candles
Friday Evening Service
Shabbat Warmup – Torah Talks
Shabbat Morning Service
Shabbat Clubhouse
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah

January 24-25/28 Tevet

5:23 pm
5:30 pm
9:00 am
9:30 am
10:30 am
6:24 pm

Bo

Friday Evening Service
Shabbat Begins/Light Candles
Shabbat Warmup – ShabbaTunes
Shabbat Morning Service
Shabbat Clubhouse
Boker Tov Shabbat
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah

January 31-February 1/6 Shevat

5:30 pm
5:32 pm
9:00 am
9:30 am
10:30 am
11:00 am
6:33 pm

B'shalach - Consecration (K & Grade 1)

Friday Evening Service
Shabbat Begins/Light Candles
Inclusion Shabbat
Shabbat Warmup – Torah Talks
Shabbat Morning Service
Shabbat Clubhouse
Israel Discussion Group
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah

February 7-8/13 Shevat

5:30 pm
5:40 pm
7:00 pm
9:00 am
9:30 am
10:30 am
12:30 pm
6:41 pm

Yitro - Anniversary Shabbat

Friday Evening Service
Shabbat Begins/Light Candles
Shabbat Warmup – Mah Chadash: What's News in Israel
Shabbat Morning Service - **Aaron Jones Bar Mitzvah**
Shabbat Clubhouse
Learners' Service - **NEW!**
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah

February 14-15/20 Shevat

5:30 pm
5:48 pm
9:00 am
9:00 am
10:30 am
10:30 pm
6:50 pm

Mishpatim - Shabbat Shekalim

Shabbat Neshamah: Friday Evening Mindfulness Service
Shabbat Begins/Candle Lighting
Shabbat Warmup – Torah Talks
Shabbat Morning Service - **Spencer Goldberg Bar Mitzvah**
Shabbat Clubhouse
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah

February 21-22/26 Shevat

5:30 pm
5:56 pm
9:00 am
9:30 am
10:30 am
6:58 pm

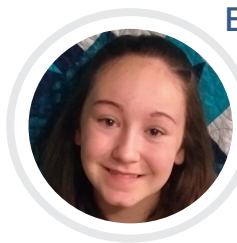
T'rumah

Friday Evening Service
Shabbat Begins/Candle Lighting
Shabbat Warmup – Wild Card
Shabbat Morning Service - **Michael Luper Bar Mitzvah**
Shabbat Clubhouse
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah

February 28-29/3 Adar

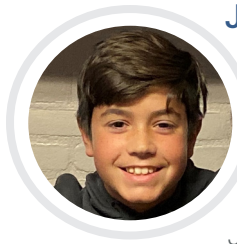
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B'nei Mitzvah



Emma Gurevitz celebrated becoming a bat mitzvah in Israel with her family in December. She will be called to the Torah for her first aliyah at Tifereth Israel on **Saturday, January 18, 2020**.

Emma is the daughter of Jill Gurevitz, the sister of Zach Gurevitz, and the granddaughter of David & Barbara Gurevitz.



Jacob Mack Schlonsky celebrated becoming a bar mitzvah in Israel with his family in December. He will be called to the Torah for his first aliyah at Tifereth Israel on **Saturday, January 25, 2020**.

Jake is the son of Ginny & Michael Schlonsky, the brother of Sari and Tyler, and the grandson of Carole Tennenbaum & the late Dr. James Tennenbaum and Dr. Joseph & Fran Schlonsky.



Aaron Robert Jones will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on **Saturday, February 15, 2020**.

Aaron is the son of Emmie Cheses & Dan Jones and the grandson of Margey & Gary Cheses and Judy & Andrew Jones.

Aaron is a 7th grade student at Bexley Middle School and attends the Samuel M. Melton Religious School. He received his bar mitzvah instruction from Cantor Jack Chomsky and Greg Margulies. Aaron enjoys soccer, tennis, skiing, reading, and spending time with his family and friends.

Emmie and Dan 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 Aaron at the conclusion of services.



Spencer Blake Goldberg will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on **Saturday, February 22, 2020**.

Spencer is the son of Stephanie & Joshua Goldberg and the grandson of Sydney & David Rose, Linda Goldberg, and Rabbi William & Judy Goldberg.

Spencer is a 7th grade student at Bexley Middle School and attends the Samuel M. Melton Religious School. He received his bar mitzvah instruction from Eran Rosenberg and Cantor Jack Chomsky. Spencer plays tennis and golf

and runs on the Bexley Middle School Cross Country team.

Stephanie & Joshua 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 Spencer becoming a bar mitzvah at the conclusion of services.



Michael Whinston Luper will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on **Saturday, February 29, 2020**.

Michael is the son of Wendy Luper and Doug Luper and the grandson of Eric & Robin Whinston and Fred & Carol Luper.

Michael is a 7th grade student at Bexley Middle School and attends the Samuel M. Melton Religious School. He received his bar mitzvah instruction from Cantor Jack Chomsky and Emma Segerman. Michael runs cross country and is on the middle school basketball team.

Wendy & Doug 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 Michael at the conclusion of services.

Mazal Tov To...

Grandparents **Amy & Gary Nathans** on the occasion of their granddaughter, Lillian Pearl Nathans, becoming a bat mitzvah.

Parents **Andrew & Darci Bonnington** and grandmother **Renee Abramovitz** on the birth of Finn Bleiweiss Bonnington.

Grandparents **Stacy & Lee Rosenthal** on the birth of Harvey Francis Kain.

Grandparents **Renee & Marvin Resnik** on the birth of their grandson, Jacob Max Resnik.

Todah Rabah!

The congregation is grateful for the sponsorship of:

Shabbat kiddush on Saturday, November 2, by **Laura & John Ryzenman** in honor of Anna Ryzenman becoming a bat mitzvah.

Shabbat kiddush on Saturday, November 9, by **Alison & Jeffrey Merzel** in honor of Madeline Merzel becoming a bat mitzvah.

Shabbat kiddush on Saturday, November 16, by **Harvey & Dena Solomon** in honor of Ethan Solomon becoming a bar mitzvah.

Shabbat kiddush on Saturday, November 23, by **Debby & Jerry Yarov** and **Barbara & Sheldon Larky** in honor of Elliot Larky becoming a bat mitzvah.

Shabbat kiddush on Saturday, December 7, by **Susannah Sagan & Andrew Katz** in honor of Susannah's adult bat mitzvah.

February Milestone Anniversaries

Bruce & Anita Freimark	50
Irvin & Bonnie Reichgott	50
Joseph & Lisa Levey	25



A moment from Sukkot 5780.

In Memoriam

We note with sorrow and mourn the passing of:

Dr. Arthur J. (Art) Epstein, beloved husband of Paulayne Epstein and father of Melissa (Adam Jackson) Epstein and Dana (Michael) Stein; brother of Lewis Epstein, Renee Goldman, brother-in-law of Stuart Blumenfield; grandfather of Astrid and Samson Stein and Gabriel Jackson.

Irina Elian, beloved sister of Anca (Joseph) Galron.

Eleanor Jane Mitcheltree Werum, beloved mother of Janie Marr Werum (David Korn), Barbara Werum Richard, and Anne Werum Lambright (Steven Johnston Knopp).

Judith Katz Vigder, beloved mother of Karen Vigder Bokor, David Vigder (Diany Morales), and Cheryl (David) Brause, and wife of Bob Vigder.

David Sinai, beloved husband of Gloria Sinai; father of Steven Sinai, Stephanie (Wayne) Jones, Kathyne Sinai, and Eileen Carroll; grandfather of Kendyl (Marshall) Skinner and Ben Sinai-Schembri; brother of Delores (Shep) Schuldinger, Sheldon (Corinne) Sinai, and Stuart (Carol Shaw) Sinai.

Aaron Edelman, beloved husband of Rhoda Edelman; father of Joyce Edelman (Neal Hoffman), Faye Greenlee (Darryl Cosme), and Marsha (Brian) Harvey; grandfather of Justin (Stacy) Harvey, Benjamin Harvey, Trevor (Paige) Harvey, Joshua Hoffman, and Ilana Hoffman; great-grandfather of Talia, Arielle, and Aliza Harvey; and brother-in-law of Minnie Edelman.

Esther Black, beloved wife of Sol Black; mother of Steven Black, z"l, and Marcie (Kevin) Karty; and grandmother of Rhea and Simon Karty.

Randie Ostroff Sass, beloved sister of Brad Ostroff, Terri (Ralph) Napletana, and Curt Ostroff.

Erwin Melton, son of the late Abraham & Florence Mendlowitz.

Denise Blank, beloved wife of Dr. Barry Blank, mother of Randi Eisen and Becky Guzman, sister of Andrea (Kevin) Eyler, and grandmother of Spencer, Sydney & Sabrina Eisen, and Anna & Sofia Guzman.

May their memories be for a blessing.

Make Social Justice Work Part of Your Life in 2020

Rabbi Hillel Skolnik | hskolnik@tiferethisrael.org

צדק צדק תרדף

"Justice, justice shall you pursue," (Deuteronomy 16:20) is one of the most quoted texts in the Torah. And for good reason. These three Hebrew words lay the foundation for a fundamental principle of our faith – that we should be pursuers of justice in this world. It is our religious responsibility to right wrongs that we see, our obligation to work toward solving problems in our society, and our sacred duty to be at the forefront of these efforts.

The Chumash that we use at our synagogue, the Chumash Etz Hayim, has occasional gray boxes on the bottom of the page with the title *Halakha L'ma'aseh*, which means "practical Jewish law." These boxes are the efforts of the editors of the Chumash to point out the many times when the Torah leads directly to a practical way that we should live our lives as Jews. Here is what the Chumash Etz Chayim includes for *Halakha L'ma'aseh* on this verse: "This verse is the classical source of the Jewish tradition's demand that we advocate and practice both formal and distributive justice in our interpersonal relations and in society at large. That is, we must judge people using fair procedures (formal justice), and we must ensure that everyone gets at least the minimum of what is necessary to live (distributive justice)."

Here at Tifereth Israel, our Social Action committee guides our efforts toward both formal and distributive justice. We do this through a range of activities, from helping individual victims of injustice (serving dinner at the Manna Café, stocking the food pantry) or changing the causes of injustice, such as enacting laws or institution practices.

One of our ongoing partnerships in this sacred work is through our involvement with the B.R.E.A.D. (Building Responsibility, Equality And Dignity) Organization. We partner

with forty Jewish, Christian and Muslim congregations in central Ohio to push for implementing proven solutions to serious community problems afflicting Franklin County residents. B.R.E.A.D. is working to promote restorative justice practices to replace out-of-school suspensions in Columbus schools; to increase available affordable housing to low-income families; and to create worker-owned businesses in low-income communities to provide good jobs and prosperity for long-time residents. At the B.R.E.A.D. Annual Assembly, Tifereth and other congregations voted to tackle gun violence at the local level this year.

You can help in several ways. First, and foremost, you can be part of our social action activities. Come to serve dinner at the Manna Café, help us stock the food pantry, and become a Rodef Tzedek Network member with B.R.E.A.D. If this work is a passion of yours, reach out to our Social Action Committee co-chairs, Madeline Fleisher and Amy Tannenbaum (their contact information is available through the synagogue) for more ways to become involved. You can also contribute to Tifereth's support of B.R.E.A.D. Member congregations have raised nearly \$119,000 toward our collective goal of \$160,000. Here at Tifereth, we have an organizational goal of \$15,000 and are well on our way, with \$11,558 raised thus far. If you would like to contribute, please be in touch with me and I will connect you with our synagogue's B.R.E.A.D. organizers Diane Peters, Beth Brown, and Cathy Levine (who also serves as the co-president of B.R.E.A.D. as a whole).

There will always be more work to be done, more justice to pursue. But I hope that as 2020 begins, we can all renew our efforts to make **צדק צדק תרדף** a central focus of our spiritual lives.



Explore the Culture of Italy Here and Abroad

Cantor Jack Chomsky | jchomsky@tiferethisrael.org

The Cantors Assembly, of which I am an active member and past president, has a history of leading meaningful adventures that capture elements of history and culture in ways that only my colleagues can.

Past destinations have included Poland, Germany, and Spain. This summer, from June 22 through July 2, I am leading what I hope will be an equally meaningful, fun, and delicious trip to Italy.

Jewish communities have existed in Italy for more than 2000 years. We'll explore these roots and routes in ways unique to the kind of trips that the Cantors Assembly can organize, utilizing the amazing talents of the men and women of my profession – along with entertaining historical lectures by Professor Stephen Berk and others, and the many years of experience of Ayelet Tours.

I've been to Italy before – and you may well have been, too. But this trip will open up many aspects of the culture and experience of our own people there that you didn't hear or see before – from the ghettos to the great sites of Rome, including special connections to that city's great synagogues and churches, and unforgettable concerts.

Best of all would be the opportunity to share this experience together. As I conclude my many years as your cantor, I would cherish your company on this trip – a shared

experience we'll remember for the rest of our lives.

To whet your appetite a bit, I am excited to present my colleague, Cantor Ramon Tasat, in a special edition of Dinner, Drinks & Drash at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, January 15. Join Cantor Tasat, a charming and sweet expert on Sephardic music and the music of the Italian Jewish community, for a lecture-demonstration.

From 6:00 to 7:30 pm, Cantor Tasat will speak about the history of this unique Jewish community and its musical culture.

Afterward, stay with us from 7:30 to 8:30 pm for a special edition of "Tifereth Sings!" featuring some of this music – led by Cantor Tasat and me and, hopefully, some other regional members of the Cantors Assembly.

The Wednesday, January 15, dinner and program are free but reservations are required. RSVP online at bit.ly/DDDDJan152020 or contact Joy at 614-928-3291 or jcontreras@tiferethisrael.org. Complimentary dinner is guaranteed for those who RSVP by 4:00 pm on **Tuesday, January 14**.

The evening, no doubt, will be *delizioso*!

For more information about the Cantors Assembly trip to Italy, visit <https://tinyurl.com/ChomskyItaly>.



Lunch & Learn

12:00 to 1:00 pm

Enjoy stimulating conversation and Jewish study on your lunch break! FREE lunch sponsored by Karl Rubin & Sharon Simon.

Wednesday, January 8

Porter Wright Morris & Arthur, 41 S. High Street
"Deathbed Narratives in the Bible and Talmud"

Wednesday, February 12

Tifereth Israel
"Deeper Meaning in the Ten Commandments"

For more information or to RSVP, contact Joy Contreras at jcontreras@tiferethisrael.org or 614-928-3291.



Perek Yomi

Weekly | Tuesdays | 8:30 to 9:30 am
Explore a new chapter of the Bible each day, beginning with "In the beginning" and moving onward from there! Then, meet with others to discuss what you have learned. Drop in for a few sessions, or make it a regular part of your week! Led by Rabbi Hillel Skolnik. Includes bagel breakfast. FREE. For information, contact Joy at jcontreras@tiferethisrael.org.

Book Group: "God In Search of Man"

Weekly | Fridays | 8:15 to 9:15 am
Join the conversation as we explore the concept of the divine-human partnership in Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel's classic book, "God in Search of Man." Led by Rabbi Alex Braver. For information, contact Joy at jcontreras@tiferethisrael.org or 614-928-3291. New students welcome at any time.

Torah Trope Tutorial

Two Sundays a Month | 10:00 am
Learn how to chant Torah Trope, or refresh your memory, with Dr. Jerry Benis. Basic Hebrew reading skills required. FREE. For more information, contact Dr. Benis at jerrybenis@yahoo.com.

Rashi+

Weekly | Thursdays | 8:15 am
Through careful reading and lively discussion, led by Rabbi Emeritus Harold Berman, come study the classic commentary of Rashi (Rabbi Shlomo ben Yitzchak) and other Medieval Torah commentators. Knowledge of Hebrew is not necessary and new students are always welcome! FREE. No registration required.



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Calendar: January & February 2020

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Friday, Jan. 3

Saturday, Jan. 4

Monday, Jan. 6

Tuesday, Jan. 7

Wednesday, Jan. 8

Thursday, Jan. 9

Friday, Jan. 10

Saturday, Jan. 11

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Saturday, Feb. 29

Rashi+ 8:15 am

Book Group: Heschel 8:15 am, Inclusion Shabbat 7:00 pm

Boker Tov Shabbat 11:00 am

Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class 6:30 pm

Perek Yomi 8:30 am Hebrew Crash Course II 6:00 pm

Lunch & Learn Downtown 12:00 pm

Rashi+ 8:15 am

Book Group 8:15 am

Israel Discussion Group 12:30 pm

Torah Trope Tutorial 10:00 am Chaverim (K-2) & Jr.
Kadima (3-5) Program 12:30 pm Gene Wilder & Chinese
4:00 pm

I Can't Believe My Ears! 6:30 pm

Perek Yomi 8:30 am, Hebrew Crash Course II 6:00 pm

Dinner, Drinks & Drash 6:00 pm

Rashi+ 8:15 am

Book Group 8:15 am Shabbat Neshamah Friday Evening
Service 5:30 pm

Anniversary Shabbat/MLK Shabbat 9:30 am

Boker Tov Shabbat 11:00 am

Offices Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Perek Yomi 8:30 am, Sisterhood Meeting 7:30 pm

Hebrew Crash Course II 6:00 pm

Rashi+ 8:15 am

Book Group 8:15 am Scholar-in-Residence Shabbat

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Torah Trope Tutorial 10:00 am

Perek Yomi 8:30 am, Hebrew Crash Course II 6:00 pm

Rashi+ 8:15 am

Book Group 8:15 am

Boker Tov Shabbat 11:00 am

Men's Club Brunch/World Wide Wrap 10:00 am

Perek Yomi 8:30 am Hebrew Crash Course II 6:00 pm

Equality, Inclusivity, and the Jewish Community:

Creating Space for Jews of All abilities 7:00 pm

Dinner, Drinks & Drash 6:00 pm

Rashi+ 8:15 am Torah on Tap 7:30 pm

Book Group 8:15 am Inclusion Shabbat 7:00 pm

Kindergarten & First Grade Consecration 9:30 am Israel

Discussion Group 12:30 pm

Torah Trope Tutorial 10:00 am

I Can't Believe My Ears! 6:30 pm

Perek Yomi 8:30 am, Hebrew Crash Course II 6:00 pm

Lunch & Learn @ Tifereth 12:00 pm

Rashi+ 8:15 am

Book Group 8:15 am

Aaron Jones Bar Mitzvah/Anniversary Shabbat 9:30 am,
Learner's Service 10:30 am

Boker Tov Preschool 11:30 am

Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class 6:30 pm

Perek Yomi 8:30 am

Dinner, Drinks & Drash 6:00 pm

Rashi+ 8:15 am

Book Group 8:15 am Shabbat Neshamah Friday Evening
Service 5:30 pm

Spencer Goldberg Bar Mitzvah 9:30 am

Red Cross Blood Drive 7:00 am-2:00 pm Torah Trope

Tutorial 10:00 am Sisterhood Meeting 11:00 am

I Can't Believe My Ears! 6:30 pm

Perek Yomi 8:30 am

Rabbis' Study Circle 9:30 am Sisterhood Short Story

Group 10:30 am

Rashi+ 8:15 am

Book Group 8:15 am

Michael Luper Bar Mitzvah 9:30 am

Opportunities and Challenges Ahead for CTI

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It's been six months since I began my term as President of the Board of Trustees of Congregation Tifereth Israel, so I thought it would be a good time to put down some thoughts about my experience so far, and comment on the opportunities and challenges ahead.

I have gained a huge amount of respect for the lay leadership folks who contribute so much to the welfare of this congregation. My fellow officers, Karl Rubin, Tracy Retchin, Jan Lyddon, and Stephen Waterman have been doing their jobs with talent and enthusiasm. I look forward with confidence to their continued support. Backing me and them up, the members of our Board of Trustees and chairs of our committees take decision-making and planning for the congregation very seriously and with great dedication.

Our clergy – Rabbi Hillel, Rabbi Alex, and Cantor Chomsky – provide amazing spiritual leadership and are constantly inspiring me to do more, believe more, and observe more. Shabbat morning services, which I have enjoyed for many years, have become even more meaningful because of them. I am particularly looking forward to honoring Cantor Chomsky during his final year as our Hazzan and as he transitions into the role of Cantor Emeritus.

The heart of our congregation is, of course, our members. As president, I have had the wonderful opportunity to get to know many more of you. In my many conversations with members, I have learned about your concerns, been guided by your suggestions, and shared your plans. Above all else, I have seen your love for Congregation Tifereth Israel and felt your enthusiasm. I am so proud to be among you.

And, then, there are the challenges. The first to occur to me is our beloved building. It is beautiful, functional, and, unfortunately, in need of almost constant maintenance, repair, and update. I am concerned that we will have the resources to maintain it as it should be. Our security costs, unfortunately, have multiplied significantly. Our ability to borrow to cover cash flow is problematic. We have financial concerns that must be addressed. Your Board of Trustees is addressing these matters, and we will keep you advised.

We share the ownership and responsibility for an outstanding gift from HaShem – our Congregation Tifereth Israel. It is a strong, vibrant institution important not only to us, but to our entire community as well. And we are important to it, each and every one of us.



Dinner, Drinks & Drash

Twice a month, grab a FREE nosh and drink at 6:00 pm, then stick around to study with Rabbis Skolnik and Braver, along with guest teachers from across Columbus! To sponsor a night of learning in honor or memory of a loved one, reach out to Rabbi Braver for more information.

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

The Music of the Jews of Italy

with Cantor Ramon Tasat

Sponsored by: The Cantors' Assembly and the Tifereth Israel Cultural Arts fund

RSVP to: bit.ly/DDDJan152020

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Beyond Humpty Dumpty: How Fragile is the American Jewish Community, Really?

with Rabbi Tali Zolkowicz, Director of Curriculum & Research for the Wexner Foundation and Strategic Advisor to the Columbus Jewish Day School

Sponsored by: An Anonymous Donor

RSVP to: bit.ly/DDDFeb52020

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

A Jewish view of U.S. Immigration Law

with Rob Cohen, Immigration Attorney, Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP

Sponsored by: Helen & Mike Miller in memory of their parents, William & Irene Miller and Phillip & Miriam Bedein

RSVP to: bit.ly/DDDFeb192020

PLEASE NOTE: Complimentary meal is guaranteed for those who RSVP by 4:00 pm the day before the event.

For more information, contact Joy Contreras at jcontreras@tiferethisrael.org or 614-928-3291.



Torah on Tap

Thursday, February 6
7:30 pm
Platform Beer Co.
408 N. 6th Street, Columbus, 43215

We will dive into what Torah and Jewish sources of wisdom have to teach us about our modern lives, along with drinks and great conversation.

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Snapshots of Learning, Praying, and Doing at Tifereth Israel

Tifereth Israel members of all ages stayed connected to the congregation in a number of ways this autumn.



Children in grades K-5 decorate cookies for create edible works of art.



Students in K-5 reaching new heights.



The Men's Club building the congregational sukkah.



Students in K-5 finding out science can be fun during our Sukkot program.



The Maccabeats performed for the entire Columbus community.



Shortly before the start of religious school, 4-6 graders went on a retreat.



Kadima and BuckUSY members (grades 6-12) at a fall convention.



Hebrew High School students cooking for a cause.

GENE WILDER & CHINESE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

Kids of all ages are invited to enjoy a Gene Wilder flick (or two!) and a delicious Chinese dinner

MAKE YOUR OWN DRIVE-IN MOVIE BOX CAR

3:30 PM

Families with Boker Tov & Religious School aged children are invited to create their own "car" to sit in during the movie – FREE!

WILLY WONKA & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (G)

4:00 PM

Join us for this family classic and fun movie snacks – FREE!

CHINESE DINNER

5:40 PM

\$15/Adult • \$7/Child (age 4-12) • FREE/Child age 3 & under • \$45/Family

RSVP by Thursday, January 9 to bit.ly/GeneWilderandChinese or call 614.253.8523

THE FRISCO KID (PG)

6:15 PM

Join your friends for this laugh-out-loud comedy and adult beverages – FREE!

Dinner reservations are required and film reservations are requested.

RSVP online at bit.ly/GeneWilderandChinese or call 614-253-8523 by Thursday, January 9.



Congregation Tifereth Israel
2020/5780 Scholar-in-Residence Weekend

Is Judaism a Religion of Love?

January 24-25, 2020



Featuring
Rabbi Shai Held

Rabbi Held is president, dean, and chair in Jewish Thought at the Hadar Institute. He is internationally known for his dynamic and thought-provoking writing and teaching around the question: What roles do love of God, neighbor, and stranger play in living a modern Jewish life?

Events

Friday, January 24

5:30 pm

Erev Shabbat Services

6:45 pm

Congregational Shabbat Dinner

Love Your Neighbor: What Are We Really Being Asked For?

\$36/person, \$25/aleph member (under 30)

RSVP to: blt.ly/CTIScholarInResidence2020

Saturday, January 25

9:30 am

Shabbat Morning Services with D'var Torah by Rabbi Held

12:00 pm

Kiddush Luncheon with Rabbi Held

The God of Judaism is a God of Love: Undoing the

Pernicious Stereotypes

6:45 pm

Sponsors Only Wine & Cheese Reception

7:30 pm

Community Havdalah

7:45 pm

Dessert and Keynote Address

Turning Suffering into Love: Loving the Stranger,

Then and Now

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Shabbat Dinner for six (6)

Admission to Sponsor Reception

A copy of Rabbi Held's book, *The Heart of Torah*, vols. 1 & 2

Sponsorship opportunities are available
Got to blt.ly/CTIScholarInResidence2020 for details
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Tifereth Cares: Delivering Comfort to Those in Need

Whether recovering from an illness, mourning a loss, or adjusting to life with an infant, we sometimes just need a little reminder that our community cares. That is why a group of Tifereth Israel members is organizing a new initiative to deliver soup and challah to congregants in need!

Interested in helping out? No commitment required! Rather than forming a committee, we are hoping to have a large pool of volunteers who have some spare time and are willing to help out occasionally by picking up soup and challah from the synagogue kitchen and dropping it off to a family in need. Sign up online at groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/tificares/ to be included on our list of volunteers. You will receive no more than one email per week listing the opportunities to fulfill this mitzvah.

For more information or if you know someone who could use a warm reminder that Tifereth cares about them, please contact Rabbi Alex Braver at abraver@tiferethisrael.org or volunteer coordinator Susan Sitler at ahrensit@aol.com.

Over the course of the year, we'll also be offering opportunities to join together to make a large batch of soup, which we'll freeze and distribute to community members who could use a reminder of the warmth and love of our shul. Be on the lookout for more information soon.

Two New Projects Driving Social Action this Winter

Each year, Tifereth Israel members give hundreds of hours to cleaning up our neighborhood; stocking local food and comfort pantries; collecting toiletries, toys, and food; and petitioning local lawmakers for equality in education, housing, our penal system, and more. This winter, there are several options for those looking to join the Tifereth Israel Social Action committee in making a difference in our community this winter, including:

Circulating Petitions with Ohioans for Gun Safety Ohioans for Gun Safety is looking for circulators to collect signatures in Franklin County (and other counties, if they can). Please visit ohioansforgunsafety.com/ for more information on the effort or contact Cathy Levine, cathyjlevine@gmail.com or 614-313-7478 for petitions. To sign a petition, see Cathy or Beth Brown, bethbrown5778@gmail.com.

Miles4Migrants Airline Miles Donation for Refugees Anyone who flies knows there are many ways to accrue reward miles with the airlines. If you want to do some good – in some cases life-saving good – consider donating them to **Miles4Migrants.org** to enable refugees and their families to reach safety and be reunited with family members. The organization also accepts donations of money, and as a non-profit organization monetary donations are tax deductible.

For more information, contact Maddy Fleischer, Social Action Committee co-chair, at mpfleischer@gmail.com.

Boker Tov Preschool

Sundays, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm
January 12 • February 9 • March 15

Learning about Jewish values and how to be a mensch, with music, crafts, and more!

Congregation Tifereth Israel

Boker Tov

Programs for children up to age 5 and their grown-ups



Boker Tov Shabbat

Saturdays, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
January 4 • February 1 • March 7

Exploring the meaning of Shabbat with songs, crafts, puppets, and more!



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Pick up your share every Tuesday, for 20 weeks, in the Tifereth Israel atrium

Half Share: \$20/week, \$400/season

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2% of all proceeds go back to Tifereth Israel!

Register online at frontaxlefarm.com

For questions, email evan@frontaxlefarm.com

Equity, Inclusivity, and the Jewish Community

Congregation Tifereth Israel is proud to partner with Kehilat Sukkat Shalom (formerly The Little Minyan) to put on "Equity, Inclusivity, and the Jewish Community: Creating Space for Jews of All Abilities," a concert and conversation for the entire Columbus Jewish community.

The free event will be held Tuesday, February 4, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at Tifereth Israel to recognize February as Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance & Inclusion Month - JDAIM. It features a performance by local musician and disability rights advocate Joanie Calem and a Torah study led by Rabbi Hillel Skolnik. Kosher desserts will be served.

While there is no cost to attend the event, registration is requested. You can RSVP online at bit.ly/JDAIMEvent2020 or by contacting Tifereth Israel Program Director Rebecca Haimowitz-King by email at rhaimowitz@tiferethisrael.org or by phone at 614-928-3269.



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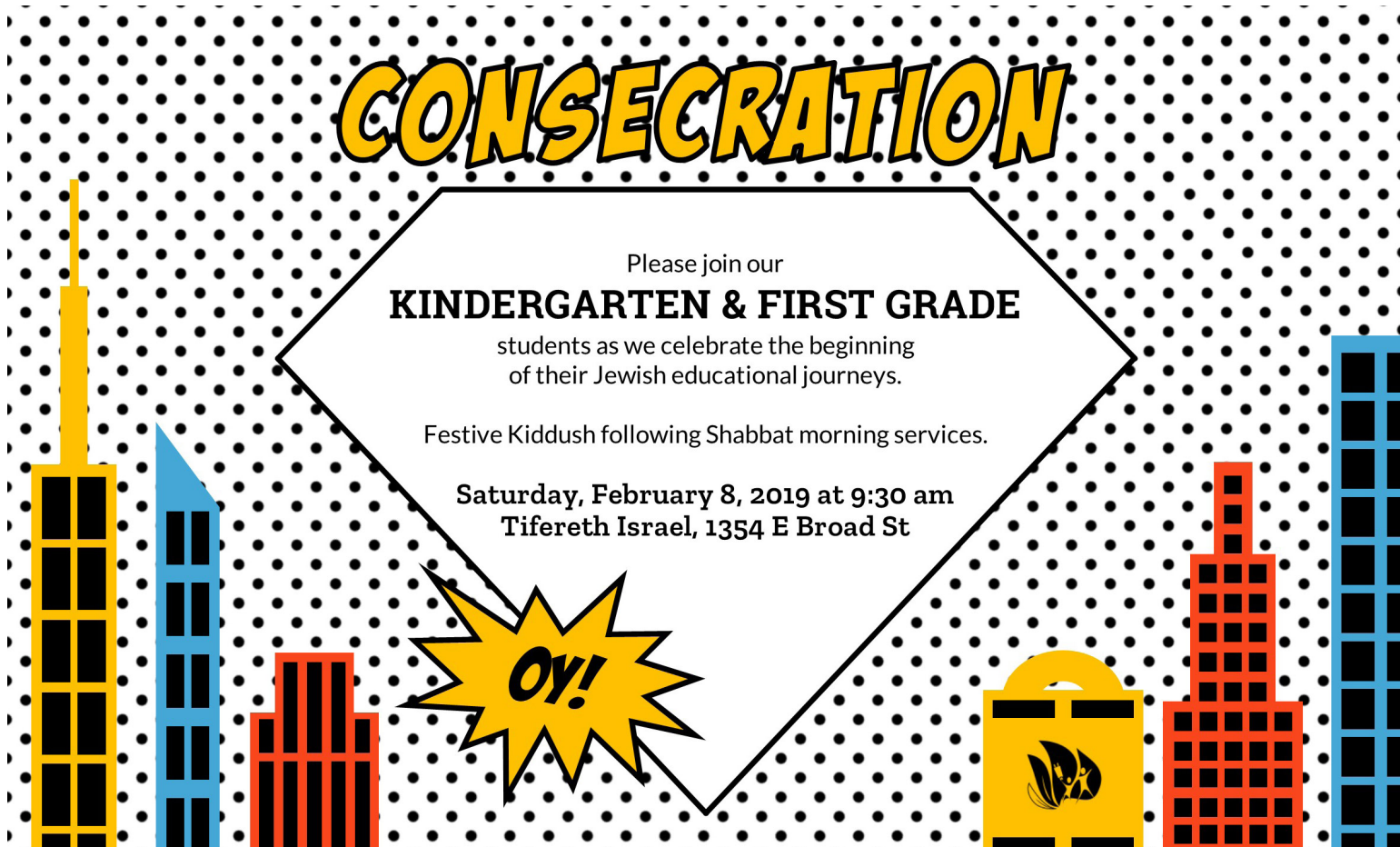
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students as we celebrate the beginning
of their Jewish educational journeys.

Festive Kiddush following Shabbat morning services.

Saturday, February 8, 2019 at 9:30 am
Tifereth Israel, 1354 E Broad St

Oy!



Why I Love Tifereth Israel

Susan Mott My life and Tifereth Israel are woven together in intricate ways. It is the place of my joys and sorrows, the education and socialization of my children, b'nei mitzvah, weddings, and the burial of my mother. The first thing that Frank and I did when we arrived in Columbus in 1975 was to join Tifereth Israel. Evelyn Nateman, z"l, the Hebrew school principal at the time, helped us select neighborhoods, where there were other Jewish children, in which to buy a home. Tifereth Israel was, and is, our place of friendships and spirituality.

All this said, what I love most about Tifereth Israel is the way it welcomes everybody. We are totally egalitarian in our services and in all practices. The opportunities to pray and lead are open to all regardless of age, gender, race, and sexual orientation. We transmit openness in all we do; and, as a result, I believe we are the most diverse congregation in the Columbus area. I have old friends here, and I make new ones all the time.

If you would like to share your Tifereth Israel story with your congregational friends and family, please contact Julie Jacobson at lexdance@aol.com.



Hey, Snowbirds!

Rabbi Hillel Skolnik will be visiting your warm-weather region. Save the date below for lunch and a shmooze.

Monday, February 10 Phoenix, AZ
Location to be Determined

Tuesday, February 11 Tucson, AZ
Location to be Determined

Wednesday, February 12 West Coast, FLA
Grandeza Country Club, 11481 Grande Oak Blvd., Estero, Florida 33928

Thursday, February 13 East Coast, FLA
Ben's Kosher Deli, 9942 Clint Moore Road, Boca Raton, FL 33496

RSVPs for all events should be made to Joy Contreras at 614-28-3291 or jcontreras@tiferethisrael.org by Wednesday, February 5



THE CONGREGATION TIFEREETH ISRAEL PURIMSPIEL PLAYERS PRESENT

A VERY FROZEN PURIM A PURIM EXPERIENCE

Sunday, March 8

Purim Carnival from 10:30 am-12:00 pm

(following early release from religious school)

Games • Inflatables • Prizes • Cotton Candy • Silent Auction • Hamentaschen • More!

\$10/All-you-can-play wristband • \$5/Hot Dog Lunch

Pre-order wristbands and lunch online at bit.ly/CTIPurimCarnival2020

Premier presentation of Purimspiel @ 12:00-12:30 pm

Monday, March 9

Mincha @ 5:30 pm • Dinner then Purimspiel @ 6:00 pm • Megillah Reading & Ma'ariv @ 7:00pm

RSVP for dinner online at bit.ly/PurimDinner2020

\$12/adult • \$7/child 12 & under • FREE/child 3 & under • \$38/family maximum

Tuesday, March 10

Minyan & Megillah Reading @ 7:15 am

Stay afterward for a complimentary holiday breakfast!

**Purimspiel rehearsals begin at 12:30 pm on Sunday, January 5. All are welcome to participate.
For more information Contact Cantor Jack Chomsky at jchomsky@tiferethisrael.org**

“As a torch is not diminished, though it kindles a million candles, so will one not lose who gives to a good cause.” — *Exodus Rabbah 30:3*

In order for an acknowledgment to be sent from our office and the names to be listed in the Forum, the minimum donation to our various funds is set at \$18. Donations to the Prayer Book Fund are set as follows: Siddur Lev Shalem-\$36/Chumash-\$50

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