

THE TIFERETH ISRAEL FORUM

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Services by ZOOM

Tifereth Israel continues to use **ZOOM** as its primary method of remaining connected as a community. The majority of services (what Rabbi Hillel likes to call "ZOOMinyans"), classes, and programs are now available in this way.

All morning and evening minyanim and Shabbat services can be accessed through the links throughout this publication or by calling 929-205-6099 or 312-626-6799 and entering the appropriate Meeting ID. If you need help learning how to join a Zoom meeting, please check out this [how-to guide](#).

Shabbat Neshamah

May 15 & June 19 | 6:00 pm

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

Anniversary Shabbat

May 16 & June 20 | 9:30 am

Each month, congregants celebrating a wedding anniversary are invited to share a special aliyah during Shabbat morning services.

Shabbat Clubhouse

Every Saturday | 11:00-11:30 am

A short service designed for our school-aged members. Get together with all your friends for a unique Shabbat experience on ZOOM.

[ZOOM Link](#)/Meeting ID: 72741365540

Daily Services

Sunday Morning 9:00 am

[ZOOM Link](#)/Meeting ID: 777187544

Monday-Friday Morning 7:30 am

[ZOOM Link](#)/Meeting ID: 678807396

Sunday-Thursday Evening 5:30 pm

[ZOOM Link](#)/Meeting ID: 744444213

Friday Evening 6:00 pm

[ZOOM Link](#)/Meeting ID: 416257518

Saturday Morning 9:00 am

[ZOOM Link](#)/Meeting ID: 628202612

Shabbat Service Schedule

Achrei Mot-Kedoshim

Friday Evening Service	6:00 pm
Shabbat Begins/Light Candles	8:09 pm
Shabbat Warmup – ShabbaTunes	9:00 am
Shabbat Morning Service - Religious School Graduation	9:30 am
Shabbat Clubhouse	11:00 am
What the Torah Says (LGBTQ Learning)	12:30 pm (approx.)
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah	9:11 pm

Emor

Friday Evening Service	6:00 pm
Shabbat Begins/Light Candles	8:16 pm
Shabbat Warmup – Torah Talks	9:00 am
Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 am
Shabbat Clubhouse	11:00 am
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah	9:17 pm

B'har-B'chukkotay

Shabbat Neshamah: Friday Evening Mindfulness Service	6:00 pm
Shabbat Begins/Light Candles	8:23 pm
Shabbat Warmup – Mah Chadash: What's News in Israel	9:00 am
Shabbat Morning Service - Anniversary Shabbat	9:30 am
Shabbat Clubhouse	11:00 am
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah	9:24 pm

B'midbar - Rosh Chodesh

Friday Evening Service	6:00 pm
Shabbat Begins/Light Candles	8:29 pm
Shabbat Warmup – Torah Talks	9:00 am
Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 am
Shabbat Clubhouse	11:00 am
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah	9:30 pm

Shabbat Shavuot - Adult B'nei Mitzvah

Friday Evening Service - Shavuot Day 1	6:00 pm
Shabbat/Shavuot Day 2 Begins/Light Candles	8:35 pm
Shabbat Morning Service w. Yizkor - No Shabbat Warmup	9:00 am
Shabbat Clubhouse	11:00 am
Shabbat & Shavuot End/Havdalah	9:36 pm

Naso

Friday Evening Service	6:00 pm
Shabbat Begins/Light Candles	8:40 pm
Shabbat Warmup – ShabbaTunes	9:00 am
Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 am
Shabbat Clubhouse	11:00 am
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah	9:41 pm

B'ha'lotcha

Friday Evening Service	6:00 pm
Shabbat Begins/Light Candles	8:43 pm
Shabbat Warmup – Torah Talks	9:00 am
Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 am
Shabbat Clubhouse	11:00 am
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah	9:44 pm

Shelach Lecha

Shabbat Neshamah: Friday Evening Mindfulness Service	6:00 pm
Shabbat Begins/Candle Lighting	8:46 pm
Shabbat Warmup – Mah Chadash	9:00 am
Shabbat Morning Service - Anniversary Shabbat	9:30 am
Shabbat Clubhouse	11:00 am
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah	9:47 pm

Korach

Friday Evening Service	6:00 pm
Shabbat Begins/Candle Lighting	8:47 pm
Shabbat Warmup – Torah Talks	9:00 am
Shabbat Morning Service - Mevarkhim HaChodesh	9:30 am
Shabbat Clubhouse	11:00 am
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah	9:47 pm

May 1-2/8 Iyar

6:00 pm
8:09 pm
9:00 am
9:30 am
11:00 am
12:30 pm (approx.)
9:11 pm

May 8-9/15 Iyar

6:00 pm
8:16 pm
9:00 am
9:30 am
11:00 am
9:17 pm

May 15-16/22 Iyar

6:00 pm
8:23 pm
9:00 am
9:30 am
11:00 am
9:24 pm

May 22-23/29 Iyar

6:00 pm
8:29 pm
9:00 am
9:30 am
11:00 am
9:30 pm

May 29-30/7 Sivan

6:00 pm
8:35 pm
9:00 am
11:00 am
9:36 pm

June 5-6/14 Sivan

6:00 pm
8:40 pm
9:00 am
9:30 am
11:00 am
9:41 pm

June 12-13/21 Sivan

6:00 pm
8:43 pm
9:00 am
9:30 am
11:00 am
9:44 pm

June 19-20/28 Sivan

6:00 pm
8:46 pm
9:00 am
9:30 am
11:00 am
9:47 pm

June 26-27/5 Tamuz

6:00 pm
8:47 pm
9:00 am
9:30 am
11:00 am
9:47 pm

B'nei Mitzvah

Jack Segerman will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, May 16, 2020. Jack is the son of Douglas Segerman & Shana Raisman, the younger brother of Emma Segerman, and the grandson of Dr. Neal & Aileen Raisman and the late Elliot & Rose Segerman.

Jack 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, Dr. Jerry Benis, and Emma Segerman. Jack enjoys building, karate, reading, and playing video games. For his bar mitzvah project, he helped with a garden to donate food to the local food bank.

Douglas & Shana cordially invite relatives, friends, and members of the congregation to worship with them on this happy occasion.



Samuel Noah Feldstein will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, May 23, 2020. Sam is the son of Katie & Jonathan Feldstein and the grandson of Elaine & Steve Edelstein, Marcia Feldstein, and Eden Feldstein.

Jack is a 7th grade student at Gahanna Middle School East and attends the Samuel M. Melton Religious School. Sam is also a graduate of The Columbus Jewish Day School. He received his bar mitzvah instruction from Cantor Jack Chomsky and Dr. Jerry Benis. For his mitzvah project, Sam and his family did volunteer work at the Mid Ohio Food Bank. Sam is on GMSE's cross country and track teams and is a member of the school's Power of the Pen creative writing team. He also plays the guitar and saxophone in GMSE's band and jazz band.

Katie & Jonathan cordially invite relatives, friends, and members of the congregation to worship with them on this happy occasion.



Gabriel Lev Zeigler will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, June 13, 2020. Gabriel is the son of Sara & Chris Zeigler, the younger brother of Rose Zeigler, and the grandson of Elsa & the late Allen Leveton and Polly & Paul Zeigler.

Jack is a 7th grade student at Gahanna Middle School East and attends the Samuel M. Melton Religious School. He is also a graduate of The Columbus Jewish Day School. He received his bar mitzvah instruction from Cantor Jack Chomsky and Dr. Jerry Benis. Gabriel enjoys spending summers at Camp Livingston.

Sara & Chris cordially invite relatives, friends, and members of the congregation to worship with them on this happy occasion.



Carly Maxine Hanin will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Saturday, June 20, 2020. Carly is the daughter of Jeff & Melissa Hanin and the granddaughter of Suzi & Larry Heiny and Bob & Linda Fiatal.

Carly is a 7th grade student at Bexley Middle School and attends the Samuel M. Melton Religious School. She received her bat mitzvah instruction from Cantor Jack Chomsky. Carly also spends time rock climbing, playing travel soccer, and playing guitar.

Jeff & Melissa cordially invite relatives, friends, and members of the congregation to worship with them on this happy occasion.



Rosh Chodesh

Sunday, May 24	9:00 am & 5:30 pm
Monday, June 22	7:20 am & 5:30 pm
Tuesday, June 23	7:20 am & 5:30 pm

Shavuot

Thursday, May 28

Family Ice Cream Social	6:30 pm
ZOOM Link /Meeting ID: 86421585118	
Tikkun Leil Shavuot	7:30 pm
<i>with Mincha, Learning & Ma'ariv</i>	
ZOOM Link /Meeting ID: 86421585118	

Friday, May 29

Shavuot Festival Service	9:00 am
ZOOM Link /Meeting ID: 87382775635	
<i>(no evening service)</i>	

Saturday, May 30

Shabbat Morning Services	9:00 am
<i>Includes Yizkor & Adult B'nei Mitzvah</i>	
<i>(no Shabbat Warmup)</i>	
ZOOM Link /Meeting ID: 628202612	

Milestone Anniversaries

May

Harlan & Teri Meyer	30
Charles (Chuck) & Debbi Sugarman	30
John & Laura Ryzenman	20
Jennifer & Jason Diehl	10
Samuel (Sam) & Devorah Schlein	5

June

Gerald & Francine Jacobs	60
Allan & Bonnie Finkelstein	50
Gary & Amy Nathans	50
Fred & Jill Winer	50
Louis (Lou) & Sheila Chodosh	45
David & Susan Greenberger	45
Chaim & Malka BenDor	40
Brad & Susie Blair	40
Steven & Sheila Hirsch	35
Cheryl Weiner & Lee Pearlman	35
Carol Ross & Stanley Mandelbaum	15
Stacy Grossman & Adam Gurevitz	10
Liz & Jordan Berman	5
Alex & Jaclyn Szaruga	5

In Memoriam

We note with sorrow and mourn the passing of:

Joan Frommer Bloom, beloved sister of Edward Kraut.

Jerome (Jerry) J. Hackman, beloved husband of Linda Katz Hackman.

Rabbi Marilyn Werman, beloved mother of Dr. Howard (Gwen) Werman.

Gerald Greenberger, beloved brother of Dr. David (Susan) Greenberger and uncle of Sarah, Jonathan, and Rebecca Greenberger.

Robert Spira, beloved father of Scott (Cynthia Weiss) Spira.

Jennie Zeidman, beloved mother of Barry (Tamara Rehmar) Zeidman and grandmother of Dyan (Halen) Johnson.

Robert Weiner, beloved brother of Jerry (Evie) Weiner.

May their memories be for a blessing.

Todah Rabah!

The congregation is grateful for the sponsorship of Shabbat kiddush on Saturday, March 7, by the **Tifereth Israel Sisterhood** and **Men's Club** in honor of Sisterhood & Men's Club Shabbat.

How to Read the Jewish Bible

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

We are diving into, "How to Read the Jewish Bible." In this book, biblical scholar Marc Zvi Brettler argues we can best understand ancient Hebrew scripture by understanding more about the culture that produced it. Led by Rabbi Alex Braver. For information, contact Joy at jcontreras@tiferethisrael.org or 614-928-3291. New students welcome at any time. **ZOOM Link**/Member ID: 334951636

Short Story Group

Wednesdays | May 6-June 10 | 10:30 am
Join our lively discussions of intriguing stories that engage and entertain.
ZOOM Link/Meeting ID: 243651229

Counting the Omer and the Quarantine is Meaningful

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Each year, on the second night of Passover, we begin the counting of the Omer. The Torah specifically instructs us to count seven complete weeks, from Passover to the holiday of Shavuot. It is a counting which begins with day 1 and continues through day 49 as we consciously count up (as opposed to counting down) to the experience of revelation at Mount Sinai.

This year, when it came time for counting the Omer during our second seder, the Skolniks did two countings. We counted the Omer, but also did our "counting of the quarantine." Some of you might have seen us on Facebook on a daily basis as we count the days since our children have been to school. It has become a serious daily ritual for us and, I dare say, for those who watch our videos on a daily basis. As we each share something positive that has happened that day, we declare ourselves actively ready to fulfill the act of saving lives by staying home. We recite a blessing thanking God for answering us in times of crisis

and then count each day of the quarantine. May 1, the date of publication of this issue of the Forum, will be day 47.

Last week we passed the 40-day mark, which meant that we had been in this social isolation longer than Moses had been on Mount Sinai. In the coming days, we'll pass day 49, which will take us into higher numbers than the Omer has ever gone and will ever go. To be honest, there are moments when I find that to be depressing, as it has been so long since we've all been together in person. But, there are other moments when I am inspired by our communal perseverance, ability, and willingness to maintain these physical boundaries for the sake of saving lives. And, through it all, I remember each day of counting of the quarantine is also counting up toward a new normal for our congregation, our city, our state, our country, and our world. May we arrive at that new normal safely, speedily, and in good health.

A promotional image for 'Lunch & Learn' featuring a sandwich on a white plate and a bowl of fresh vegetables including tomatoes, broccoli, blueberries, and nuts.

Lunch & Learn

Join Rabbi Hillel Skolnik and Rabbi Alex Braver for stimulating, timely, and relevant examination of Jewish tenets, through a modern lens. All during your lunch hour!

Wednesday, May 13, 12:00-1:00 pm
The Book of Ruth & Environmental Justice
ZOOM Link/Meeting ID: 85402370218

Wednesday, June 10, 12:00-1:00 pm
Healing Prayers
ZOOM Link/Meeting ID: 82523560642

NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!

Supporting Synagogue is an important mitzvah

Ronald Solove, President | rsolove@aol.com

Over these past few weeks, the concept of community has changed before our very eyes. For as long as any of us can remember, community included physical gatherings for social interactions, prayer, ritual, learning, eating, and every facet of life. In what seemed like the blink of an eye, all of that changed as the Coronavirus struck and social distancing became the order of the day. Yet, even as the concept of how community gathers has been altered, its definition remains the same. Community is formed when people find ways to gather together, no matter what: for happy times and sad, for celebration, social interaction, prayer, ritual, learning, and even eating.

At this confusing and disturbing time, Congregation Tifereth Israel has served as a focus for our community and an anchor for our faith. Our shul has provided us with a regular schedule of services, classes, and activities via Zoom and other social media. It has helped us stay connected to one another. Our clergy and staff have continued to serve us, succeeding under truly difficult circumstances. We remain members of a strong, vibrant congregation that continues to move forward to meet our spiritual, educational, and social needs.

In the past few weeks we have celebrated a bat mitzvah, had a communal seder, read from the Torah, taught religious school, sung songs with our tots, marked anniversaries, mourned loved ones,

laughed, cried, and kept up our regularly scheduled activities and services. In other words, we continued to be a *k'hilah k'dosha* – a sacred community. Without question, regardless of the what the weeks and months ahead bring, that will not change

Of course, our shul is not immune to the economic circumstances we all are experiencing. We have actively pursued means of helping us smooth over this very rough patch, including applying for a federal SBA loan under the Payroll Protection Plan.

We know well that these uncertain financial times have hit many members of our congregation. Let me be clear that we will be here as your community, irrespective of the financial toll this crisis has taken on your family. Even so, we are counting on members to help, as much as they are able, maintain our financial health as we work through this difficult time. And though your financial contributions are crucial, what is most important are your personal and your spiritual contributions as a member of this community. We are happy to work with you and are more committed than ever to making sure that no one is ever turned away due to the inability to pay.

Our world is set to construct a new version of normal. With your steadfast dedication, we know Tifereth Israel will play a leading role in the world as a model of sacred community.



Office Closings

The Tifereth Israel offices will be closed the following days:

- **Monday, May 25** - Memorial Day
- **Thursday, May 28 @ 1:00 pm** - Erev Shavuot
- **Friday, May 29** - Shavuot Day I
- **Friday, July 3** - Independence Day

Mazal Tov



To Sandy & Bernie Sencer on the birth of their grandson, Sonny Ray Sencer

Welcoming Shabbat Mindfulness Practice

Weekly | Fridays | 12:00 to 12:40 pm

Join Beth Brown each week to explore and experience two new meditation techniques from a Jewish perspective. We will ease ourselves away from the stresses of the week in preparation for Shabbat. Beginners and those with “Beginner’s Mind” are all welcome.

[ZOOM Link](#)/Meeting ID: 94107344940

Boker Tov ZOOM

Sundays @ 11:00 am

On Sundays, spend time playing games, singing songs, and catching up with friends.

[ZOOM Link](#)/Meeting ID: 526873863

Rabbis’ Study Circle

Wednesdays | May 6-June 10 | 9:30 am

Join Rabbis Skolnik and Braver for an exploration of, *What is the Zohar? Mysticism, Mystery & Lore*. No Hebrew required. Drop in or drop out as your schedule permits.

[ZOOM Link](#)/Meeting ID: 243651229

Save the Date:
PRIDE SHABBAT
Friday, June 19, 2020
Service: 6:00 pm
Speaker: 7:15 pm (approx.)



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May/June 2020 Events Calendar

Friday, May 1

Book Group, 8:15 am; Welcoming Shabbat Mindfulness, 12:00 pm; Crafting with Morgan, 2:00 pm
 Shabbat Warmup & Services, 9:00 am; Shabbat Clubhouse, 11:00 am; What the Torah Says, 12:30 pm

Saturday, May 2

RS Music, 9:00 am; RS Library (4-6 grade), 9:30 am; RS Boker Or, 10:00 am; Boker Tov ZOOM, 11:30 am; RS Library, 12:00 pm

Sunday, May 3

Perek Yomi, 8:30 am
 Rabbis' Study Circle, 9:30 am; Short Story Group, 10:30 am; Dinner, Drinks & Drash, 6:30 pm

Tuesday, May 5

Wednesday, May 6

Rashi+, 8:30 am
 Book Group, 8:15 am, Welcoming Shabbat Mindfulness, 12:00 pm

Thursday, May 7

Friday, May 8

Shabbat Clubhouse, 11:00 am

Saturday, May 9

Sunday, May 10

RS Music, 9:00 am; RS Library (4-6 grade), 9:30 am; RS Boker Or, 10:00 am; Boker Tov ZOOM, 11:30 am; RS Library, 12:00 pm

Tuesday, May 12

Wednesday, May 13

Perek Yomi, 8:30 am
 Rabbis' Study Circle, 9:30 am; Short Story Group, 10:30 am; Lunch & Learn, 12:00 pm

Thursday, May 14

Friday, May 15

Rashi+, 8:30 am
 Book Group, 8:15 am, Welcoming Shabbat Mindfulness, 12:00 pm

Saturday, May 16

Jack Segerman Bar Mitzvah; Anniversary Shabbat; Shabbat Clubhouse, 11:00 am

Sunday, May 17

RS Music, 9:00 am; RS Library (4-6 grade), 9:30 am; RS Boker Or, 10:00 am; Boker Tov ZOOM, 11:30 am; RS Library, 12:00 pm

Tuesday, May 19

Wednesday, May 20

Perek Yomi, 8:30 am; Annual Meeting, 7:00 pm
 Rabbis' Study Circle, 9:30 am; Short Story Group, 10:30 am; Dinner, Drinks & Drash, 6:30 pm

Thursday, May 21

Friday, May 22

Rashi+, 8:30 am
 Book Group, 8:15 am, Welcoming Shabbat Mindfulness, 12:00 pm

Saturday, May 23

Samuel Feldstein Bar Mitzvah; Shabbat Clubhouse, 11:00 am

Sunday, May 24

Tuesday, May 26

Wednesday, May 27

Thursday, May 28

Boker Tov ZOOM, 11:30 am
 Perek Yomi, 8:30 am
 Rabbis' Study Circle, 9:30 am; Short Story Group, 10:30 am
 Rashi+, 8:30 am; Mincha, 1:00 pm; Family Ice Cream Social, 6:30 pm; Tikkun Leil Shavuot, 7:30 pm

Friday, May 29

Saturday, May 30

Shavuot Festival Service, 9:00 am
 Shabbat Clubhouse, 11:00 am

Sunday, May 31

Tuesday, June 2

Wednesday, June 3

Boker Tov ZOOM, 11:30 am
 Perek Yomi, 8:30 am
 Rabbis' Study Circle, 9:30 am; Short Story Group, 10:30 am; Dinner, Drinks & Drash, 6:30 pm

Thursday, June 4

Friday, June 5

Saturday, June 6

Rashi+, 8:30 am
 Book Group, 8:15 am
 Shabbat Clubhouse, 11:00 am

Tuesday, June 9

Wednesday, June 10

Perek Yomi, 8:30 am
 Rabbis' Study Circle, 9:30 am; Short Story Group, 10:30 am; Lunch & Learn, 12:00 pm

Thursday, June 11

Friday, June 12

Saturday, June 13

Rashi+, 8:30 am
 Book Group, 8:15 am
 Gabriel Zeigler Bar Mitzvah; Shabbat Clubhouse, 11:00 am

Tuesday, June 16

Wednesday, June 17

Thursday, June 18

Friday, June 19

Saturday, June 20

Perek Yomi, 8:30 am
 Dinner, Drinks & Drash, 6:30 pm
 Rashi+, 8:30 am
 Book Group, 8:15 am

Tuesday, June 23

Thursday, June 25

Friday, June 26

Saturday, June 27

Carly Hanin Bat Mitzvah; Shabbat Clubhouse, 11:00 am
 Perek Yomi, 8:30 am
 Rashi+, 8:30 am
 Book Group, 8:15 am
 Shabbat Clubhouse, 11:00 am

Tuesday, June 30

Perek Yomi, 8:30 am

Dinner, Drinks & Drash: May & June 2020

Twice a month, study with Rabbis Hillel Skolnik and Alex Braver, along with guest teachers from across Columbus! To sponsor a night of learning in honor or memory of a loved one, please reach out to [Rabbi Braver](mailto:rabbi.braver@tiferethisrael.org), 614-928-3294.

Wednesday, May 6, at 6:30 pm

On the Road Again: Travel as Transformation in the Talmud
Guest: Rabba Yaffa Epstein, Director of the Wexner Heritage Program

Sponsor: Paulayne Epstein, in memory of Arthur Epstein

Wednesday, May 20, at 6:30 pm

Models of Jewish Leadership
Guest: Stephanie Wapner, Senior Lecturer in Management and Human Resources at the OSU Fisher College of Business

Sponsor: Fred & Jill Winer, in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary

Wednesday, June 3, at 6:30 pm

Topic & Speaker to be Determined
Sponsor: Sponsorship of this event is still available

Wednesday, June 17, at 6:30 pm

Topic & Speaker to be Determined
Sponsor: Sponsorship of this event is still available

[ZOOM Link](#) • Meeting ID: 86923887645

Hebrew Crash Course

Level I

Tuesdays | June 9-July 14 | 6:15 pm

Learn the Aleph-Bet and how to sound out Hebrew words from scratch.

[Register online now](#)

[ZOOM Link](#)/Meeting ID: 88672921309

Level II

Tuesdays | July 28-August 25 | 6:15 pm

Already know the Hebrew Aleph-Bet? Review your reading skills while learning basic Hebrew prayer vocabulary, grammar, and phrases as we study familiar prayers like Adon Olam and Lecha Dodi.

[Register online now.](#)

[ZOOM Link](#)/Meeting ID: 86481738469

Classes are led by long-time Columbus Hebrew teacher Pamela Feldman-Hill and offered for FREE in partnership with the National Jewish Outreach Project. Space is limited.

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Congregation Tifereth Israel Annual Meeting

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

7:00 pm

ZOOM Link provided with RSVP to:

bit.ly/CTIAnnualMeeting2020

Talk by President Ron Solove

Installation of Officers & Board of Trustees

Presentation of the Heinz Hoffman Service Award



Celebrate
SHAVUOT!

Thursday, May 28

Family Ice Cream Social @ 6:30 pm
ZOOM Link/Meeting ID: 86421585118

Tikkun Leil Shavuot @ 7:30 pm
with Mincha, Learning & Ma'ariv
(no evening minyan)

ZOOM Link/Meeting ID: 86421585118

Friday, May 29

Shavuot Festival Service @ 9:00 am
ZOOM Link/Meeting ID: 87382775635

Kabbalat Shabbat Service @ 6:00 pm
ZOOM Link/Meeting ID: 416257518

Saturday, May 30

Shabbat Morning Services @9:00 am
with Yizkor & Adult B'nei Mitzvah
(no Shabbat warmup)

ZOOM Link/Meeting ID: 628202612



Why I Love Tifereth Israel

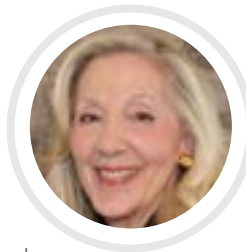
Carol Glassman Congregation Tifereth Israel is my home away from home. Tifereth Israel is a warm, welcoming, diverse, inclusive, egalitarian community. We embrace acceptance, where every person who enters our synagogue feels comfortable. I love this.

We are a traditional Conservative synagogue. But, in addition to honoring our beloved traditions, we are constantly seeking and learning new ways to inspire, to teach, and to grow as a congregation.

We have something for everyone at Tifereth Israel. From Boker Tov for our youngest children to the Samuel M. Melton Religious school and USY for elementary through high school students, Tifereth Israel offers a rich Jewish education to our children. We have exciting, relevant, resonant adult education programs here at Tifereth Israel, which are offered both during daytime and evening hours. I had a lifelong dream of becoming a bat mitzvah. That dream was fulfilled when I was given the opportunity to celebrate my bat mitzvah with a group of 12 adults in 2007. It remains one of my most cherished milestones. It is always possible to learn, to deepen one's understanding of our religion, and to find answers in personal journeys of faith here.

We are blessed at Tifereth Israel with clergy who are brilliant, invested in what they do, caring, and available to us, in both joyful and sorrowful times. We believe strongly in, and work hard for social justice, which is very important to me. And we have FUN! From Dinner, Drinks & Drash to the Purimspiel, to our annual picnic - and so much more - Tifereth Israel provides countless great activities that bring us together in wonderful, positive ways.

I have always loved being Jewish. And I love being Jewish at Congregation Tifereth Israel.



Rashi+

Weekly | Thursdays (thru July 2) | 8:15 am
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**Congregation Tifereth Israel
Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class**

Linda Marlin
Susan Sitler
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Amy Tannenbaum
Chris Zeigler

**Please Join Us
Shabbat Shavuot Morning
Saturday, May 30, 2020
9:00 am**

Each member of the class will read a section of the Torah, lead part of the Haftarah and other sections of the service, and offer words of insight into the various elements that are part of our ritual for the second day of Shavuot.

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Conflict Between Tradition, Change Found Everywhere

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I will be receiving my executive master's degree in Jewish educational leadership at the end of May. Our final project is to present and write about an enduring dilemma, when one finds oneself challenged by two opposing values. My group chose to present on the values of "comfort" and "disruption" (stated more simply, tradition and change). Everywhere one turns, one faces this tension – when to make a change and when to leave things well enough alone. Who would have thought our enduring dilemma would be front and center in the last few months as we fight the COVID-19 pandemic? Our world has been turned upside down and we find ourselves needing to find the comfort and stability in the disruption of our work, our schooling, the way we entertain, and the way we pray. While I had toyed with moving some religious school programs to a virtual format, I never anticipated the need to transform our program from a brick-and-mortar school into an online learning experience within the span of two weeks! Here are few things I've learned, through the lens of our school's Jewish values:

Shmirat HaGuf: Protecting our Bodies

Normally, we speak to students about the need to keep our hands and feet to ourselves in the classroom (no kicking someone else's chair, poking others, etc.). In the time of COVID-19, this has taken on a whole new meaning. The rabbis and I have talked over our ZOOM sessions about *pikuach nefesh* (the value of saving a life) in terms of the importance of distancing to protect ourselves and others from getting sick. Additionally, teachers have been incorporating Hebrew through movement into their lessons, bringing home the importance of taking care of our bodies and staying healthy, even if we have to spend so much time indoors.

Kavod: Respect

Using our new ZOOM format has been a great way to stay connected to our students and families. Our students are still expected to be respectful of their teachers and classmates as we face new challenges that this format presents ("everyone, put yourselves on mute!"). And we are offering our online

classes during regular school hours to maintain a sense of continuity and normalcy and to respect and honor routines while at home.

Kedusha: Holiness

There is something sacred in these gatherings – reaching through a screen to maintain connection with faces we are used to seeing weekly in person. Humans are not meant to be isolated; and as Jews we work best in community. Returning to school online allows our community to flourish and students to interact with one another and to be seen and heard during these difficult times.

Talmud Torah: The Value of Education

As we planned to complete our last six weeks of classes virtually, the staff spoke about what we feel are the important objectives we want our students to walk away with. Overwhelmingly, our teachers felt contact with their students superseded content. That is why each session begins with a connecting prompt to help maintain and strengthen community amongst the students, even with our physical distancing. And they are doing their best to engage students with creative and interactive lessons, teaching the remaining holidays of the year, Bible stories, and Hebrew prayer and reading. Based on emails I've received from parents, they so appreciate our efforts in continuing to provide a warm, inviting space for students to be seen, to share, and to learn!

From the time I canceled in-person classes until our teachers were holding virtual lessons was less than two weeks. I am in awe of, and have tremendous gratitude for, our teachers and specialists who pushed through some discomfort and uncertainty to figure out how to convert their lessons to a virtual format. We "met" during our scheduled spring break to figure out how to use ZOOM and to share best practices of how to have meaningful and effective online lessons. Those with stronger technical skills reached out to guide those who were having more difficulties. We were all learning from one another in this new world! I can't thank our teachers enough for rising to the occasion to finish out our year strong and connected to their students.

“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

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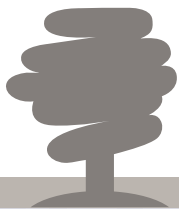
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