

THE TIFERETH ISRAEL FORUM

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

Milestone Anniversaries

May

Sarah & Alex Gardner	5 years
Hallie & Andrew Reaven	5 years
Samara & Seth Preisler	10 years
Sherri & Steven Glickstein	30 years
Jerry & Laura Moskow Sigal	30 years
Susan Hodge & David Greenberg	50 years

June

Rabbis Sharon Barr Skolnik & Hillel Skolnik	15 years
Lynda & Farley Frydman	30 years
Carol Shkolnik & Andrew Meyers	30 years
Gail & Arthur Rose	30 years
Deborah Stutman-Brickey & Michael Brickey	35 years
Miriam & Ed Levine	35 years
Debby & Marty Rosenthal	35 years
Wendy & Rob Cohen	40 years
Alice & Barry Levitin	40 years
Janet & Leonard Carlson	50 years
Kathy & Marty Goldsmith	50 years
Harriette & Darryl Robbins	50 years

SHABBAT WARM UP SATURDAYS @ 9:00 AM

Zoom Link

Meeting ID: 628202612
Password: tifereth

1st Shabbat Mah Chadash: What's News in Israel

2nd, 3rd & 4th Shabbat Torah Talks

Service Times

Tifereth Israel continues to use **Zoom** as a tool for staying connected as we transition back to in-person services & events. Please read our Staying Connected weekly emails for more information.

Sunday Morning 9:00 am

Zoom Link/Meeting ID: 777187544/Password: tifereth

Sunday Evening 5:30 pm

Zoom Link/Meeting ID: 744444213/Password: tifereth

Monday-Friday Morning 7:30 am

Zoom Link/Meeting ID: 678807396/Password: tifereth

Monday-Thursday Evening 5:30 pm

Zoom Link/Meeting ID: 744444213/Password: tifereth

Wed. & Thurs. evening minyan on Zoom & in-person in the parking lot or other location, weather permitting.

Friday Evening - Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm

Zoom Link/Meeting ID: 416257518/Password: tifereth

Fri. evening Kabbalat Shabbat on Zoom & in-person in the parking lot or other location, weather permitting.

Shabbat Morning Services (Zoom or in-person services below) 9:30 am

Zoom Link/Meeting ID: 628202612/Password: tifereth

Shabbat and Holiday Times

Emor - **Zoom only** April 30-May 1/19 Iyar
Shabbat Begins/Candle Lighting 8:08 pm
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah 9:09 pm

Behar / Bechukotai - **In-person only (Livestream Link)** May 7-8/26 Iyar
7th Grade commencement & Hebrew High School Graduation
Shabbat Begins/Candle Lighting 8:15 pm
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah 9:16 pm

Bamidbar - **Zoom & in person** May 14-15/4 Sivan
Shabbat Begins/Candle Lighting 8:22 pm
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah 9:23 pm

Shavuot Day 1 - **In-person only** Sunday, May 16-Monday, May 17/7 Sivan
Mincha / Ma'ariv See ad on page 5
Yom Tov Begins/Candle Lighting 8:23 pm
Yom Tov Morning Services 9:00 am

Shavuot Day 2 - **In-person only** Monday, May 17-Tuesday, May 18/7 Sivan
Mincha 5:30 pm
Yom Tov Continues/Candle Lighting 9:24 pm
Yom Tov Morning Services (with Yizkor) 9:00 am
Mincha 5:30 pm
Yom Tov Ends / Havdalah 9:25 pm

Nasso - **In-person only (Livestream Link)** May 21-22/11 Sivan
Shabbat Begins/Candle Lighting 8:28 pm
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah 9:30 pm

Beha'alotecha - **Zoom only** May 28-29/18 Sivan
Shabbat Begins/Candle Lighting 8:34 pm
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah 9:35 pm

Shelach - **Zoom only** June 4-5/25 Sivan
Shabbat Begins/Candle Lighting 8:39 pm
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah 9:40 pm

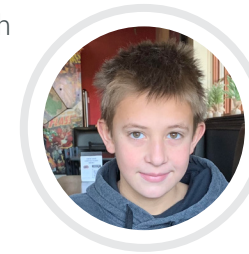
Korach - **In-person only (Livestream Link)** June 11-12/2 Tamuz
Shabbat Begins/Candle Lighting 8:43 pm
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah 9:44 pm

Chukat - **In-person only (Livestream Link)** June 18-19/9 Tamuz
Shabbat Begins/Candle Lighting 8:46 pm
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah 9:46 pm

Balak - **In-person only (Livestream Link)** June 25-26/16 Tamuz
Shabbat Begins/Candle Lighting 8:47 pm
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah 9:47 pm

B'nei Mitzvah

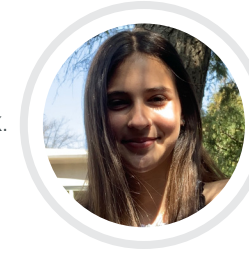
Benjamin Pesetsky will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, May 29, 2021. Ben is the son of Stephanie and Sam Pesetsky and the grandson of Steve Guidugli, Cheryl Wissel, Bernard Pesetksy, and Mary Pesetsky.



Ben is a 7th grade student at New Albany Middle School and attends the Samuel M. Melton Religious School. He received his Bar Mitzvah instruction from Dr. Jerry Benis, Cantor Chomsky, and Rabbi Skolnik. Ben enjoys soccer, swimming, tennis, and other sports.

Sam and Stephanie Pesetsky cordially invite relatives, friends, and members of the congregation to worship with them virtually on Zoom. In lieu of flowers for the bimah, a donation has been made to Jimmy V Foundation in memory of Bernard and Mary Pesetsky.

Allison Eve Lefkowitz will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, June 5, 2021. Allison is the daughter of Jennifer & Brian Lefkowitz, sister to Molly Lefkowitz, and the granddaughter of Randi Lefkowitz and Marvin & Renee Resnik.



Allison is a 7th grade student at Bexley Middle School and attends the Samuel M. Melton Religious School. She received her Bat Mitzvah instruction from Micah Goldson. Allison also enjoys playing with her club soccer team, art, and lives for summer camp in Wisconsin.

Jennifer & Brian cordially invite relatives, friends, and members of the congregation to worship with them virtually on Zoom.

In Memoriam

Curt Ostroff, brother of **Brad Ostroff**

Naomi Mormol, Mother of Drs. Leslie (Harold) Green, Julie (Tim) Stern, Dr. Jeffrey (Stacey) Mormol and Gregory (Bethany) Mormol; Sister of Dr. Charles (Elvira) Serby and Carolyn Weinstein

Raisa Davidson, sister of **Emma Bakman and Zinaida Golod**, aunt of **Lidiya (Mikhail) Zhuravleva**

Dr. Herbert Berkowitz, brother of **Judy (Dr. Jerry) Liepack**

Louis Lowy, step-father of **Rachel (Scott) Botkin**; grandfather of **Ethan and Michael Botkin**

Dr. Arthur J. "Jerry" Weiner, husband of **Evie Weiner**, father of **Cheryl Weiner (Dr. Lee Pearlman) and Richard (Lori) Weiner**; grandfather of **Gabriella and Gaige Weiner, and Rachel Pearlman (Ethan Moss)**; great grandfather of **Leora Moss and Ruby Marilyn Moss z"l**

Jan Paradise, mother of **Maddy Fleisher (Matthew McKenzie)**; grandmother of **Henry and Jane McKenzie**

Blanche Betty Bachrack Rose, mother of **Arthur (Gail) Rose**

Rosh Chodesh

Wednesday

Thursday - Friday Morning

Morning Minyan

Evening Minyan

May 12 / 1 Sivan

June 10-11 / 30 Sivan - 1 Tamuz

7:20 am

5:30 pm

Office Closings

Monday, May 17 – Shavuot day 1

Tuesday, May 18 – Shavuot day 2 / Yizkor

Monday, May 31 – Memorial Day

Mazal tov!

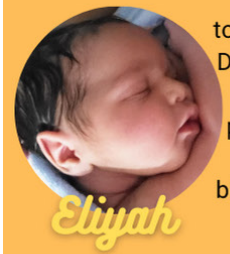
Births

to proud grandparents
Sheila & Louis Chodosh;
proud parents Meghan
Mannion & Seth Chodosh,
excited new big sister
Naomi, and proud Aunt
Samara & Uncle Seth
Preisler on the birth of Ayla
Shoshana Chodosh



to proud parents Sophia
Elias & Bryan Finkelstein;
proud first-time
grandparents Bonnie &
Allan Finkelstein; and
excited Aunt Shari &
Uncle Alex Salkin on
the birth of Julia Elias
Finkelstein

to proud parents
Michelle & Michael
Aminov-Tobin and big
brother Alexander Gabriel
on the birth of Aviva Ariella
Aminov-Tobin



to proud parents Tiffany and
Desmond Shipp; big brother
Desmond Shipp, Jr. and
proud grandmother Elaine
Kravitz-Sheppard on the
birth of Eliyah Gavreel Shipp

to proud parents
Amy & Lior Rahav; very
excited big sister Shalev;
proud grandparents
Debbie & Barry Adelman;
and great-grandmother Ellen
Schottenstein on the birth
of Yarden Rahm Rahav.



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Mazal tov!

Births



Leah

to proud parents Erin & Andrew Samuels; very excited big brother, Ethan and big sister, Mara; and proud grandparents Sue Susskind, John Samuels, and Anita & Mark Meyer, on the birth of Leah Audrey Samuels



Nathan

to parents Dr. Aaron & Samantha Delman (of Cincinnati); proud grandparents Karen & Steve Weisman and Andrea & Gary Delman (both of Toledo); and proud great grandmother Sylvia Marx (Nathan z"l), on the birth of Nathan Weis Delman



Hawk

to proud parents Naava & Michael Schottenstein; sister, Rose Bounds; grandparents Linda & Howard Schottenstein; great grandmother Ellen Schottenstein; and Aunts Anna Schottenstein and Rebecca Schottenstein Epstein and uncle Michael Epstein on the birth of Hawk Wesley Schottenstein

B'nei Mitzvah

to Adam & Stephanie Lewin on the occasion of their daughter, Lola, becoming a bat mitzvah on Saturday, March 6.

to Rachel & Scott Botkin on the occasion of their son, Michael, becoming a bar mitzvah on Saturday, March 13.

It's Good To Be Back

Rabbi Hillel Skolnik | hskolnik@tiferethisrael.org

For many months, I have felt, as a preacher, a pressure to connect every sermon to the struggle of making it through these pandemic times. Every tidbit of Torah had to have a lesson to what it means to live through a pandemic. It never felt for me (and I hope for you as well) that the connections were forced, but I admit that it had started to add an additional level of fatigue to our Zoom fatigue and pandemic fatigue.

Over the past few weeks, however, I have felt a renewed strength, as the words that Rabbi Braver and I share with the congregation speak not to times of regathering in some distant, unclear future. Instead, there is cause for hope and joy as those times feel as if they are upon us. By the publication of this "Forum," we will have had our first two in-person Shabbat morning services since March, 2020 and will be preparing for the start of phase 2 of our reopening plan. With all seriousness I add that there continues to exist the possibility that case numbers could worsen, variants could become rampant in our area, and we may be forced to return to an exclusively virtual experience. But for the first time in a long time, I find myself sharing words that are filled more with hope than of prayers for strength and perseverance.

I have been personally overwhelmed to see the ways our congregation has stayed strong and connected with one another during the past 14 months. The calls, the socially distant visits, the Zoom sessions, the Facetimes – it has all kept the connection strong. On a personal note, Sharon and I have been overwhelmed by the offers to help as we moved to a new home here in Columbus. The schlepping of boxes, the food, volunteering to watch our children – they are personal examples, but they are emblematic of the kindness and generosity that has prospered in our congregation during these times. The Mishnah teaches that there are four new years or Rosh HaShanahs. There is one for trees, one for sovereigns, one for animals, and one for the birthday of the world. I would argue that this year, we are adding a fifth. It feels like these are the moments of a new year, one that we have been waiting to celebrate for some time. I hope that you will mark it with us by joining us for our "Tifereth Connected" weekend, by being part of our in-person services and events in the coming weeks and months. We can't wait to see you in person!



Best of Columbus

Congregation Tifereth Israel has been selected as the Winner for the 2021 Best of Columbus Awards in the category of Places of Worship.

The Columbus Award Program was created to honor and generate public recognition of the achievements and positive contributions of businesses and organizations in and around Columbus.

Their mission is to raise the profile of exemplary companies and entrepreneurs among the press, the business community, and the general public.



Separate and Together

Ronald Solove, President | rsolove@aol.com

It didn't go exactly as I had expected. Two years ago, at the Congregation Tifereth Israel annual meeting, I was elected president of the Board of Trustees. I was honored and proud to accept the position. I was looking forward to leading Board meetings, dealing with budgetary and other annual issues, being on the bimah on Shabbat, and congratulating B'nei Mitzvah kids on their outstanding achievements. There would be Kol Nidre speeches to write and deliver.

What I didn't anticipate was an exploration of a possible merger with Agudas Achim, the hurdles that we encountered, and finding a replacement executive director. Then there was the matter of a once-in-a-century pandemic that changed everything.


Donna and I spent most of February of 2020 in Florida, visiting with friends and family, and soaking up warmth and sunshine. While we were there, we began to hear about a flu or something that was sickening people, killing many, all over the world. We heard the word "pandemic" for the first time on our drive home. And, on our return, we confronted the concerns and changes that impacted all Americans and their families.

The physical structure that houses Tifereth Israel shut down. Nobody had warned me to be ready for that to happen when I became president! We had to figure out how to run the business of the shul, how to function with staff working from home. We had to make adjustments and changes to virtually every aspect of congregational life. We needed to continue to serve the spiritual life of our membership and, somehow, to hold services.

We had to learn how to mute/unmute on Zoom.

As I look back on all the mishigas that we have encountered, I am absolutely overwhelmed by the success of our endeavors to maintain and move forward. The credit belongs to our amazing staff, our Rabbis and executive director, and the members of our congregation who have provided such dedicated service to help us through this strange time. We have not merely survived, we have grown and become stronger. Baruch HaShem.

My only regret? I didn't buy stock in Zoom about the same time I became president.



BOKER TOV

Sunday Mornings
May 2 (Celebrating Israel)

12:00 - 12:30 pm

& June 6

11:30 am - 12:00 pm

both in person at Franklin Park!


LAILA TOV ZOOM

a Friday night Shabbat experience for preschool-aged kids and their grown-ups

Friday Nights
May 21 & June 18

5:45 - 6:15 pm

Sing & dance with Todah!
[Zoom Link](#)
Meeting ID: 85120064830
Password: tifereth



Our bi-monthly Forum has gone digital. If we can better serve you by sending you a printed copy, please email Joy at jcontreras@tiferethisrael.org.

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Why I love Tifereth Israel


Scott Spira | sspira@hotmail.com

I first came to Tifereth Israel for High Holiday services soon after getting married and starting the MBA program at Ohio State. I'd grown up in one of the main Conservative synagogues in Cleveland, and so, was familiar with the services. I particularly enjoyed the choir, and found myself thinking, "I think I could do that." The next summer I called Cantor Chomsky and asked if he needed another tenor. He happily welcomed me, and arranged for me to join the shul.

babies, and our lives and the synagogue became more intertwined. Since then, TI has been the main place where I've indulged in my love of performing - with the High Holiday Choir, the Jewish Community Choir, Koleinu, and in almost every Purim spiel that we've produced. It was also where my girls grew up and learned the Jewish traditions and values that are so important to me, and are now important to them. I will forever be grateful for the help we got in raising them to want to live active, vibrant Jewish lives.

Tifereth Israel felt like home when I first came to it. It never stopped feeling like home, and I'm sure that it never will.





Shavuot 5781

Sunday, May 16


Pre-Shavuot afternoon study session, in partnership with Agudas Achim and Moishe House Columbus. Outdoors at Nelson Park (rain location: Zoom). More info, including family programming, TBD.

Interest in all-night study? Join the Rabbinical Assembly's Tikkun Leil Shavuot Global Livestream, beginning at 12:00 pm and continuing for 24-hours straight! Stay tuned to the e-forum for more information.

Shavuot Day 1 / Sunday, May 16 - Monday, May 17
Mincha @ 5:30 pm / Ma'ariv @ 8:00 pm
Yom Tov Begins / Candle Lighting @ 8:23 pm
Yom Tov Morning Services @ 9:00 am **in-person & Live-streamed**

Shavuot Day 2 Monday, May 17 - Tuesday, May 18
Mincha @ 5:30 pm
Yom Tov Begins / Candle Lighting @ 8:23 pm
Yom Tov Morning Services (Yizkor) @ 9:00 am **in-person & Live-streamed**

MAZAL TOV TO OUR GRADUATES!




12th Grade
Beth Littman

7th Grade
Noah Grischkan
Allison Lefkowitz
Benjamin Pesetsky
Alexander Popa
Emily Wasserstrom

5781 Graduation

May 8, 2021
(during in-person Shabbat morning services)



Hagigat HaSiddur

May 2, 2021 at 11:00 am

Cobi Abeles
Corey Cooper
Myella Davis
Andrew Dragin
Delilah Goldberg
Kate Grischkan

Eva Gurevitz
Ellison Gutter
Beatrice Ketner
Dominic Pesetsky
Elana Rubin
Theodore Smith

MAZAL TOV TO OUR 3RD GRADERS!



May 16, 2021
Religious School Closing Day
Come celebrate Shavuot, including our Closing Assembly!

Opens July 1, 2021
Registration 2021-2022
Our goal is to have fall classes in person safely. Contact Miriam at mberk@tiferethisrael.org for more information.



TIFERETH CONNECTED

A WEEKEND HONORING OUR FRONT-LINE
WORKERS AND CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY

MAY 20 – 23

"Who Knows One?" Jewish Geography Zoom Racing

Thursday, May 20, 7:30 pm, Facebook Live

"Who Knows One?" Jewish Zoom Racing will feature four contestants from our congregation as they discover how many degrees of separation it takes to find a randomly-picked Jew from anywhere in the country. Congregants are invited to help contestants by donating clues! Want to see what this fun and energetic game is like? Visit www.fb.com/WhoKnowsOne. FREE

Musical Shabbat Services

Friday, May 21

Laila Tov Services for Young Families, 5:30 pm

BYO Picnic Dinner, 6:00 pm

Friday Night Services, 6:30 pm

Join us for in-person, outdoor, musical Shabbat Services and dinner. Everyone is invited to bring their own dairy/vegetarian dinner and blankets or chairs (sponsors at \$250 or more will receive a pre-made dinner and reserved seating with tables and chairs). Streaming of services will also be provided. FREE: RSVP's appreciated.

Saturday Morning Services

Saturday, May 22, 9:30 am

Join us for Saturday morning services as we continue to honor our front-line workers and celebrate our community. These services will be in-person for a limited number of congregants and live-streaming of services will also be provided.

Tifereth Israel Talent Show

Sunday, May 23, 10:30 am

What hidden talents do your TI friends and family have? Come find out at our Talent Show!

Sign up to participate at <http://bit.ly/TITalentShowSignUp>

\$18/adult, KIDS 12 & under/FREE, \$72 family max.

If you are a front-line worker or would like to volunteer, email [Rebecca](mailto:Rebecca@tiferethisrael.org).

Leslie Rosen, **Chair**
Dr. Arnold Good, Dr. Jon Groner,
Dr. Howie Werman, Dr. Adam Weiser
Honorary Co-Chairs



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

\$10,000 - Superhero

- Full-Page Ad in Tribute Journal
- Pre-made Shabbat dinners and reserved seating area for 12 with complimentary chairs and table
- 12 reserved seats at the Talent Show
- Give a Super-Connector, an extra connection, and two clues to a "Who Knows One?" player

\$7,500 - Hero

- Full-Page Ad in Tribute Journal
- Pre-made Shabbat dinners and reserved seating area for 10 with complimentary chairs and table
- 10 reserved seats at the Talent Show
- Give a Super-Connector, an extra connection, and one clue to a "Who Knows One?" player

\$5,000 - Champion

- Full-Page Ad in Tribute Journal
- Pre-made Shabbat dinners and reserved seating area for 8 with complimentary chairs and table
- 8 reserved seats at the Talent Show
- Give a Super-Connector to a "Who Knows One?" player

\$2,500 - Torch-Bearer

- Half-page Ad in Tribute Journal
- Pre-made Shabbat dinners and reserved seating area for 6 with complimentary chairs and table
- 6 reserved seats at the Talent Show
- Give an extra connection to a "Who Knows One?" player

\$1,000 - Builder

- Quarter-page Ad in Tribute Journal
- Pre-made Shabbat dinners and reserved seating area for 4 with complimentary chairs and table
- 4 reserved seats at the Talent Show
- Give two clues to a "Who Knows One?" player

Please send camera-ready artwork (high resolution jpg or pdf files) or tribute ad content to jcontreras@tiferethisrael.org. To purchase a sponsorship or ad directly, please email [Joy](mailto:Joy@tiferethisrael.org) or call (614) 928-3291. For all other questions, please email [Rebecca](mailto:Rebecca@tiferethisrael.org) or call (614) 928-3287.

To RSVP, and become a sponsor, visit www.tiferethisrael.org.

\$500 - Enthusiast

- Eighth-page Ad in Tribute Journal
- Pre-made Shabbat dinners and reserved seating area for 2 with complimentary chairs and table
- 2 reserved seats at the Talent Show
- Give one clue to a "Who Knows One?" Player

\$250 - Connector

- Eighth-page Ad in Tribute Journal
- Pre-made Shabbat dinner and reserved seating area for 1 with complimentary chair and table
- 1 reserved seat at the Talent Show

Value Package - Supporter

- \$72/person \$140/couple
- Name Listing in the Tribute Journal
- Reserved Seating at Talent Show

Tribute Journal Ads Honoring our front-line workers and celebrating our community

- Full Page \$500
- ½ Page \$360
- ¼ Page \$270
- ⅛ Page \$136
- Name Listing \$65

Sponsorships and journal ads are due
Tuesday, May 4 @ 9:00 am.



שיר חדש shir hadash



**Tifereth Israel musical
Kabbalat Shabbat service**



4th Fridays @ 6:00 pm
May 28 & June 25

Spring at Tifereth

Laura Moskow Sigal | Imsigal@tiferethisrael.org
Executive Director



It's Spring! I'm sure I'm not the only one who wondered if this time would ever come. The flowers have sprouted and more have been planted at Tifereth Israel. We're excited that you will all be able to enjoy them. Our building officially reopened for Shabbat services on April 10th. Seeing the smiling, masked faces of our members as they entered the shul for the first time in over a year gave me such nachas. Being able to put a member name with a face was especially rewarding for me. Probably the hardest part of my job this past year was talking and zooming with our members but not being able to meet them in person. I am really looking forward to meeting people the old fashioned way. Since I began my position in July, I've never worked in the building when it was open to all of us. I know this will be a major change.

With Spring and the slow reopening of

our building comes the realization that we are actually going back to normal, hopefully soon. Every conference room will be occupied, children will be running around the building, minyans will return, and life will come back to Tifereth. Safety will be our main goal. The building will be spic and span. We will still be requiring all staff and visitors to be wearing masks and keeping socially distant. We hope that will not be necessary as we move towards Fall, but that will be a decision made by our Reopening Task Force later this year. A special thanks go to this group who have spent an incredible amount of time this past year ensuring that all of us remain safe.

Welcome back! We are excited to see all of you in the weeks and months ahead.

Hebrew Crash Course

Wednesday nights
6:15 - 7:45 pm

**Level 1: learn the aleph bet
from scratch**
June 2 - July 7
[Registration Link](#)

**Level 2: sound out words
and learn basic vocab**
July 21 - August 18
[Registration Link](#)



**FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 2021
SERVICES @ 6:00 PM
SPEAKER TO FOLLOW**



PRIDE SHABBAT

Featuring guest speaker Scott F. Leibowitz, MD, Medical Director of Behavioral Health for Nationwide Children's THRIVE gender development program, and leading authority on mental health and wellbeing of LGBTQ youth.

BYO picnic Shabbat dairy dinner, blankets, and chairs!
Rain location: [Zoom Link](#)

Thursday, May 13 @ 7:00 pm

Against All Odds

Sisterhood welcomes the community to join us for a special evening of hearing one person's Holocaust story of survival and hope.

Here to share his story so we never forget, meet our speaker, Leon. Leon was born in Czernowitz, Romania in 1931 and was ten years old when the Nazis invaded in 1941. He has been a member of the JFCS Holocaust Center's William J. Lowenberg Speakers Bureau since 2010 and has shared his testimony virtually with over 2,000 individuals since the shift to online programming in March 2020.

To RSVP, [click here!](#)

Zoom link will be provided upon registration. This program is free, but registration is required. Donations of any amount to support this organization's mission welcomed by [clicking here](#).

Please Join our Rabbis and the rest of Tifereth Israel's Rodef Tzedek Network at:

**BREAD's Nehemiah Action,
Tuesday, May 11 @ 7:00 pm**
On Zoom or in your car

Join us in encouraging public officials to adopt proven solutions to: affordable housing, gun violence, and police misconduct.

Our power is in our numbers - your presence matters! [CLICK HERE](#) to register today!

Want more information? Contact:
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Diane Peters, surrenderedmusic@gmail.com

For more information on B.R.E.A.D., [click here](#) or visit the B.R.E.A.D. [Facebook page](#).

**General Meetings:
all are welcome and
encouraged to
attend via ZOOM.**



Sunday May 9
Sisterhood Meeting
@ 7:00 pm
Monday, May 10
Congregation
Annual Meeting
@ 6:45 pm

Stay safe & we look forward to seeing you soon!

Visit our [Facebook page](#) for up-to-date information!
[Email us](#) to stay in touch!

MEETINGS

**"JUSTICE,
JUSTICE
SHALL YOU
PURSUE"**
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Jewish Learning

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

All classes are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted



MISHNA YOMI; PIRKEI AVOT

Tuesdays with Rabbi Skolnik
9:00 - 10:00 am

Join us for an in-depth learning and conversation about Pirkei Avot/ the ethics of our sages. Read one mishna every day and join for a weekly check-in on all 7! Drop in for a few sessions, or make it a regular part of your week!

[Zoom Link](#)



RABBIS' STUDY CIRCLE

Wednesdays with Rabbis Skolnik & Braver
9:30 - 10:30 am

Join our weekly study group as we explore *The Heart of the Torah: Essays on the Weekly Parsha* by Rabbi Shai Held.

[Zoom Link](#)

SISTERHOOD SHORT STORY GROUP

Wednesdays with Fran Duchene, Marilyn Fais, Helen Miller and Lola Steinhart
10:30 - 11:30 am

Please join our lively discussions of intriguing stories that engage and entertain.

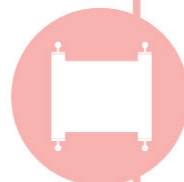
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RASHI+: WEEKLY TORAH STUDY

Thursdays with Rabbi Berman
8:30 - 9:30 am

Through careful reading and lively discussion, come study the classic commentary of Rashi (Rabbi Shlomo ben Yitzchak) and other Medieval Torah commentators. Knowledge of Hebrew is not necessary. New students are always welcome. **Last session: June 24.**

[Zoom Link](#)



SHABBAT WARMUP

Saturdays with Rabbis Skolnik & Braver
9:00 - 9:30 am

Get ready for Shabbat services with a different learning opportunity each week!

Ma Chadash (1st Shabbat)
What's new in Israel? (Rabbi Skolnik)

Torah Talks (2nd, 3rd & 4th Shabbatot)
Questions and conversation about the weekly Torah portion. (Rabbi Braver and Rabbi Sharon Barr Skolnik)

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FRIDAY BOOK GROUP

Fridays with Rabbi Braver
8:15 - 9:15 am

Join in on this long-running book group as we read one chapter each week of Roger Kamenetz's *The Jew in the Lotus: A Poet's Rediscovery of Jewish Identity in Buddhist India*.

In June, we'll turn to *Moses: A Human Life* by Avivah Zornberg.

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WELCOMING SHABBAT MINDFULNESS

Fridays with Beth Brown
3:00 - 3:30 pm

Explore meditation techniques from a Jewish perspective. Ease ourselves away from the stresses of the week. All are welcome.

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How much better to acquire wisdom than gold! To acquire understanding is preferable to silver.
Proverbs 16:16

Spring/Summer 5781

FEATURED PROGRAMS



SIDDUR & TORAH TROPE TUTORIAL

2nd and 4th Sundays with Jerry Benis
10:00 - 11:00 am

Learn how to lead parts of the Shabbat morning service and chant Torah trope, or refresh your memory. Basic Hebrew reading skills required.

Last session: May 9

RSVP to jerrybenis@yahoo.com

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DINNER DRINKS & DRASH

1st & 3rd Tuesdays with Rabbis Skolnik & Braver, and guest teachers
6:30 pm

Join our rabbis and guest teachers from across Columbus (and beyond) for nights of learning and discussion.

May 4 with Dr. Chris Farrar, Author of *By the Waters of Babylon*

Biblical Messengers: Isaiah in Historical Context

May 18 (Shavuot Day 2) with Rabbis Skolnik & Braver, and community members

We Were All At Sinai: Jews By Choice Share Their Stories

June 1 with Dr. David Greenberg

Jewish Attitudes Toward Sex Throughout the Ages

June 15 with Rabbi Skolnik

Honoring Your Parents All Year Round, (Not Just Fathers' and Mothers' Days)

Interested in sponsoring a night of learning in honor or memory of a loved one? Contact [Rabbi Braver](#).

[Zoom Link](#)

LUNCH & LEARN

2nd & 4th Wednesdays with Rabbis Skolnik & Braver, and guest teachers
12:00 - 1:00 pm

Study and discussion over lunch, with our rabbis and guest teachers.

May 12 with Chris Farrar, Author of *By the Waters of Babylon*

Biblical Messengers: Jeremiah in Historical Context

May 26 with Michael Palmer, Author of *Eric Mendelsohn's Synagogues in America*

The Cusp of Change: American Synagogue Architecture

June 9 with Rabbi Braver
Rebel With a Cause? Korach and the Revolt Against Moses

June 23 with Rabbi Berman
Praying for Israel: History and Context

[Zoom Link](#)



ISRAEL DISCUSSION GROUP

2nd Saturdays with Rob Cohen
approx. 12:15 pm after services

Discuss the latest in Israel news with a lay-led discussion about recent events.

[Zoom Link](#)



ASKING DEEPER QUESTIONS: JUDAISM 201

1st Wednesdays with Rabbis Skolnik & Braver
October - May
6:15 - 7:45 pm

Feel like you've got the basics, but want to take your Jewish education to the next level? Join us for this once-a-month series focused on exploring some deeper questions about Jewish thought and practice, while also providing practical skills and advice for those looking to add more Jewish ritual to their lives.

Cost: free, with suggested donation of \$72 for the entire series.

May 5

How To Keep Kosher and Stay Sane

FRIDAY, June 11

Siyyum: Concluding Shabbat Dinner.

(RSVP Only. Please register for more information).

[Registration Requested](#)

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Meet the Board

Karl Rubin, incoming President | karlrubin@msn.com

One of my favorite daily prayers is toward the end of P'Sukei D'Zimra right before we move into the more formal part of our service. This is where we recite and some of us sing "The Song of the Sea." I like this prayer so much because it's hopeful about where we are going, it's reflective in considering where we have been, and it's rooted in where we currently are and being present in the moment.

As I ready myself, with much humility, to take on what I consider to be a deeply meaningful and important honor as your next president, I am reminded of all the others before me who have led our synagogue and I am appreciative of their contributions and commitment. And, I realize one person does not lead a synagogue, rather it is a labor of love by a large group of dedicated people that share a goal.

This has been a tough year for virtually everyone in the world. We are all acutely aware of where we have been, particularly during the past year with stay-at-home orders and the threat of contracting a disease that can take away our lives very quickly. Many of us, in fact, have lost loved ones during the past year and that loss is still very raw and palpable. This understanding of where we have been greatly adds to the preciousness of the moment and of the future. It makes us all want to do more for our family, our friends and our community because we see how temporary things can be and how quickly life can change.

Even though we have some trepidation about reentering the world we left over a year ago, we have confidence that not only can we recreate the beauty we once had at our synagogue, but we can take the additional steps needed to improve the relationships we had with each other and the physical space at our synagogue.

And just like when the ancient Israelites were faced with uncertainty as they stood before the sea, with threats behind them and in front of them, they along with faith and trust in God and each other prevailed, just as our congregation will prevail.

I am confident that we as a synagogue, under the leadership of two outstanding and dedicated rabbis, a board of committed lay people, and a staff of talented, caring and experienced people will move to greater places than we ever have been before.

There are many issues that we will be exploring together over the next two years and beyond. I look forward to working with every one of you, hearing your ideas and your voice, sharing joyous simchas together and helping to support the losses we will experience. Being a part of a community was what allowed our ancestors to thrive a long time ago and it will ensure that we as a people will have a future that is bright.



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COUNTING THE OMER: 7 WEEKS OF SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

Check out the ongoing community reflections on the spiritual themes of the Omer, on Facebook and Instagram, and with our weekly Thought Before Shabbat emails.

Week 1 / Hesed: love & kindness

Week 2 / Gevurah: judgment & power

Week 3 / Tiferet: splendor & beauty

Week 4 / Netzach: endurance & perseverance

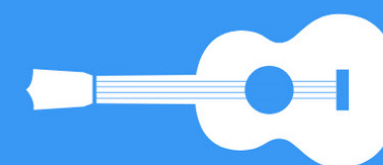
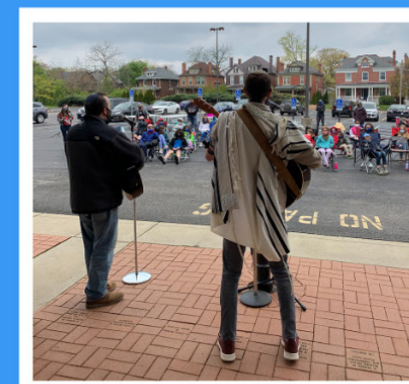
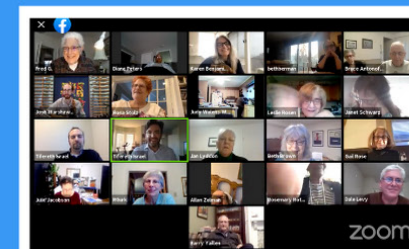
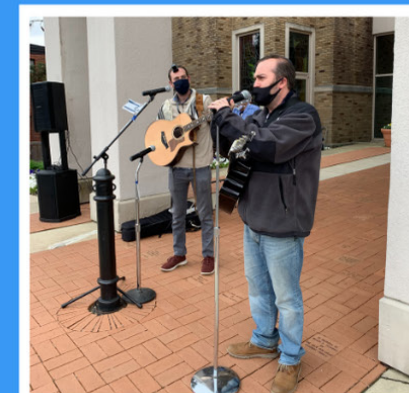
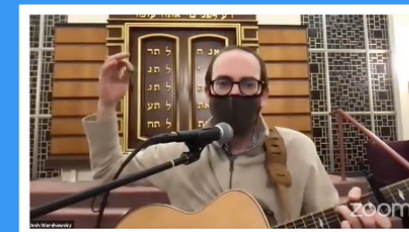
Week 5 / Hod: humility & gratitude

Week 6: Yesod: groundedness & connection

Week 7 / Malkhut: nobility & presence



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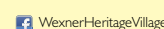
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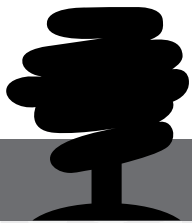
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