



THE TIFERETH ISRAEL FORUM

January / February 2022
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SHABBAT WARM UP SATURDAYS @ 9:00 AM

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

2nd, 3rd & 4th Shabbat Torah Talks



Anniversary Shabbat

9:30 am
January 15 & February 19

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

Milestone Anniversaries

January

Jody & Joel Altschule	40 years
Semyon & Rosalia Shostak	50 years
Carole & Nelson Genshaft	50 years

February

Michael & Luann Gurevitz	50 years
Peter & Diane Stahl	55 years

Service Times

Livestream is [available here](#) on a daily basis. All services are in the Sanctuary and livestreamed unless otherwise noted. Please read our Staying Connected weekly email on Thursday afternoons for more information.

Sunday Morning Minyan (Zoom only) (Feb. 13 in person & livestream) 9:00 am

[Zoom Link](#) / Meeting ID: 744444213 / Password: tifereth

Sunday Evening Minyan (Zoom only) 5:30 pm

[Zoom Link](#) / Meeting ID: 744444213 / Password: tifereth

Weekday Morning Minyan 7:30 am

Weekday Evening Minyan (Monday-Thursday) 5:30 pm

Friday Evening Minyan & Kabbalat Shabbat 5:30 pm

Saturday Morning Shabbat Services 9:30 am

Shabbat Times

Vaera

Shabbat Begins/Candle Lighting

Shabbat Ends/Havdalah

December 31-January 1 / 28 Tevet

4:59 pm

6:00 pm

Bo

Shabbat Begins/Candle Lighting

Shabbat Ends/Havdalah

January 7-8 / 6 Shevat

5:05 pm

6:06 pm

Beshalach

Shabbat Begins/Candle Lighting

Shabbat Ends/Havdalah

January 14-15 / 13 Shevat

5:12 pm

6:14 pm

Yitro / Scholar-In-Residence: Dara Horn
Friday Night Services and Program (See Page 5)

Shabbat Begins/Candle Lighting

Shabbat Ends/Havdalah

January 21-22 / 20 Shevat

5:00 pm

5:20 pm

6:22 pm

Mishpatim

Shabbat Begins/Candle Lighting

Shabbat Ends/Havdalah

Janary 28-29 / 27 Shevat

5:28 pm

6:30 pm

Terumah / K. & First Grade Consecration

Shabbat Begins/Candle Lighting

Shabbat Ends/Havdalah

February 4-5 / 4 Adar 1

5:37pm

6:38 pm

Tetzavah

Shabbat Begins/Candle Lighting

Shabbat Ends/Havdalah

February 11-12 / 11 Adar 1

5:45 pm

6:47 pm

Ki Tisa

Shabbat Begins/Candle Lighting

Shabbat Ends/Havdalah

February 18-19 / 18 Adar 1

5:53 pm

6:55 pm

Vayakhel / Shabbat Shekalim /
Sisterhood and Men's Club Shabbat

Shabbat Begins/Candle Lighting

Shabbat Ends/Havdalah

February 25-26 / 25 Adar 1

6:01 pm

7:03 pm

Kiddush to-go lunch

Thelma's to-go Kiddush lunch is back every Shabbat!

Rosh Chodesh

Monday

Morning Minyan

Evening Minyan

Tuesday - Wednesday

Morning Minyan

Evening Minyan

January 3 / 1 Shevat

7:20 am

5:30 pm

February 1-2 / 30 Shevat-1 Adar 1

7:20 am

5:30 pm

B'nei Mitzvah

Adam Shane Merzel will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, January 8, 2022. Adam is the son of Alison & Jeffrey Merzel, brother of Maddie and Claire, and grandson of Iris & Robert Center, Shelly Asher, and Leonard Merzel.

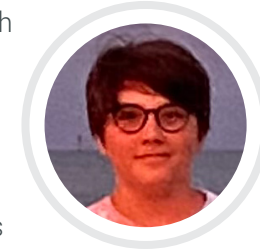


Adam is a 7th grade student at Bexley Middle School and attends the Samuel M. Melton Religious School. He received his Bar Mitzvah instruction from Greg Margulies. Adam is also a big sports fan (Go Buckeyes, Cubs, Arizona Cardinals, and Phoenix Suns!), loves playing sports and video games with his friends, plays percussion, and has been known to make people laugh on stage.

Alison & Jeff cordially invite relatives, friends, and members of the congregation to worship with them and join them on this happy occasion for a treat in honor of Adam at the conclusion of services. The flowers on the bimah this week will be provided by Alison & Jeff Merzel in honor of Adam.

Adam has chosen to support the Kirk Horn Fund for music education for his mitzvah project. The Fund provides music lessons to children at two Boys and Girls' Club locations in Columbus, the Arts Impact Middle School, and to kids in Nairobi, Kenya. Adam assisted with mailings to promote Kirk's Concert and volunteered at the annual concert in November.

Sawyer Grey Katz will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, January 15, 2022. Sawyer is the son of Dr. Steven & Stacy Katz, the grandson of Dr. Gary & Nancy Katz and Gregory & Mary Lou Warndorf, and the brother of Emerson Katz and Jonathan (Caroline) Katz.



Sawyer is a 7th grade student at Jones Middle School in Upper Arlington and attends the Samuel M. Melton Religious School. He received his Bar Mitzvah instruction from Dr. Jerry Benis. Sawyer also loves to read, bike, swim, travel, and hang out with friends and family.

Steven & Stacy Katz cordially invite relatives, friends, and members of the congregation to worship with them and join them on this happy occasion for a Kiddush to-go nosh in honor of Sawyer at the conclusion of services.

In lieu of flowers for the bimah, a donation has been made to Gigi's Shelter for Dogs in honor of Sawyer Katz.

In Memoriam

Annie Cacciato, sister of Cheryl Vaia (Herb Bresler)

Joyce Hirsch

Yasha Valdman, cousin of Herb Glimcher, Debbi Sugarman and Larry Dach

Gerald Cohen, husband of Barbara Cohen

Carolyn Ann Katz, mother of Howard (Beth) Katz and Barry Katz

Dr. Herbert S. Bell, father of Jayne (Rick) Nathans

Mary Gemma (Hatem) Couden, mother of Susan Couden

Office Closings

Monday, January 17 – Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

Administrative Office Hours

Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Friday, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

There are no administrative office hours on Sunday.

Mazal tov!

Births

to parents Marissa & Adam Greenberg (of Los Angeles); and grandparents, Drs. Susan E. Hodge & David A. Greenberg, on the birth of Reuben Louis Greenberg

to parents Aaron & Rivka Cohen; big brother Emmett; grandparents, Wendy & Rob Cohen, and Rabbi Stephen & Naomi Weiss (of Cleveland), on the birth of Ora Faye Cohen



to parents Jordan & Liz Berman; big brother Eliseo; grandparents, Rabbi Harold & Beth Berman, and Alex and Lucy Cantú; great grandparents Alejandro and Gloria Cantú, and Yoshiko Glass, on the birth of Raquel Aliza Berman

to parents Andrew & Hallie Reaven and big brother Corey on the birth of Jane Blair Reaven



Engagement & Marriage

to Flo Gurwin on the marriage of her grandson, Gabe Gurwin, to Samantha Armes

to Cantor Jack Chomsky & Susan Gellman on the engagement of Ben Gellman-Chomsky and Melissa Karas in San Diego

B'nei Mitzvah

to parents Brian & Hilary Griffith; and grandparents Jim & Karen Griffith and Billy, z"l & Rhoda Linder, z"l on the B'nei Mitzvah of Addison and Billy on Saturday, November 20, 2021



BOKER TOV

Come sing, dance, and be silly with us on Shabbat mornings! Age 5 & under and their grown-ups!

Saturday Morning

January 8 & February 5

11:00 - 11:30 am

in-person @ Tifereth Israel!



SHABBAT FAMILY SERVICE



Once a month for families with kids kindergarten-5th grade:

January 15 & February 12

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

in the pit

Join us for Dafna's Bat Mitzvah

Rabbi Hillel Skolnik | hskolnik@tiferethisrael.org



As a child, I was blessed to grow up in the warm and loving community of Forest Hills, NY where I always felt free to be the person I am. When Sharon and I had just finished rabbinical school, we felt fortunate to live in Orlando, FL in a community that not only accepted our growing children and empowered them to be their full selves, but adored them for it. In thinking back to the days that Sharon and I originally envisioned the kind of congregation and community we would hope to ultimately find for our family, we always knew that one of the most important qualities for us was a place where our children would feel at home and comfortable being themselves. Little did we know how lucky we would truly be when we went searching for a new community four years ago and found ourselves here.

With that happiness and fulfillment very much in the front of our minds, it is my honor to invite you to join us this coming March 12, 2022 for our first major family simcha which we will celebrate here in Columbus – the Bat Mitzvah of our oldest child, Dafna Zahava Skolnik. Granted I'm her father, but Dafna is an incredible young woman who is truly a follower of Aaron in that she is an Ohevet Shalom v'Rodefet Shalom – a lover of peace and pursuer of peace. She makes others feel comfortable wherever she meets them. She is an inspiration to us as a daughter, a talented musician, a dedicated friend, and a budding Torah reader. Your presence would only add to our joy as Dafna is called to the Torah for the first time and leads our congregation as a Jewish adult.

From day one in Columbus, that wish has been fulfilled beyond our wildest dreams. You all have made each of our three children feel at home at Tifereth Israel and in so many cases feel at home in your homes. The fact that this connection has only grown during pandemic times is a testament to the strong connections that were already formed in the nineteen months that the Skolniks lived in Columbus before COVID became a part of our lives. Because Dafna, Liav, and Hadar feel at ease and have been encouraged to be who they are at Tifereth Israel, Sharon and I feel happy and fulfilled beyond words.

Without question, COVID times make these celebrations more complicated, and we understand that many in our community are not yet ready for in-person gatherings of any size, let alone the Bat Mitzvah of a rabbi's child. Please know that Sharon and I understand and respect whatever decision you make and hope that if you choose to stay home that you'll still be with us via livestream. But if you are comfortable and will be in town, know that you are invited to be part of our simcha, which we truly feel, is a simcha for all of us. We can't wait to celebrate with you.



PARENTS OF YOUNG KIDS STUDY CIRCLE

SUNDAYS, JANUARY 9 & FEBRUARY 13


@ 11:30 AM

TIFERETH ISRAEL BOARD ROOM

How do we raise curious, compassionate, and Jewishly engaged kids ... while also navigating tantrums, hectic schedules, and our own exhaustion? Join in with our rabbis and other parents of young kids for discussion, study, and support. Babysitting provided. Contact Rabbi Alex at abraver@tiferethisrael.org for more information.

About Our Board

Karl Rubin, President | karlrubin12@gmail.com



People often ask me what the Tifereth Israel board of trustees is doing. It's usually the start of an interesting conversation that often ends with a comment similar to "I had no idea you guys were doing that." I think it's helpful for people to have an understanding of what their board is doing and how those activities might affect them. So, one of my goals is to have periodic check-ins with our congregation on some of the issues and topics our board is involved with.

Our board typically meets monthly and takes off the Jewish holidays. We currently have 50 board members, including all past presidents and a representative sample of our congregation including young members who are just getting started, people with young and older children, empty nesters, single people, and those who have been congregants for many generations. The clergy, executive director, and education director attend most board meetings, but have no voting rights.

The responsibility of the board is to follow our constitution and to help establish and support the mission and purpose of Congregation Tifereth Israel. Our three primary legal duties are known as the "duty of care," "duty of loyalty," and "duty of obedience." And, not to get too wordy, our current constitution states "The mission of this Congregation shall be to establish and maintain a Synagogue and such educational, religious, social, and recreational activities that will help further the cause and objectives of the Synagogue and Conservative Judaism."

Stepping back for a moment from the structural and legal considerations, I want to share with you two items that


were recently presented at our most recent board meeting. Please understand that much of the work that is done on behalf of our congregation is performed at the committee level and then shared with the board.

The first was to share with the board that I appointed past president David Stein to chair our Security Committee and that Lauren Levy, Larry Stoltz, and others have agreed to serve. In a strange sort of irony, this was done on the very sad anniversary of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting. Unfortunately, threats remain all around us and as a Jewish organization we need to be particularly vigilant. David is assembling a committee of dedicated volunteers to study what else we can do to help insure our congregation's safety.

The second item I presented was to announce that Mark Levy had agreed to chair our Cemetery Committee and that Elliott Good, Greg Margulies, Mike Jacobson, Tammy Mott Forrest, Arnie Good (representing the Tifereth Israel Foundation), Howard Larky and Jan Lyddon had all agreed to become committee members. This group will help to perform important and sacred work that will benefit generations to come.

These are just two items covered in our most recent board meeting, but like everything else our board does, I am deeply grateful for and appreciative of their hard work, insight and devotion.

Please know that I will periodically share future updates as to what our board is doing and feel free to check-in with me if you have questions or suggestions.



Tu Bishvat Virtual Seder

Monday, January 17

12:00 - 1:00 pm

Please bring:

1. Red and white wine (or grape juice)
2. Fruit or nuts with a hard shell and edible inside (e.g. bananas, oranges, walnuts)
3. Fruit with a soft exterior and hard pit inside (e.g. peaches, dates, olives)
4. Fruits that can be eaten whole (e.g. strawberries, figs)

Join us online for conversation and study! [Zoom Link](#)

TIFERETH ISRAEL SISTERHOOD

Board Meetings

Sundays @ 7:00 - 8:00 pm on Zoom

Email Sisterhood@tiferethisrael.org for Zoom information.

January 9, February 13, March 6, April 10, May 1

The gift shop is open to the public the first Sunday of the month during religious school hours. We are still taking personal shopping appointments. Masks must be worn.

Visit our [Facebook page](#) for up-to-date information!

Email us to stay in touch!



MEN'S CLUB / SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

Saturday, February 26

We would love to have you participate as Sisterhood & Men's Club lead Shabbat. Hebrew, English and non-speaking parts available.

Contact Jan Lyddon at jwlyddon@gmail.com or Greg Margulies at gmarguli@gmail.com to participate.

TIFERETH ISRAEL MEN'S CLUB

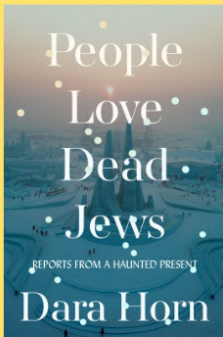
World Wide Wrap

Sunday, February 13

@ 9:00 am

in person at Tifereth Israel





SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE | JANUARY 21-22, 2022

Sponsored by the Minnie Cobey Library and the Cobey Family

Dara Horn is the award-winning author of five acclaimed novels and the essay collection, *People Love Dead Jews*. One of Granta magazine's Best Young American Novelists and a two-time winner of the National Jewish Book Award, among other honors, Horn received her doctorate in Yiddish and Hebrew literature from Harvard University, and has taught these subjects at Sarah Lawrence College, Yeshiva University, and Harvard. She has lectured at hundreds of venues across North America, Israel and Australia. She lives in New Jersey with her husband and four children.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All events are free and open to the public (masks and vaccination cards required), and live-streamed from our sanctuary.

People Love Dead Jews: Reports from a Haunted Present | 6:30 pm Friday, after 5:00 pm services
D'var Torah: On Being a Jewish Writer | ~11:15 am Saturday, during services
Eternal Life: History and Purpose in a World that Outlasts Us | ~12:30 pm Saturday, after services
Sponsors-Only Reception with Dara Horn | 6:45 pm Saturday
Antisemitism and Jewish Memory: a Conversation With Dara Horn | 7:30 pm Saturday, after community havdallah at 7:15 pm

SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

Suggested Donation - \$36

Recognition as a sponsor in event handout

Supporter - \$108

Suggested Donation Level + 2 Shabbat Box Lunches

Bronze - \$180

Supporter Level + invitation to Saturday Evening

Sponsors' Reception

Silver - \$360

Bronze Level + 1 signed copy of *People Love Dead Jews*

Gold - \$540

Silver Level + 1 signed copy of *Eternal Life*

Platinum - \$1,080

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or sgrossman@tiferethisrael.org

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

WHAT'S NEXT:

January 8 / 15 Grades 5 & 6
Davening Detectives - Torah Service Part 2

January 23 Hebrew High School
Beit T'shuva Columbus Teen Collaborative Event

February 12 / 26 Grades 5 & 6
Davening Detectives - Musaf Service

February 13 Grade 6
B'nei Mitzvah Enrichment Program - Session 2



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5 | 9:30 AM

CONSECRATION

Please join our Kindergarten & 1st grade students and their families as we celebrate the beginning of their Jewish journeys.



1-1 SHUL SKILLS STUDY

Interested in leading services, reading Torah, or picking up any other synagogue skills? Want to learn for an adult b'nei mitzvah? Fill out the form below, and we'll match you with a lay leader, or one of our rabbis, who will work with you at your own pace and schedule! Contact Rabbi Braver at abraver@tiferethisrael.org with questions.

bit.ly/shulskillsstudy



RABBIS' STUDY CIRCLE

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

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

[Zoom Link](#)



SISTERHOOD SHORT STORY GROUP

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

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

[Zoom Link](#)

MITZVAH YOMI

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

Join us for an in-depth learning and conversation about each and every one of the 613 commandments, seven *mitzvot* per week. Drop in for a few sessions, or make it a regular part of your week!

[Zoom Link](#)

SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE: DARA HORN

January 21-22, 2022

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For more information, see page 5

PEOPLE LOVE DEAD JEWS BOOK GROUP

Wednesdays | 12:00 pm | Rabbis Skolnik and Braver

Prepare for Dara Horn's visit with a group discussion about her newest book, *People Love Dead Jews*, facilitated by our rabbis.

January 5: *Dead American Jews Part Two, On Rescuing Jews and Others, Dead Jews of the Desert*

January 19: *Blockbuster Dead Jews, Commuting With Shylock, Dead American Jews Part Three*

[Zoom Link](#)



Tifereth Israel

ASKING DEEPER QUESTIONS: JUDAISM 201

1st Wednesdays | 7:00 - 8:30 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.

January 5: **Jewish Law Case Study: Including the Matriarchs in the Amidah** | Rabbi Skolnik

February 2: **Israel: Asking Deeper Questions** | Rabbi Skolnik

March 2: **How Does a Page of Talmud Work?** | Rabbi Braver

Free (suggested donation of \$72) for the entire yearlong series.

[Register here](#) [Zoom Link](#)



FRIDAY BOOK GROUP

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

Join in on this long-running book group as we read *Moses: A Human Life* by Avivah Zornberg, a deep exploration of Moses' psychology and inner life.

[Zoom Link](#)

WELCOMING SHABBAT MINDFULNESS

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

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

[Zoom Link](#)



SHABBAT WARMUP

Saturdays | 9:00 - 9:30 am

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

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

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

ISRAEL DISCUSSION GROUP

2nd Saturdays | ~12:15 pm (after services) | Rob Cohen

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

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

Classes are held on Zoom, with in-person options when available as determined by our COVID-19 safety procedures. Please see the weekly *Staying Connected* email for the latest information about times, locations, and dates.

Jewish Learning

LUNCH & LEARN

2nd & 4th Wednesdays | 12:00 - 1:00 pm

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

January 12: **The Diversity of Israeli Society** | Michal Avera Samuel, Senior Community Shlichah

Monday, January 17: Virtual Tu B'Shvat Seder | Rabbi Braver | See page 4 for more information

January 26: **Jewish Mysticism Torah Study: Parshat Mishpatim** | Rabbi Braver

February 9: **Conflicted Yet Committed: Zionism in 2022** | Dr. Yizhar Hess, CEO of Masorti (Conservative) Judaism in Israel, Vice-Chair of the World Zionist Organization

February 23: **Going Deeper Into Prayer: The Shema** | Rabbi Braver

[Zoom Link](#)



DINNER, DRINKS, AND DRASH

1st & 3rd Tuesdays | 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Study with Rabbis Skolnik and Braver, along with guest teachers from across Columbus! Sponsor a night of learning in honor or memory of a loved one -- reach out to Rabbi Braver for more information.

January 4: **Sacred Spaces: The Development of Columbus Jewish Congregations** | Toby Brief, Executive Director, Columbus Jewish Historical Society

January 18: No Class

February 1: **Our Mindful Attention is a Gift to God: Jewish Mindfulness and Jewish Mysticism** | Rabbi Braver | In partnership with B'nai Jeshurun NYC's "Torah for Our Time" series. This event will be using a different Zoom link than usual; see the weekly *Staying Connected* email more info.

February 15: **What Does Judaism Say About Disability?** | Dr. Amy Shuman, Professor of English, The Ohio State University

March 1: **Caring for the Dying: Hospice Chaplaincy** | Rabbi Wendy Ungar, Senior Chaplain at the James Cancer Hospital, & Rabbi Braver | In honor of the work of the TI Chevre Kadisha

[Zoom Link](#)



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Why I love Tifereth Israel

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I was born in Montreal, then moved to Akron, then to Atlanta, and then, finally, to Columbus in 1990. My first son, Jeremy, was born in 1991, and my second son, Jordan, was born in 1994. Rabbi Berman officiated at both sons' brit milah. My parents, aunt, and sister were already members at Tifereth and Rabbi Berman was so warm, gracious and welcoming, I just had to join. We attended Shabbat services every weekend and I became a regular "greeter." Both sons had their b'nai mitzvah at Tifereth, and, thanks to Cantor Jack Chomsky, Rabbis Michael Ungar, and Harold Berman, each son conducted his entire service.

When my father died in 2015, Wendy Cohen recommended I come to minyan. It was so comforting and I made so many close friends and confidants that I've continued to participate, to give back, and welcome others.

In April 2020, Ron Solove invited me to serve on the Board. I accepted this honor enthusiastically as a way to give back, and after serving for the 2020-2021 year, I'm serving for the 2021-2022 year.

I love Tifereth Israel because of its non-discriminatory egalitarian inclusiveness and because of how warm, approachable, caring, and hamisch Rabbis Hillel Skolnik, Alex Braver, and Harold Berman are. I enjoy assembling and distributing mishloach manot, High Holiday gift bags, making yahrzeit reminder phone calls, and more. I love Tifereth for being so proactive in protecting us from COVID-19, for its programming and classes such as "Dinner, Drinks & Drash," "Lunch and Learn," "Rabbi's Study Circle," and "Mitzvah Yomi," and for its outreach programs to the Central Ohio community at large. I love my Shul!



Meet the Board

Liz Berman | liz.alexis.berman@gmail.com

When I received a job offer 10 years ago that required me to relocate, as a Southern girl coming most recently from Georgia, I had to look at a map of the United States to find Columbus, Ohio. Little did I know that in this new city I would find my spiritual community, put down roots, and grow my family.

I feel so lucky to have found Congregation Tifereth Israel. After taking the synagogue's Introduction to Judaism class, I was able to realize one of my life's dreams to convert to Judaism in 2012. I felt truly seen when I was called up to the Torah, and I am grateful that the congregation enabled me to reach that point in my spiritual journey. In 2015, with the help of the adult b'nei mitzvah class, I threw myself into learning trope and became an adult bat mitzvah. That same year, I married my husband at the synagogue. Today, I serve as a Board member and participate on the Chevra Kadisha committee.

As a parent, I enjoy bringing my family to Boker Tov services. I love seeing how my son, Eliseo, has grown in confidence after a couple years of attending these energetic and engaging events. I look forward to introducing the newest member of my family, my newborn Raquel, to this space in good time.

In March 2020, I began a new career as a registered nurse. Through the stress and chaos of an ever-changing public health crisis, I can always trust that Tifereth Israel will be a steady anchor, providing solace and strength. I'm so appreciative for the caution that the shul has taken to keep our congregation healthy. It has made returning to services feel as safe as possible and as welcoming as ever during each new turn of the pandemic. I look forward to serving our vibrant synagogue, deepening my spiritual connection, and growing my relationships with other community members in the coming New Year.



IRA Transfer

Individuals 70½ or older are able to direct up to \$100,000 from their IRA to support charitable causes, like Congregation Tifereth Israel, while paying zero taxes* on the amount transferred. [Click here to learn more!](#)

*Consult with your tax advisor.

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Havdalah Under The Stars

Saturday, February 19
7:15 pm Tifereth Israel parking lot

Join us outside (weather permitting) for a musical Havdalah and concert featuring **Rabbi Josh Warshawsky!**



Purim 5782 is coming!

MEGILLAH READING

Join us in the reading of the Book of Esther on Thursday evening, March 17 as we shake the groggers to drown out Haman's name and celebrate Mordechai and Esther! Interested in reading a section? Contact Rabbi Skolnik at hskolnik@tiferethisrael.org

MISHLOACH MANOT

We are excited to announce that our mishloach manot program will be back again this year! Keep an eye on your inbox for information on how to sign up to send mishloach manot to your Tifereth Israel friends. Last year through fulfilling this mitzvah we raised \$20,000 for Tifereth Israel!



PURIM SPIEL

We are so excited that 2022/5782 will include a return of the Purim Spiel! Performance dates and times are TBD but if you are interested in helping share the joy of Purim by being part of our Purim Spiel, contact Cathy Levine at cathyjlevine@gmail.com



more information to come!



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'Tis the Season

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Chanukah is over. (Hear the collective sigh.) For those of you who were able to attend our "Chanukah Under the Stars" program, we hope you enjoyed it. We had over 100 people, ranging in age from 3 weeks to 91 years old. We ate sufganiyot, made s'mores, drank hot chocolate and cider, and listened to great music by our rabbis and Rabbi Josh Warshawsky. Special thanks go to Jon Groner and Jerry Sigal (yes, we are related) for bringing their high-powered telescopes which were a huge hit. The four outdoor heaters came in very handy (a special thank you to Juan Pineda, our facilities director). This was our first outdoor Chanukah event, but I'm sure it won't be our last.

As you can imagine, planning programs takes time. It also takes funding. We appreciate the opportunity to involve

each member in a way that is meaningful to them. This might include volunteering your time, coming to minyan, sending your child to our religious school, attending a program, becoming a sponsor of an upcoming event, or contributing to our Kol Nidre Appeal. Whatever you decide to do, we hope it's because you truly feel that you are helping Tifereth be the best we can be.

As our new year approaches, please reach out to any of our incredible staff to let them know that you truly appreciate what they do, and that you'd love to help us in your own way. May next year be healthier for all of us, and hopefully we're not wearing masks so I can truly start to put names with faces. And of course, a reminder to send in your Kol Nidre Appeal donations by December 31 for tax-deduction purposes. Happy New Year!



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Join Congregation Tifereth Israel's Rodef Tzedek (Justice Seekers) Network in repairing suffering in our community. Check out B.R.E.A.D.'s Roadmap for Real Change Now - B.R.E.A.D.'s response to systemic racism and economic injustice in Columbus [[click here](#)]. Join a research committee: Affordable Housing, Police Reform, Gun Violence Prevention, Juvenile Justice in Schools and Municipal ID.

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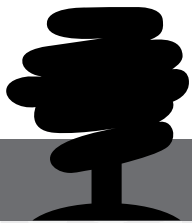
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