



THE TIFERETH ISRAEL FORUM

March / April 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
March 19 & April 16

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

Milestone Anniversaries

March

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| Donna & Marc Friedman | 50 years |
| Judith & Arthur Uhrman | 50 years |
| Susan & Dr. Richard Martin | 45 years |
| Alison & Jeff Merzel | 20 years |
| Madeline Fleisher & Matt McKenzie | 10 years |

April

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| Kathy & Mark Davis | 40 years |
| Kandi & Laurence Dach | 30 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.

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| Sunday Morning Minyan (Zoom only) | 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 (6:00 pm starting Mar. 18) | 5:30 pm |
| Saturday Morning Shabbat Services | 9:30 am |

Shabbat Times

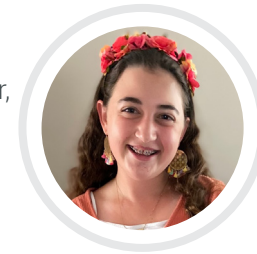
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| Pekudei | March 4-5 / 2 Adar II |
| Shabbat Begins/Candle Lighting | 6:09 pm |
| Shabbat Ends/Havdalah | 7:11 pm |
| Vayikra / Shabbat Zakhor | March 11-12 / 9 Adar II |
| Shabbat Begins/Candle Lighting | 6:17 pm |
| Shabbat Ends/Havdalah | 7:18 pm |
| Tzav | March 18-19 / 16 Adar II |
| Shabbat Begins/Candle Lighting | 7:24 pm |
| *No Warmup* Active Shooter Training following services | 9:00 am |
| Shabbat Ends/Havdalah | 8:25 pm |
| Shemini / Shabbat Parah | March 25-26 / 23 Adar II |
| Shabbat Begins/Candle Lighting | 7:31 pm |
| Shabbat Ends/Havdalah | 8:33 pm |
| Tazria / Shabbat HaChodesh / Rosh Chodesh Scholar-In-Residence Weekend | April 1-2 / 1 Nisan |
| Shabbat Begins/Candle Lighting | No Shabbat Warmup |
| Shabbat Ends/Havdalah | 7:38 pm |
| Metzora / Shabbat HaGadol | 8:40 pm |
| Shabbat Begins/Candle Lighting | April 8-9 / 8 Nisan |
| Shabbat Ends/Havdalah | 7:45 pm |
| Passover Day 1 | 8:47 pm |
| Shabbat Begins/Candle Lighting | April 15-16 / 15 Nisan |
| No Shabbat warmup | 7:52 pm |
| Shabbat Ends/Candle Lighting for Passover Day 2 | 9:00 am Shabbat Start |
| Passover Day 2 | 8:54 pm |
| Services Begin | April 16-17 / 16 Nisan |
| Mincha Only - Zoom Only | 9:00 am |
| Havdalah | 5:30 pm |
| Passover Day 7 | 8:54 pm |
| Services Begin | April 21-22 / 21 Nisan |
| Passover Day 8 with Yizkor Service | 9:00 am |
| Shabbat Begins/Candle Lighting | April 22-23 / 22 Nisan |
| Services Begin | 8:00 pm |
| Shabbat Ends/Havdalah | 9:00 am |
| Acharei Mot | 9:01 pm |
| Shabbat Begins/Candle Lighting | April 29-30 / 29 Nisan |
| Shabbat Ends/Havdalah | 8:07 pm |
| | 9:08 pm |

Rosh Chodesh & Hol HaMoed

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| Thursday & Friday | March 3 & 4 / 30 Adar I / 1 Adar II |
| Morning Minyan | 7:20 am |
| Evening Minyan | 5:30 pm |
| Hol HaMoed Passover | April 18-21 / 17-20 Nisan |
| Morning Minyan | 7:15 am |
| Evening Minyan | 5:30 pm |

B'nei Mitzvah

Dafna Zahava Skolnik will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, March 12, 2022. Dafna is the daughter of Rabbis Sharon & Hillel Skolnik, the sister of Liav and Hadar, and the granddaughter of Chanan & Laurel Barr of Solon, Ohio and Rabbi Gerry & Robin Skolnik of Forest Hills, New York.



Dafna is a 7th grade student at Columbus Torah Academy. She received her Bat Mitzvah instruction from her parents! In her spare time, Dafna loves to play piano, read, rollerblade, draw, make jewelry, babysit, and bake cake pops!

In recognition of the "mitzvah" part of her Bat Mitzvah, Dafna has partnered with Alvis, Inc., a special local non-profit organization that provides support, education, treatment, housing and more to people reentering society, in recovery, those with disabilities, and their families. She has received many donations and collected items that will benefit people on their path of growth and wellness.

Rabbis Sharon & Hillel Skolnik are happy to invite relatives, friends, and members of the congregation to join them on this happy occasion, and all those attending will receive a boxed Kiddush lunch, in honor of Dafna, to take and enjoy at home at the conclusion of services.

Charlie Emmanuel Vilensky will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, April 9, 2022. Charlie is the son of Michael & Joanna Vilensky and the grandson of Alan & Carol Radnor, and Alan & Judi Vilensky.



Charlie is a 7th grade student at Bexley Middle School and attends the Samuel M. Melton Religious School. He received his Bar Mitzvah instruction from Dr. Jerry Benis. Charlie plays soccer and is enjoying being on the ski club at his school. His favorite part of every year is going to Emma Kaufmann Camp in the summer.

Joanna and Michael cordially invite relatives, friends, and members of the congregation to worship with them and join them on this happy occasion, and all those attending will receive a boxed Kiddush lunch, in honor of Charlie, to take and enjoy at home at the conclusion of services.

The flowers on the bimah this week will be provided by Michael and Joanna Vilensky in honor of Charlie's Bar Mitzvah. Charlie is collecting children's books for his Bar Mitzvah project. He will be donating them to new moms recovering from addiction who are being treated at the S.T.E.P.P. Clinic at OSU.

In Memoriam

Bruce Green, husband of **Kathryn Green**; father of **Rebecca (Andrew) McClelland**; grandfather of **Graycen McClelland**

Howard Jonathan Brody, brother of **David (Nancy) Brody**; uncle of **Noah and Ben** Nancy Slate, mother of **Jennifer Slate (Jon) Grischkan**; grandmother of **Noah and Kate**

Edith Pam, mother of **Susan (Norman) Brusk**

Hinda Riker, sister of **Ireena (Dr. Alan) Weinberg**

Frances B. Luckoff, mother of **Elliott Luckoff**

Eden S. Feldstein, father of **Suzanne (Eric) Davis and Jonathan (Katie) Feldstein**; grandfather of **Benjy and Simon Davis and Sam Feldstein**

Dr. Ze'ev Davidovitch, husband of **Galia Davidovitch**

Francine Wasserstrom, wife of **Reid Wasserstrom**; mother of **Laura Wasserstrom** and **Marci Wasserstrom**; grandmother of **Shari Wasserstrom**

Soham Mendelawi, sister of **Yousef (Rita) Ghodsizadeh**; aunt of **Raphaela, Odelia and David**

Helen Chodosh, mother of **Louis (Sheila) Chodosh**

Leon Kessel, husband of **Susan Kessel**

Jacquelyn Kwait, sister of **Bonnie Washburn**

Mazal tov!

Births

to parents Scott & Angela Gurwin; sisters Adalynn and Eva; grandparents Nancy & Bruce Gurwin; and great grandma Flo Gurwin on the birth of Silas Phillip Gurwin



to parents Cara Wasserstrom (Weible) & Chris Weible; grandparents Jayne & Rick Nathans, and Jon Wasserstrom; and great grandparents Marilyn Bell & Dr. Herbert Bell (z"l) on the birth of Daniella Bell Weible

Brielle

to parents Carly & Jordan Seiferas; grandparents Jill & Richard Herman, and Sheryl & Howard Seiferas; great grandparents Alvin (z"l) & Caryl (z"l) Solove, Marilyn Gunty, Jerome Herman & Jan Biederman, and Nancy Herman (z"l) on the birth of Brielle Alana Seiferas.

to parents Bryan Finkelstein & Sophia Elias; sister Julia Elias Finkelstein; grandparents Bonnie & Allan Finkelstein on the birth of Samuel Elias Finkelstein



to parents Jessica & Joel Ketner; big sisters Beatrice and Matilda; grandparents Drs. Felice & Jerry Kassoy, Bruce & Jacqueline Orlov, Scott & Sandy Ketner on the birth of Edith Wren Ketner

*Mazal
tov!*

Engagement

to Sandy Mentser on the engagement of her daughter Rebecca Mentser to Alex Lande, son of Jerry & Beth Lande and grandson of Ann Lande

B'nei Mitzvah

to parents Alison & Jeffrey Merzel; sisters Maddie and Claire; and grandparents Iris & Robert Center, Shelly Asher, and Leonard Merzel on the occasion of Adam Merzel's Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, January 8

to parents Dr. Steven & Stacy Katz; grandparents Dr. Gary & Nancy Katz and Gregory & Mary Lou Warndorf; and siblings Emerson and Jonathan (Caroline) Katz on the occasion of Sawyer Katz's Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, January 15

שיר חדש
shir hadash



**Tifereth Israel musical
Kabbalat Shabbat service
followed by outdoor Oneg Shabbat
with snacks and drinks**

**2nd Fridays @ 6:00 pm
April 8 & May 13**

April will feature:
Artist-In-Residence
Rabbi Josh Warsawsky



Two Types of Antisemitism

Rabbi Alex Braver | abraver@tiferethisrael.org



According to Dara Horn, our once-and-future Scholar-In-Residence (her January appearance was delayed due to Omicron but has been rescheduled for April 1-2,) there are two types of antisemitism: Purim antisemitism and Chanukah antisemitism.

The Purim variety is easy to identify. As she writes: "The goal is openly stated and unambiguous: Kill all the Jews." Haman, twirling his dastardly mustache and adorned in his tricorner hat, is a villain so overt and one-dimensional that he is almost comical, a caricature of those who sought to destroy us before him, and an exaggerated archetype of the many who would follow. His plot is so overt, and his reversal of fortunes so swift, that we can release the tension of centuries of built-up trauma by laughing at his expense, drowning out his name with graggers, and eating cookie-fied versions of his hat (or as Israelis call them — oznei Haman, or "Haman's ears").

Of course, we have to take antisemitism seriously ... and we do. We've spent countless hours reviewing our security procedures, in partnership with our staff and lay leaders, JewishColumbus and the Jewish Community Relations Council, and the Columbus Police. But we hope you'll join us as we celebrate Purim in-person this year, because even when antisemitism seems more present and virulent than ever, we can still celebrate our joy by mocking those who would take it away from us.

But I'm also thinking about Horn's "Chanukah antisemitism" — trickier to identify and somehow more insidious. That other version of antisemitism, "whose appearances range from the Spanish inquisition to the Soviet regime," is not about killing all the Jews, according to Horn. Instead, she writes, it's about: "simply destroying Jewish civilization, while leaving the warm, de-Jewed bodies of its former practitioners intact ... merely

requiring that its Jews publicly flush thousands of years of Jewish civilization down the toilet in exchange for the worthy prize of not being treated like dirt, of not being murdered. For a few years. Maybe."

Though Chanukah is Horn's paradigm for this second, more insidious type of antisemitism, we see hints of it in the Passover story. Though the Biblical text focuses on the backbreaking, spirit-crushing labor imposed by the Egyptians, the ancient rabbis — perhaps reflecting on the pressures they themselves faced as Jews living under Roman rule — also understood that there were other forces working surreptitiously against our ancestors. In early rabbinic sources, the rabbis discuss not only the drowning of Hebrew baby boys and the degradations of enslavement, but also the more subtle pressure the Egyptians exerted on their slaves to give up the uniqueness of their own culture: their names, their language, and their values. They understood that oppression can exist both on the surface and beneath the surface at the same time.

The Haggadah itself is an incredible and successful example of resistance to this second type of antisemitism. By telling and retelling the story, and by experiencing it as if we ourselves had been there, we join generations of Jews who have found the strength not to "publicly flush thousands of years of Jewish civilization down the toilet" in the face of unbelievable odds.

Living a Jewish life with pride, holding fast to our values, and dedicating ourselves to study and acts of kindness and justice — these are all also ways of standing against antisemitism. We hope in the coming months you'll stand with us, as you always have.

Tifereth Israel Constitution Revision Committee

Karl Rubin, President | karlrubin12@gmail.com



In my most recent Forum article, I shared with everyone some of what the Tifereth Israel Board does at its monthly meetings. We of course hear and review reports from our treasurer regarding the financial operations of the synagogue, listen to and often comment on reports from our clergy and staff, as well as listen to updates on security, fundraising, and membership issues.

One of the more recent items of business has been the presentation to the board of the activities of our Constitution Revision Committee. This most recent iteration of reviewing and revising our constitution began about two years ago when former president Ron Solove asked me to assemble a committee to review and to revise the Tifereth Israel Constitution.

Members of this hardworking committee include Doug Segerman, Jenni Goldson, David Stein, Marty Rosenthal, Leslie Rosen, Jan Lyddon, Rabbi Skolnik, and me, and were chosen in part because of the legal, financial, historical, and humanistic perspective they brought to the discussion. I will add that I am deeply appreciative of each member's contributions.

While there have been a number of constitutional items reviewed, I would like to highlight a few of the major items. They include:

- What constitutes a family? For many years there was a mostly agreed-upon definition what a person's family and household was. Today, that has broadened and the committee agreed that our constitution should reflect that.

- What should our board and officer structure and make-up look like? We have currently grown to approximately 50 board members and while we appreciate the contributions of all of them, this simply is not the most efficient way to manage an organization of our current size.

- What should the nominating process be for our board and officers? It is important that we have a representative sample of our entire congregation and that we utilize the experience, skillset, and perspective that each board member brings. Additionally, it would be helpful and wise to have better leadership development processes in effect.

Please understand, the motivation for a revision of our constitution is to allow for a more effective, efficient, and productive board which ultimately is committed to the best long-term relationship our congregants have with Congregation Tifereth Israel. Our current constitution has not been changed for over 60 years and while the essence of it remains vital, there are areas that need to be improved.

In fact, there will be no changes to our current constitution without a vote from our congregation. Our current constitution requires two readings of the proposed changes and ultimately a congregational vote to accept. We are tentatively planning on our first reading and discussion on the date of our Congregational Annual Meeting in May and a second discussion a short time later. I invite you personally to reach out to me and share your thoughts as we continue our discussion.

TIFERETH ISRAEL SISTERHOOD

Board Meetings
Sundays @ 7:00 - 8:00 pm on Zoom
Email sisterhood@tiferethisrael.org
for Zoom information.

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 and vaccinations are required.

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



TIFERETH ISRAEL MEN'S CLUB

The Federation of
Jewish Men's Clubs present:

**How to React to
Antisemitism Conference**
Friday, May 13 - Sunday, May 15

Friday - How to navigate through
antisemitism in the media/social media

Saturday - Ways to deal with antisemitism
in the workplace and community

Sunday - How to handle antisemitism and
anti-Israel sentiment on a college campus

A variety of speakers/panelists will be
presenting over the course of the
weekend. Much more information to
follow. All events are open to the entire
community!

Email [Lawrence Cohen](#)
to be added to
the email list!



Purim 5782

MISHLOACH MANOT

Thank you to everyone who has given so generously to send Mishloach Manot to members of our congregation. Delivery will take place starting Sunday, March 6.



MEGILLAH READING

Join us at Tifereth Israel on Wednesday, March 16 for our debut performance of this year's Purim Spiel, "Middle East Side Story," followed by our reading of the Book of Esther. The curtain goes up on the Spiel at 6:00 pm and services begin at approximately 6:30 pm. We hope you'll come in costume as we shake the graggers to drown out Haman's name and celebrate Mordechai and Esther!

And just in case you don't get enough of the story on Wednesday evening, we read it again on Thursday morning, March 17 at Purim morning services which begin in-person and livestreamed from the Sanctuary at 7:15 am.

PURIM FESTIVAL

Join us as we partner with Agudas Achim for an in-person Purim Festival for all the kids in our community on Sunday, March 20 at 10:30 am – 12:00 pm in the Tifereth Israel Parking Lot! We'll have face painting, carnival games, a chance to learn how to make a balloon animal, how to do a magic trick and even a magic trick to take home and show off to all your friends. Stick around afterwards for our finale performance of the Purim Spiel!



PURIM SPIEL

We are so excited that 2022/5782 will include a return of the Purim Spiel! Performances will take place Wednesday, March 16 at 6:00 pm and Sunday March 20 after the Purim Party at 12:00 pm. A Purim Spiel is meant to be a fun and funny way of telling the Purim story, often with parodies of songs or even an entire play! We hope you'll join us and bring some friends to one (or even both) our performances of "Middle East Side Story!"

Good to know:

March 13 – 17: **No School**

March 20: **Purim Festival!**
10:30 am – 12:00 pm in parking lot
(in lieu of Religious School classes)

April 17 – 21: **No School**



Religious School Service



Grades 4, 5 & 6

Torah Shabbat

April 30, 2022 at 9:30 am
Tifereth Israel Sanctuary

Our students have been working with the rabbi to learn the Shabbat morning Torah Service and look forward to leading the congregation in prayer.

JOIN US

NEW DATE



SATURDAY, APRIL 30 | 9:30 AM

CONSECRATION

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

בית מדרש סמואל מ. מילטון
Samuel M. Melton
Religious School



In-person!



BOKER TOV

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

Saturday Morning

March 5 & April 2

11:00 - 11:30 am

in-person @ Tifereth Israel!



SHABBAT FAMILY SERVICE



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

March 12 & April 9
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
in the pit

Why I love Tifereth Israel

Lawrence Cohen | lawrencecohen@yahoo.com

Whether in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, Charleston, South Carolina, or Cleveland, Ohio, my family always belonged to Conservative synagogues when I was growing up. I always enjoyed the onegs that were prepared by the Sisterhoods after Friday night services and also the brunches that were prepared by the Men's Clubs on Sunday mornings.

After I graduated from Ohio State, I stayed in Columbus and met my wife, Lori. Eventually, we started looking for a synagogue to call home, a place to get married, and a place where we could raise our kids. When we found Tifereth Israel, it just felt right.

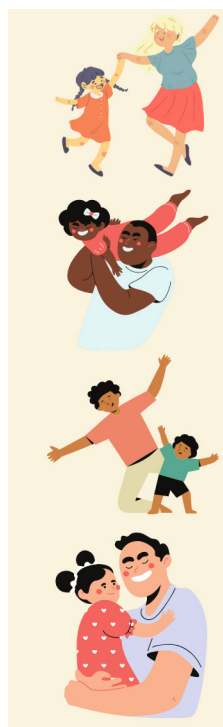
We have met many nice, welcoming people and wonderful, knowledgeable rabbis. But, because my family, including Lori and me, are all musicians, Cantor Jack Chomsky

was a major reason we joined Tifereth Israel and have enjoyed the last 25 years here. Over the years we have enjoyed all of the traditional melodies at weekday, Shabbat, and holiday services, as well as the new melodies Cantor Chomsky introduced and the special tunes and songs he composed. I have served as president of the Men's Club and as treasurer of the synagogue. I still have fun at many of the Men's Club programs. I also enjoy the Purim carnival, assembling the sukkah, and listening to the wonderful brunch speakers we have. I can't wait until we are able to get back into the building and all of our programming returns to normal. And, I hope we never lose the musical elements of our services and observances that have become such an important part of my life.



Babysitting on Shabbat

Weekly babysitting on Shabbat is available from 9:30 am - 12:15 pm for families with children 5 and under.




PARENTS OF YOUNG KIDS STUDY CIRCLE

SUNDAYS, MARCH 27 & APRIL 24
@ 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.

NEW DATE!




DARA HORN

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE | APRIL 1-2, 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.

Friday, April 1
5:00 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv
6:30 pm | **Technology, Memory, and the Past that Lives Within the Present** | In which medieval dead Jews open up their closets, modern living Jews open up their browser histories, and ancient Jews unlock the purpose of memory by revealing the religious meaning of technology itself.

Saturday April 2
9:30 am | Shabbat Morning Services
~11:30 pm | **D'var Torah: On Being a Jewish Writer** | Personal reflection and words of Torah about being an American Jewish author.
~12:30 pm (after services) | **Eternal Life: History and Purpose in a World that Outlasts Us** | Explore Dara Horn's novel about an immortal woman whose life traces back to a vow made in Roman-occupied Jerusalem, as we ask: what is the meaning of history, and the larger purpose of our temporary lives?
5:45 pm | **Sponsors-Only Reception and Seudah Shlishit with Dara Horn**
6:30 pm | **Antisemitism and Jewish Memory: A Follow-Up Conversation** | Dara Horn discusses antisemitism in 2022, her new book, and the state of the Jewish world, again in conversation with Rabbis Skolnik and Braver
7:45 pm | **Community Musical Havdalah**

Sponsored by:
The Minnie Cobey Library and the Cobey Family
Cathy Levine & Jon Groner Karl Rubin & Sharon Simon Susan Mott

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Festival Services

Friday Evening, April 15 – No Services

Passover Day 1 - Shabbat Morning, April 16
9:00 am | Sanctuary & Livestream | No Warmup

Passover Day 2 – Sunday Morning, April 17
9:00 am | Sanctuary & Livestream
Sunday Evening – Mincha only – 5:30 pm on Zoom

Beginning of Passover Day 7 – Thursday, April 21
5:30 pm | Sanctuary & Livestream

Passover Day 7 – Friday, April 22
9:00 am | Sanctuary & Livestream

Beginning of Passover Day 8 – Friday, April 22
6:00 pm | Sanctuary & Livestream

Passover Day 8 – Shabbat Morning, April 23
9:00 am (Yizkor Included) | Sanctuary & Livestream

Hol HaMoed Weekday Minyan

Monday, April 18 – Thursday, April, 21
7:15 am & 5:30 pm | Sanctuary & Livestream

Rabbinical Assembly Passover Guide

For this year's Rabbinical Assembly Passover Guide, visit www.rabbinicalassembly.org

Chametz sale

Looking to sell your Chametz with Rabbi Hillel Skolnik? [Click here](#) for the link to fill out online or click here. [Click here](#) to download and scan your form then email it to Hillel at hskolnik@tiferethisrael.org.

Learning

Wednesday, April 13 | Lunch & Learn | 12:00 pm | Zoom
Passover Prep: Making a Meaningful Seder | Rabbis Braver & Skolnik

Have an extra space at your seder? Email Rabbi Skolnik to help ensure that everyone has a place to go for seder!



JEWISH LEARNING

AT TIFERETH ISRAEL



TUESDAYS

Mitzvah Yomi

9:00 AM – 10:00 am

Rabbi Skolnik | [Zoom Link](#)

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

WEDNESDAYS

Study Circle: *The Heart of Torah*

9:30 AM – 10:30 am

Rabbis Skolnik & Braver | [Zoom Link](#)

Join our study group as we explore each week's Torah portion through the lens of modern biblical commentators and classical rabbinic literature, with Rabbi Shai Held's *The Heart of the Torah: Essays on the Weekly Parsha*.

Short Story Group

10:30 – 11:30 am

Fran Duchene, Marilyn Fais, Helen Miller and Lola Steinhart | [Zoom Link](#)

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

THURSDAYS

Rashi +

8:30 – 9:30 am

Rabbi Berman | [Zoom Link](#)

Through careful reading and lively discussion, come study the classic commentary of Rashi and other Medieval Torah commentators. No Hebrew required. New students are welcome!

FRIDAYS

Reading the Women of the Bible

8:15 – 9:15 am

Rabbi Braver | [Zoom Link](#)

How do the women of the Hebrew Bible navigate and subvert their patriarchal society as "victors, victims, virgins, and voices?" Join us as we explore Tikva Frymer-Kensky's classic work, *Reading the Women of the Bible*.

Welcoming Shabbat Mindfulness

3:00 – 3:30 pm

Beth Brown | [Zoom Link](#)

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

SHABBAT

Shabbat Warmup

9:00 – 9:30 am |

Mah Chadash | Rabbi Skolnik

1st Shabbat of Each Month

What's news in Israel?

Torah Talks | Rabbi Braver

All Other Weeks

Questions and conversation about the weekly parashah.

Israel Discussion Group

Approx. 12:15 pm (after services)

Rob Cohen

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



MORE LEARNING

1-1 Shul Skills Study

Interested in leading services, reading Torah, or picking up any other synagogue skills? Contact Rabbi Braver (abraver@tiferethisrael.org) and we'll match you with a tutor.

bit.ly/shulskillsstudy

TI Jewish Book Club

Email Paula Krasnoff (happy_cooker@hotmail.com) for more information about our lay-led Jewish book club! Our current pick: *The Slaughterman's Daughter*, by Yaniv Iczkovits.



- 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.



Dinner, Drinks, & Drash

1st & 3rd Tuesdays | 6:30 – 7:30 pm | [Zoom Link](#)

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.

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 Tifereth Israel Hevra Kadisha

March 15: Doing Purim Right: Purim Practices to Focus on for 2022 | Rabbi Skolnik

April 5: A Conversation About Community | Joel Marcovitch, President & CEO of JewishColumbus

April 19: What is Environmental Justice? | Jason Cervenec, Education & Outreach Director, Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center | In support of the B.R.E.A.D. Environmental Justice campaign



Lunch and Learn

2nd & 4th Wednesdays | 12:00 – 1:00 pm | [Zoom Link](#)

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

March 9: Not For Kids: The Purim Megillah Uncensored | Rabbi Braver

March 23: Live from Israel | Cantor Jack Chomsky

April 13: Passover Prep: Making a Meaningful Seder | Rabbis Skolnik and Braver

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1st Wednesdays | 7:00 – 8:30 pm | [Register here](#) [Zoom Link](#)

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. Free, with suggested donation of \$72 for the entire year-long series.

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

April 6: Jewish Ethics: End-of-Life Decisions and Advanced Directives | Rabbi Braver

May 11: Keeping Kosher Case Study: Is My Dishwasher Kosher? | Rabbi Skolnik

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Meet the Board

Lisa Dragin, Education Chair | lisadragin@gmail.com

As a newer member of Tifereth Israel, I'm especially honored by the opportunity to serve such a warm, welcoming community. Tifereth's Jewish education was one of the reasons my family joined. We continue to be impressed by the program, especially its resilience and creative approaches to learning through the pandemic and the involvement by our wonderful rabbis.

Growing up, the Jewish community was where I felt most at home. I made life-long friendships in BBYO and learned lessons there that help me every day. In St. Louis, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Boston, and Cleveland, the Jewish connection gave me a foundation to meet others and feel like I belonged. I met my husband,

Danny, in Cleveland and we moved together to Columbus before Andrew (now in 4th grade) and Jacob (2nd grade) were born.

Like many of us, I want my boys to be proud of their Jewish identity and to have the tools to navigate it – following the prayers and understanding the meaning, knowing where they fit within the past and future of Judaism. We want to give our children the identity, community, and foundation to continue our journey in making the world a better place. Tifereth Israel is a big part of that – thank you for welcoming us into the Tifereth Israel family!

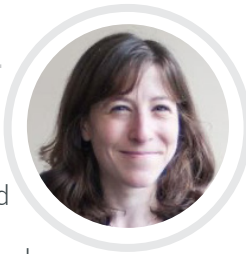


Meet the Board

Madeline Fleisher | mpfleisher@gmail.com

I'm sort of a strange fit for Tifereth Israel. I didn't grow up as part of the congregation. I was raised Reform. I'm in an interfaith marriage. I live all the way over in Upper Arlington! But when my husband and I moved to Columbus back in 2014, I wasn't looking for a shul that checked specific boxes in terms of location or denomination. I was looking for a spiritual home for myself and, most importantly, my children.

When I decided to marry someone who was raised Lutheran and who now falls somewhere on the secular spectrum, our parents were interested – some might say inquisitorial – as to what religious education, if any, we'd provide for their grandchildren-to-be. Raising them Jewish was not necessarily a foregone conclusion. But when I thought about what parts of my upbringing had shaped me into a reasonably successful adult, it seemed like the years of participating in Jewish traditions had played an important role. Whether studying scripture or engaging in lively debates at Passover seder, those experiences strengthened



my connection to my family, inspired my curiosity about the world, and developed my interest in building a better world for future generations. As I got to know Tifereth Israel, I saw reflections of those important values. Our interfaith family was welcomed by all, and the clergy and members were excited to sit down and talk about youth activities and the congregation's long history of social action.

Seven years later, Tifereth Israel has become an integral part of my life here in Columbus. I've served as co-chair of the Social Action Committee for the last several years, and I was honored to join the Board in 2019. When my mother passed away in April, I was touched by the many supportive messages from the CTI community. I look forward to being part of this congregation through whatever else may come in the next seven years – including a bar and bat mitzvah for my children Henry and Jane! – and beyond.

Trees for Earth Day

As part of Earth Month, Tifereth Israel Social Action Committee is once again giving away seedling trees and bushes to congregants.

We'll announce once the stock is here, expected to arrive by mid-April. Pick up your selection from the buckets that will be located outside TI's rear lobby doors. Bring a bag to carry your small bareroot dormant sapling home and be sure to keep the roots moist until planted. These are available on a first-come, first-serve tree basis.

Thanks to the Green Columbus organization for providing the complimentary stock of 200 native plantings and to the Tifereth Israel Social Action Committee. Contact David Roseman at djroseman@msn.com with any questions.

You will have the option of choosing from four species:

Tulip Tree (Yellow Poplar) *Liriodendron*
Features large yellow flowers, is fast-growing, and likes moist soils. Max. height: 60-90 feet; width: 30-50 feet.

Black Cherry *Prunus Serotina*
This tree is fast-growing. Max height: 50-80 feet; width: 30-60 feet.

Spicebush *Lindera Benzoin*
This bordering shrub has yellow flowers, grows in shade to full sun, and is excellent for wildlife. Max. height: 6-12 feet.

Common Serviceberry *Amelanchier Arborea*
This shrub has white flowers, is an excellent wildlife host, has small edible purple fruit, and prefers sun. Max. height: 16-39 feet.

Paper Clips Project

How to support as a TI member



Background

In 1998 in Whitwell, TN, a group of middle school students were learning about the Holocaust and struggling to grasp the concept of the number of Jews who died in it. They decided to collect 6 million paper clips, one for each soul who perished. Paper clips began pouring in from across their community, the state, the nation, and eventually from around the world. They even received an authentic German railcar that had been used to transport the Jews from the ghettos to concentration camps. In 2001, they dedicated a Children's Holocaust Memorial and filled a portion of the railcar with some of the 30 million paper clips they had eventually received. The story of their project became both a book and documentary. Fast forward to 2014, a local 10th Grade WWII history class began their own paper clip project based off of what the Whitwell, TN students had done.

So what can we do to help?

Donate as many paperclips as you want to help reach the 2 million paper clip goal before the school year ends!

Where to send the paper clips?

Drop off in person or mail them to Tifereth Israel at
Attn: Stacy Grossman
1354 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43205

Deadline

May 1st, 2022

We are so excited to be included in this project and look forward to seeing how many paper clips we can collect by May!

Manna Cafe is Back

After a successful return to providing meals to those in need through Manna Cafe in December with a COVID-safe format, we're on a roll with another volunteer opportunity on the afternoon of Wednesday, March 9. We're looking for people to help prepare meals for "take away," with all participants vaccinated, masked, and gloved. We could also use help in shopping for the food supplies ahead of time at Costco/Sam's Club (with reimbursement). If you want to participate or just find out more, please contact Carol Shkolnik at 614-783-7943 or carols86000@gmail.com.

Office Closings

Wednesday, March 16- Erev Purim - Closed at 3:00 pm
Thursday March 17 – Purim Day – Closed at 1:00 pm
Friday, April 15 – Erev Passover – Closed
Thursday, April 21 - Erev 7th day - Closed at 3:00 pm
Friday, April 22 – 7th day of Passover – Closed

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.



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Purim Is Coming

Laura Moskow Sigal | Imsigal@tiferethisrael.org
Executive Director

It's that time of year. Even though it's still cold, our thoughts turn to our next holiday. Purim was always my favorite holiday when I was growing up. I got to dress up in my favorite costume and attend the Purim Carnival at my synagogue. I played fun games and won prizes that probably ended up in someone's junk drawer. Every year, I threw the ping-pong ball into the glass bowl and won a goldfish. My parents always tried to steer me away from that game, but to no avail. My brothers and I would bring home anywhere from one-to-three fish but they would typically die within a few weeks. After a proper send-off, my thoughts would move on to bugging my parents to get me a puppy.

When our daughter Becca was young, it was one of her favorite holidays as well. Picking out her costume always involved many conversations. She loved playing

the games and seeing all of her friends. Thankfully there were no goldfish to win. But there was always cotton candy, made by long-time TI member, Nate Nateman. When Nate passed, my husband Jerry took over the tradition, followed by the USYers.

It's traditions like these that I've missed during our time apart, but I'm happy to report that we are, once again, having a Purim Festival this year! It will be on Sunday, March 20th in the Tifereth Israel parking lot. We're excited that our friends from Agudas Achim will be joining us. It will look a little different than in past years—outside with plenty of room to run and socialize. We'll have carnival games, balloon animal lessons, a social action project, magician, face painting, and lots of delicious food. We hope you will join us and bring your family and friends. And I promise, no goldfish.



Cemetery Plot Discount

Starting March 1, Tifereth Israel members in good standing (current on dues) are eligible for 5% off the cost of cemetery plots. In April, plots return to their regular price. For more information about how to take advantage of this limited-time offer, please contact Executive Director Laura Moskow Sigal at 614-928-3269 or email her at Imsigal@tiferethisrael.org.

"JUSTICE, JUSTICE SHALL YOU PURSUE" צֶדֶק צֶדֶק תִּרְדֹּף DEUTERONOMY 16:20

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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INTRODUCING OUR STAFF



STEPHANIE HUKLE

Membership Director
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Originally from Columbus, Stephanie received her bachelor's degree in Integrated Language Arts and her master's degree in Special Education at Bowling Green. During her studies, she worked with people with intellectual disabilities and from 2004 through 2019, she worked at the Franklin County Board of Development Disabilities as a training specialist and then a case worker.

Stephanie continues to be an advocate for many of her past clients and is passionate about the field. She lives in Pataskala with her husband and 4 children. She loves reading, watching old movies, being in nature, and spending time with her family and Sissy, their cat. She is excited to start her new position as Membership Director at Tifereth Israel and meet everyone!

A life-long resident of Bexley, Stacy grew up two houses down from Rabbi Berman and his family. She graduated Capital University with a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration and Sociology. She has lived in South Carolina, Texas, and then moved back home in 2008 to be closer to her family. She is back in Bexley raising the next generation. When not at work, Stacy enjoys cooking, being outdoors, and spending time with her two cats, her dog, and her family. She is thrilled to take on this new position as Program Director and is looking forward to the opportunity to connecting with more of you as things move forward!



STACY GROSSMAN

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SAVE THE
date

Spotlight: The Reunion Tour

Sunday, May 22, 2022

5:00 - 8:00 pm

Heavy hors d'oeuvres, desserts and wine
Live entertainment provided by Cleveland band, Yiddishe Cup
Silent and Live Auction
Dressy-Casual Attire

Volunteers needed to help with decorations, auction items, food, sponsorship, and day-of.
Contact Stacy Grossman at sgrossman@tiferethisrael.org or 614-928-3272
if you're interested in being a volunteer!



SAVE THE DATES

Yom HaShoah

Tifereth Israel Lunch & Learn
 Wednesday, April 27 | 12:00 pm | Zoom
 Torah from the Years of Wrath: Writings of the
 Warsaw Ghetto Rebbe | Rabbi Alex Braver

Community Gathering

Wednesday, April 27 | Time TBD |
 hosted by Temple Israel and sponsored by
 the Columbus Board of Rabbis

Yom Hazikaron

Community Gathering
 Wednesday, May 4 | 7:00 pm | Zoom
 hosted by JewishColumbus

Yom Ha'Atzmaut

Community Gathering for young families
 Thursday, May 5 | 4:00 - 7:00 pm | JCC
 hosted by JewishColumbus

Tifereth Israel Lunch & Learn

Wednesday, May 11 | 12:00 pm | Zoom
 Conflicted Yet Committed: Zionism in 2022 |
 Dr. Yizhar Hess, CEO of Masorti (Conservative)
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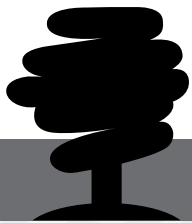
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