



THE TIFERETH ISRAEL FORUM

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Anniversary Shabbat

9:30 am
January 16 & February 20

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

Milestone Anniversaries

January

Rosa & Lawrence Stolz 50 years
Mikhail & Lidiya Zhuravlev 45 years
Amy Stern & Kevin Morrin 20 years

February

Rabbi Jeff & Karen Elson 45 years
Anca & Joseph Galron 40 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 its primary method of remaining connected as a community.

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	
Friday Evening - Kabbalat Shabbat	5:30 pm
ZOOM Link /Meeting ID: 416257518/Password: tifereth	
Shabbat Morning Services	9:30 am
ZOOM Link /Meeting ID: 628202612/Password: tifereth	

Shabbat Times

Vayechi	January 1-2/18 Tevet
Shabbat Begins/Light Candles	5:05 pm
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah	6:05 pm
Shemot	January 8-9/25 Tevet
Shabbat Begins/Light Candles	4:59 pm
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah	5:59 pm
Va'era/MLK Shabbat	January 15-16/3 Shevat
<i>Guest Speaker: Kyle Strickland, Senior Legal Analyst at the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race & Ethnicity at OSU</i>	
Shabbat Begins/Light Candles	4:54 pm
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah	5:54 pm
Bo/Scholar In Residence	January 22-23/10 Shevat
<i>Guest Speaker: Dr. Marc Brettler, Seeing Our Faith Through Others' Eyes: Jewish & Christian Scripture in Dialogue</i>	
Shabbat Begins/Light Candles	4:50 pm
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah	5:50 pm
Beshalach/Shabbat Shirah	January 29-30/17 Shevat
<i>Guest Speaker: Rabbi Josh Warshawsky, Artist in Residence</i>	
Shabbat Begins/Light Candles	4:48 pm
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah	5:48 pm
Yitro	February 5-6/24 Shevat
Shabbat Begins/Light Candles	4:49 pm
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah	5:49 pm
Mishpatim	February 12-13/1 Adar
Shabbat Begins/Light Candles	4:51 pm
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah	5:51 pm
Terumah/Shabbat Zachor	February 19-20/8 Adar
Shabbat Begins/Candle Lighting	4:54 pm
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah	5:54 pm
Tetzaveh/Purim	February 26-27/15 Adar
Shabbat Begins/Candle Lighting	4:54 pm
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah	5:54 pm

B'nei Mitzvah

Emily Samara Wasserstrom will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, February 13, 2021. Emily is the daughter of Julie and Brad Wasserstrom and the granddaughter of Judi and Gary Cooper and Rodney (Donna z"l) Wasserstrom, and younger sister to Chelsea, all from Columbus, Ohio.



Emily is a seventh grade student at Bexley Middle School and attends the Samuel M. Melton Religious School. She received her Bat Mitzvah instruction from the amazing Micah Goldson. Emily also enjoys music, singing, theatre, baking, and games of all sorts -- especially when played with friends and/or family.

Emily will miss seeing the congregational faces in person from the bima on the morning of her Bat Mitzvah, but looks forward to the day we can all daven together safely.

In honor of her Bat Mitzvah, Emily is collecting menstrual supplies as well as new/used bras for "I Support The Girls" to be distributed to women living in shelters or who just need a little extra support. This is important to her because she has been raised to believe that all people should be treated with dignity and respect, and even a little help can make a big difference.

In Memoriam

Ruth Schildhouse, beloved mother of member Julie (Michael T.) Jacobson
Marvin S. Greenberg, beloved brother of member Reva Slaven
Leo Dworkin, beloved uncle of member Bobbie Izeman
Sara Rosenstein, beloved mother of member Beverly (John) Koenigsberg
Orlando C. (Chuck) Behling, beloved father of member Nancy (Jim) Wasserstrom
Henry Fisher, beloved husband of member Goldie Fisher
Lillian Abramovitz, beloved mother of member Fred z"l (Renee) Abramovitz
Stuart A. Benis, husband of member Yass Benis; Father of Bruce Benis and Isaac Cyrus Benis; Cathy (Alan Rothenberg) Mendel; Caryn (Naftali) Yair and Arianna Benis; Grandfather of Daniel (Caroline) Mendel and Jonathan Yair; Allison (Eric Ciavardini) Mendel and Jordana Yair; Great-grandfather of Amelia Mendel
Gilda Abramson, beloved mother of member Marc Abramson
Matthew Marx, beloved husband of member Leslie Marx, beloved father of Libby, Murray and Evelyn Marx; beloved son of member Sylvia Marx; beloved brother of member Sheila (Dr. Steven) Hirsch and member Gregg (Carol) Marx

Rosh Chodesh

Thursday	January 14/1 Shevat
Friday - Saturday	February 12-13/1 Adar
Morning Minyan	7:20 am
Evening Minyan	5:30 pm

Office Closings

Friday, January 1 - New Year's Day
Monday, January 18 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Mazal tov!

Births

To Renee Levine on the recent births of two great grandchildren:
Asterius Ray Levine, son of Michael Levine and Amy Rennick of Minnesota and Caden Charles Sires, son of Chip and Lisa of Sebastopol, California.

B'nei Mitzvah

To Katrina and Eric Zidel, on the occasion of their daughter, Camryn, becoming a bat mitzvah on Saturday, November 7.

To Jennifer and Jonathan Grischkan, on the occasion of their son, Noah, becoming a bar mitzvah on Saturday, November 14.

To Pam and Scott Gurwin, on the occasion of their son, Joseph, becoming a bar mitzvah on Saturday, November 21.

To Adam and Shara Reiss, on the occasion of their son, Lolan, becoming a bar mitzvah on Saturday, November 21.

Marriage

To Jessica Topolosky, daughter of Rochelle & Randy Topolosky and granddaughter of Ruthetta Topolosky, married Josh Kopp, son of Chuck & Dora Kopp, on Sunday, December 20, 2020.

Purim is coming!

Rabbi Hillel Skolnik | hskolnik@tiferethisrael.org

Come the end of February, we will reach a milestone that no one looked forward to but has been inevitable for quite some time. With the celebration of Purim which falls on Thursday evening, February 25 and Friday, February 26, we will have officially marked an entire year of Jewish holidays during the Coronavirus pandemic. As I write these words there is reason to be hopeful – the first doses of vaccine were administered at the Wexner Medical Center just yesterday and God willing by the time we actually celebrate Purim, thousands of people in this country and around the world will be getting the vaccine every day.

If anything, Purim is the perfect holiday to complete this cycle because of its motto – “v'nahafoch hu” which means in English “flip it upside down.” In other words, the spirit of Purim is to do things backwards, make them feel all mixed up and crazy, take a functioning world and flip it on its head. In essence that is what our world has been about for these past ten months. Our lives, functioning seemingly well have been completely flipped upside down and nothing has been as we have experienced it before. Even so, here we are having made it through an entire cycle of Jewish holidays.

With that in mind, we have been planning since before Chanukah our celebration of Purim as a community. We hope you'll still wear costumes to our zoom services and still make noise when Haman's name is mentioned during the reading of the Book of Esther. I would like to draw your attention to three exciting ways that we can make this Purim even more special as a community. The first is that we want you to be a part of our Purim services in a special way. We have divided the Book of Esther into 20 scenes and we are looking for volunteers to stage one scene into a still shot that we will screen-share with the congregation during the reading of that part of the book. For example, the Book of Esther starts out with King Achashverosh hosting a party for his entire kingdom. We would like someone, or some family, to take a picture of themselves recreating that scene. When we read that part of the megillah, we'll share that picture. We hope you'll sign up

[HERE](#) to be part of this fun interactive experience.

Since our services will be on zoom this year, we sadly will not be able to have all of our readers chant from the actual scroll of the Book of Esther. This makes it a perfect time for people who have never read Esther to do so for the first time because you are guaranteed to have the vowels and cantillation marks in front of you! If you've never read from the book of Esther before and would like to, please email me at hskolnik@tiferethisrael.org and I will get you started.

Finally, there is the mitzvah of Mishloach Manot, of sending gifts of food to others. Even more so in these times of social distance and isolation, it is critical that every member of our congregation who lives in the Columbus area receives a Mishloach Manot bag this year to know that no one is alone even if we cannot be together. By purchasing Mishloach Manot through Tifereth Israel you can help us make sure that this message is heard loud and clear by every person and family in our congregation.

This might sound complicated but it's actually quite simple – on a website that we will share with you, you can choose from our member families to whom you'd like to send Mishloach Manot. It is \$6 per family for up to 20 bags and only \$5 if you buy more than 20. \$360 will send to every family in our congregation. After that, you don't have to do a thing. The bags will be made and delivered by us with a list of every person who “sent” it to you (if you'd like to volunteer to help with deliveries, please be in touch with me). We as a synagogue are guaranteeing that every local family will receive one but with your participation you can make sure that everyone knows that people in our shul care about each other and maybe, just maybe, help Tifereth Israel raise some money.

Come March we'll begin our next cycle of pandemic festivals, but for now, I am thrilled to wish you all a Happy Purim! Please be sure to celebrate it with us!



Separate and Together

Ronald Solove, President | rsolove@aol.com

I am writing this on November 25, the day before Thanksgiving, 2020. Yesterday I set up our ZOOM Thanksgiving, scheduling it for 6:30 tomorrow evening. Donna and I will join, through the wonders of modern technology, our son and daughter-in-law, David and Sarah, in Davenport, Florida, and our other son and daughter-in-law, Adam and Sandy, along with their four daughters, who live in the exotic land of Bexley, Ohio.

Of course, it will be somewhat removed from a “normal” Thanksgiving. Until this strange year, we alternated Thanksgiving between my side of the family and Donna's for dinner, surrounded by siblings, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins. We laughed, told stories, revisited the past, and talked about the future. We celebrated our thanks for one another. This year, our contact will be limited to faces in boxes on a laptop screen. But the conversation and the love will still be there.

The parallel with our Tifereth Israel experience during this pandemic is apparent. For me, a huge component of the shul experience is coming together in the sanctuary with so many friends, people I have known for years and years, spending part

of our Shabbat together, catching up, praying, enjoying the company, and shaking hands. When we were first forced to abandon closeness for the ZOOM screen, I was deeply saddened, thinking about what I would miss.

However, it did not take too long for my focus to change from what I was not experiencing to what had replaced it. I found that physical presence is not the only method of being together, that a congregation did not have to be in a single place, that my shul experience could still be rich and rewarding.

Donna, David, Sarah, Adam, Sandy, Becca, Abby, Miriam, Lilah, and I will be together tomorrow. We will eat turkey. We will talk. We will laugh, we will love and enjoy one another. We will be our own little congregation. We would like to be together physically, but our separation will not keep us from celebrating our family.

The people that make up Congregation Tifereth Israel might be separated now, but we continue to celebrate as a community. Together.



Tu Bishvat Seder

Thursday, January 28 at 12:30 pm, Rabbis Skolnik and Braver will lead an interactive Zoom Tu Bishvat seder of learning and exploring our Jewish connection to the natural world. If you'd like to participate in the ritual with us, please bring:

- A fruit with a shell or tough outer skin (e.g. orange, banana)
- A fruit with a core or pit (e.g. peach, cherry)
- A fruit that is entirely edible (e.g. strawberry, blueberry)
- Red and white wine or grape juice

[Zoom Link](#)



January 16, 2021
9:30 am services
with a special sermon



**martin
luther
king jr.
shabbat**

Guest speaker: Kyle Strickland,
Senior Legal Analyst at the
Kirwan Institute for the Study
of Race and Ethnicity at OSU

**"JUSTICE,
JUSTICE
SHALL YOU
PURSUE"**



**צוק צדק תרדף
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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Check us out on
[Facebook!](#)



**BOKER TOV
ZOOM**

**Sunday Mornings
January 3 & February 7**

11:30 am - 12:00 pm

**LAILA TOV
ZOOM**

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

**Friday Nights
January 15 & February 19**

5:45 - 6:15 pm

Sing & dance with Todah!

[Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 85120064830

Password: tifereth



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Why we love Tifereth Israel

Jill & Fred Winer | winerdiner@juno.com

With our membership approaching 50 years, there are many reasons for our loving our synagogue. Fred and I attend services quite a bit, whether in shul or through Zoom.

Our membership was made possible through Heinz Hoffman, offering us an affordable cost, when Fred was a graduate student at OSU. We have never looked back.

As a family, our hours spent at the synagogue were significant. My involvement over the years became 7 days a week because of our kids' education, services, the gift shop, the semi-annual Blood Drive, Men's Club and Sisterhood. Like any family, we have experienced many life milestones: such as each of our sons' brides, a pidyon haben, bar mitzvahs, passing of our parents, etc.

As members of Tifereth, we have been fortunate to have the clergy,

the building, and many shul friends to celebrate the good times and the hard times over these many years.

With the technology of Zoom, we have enjoyed taking classes, attending services and seeing our friends, actually more regularly than before Zoom. We have also expanded our scope of friends with all of the different classes being offered.

We would like to offer our appreciation and gratitude to the clergy and staff in bringing those options forward. Their dedicated hard work allows us to appreciate them even more.

Our reasons for loving Tifereth Israel are many. We love our synagogue, our second home.



Cemetery Plot Discount

Starting January 1, Tifereth Israel members in good standing (current on dues) are eligible for 15% off the cost of cemetery plots. In February, the discount drops to 10% and in March, members can save 5%. In April, plots return to their regular price of \$3,400 for members.

For more information about how to take advantage of this limited-time offer, please contact Interim Executive Director Laura Moskow Sigal at 614-928-3269 or email her at lmsigal@tiferethisrael.org.

Easy ways to support Tifereth Israel

Amazon Smile

Help provide needed funds to Tifereth Israel, without changing your shopping habits. AmazonSmile is operated by Amazon and has the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. When you shop on AmazonSmile, 0.5% of your purchase is donated to Tifereth Israel. Search for us by name when you log into your account.

Kroger Community Rewards

Tifereth Israel also earns through the Kroger Community Rewards program. If you have a Kroger Plus card, please register it with the program and select Congregation Tifereth Israel to receive a donation based on your purchases each time you use your card. Please encourage your family and friends to use both of these services when they shop.

Scholar in Residence

SEEING OUR FAITH THROUGH OTHERS' EYES:

JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE IN DIALOGUE

MARC BRETTLER, PH.D.



Marc Brettler is the Bernice and Morton Lerner Distinguished Professor of Jewish Studies in the Department of Religious Studies at Duke University and the Dora Golding Professor of Biblical Studies Emeritus and former chair of the Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies at Brandeis University. He has also taught at Yale University, Brown University, Wellesley College, and Middlebury College. A graduate of Brandeis University, he has published and lectured widely on metaphor and the Bible, the nature of biblical historical texts, and gender issues and the Bible. He's co-edited and written the *Jewish Study Bible*, *The Jewish Annotated New Testament*, *The Bible With and Without Jesus: How Jews and Christians Read the Same Stories Differently*, and more.

All Zoom programs and worship services are free and open to people of all faiths:

Tuesday, January 12

Studying the Book of Psalms @ 9:00 am

Saturday, January 23

Is the Bible "True?"

- Dvar Torah during Tifereth Israel Shabbat morning services @ approx. 11:30 am (services begin @ 9:30 am)

What Does the Bible Teach About Justice?

- Shabbat teaching @ 12:30 pm

Sunday, January 24

Why and How Should Jews Read Christian Scriptures?

- Sermon during First Congregational Church Zoom services (services begin @ 11:00 am)

What About the Messiah?

- Lecture and discussion @ 12:30 pm

HELP KEEP PROGRAMS LIKE THIS FREE & OPEN TO ALL BY BECOMING A SPONSOR!

Supporter: \$36

Bronze: \$108

- Shabbat Kiddush delivered to your door by volunteers on Friday afternoon

Silver: \$180

- Kiddush Box
- The Bible With and Without Jesus: How Jews and Christians Read the Same Stories Differently*, with signed bookplate by Dr. Brettler

Gold: \$360

- Kiddush Box
- The Bible With and Without Jesus: How Jews and Christians Read the Same Stories Differently* with signed bookplate by Dr. Brettler
- The Jewish Study Bible*, with signed bookplate by Dr. Brettler

To access Zoom links, register for the weekend and/or become a sponsor, please visit:

<https://bit.ly/ScholarInResidence2021>



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Tifereth Israel

RABBI JOSH WARSHAWSKY

Rabbi Josh Warshawsky is a nationally touring Jewish musician, songwriter, and composer whose work focuses on building intentional praying communities through song and music.



Saturday 1/30/21 – Shabbat services for Shabbat Shirah
A Shabbat service featuring Rabbi Josh Warshawsky's unique musical style and teachings.

Wednesday 3/24/21 – Lunch / Zoom / Learn
Music as Midrash: Exploring Passover Through Song
Explore the themes and rituals of the Passover Seder through song and study.

Saturday 2/20/21 – Havdalah and Melava Malka
An evening of song, stories, and learning for the whole family, with Rabbi Josh Warshawsky and our Tifereth Israel clergy.

Sunday 4/25/21 – Religious School Boker Or Tefilah
Join Rabbi Josh Warshawsky as he brings his unique melodies and style to our Religious School tefilah! Together we'll explore new melodies and uncover deeper meaning in our familiar prayers.

Tuesday 3/2/21 – Dinner, Drinks and Drash |
Music as Midrash: Exploring Judaism Through Song
Explore how music itself can serve as midrash, deepening our understanding of familiar texts and stories.

www.joshwarshawsky.com

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



Second Sunday
@ 7:00 pm

- January 10
- February 14
- March 14
- April 11
- May 9
- *May 11
- Annual Meeting*

Stay safe & we look forward to seeing you soon!

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

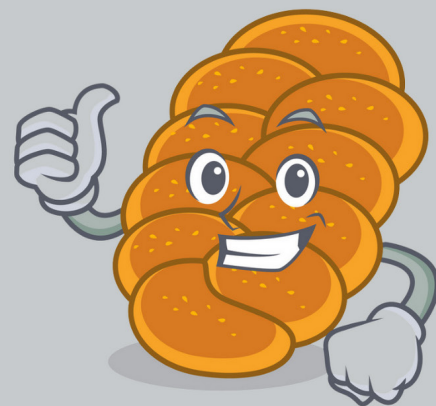
MEETINGS

Holla for Challah

Join Sisterhood for a Zoom class for How to Make Your Best Challah!

Monday, January 18 @ 2:00 pm

This class is appropriate for all skill levels and you can bake along, or just watch and make your masterpiece at a later date.



Zoom Link

Meeting ID: 83773718001
Password: 106983

Recipe given day of unless requested ahead of time by emailing sisterhood@tiferethisrael.org.
Anyone is welcome to attend.

PURIM PREVIEW 5781

MISHLOACH MANOT

As we prepare to celebrate Purim, Tifereth Israel is excited to announce that we will be providing all our local members with Mishloach Manot (Purim gift bags) to aid in joyous at-home celebrations.

As part of this project, we are offering our congregants the opportunity to sponsor bags for friends and family. Congregants who live outside the Columbus metro area will receive Purim cards.

More info coming soon on how to sign up to sponsor bags! Help us fulfill this mitzvah by volunteering to pack or deliver mishloach manot. Contact Rebecca at rhaimowitz@tiferethisrael.org

Sponsoring Mishloach Manot
Up to 20 bags, \$6/bag
21+ bags, \$5/bag
Entire congregation, \$360

MEGILLAH READING

Thursday, February 25

Help us celebrate by dressing up and acting out scenes from the Purim story! We'll show off your photos virtually as we read the megillah. We'll also be virtually showcasing highlights from past spiels.

HAPPY HOUR & BINGO

Saturday, February 27

The Purim fun continues! Adults are invited to a night of fun cocktail recipes and online bingo. Wear a fun hat or mask and prizes will be awarded.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Sunday, February 28

Activities for all ages including a virtual escape room and other Purim fun will be available for the entire family.

LIFE & LEGACY

Assuring JEWISH TOMORROWS

A program of the HAROLD GRINSPOON FOUNDATION

Thank you to the following members who have completed a Life & Legacy Letter of Intent. We deeply appreciate your support.

- Adam & Jill Eisenberg
- Bonnie & Allan Finkelstein
- Pam Gurwin
- Cathy Levine & Jon Groner
- Jan W. Lyddon & Bruce E. McComb
- Linda & Howard Schottenstein
- Joan Wallick
- Fran & Reid Wasserstrom
- Mary Beth & Benjamin Zacks

Please reach out to Laura Moskow Sigal at Imsigal@tiferethisrael.org or at 614-928-3269.

Life and Legacy

Laura Moskow Sigal | Imsigal@tiferethisrael.org
Interim Executive Director



"As my ancestors planted for me, so do I plant for future generations."
Talmud, Taanit 23A

How does the old adage go? If you tell me when I'm going to die, I'll tell you how much you need to save. Unfortunately, this is not usually something we have control over. This is why we need to plan for our future, and ensure that our next generation has the resources necessary to thrive. Legacy giving is new for most people. Some people may think that legacy gifts are only for the wealthy, but this is not the case. We typically think about making our last will and testament, and how that will support our loved ones. A legacy gift is an act of tzedakah, a generous act, that gives to future generations.

In partnership with JewishColumbus and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, Tifereth Israel is working to ensure its future through planned giving. The Life & Legacy program helps to secure after-lifetime commitments with the

aim of building permanent endowments that will sustain our shul for years to come.

We need you! As part of the Life & Legacy program, people complete a letter of intent (LOI). All it says is that you will be leaving a gift to Tifereth in the event of your passing, or that you have already made a legacy gift provision in your estate plan. It does not lock in any amount, deadline, and is not a legal obligation. If Tifereth secures 18 LOI's by January 31, we receive a \$5,000 incentive grant.

Have you included a gift for Tifereth in your will, trust, retirement account or life insurance policy? Do you want more information on how to do this? By letting me or Rabbi Hillel know, you will assist us in securing this unrestricted incentive grant. We hope you will help ensure Tifereth's future for decades to come.

Make YOUR legacy a brighter Jewish tomorrow.

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WINTER

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בית-מלון
Samuel M. Melton
Religious School

January 3 - 7 NO SCHOOL
Winter Break

January 17 NO SCHOOL
MLK Weekend

February 14 NO SCHOOL
Presidents' Day Weekend

January 24 @ 12:30 pm
Hebrew High School City-Wide Social Justice Learning

January 31 @ 1:00 pm
Grades 6 & 7 Bar/t Mitzvah Family Program

February 7 @ 2:30 pm
All Ages Jewish Disabilities and Inclusion Month Event

February 13 @ 10:15 am
Grades 5 & 6 Davening Detectives – Torah Service

JDAIM

FEBRUARY 2021

Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance & Inclusion Month
Columbus, Ohio

HOW TO BE AN INCLUSION HERO!

SUNDAY FEB. 7TH

2:30PM ON ZOOM

Come join JEOrg, the Columbus Jewish Educator's Organization, in honoring JDAIM, Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month (February!). This year's intergenerational event will be online of course. Come explore how to be an inclusion hero and defeat exclusion. Interactive activities for all ages. *This event has been made possible through the generosity of the JewishColumbus Foundation Miranda and Ben Weisbuch Special Education Fund*

RSVP by Feb. 5th:

<https://tinyurl.com/jdaimcbus21>

We love seeing you on Zoom!

Jewish Learning

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

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



PEREK YOMI

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

Explore a new section of the Hebrew Bible each week, beginning with "In the beginning" and moving onward from there! 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.

[Zoom Link](#)

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*

[Zoom Link](#)

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.

[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)

[Zoom Link](#)



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

Winter 5781

FEATURED PROGRAMS



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.

January 4 with Rabbi Sharon Barr Skolnik:
Getting Into Good Trouble: Civil Disobedience and Resisting Pharaoh

January 19 with Dr. Krista Dalton, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Kenyon College:
"Rewritten Bible" as Fan Fiction in the Dead Sea Scrolls

February 2 with Rabbis Skolnik and Braver; David Levy, Funeral Director, Epstein Memorial Chapel; and Hevra Kadisha co-chairs:
Honoring the Dead in a Time of COVID

February 16 with Rabbi Jeffrey Elson:
Jewish Humor: What Does It Say About Us?

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

[Zoom Link](#)



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.

RSVP to jerrybenis@yahoo.com

[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.

January 13 with Rabbi Rami Schwartzer, founder of the Den Collective in D.C.
Holy Hypocrisy: The Case for Religious Inconsistency

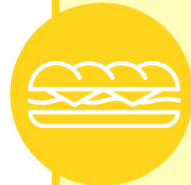
THURSDAY January 28 with Rabbis Skolnik and Braver

Tu Bishvat Seder (check the weekly e-forum for more information about how to participate at home)

February 10 with Rabbi Berman
Praying For Our Country: History and Context

February 24 with Rabbi Braver
Resistance and Randomness: Purim and the Book of Esther

[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.

FRIDAY, January 8 (after Shabbat evening services)
How to Host a Shabbat Dinner

February 3
The Big Questions: Death, Life After Death, and the Messianic Age

Registration Requested
[Zoom Link](#)



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Rabbi Alex Belarusian Latkes

Ingredients:

- About 1 1/3 lbs potatoes
- 1 egg
- 1 onion
- 3 tbs. flour
- 3 cloves o garlic, minced
- Salt, to taste
- Pepper, to taste
- Oil, for frying

Instructions:

- Grate potatoes using a coarse grater, and squeeze out excess liquid
- Grate onion and garlic with the fine side of the grater
- Add flour, egg, salt, and pepper, to the other ingredients, and mix together
- Form patties, and fry in the oil, two minutes on each side
- Serve with sour cream, fried mushrooms or friend onions, and fresh herbs, like dill or parsley

This recipe comes from the JDC Global Kitchen series, by means of Alex Weisler. For more information, check out JDC's Facebook page.



"The New Hillel Sandwich"

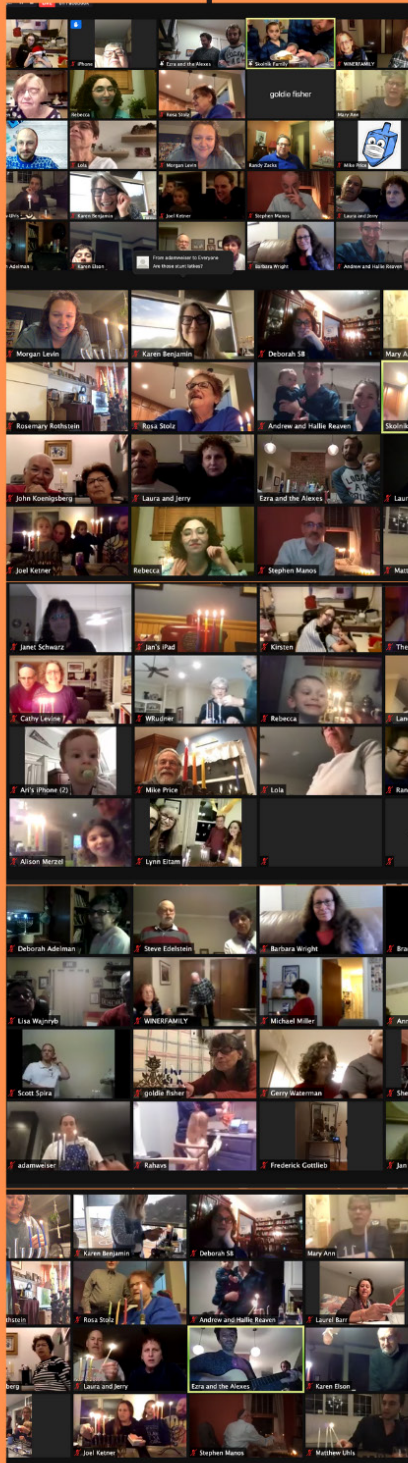
Ingredients:

- Grated golden potatoes
- Matza meal (just to make it feel a little like the other Hillel Sandwich) – approximately 1 cup
- 3 eggs
- Salt – a few pinches
- Everything Seasoning – the one from Trader Joes – a few shakes
- Pepper – just a little
- Mix it all up and fry up those latkes
- Make sure the oil is nice and hot before you put in the latkes and let them brown before flipping them over

"The New Hillel Sandwich" Instructions:

(let it be noted that Rabbi Hillel saw this recipe online so while he loves the name, it is not his original idea...)

- Heat up a pan and put a little oil on the bottom.
- Place one of your freshly made latkes in the pan and put cheese on it (can be any kind of cheese that you would like on an omelet).
- On top of the cheese place a second latke and then place a piece of tin foil on top of the pan to help melt the cheese.
- At the same time, heat up a second skillet and make a sunny side up egg.
- Ideally the cheese will be melted and the egg ready at the same time.
- Plate your latkes with the cheese melted and carefully put the egg on top.



The Year to Come

Cantor Chomsky | jchomsky@tiferethisrael.org



Farewell and Hello – Shalom Shalom!

October 18 – the Spotlight Program focused on my 38+ years at Tifereth Israel – was an evening that I'll never forget.

I'm so grateful to the many generations of Tifereth Israelites who built the memories that we shared that night.

I'm so grateful to Carol Glassman, Susan Mott, Martha Tepper and Cindy Levy and...so many who chipped in time, effort and money – as well as Rebecca Haimowitz-King, Joy Contreras, and Virginia Terry who tirelessly held things together. (Kind of amazing that the event happened almost 6 months later than planned because of...well, YOU know...)

A special shout-out to Sam Nahem who synthesized so much video material. If you missed the event or would like to re-visit it, [click here!](#)

What I may remember most is that you understood what was important

to me and what I have been striving for all these years.

Keep praying, keep singing, keep learning, keep reaching out to each other and you will continue to make Tifereth Israel the Glory of Israel that it has been and can be.

In the meantime, Susan and I - and Fenway - made our journey from Columbus to Tel Aviv early in Chanukah – and here's a picture of our new home. Please come visit as soon as it's safe to do so.

My e-mail addresses are still CantorJC@aol.com and JChomsky@tiferethisrael.org You'll find us on Ibn Gabirol Street – just steps away from Rabin Square! – as well as Baby Will!

Here's to a much better 2021.

With love,
Jack

Meals on Wheels Volunteering

Tikkun Olam (repairing the world) is a core tenet of Judaism and one that is embraced at Tifereth Israel. This past year has presented unique challenges in ensuring we continue to help those in need. Nonetheless we continue to make a difference in our community, including several families volunteering with Meals on Wheels for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Jan Lyddon, Stephen Manos, and Judy Liepack share a few thoughts on what volunteering means to them.

We were glad to have the chance to volunteer for a worthwhile organization. We realized how fortunate we were to have had a meal that we were able to prepare at home, and also to live in a community that has ways to care for others who cannot do that. We are commanded to remember the "widow and the orphan" which stands in for those who have needs for support, and this was a small way we could fulfil this

commandment. We will gladly do it again!
- Jan Lyddon and Bruce McComb

Delivering Meals on Wheels is an opportunity to use my resources to connect with people who have requested assistance. The deliveries are act of kindness. Some of the recipients are vulnerable and limited. They trusted a stranger to open their door, say hello, and hand them a meal. It's a pleasure to be able to do this. - Stephen Manos

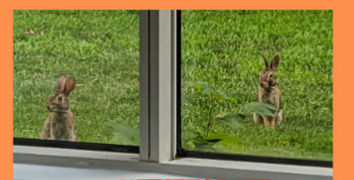
It was a rewarding experience, knowing that we were performing a Mitzvah and helping people in the general community. This is something important for Jews to do if we are going to "repair the world." - Judy Liepack



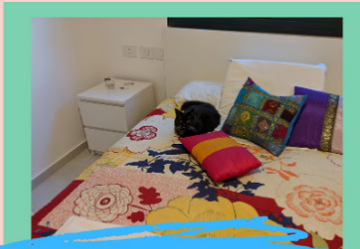
A last safe night out at a favorite Columbus restaurant



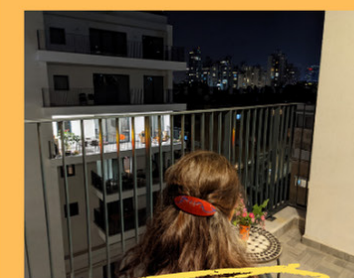
The view from the home we just left



Being WATCHED in the old house by bunnies we chose to call Fauci and Acton



Fenway's already at home in Tel Aviv



The view from the home we just moved to

Community Passover Seder

We're looking forward to seeing everyone on Zoom!
More information & registration to come.
Passover begins Saturday evening on March 27.

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"Anyone who performs charity and justice is considered as though they filled the whole world in its entirety with kindness." — Babylonian Talmud: Sukkah 49b

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

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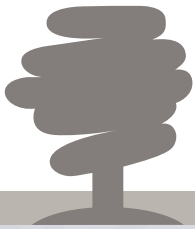
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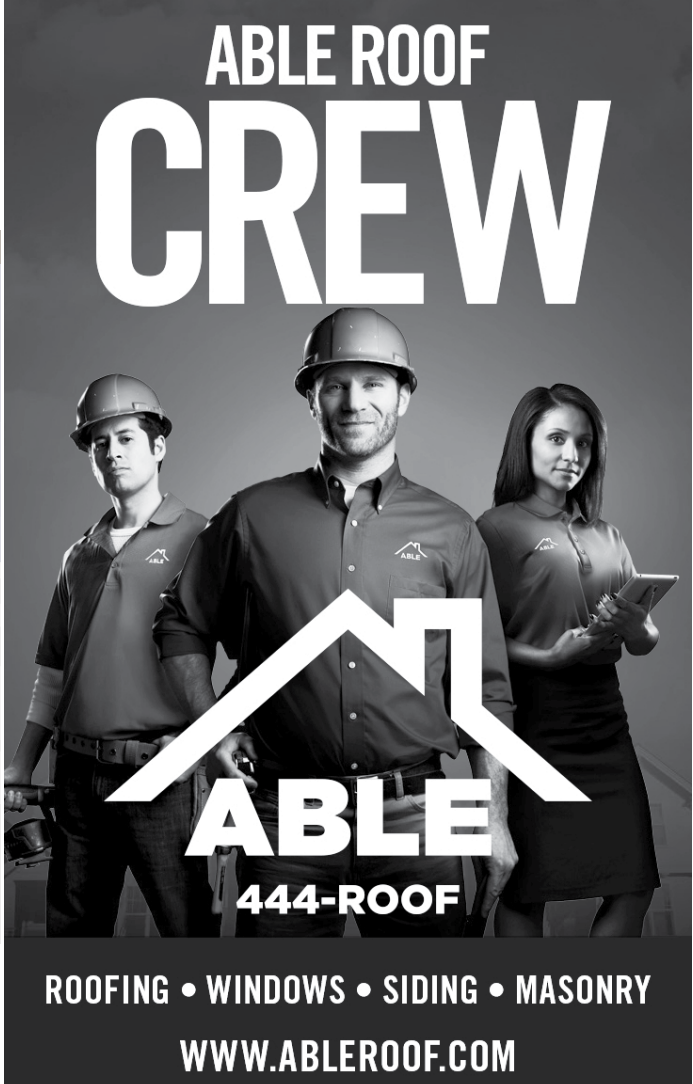


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