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for

Shabbat Onegs Outside on the Patio
June - August

AS LONG AS THE WEATHER PERMITS IT

**Enjoy the beautiful
summer weather with us.**

Join us for Shabbat Onegs outside on the patio at Congregation Beth Tikvah during the warm summer months! Every Friday, as long as the weather permits, we'll gather in the serene outdoor setting to enjoy the fresh air, meaningful conversations, and the joyous spirit of Shabbat. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow congregants, bask in the beauty of nature, and celebrate the week's end in a vibrant, welcoming community. Don't miss out on these special evenings!



WORDS FROM RABBI: EXPLORING JEWISH PEOPLEHOOD

Significant dates during the annual cycle of the Jewish calendar not only mark a sacred time but also serve as distinct markers in Jewish history, agricultural seasons, and special readings of our sacred texts. Shavuot marks the giving of the Torah, the wheat harvest, and the reading of Megillat Ruth, the Book of Ruth (it is called Megillat Ruth because it is a scroll). In the Book of Ruth, we learn of Naomi, whose husband, Elimelech, dies and leaves her with their two sons.

The sons marry Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other named Ruth. Sometime later, the sons also die, leaving Naomi with her two daughters-in-law. Naomi encourages them to return to their own people, leaving her alone. But Ruth famously says, “Do not urge me to leave you, to turn back, and not follow you. For wherever you go, I will go; wherever you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God.”

When studying these words, one immediately notices Ruth’s powerful connection to her mother-in-law’s community, the Jewish people. She does not want to leave her mother-in-law, and her statement is one of acceptance of the community and of Naomi’s God. It is interesting to note that the order of the text places Ruth’s draw to the people before her draw to Naomi’s God. When commenting on this text, the Talmud in tractate Yevamot says that this stems from the commitment to mitzvot. Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik notes that Ruth’s words offer the acceptance of both covenants pertinent to the Jewish community, the Covenant of Sinai and the Covenant of Egypt.



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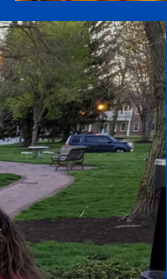
In his text, *My Beloved Knocks*, Soloveitchik teaches that the Covenant of Egypt reflects one of suffering, while the Covenant of Sinai ties to the destiny of the Jewish people based on a shared promise and hope for the future. He adds that living a Jewish life requires that we feel the suffering of our people but also share in the commitment to Torah and mitzvot. Living with only one of these values is not possible.

As I look at Ruth's words, I see the powerful draw to Jewish Peoplehood. According to the Center for Jewish Peoplehood, the core components are the woven connection of several key elements that form a "collective ethos." These elements include community, covenant, values, contemporary Jewish life, Jewish religion, history, sacred texts, culture, Hebrew, and Israel. Jewish Peoplehood, according to Erica Brown and Misha Galperin, is about belonging to an extended family with a purpose. In order to feel deeply connected to the Jewish people and develop a Jewish Peoplehood consciousness, we have to connect to the Jewish community with our hearts and feel a connection that moves us. We have to connect with our heads through knowledge and learning. Lastly, we need motivated action as we connect with our hands by doing. The feeling comes from a draw to others because they are Jewish and part of the Jewish community. The knowledge comes from a commitment to learning, to Jewish texts, history, and more. Our connection can also be based on action. When we light candles for Shabbat, we feel drawn to the larger Jewish collective. When we give tzedakah, we also feel a powerful connection. This wisdom stems from Shlomi Raavid, director of the Center for Jewish Peoplehood, who has committed himself to this work.

As we move into summer, I want to invite you to think about three questions: What are the stories that connect us to the hearts of others within the Jewish community? What is one thing we might learn that can promote our connection to the Jewish community? What is one action we might commit to that draws a bond between us and the Jewish people? I hope you have a wonderful summer!



IT'S ALL ABOUT community and unity



RENEW

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[MEMBERSHIP FORM](#)

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COMMITMENTS](#)

Your continued support ensures that we keep providing meaningful experiences and maintaining our vibrant community.

If you are able, please consider contributing at the Leader or Sponsor levels.



The Columbus Jewish Choral Festival Concert



Celebrate the Harmony of Tradition and Talent



An extraordinary afternoon unfolded as The Guild of Temple Musicians presented the Columbus Jewish Choral Festival Concert. On June 9 at 3 p.m., choirs from Congregation Beth Tikvah, Temple Israel, Temple Shomer Emunim, and Temple Beth Shalom joined forces for a memorable performance. The event took place at Congregation Beth Tikvah, 6121 Olentangy River Road, Worthington, Ohio.



[CLICK HERE to see photos](#)

“What a splendid and heart-warming opportunity it was to meet and sing under the direction of David Shukiar. As a long-time member of our Temple choir, The Shironim, we have sung many of his pieces over the years. But meeting him, learning about his process, and understanding his approach to writing this powerful music took me to a higher spiritual level. Days later, I am still floating on a cloud, and my very soul is uplifted!” said Myriam Huberman Solomon, a congregant from Beth Tikvah.

The event included a special video, “Through Children’s Eyes,” and concluded with a powerful finale where the combined choirs performed Sha’alu Sh’lom Yerushalayim and Hallelujah. The festival highlighted the music of David Shukiar, president of the Guild of Temple Musicians. Shukiar’s work, which has resonated in many synagogues and prestigious concert halls like Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall, as well as in theaters across North America and Israel, was celebrated throughout the concert.

“While each choir performed beautifully, the collective sound created by all four choirs joining together was breathtaking and impacted everyone present. I was honored to be part of such a wonderful and successful event and am so grateful for the warmth of the Beth Tikvah community,” Shukiar said.

The event was a resounding success, leaving the audience moved and inspired by the powerful performances and profound musical selections. This afternoon of Jewish choral music at Congregation Beth Tikvah celebrated the rich heritage of Jewish prayers and compositions and highlighted the incredible talent and unity of the participating choirs.



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Our four walls of hope.

In these times of unprecedented hardship, as conflict and uncertainty pervade the Middle East, it is natural to feel overwhelmed and anxious. Our hearts ache with pain for those affected by the war; images and stories weigh heavily on our souls.

However, it is precisely in these moments of darkness that we must seek the light of hope and unity. Congregation Beth Tikvah is here to offer solace and strength. We must remember the power of togetherness and fall back on our community. We carry the spirit of Beth Tikvah, which means "House of Hope." The Jewish people have endured and overcome countless adversities throughout history; today, we are called to do the same. We encourage you to participate in our communal activities; these events are designed to foster a sense of connection and provide a space where people can express emotions freely. Let us come together.



Morgan Birely
Audrey Cantor
Bailey David
Joseph David
Noah David
Eli Davidoff
Julia Eiferman
Shauna Katz
Sophia Kramer
Maddy Movshin
Rachel Weinstein

MAZEL TOV GRADS



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, HEBREW LEARNING, TEEN PROGRAM REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Login to ShulCloud and make your membership commitment by clicking the Membership Forms 24-25 icon.

Go back to ShulCloud homepage and click the "Start School Registration" icon.

Wait while your enrollment is confirmed...you'll receive an email to complete tuition payment or create payment schedule.

Watch your Inbox for announcements and get ready to kick off our year of learning on Sunday, Sept 8, 2024!!

RISING 8TH-12TH GRADERS:

JOIN THE MADRICHIM TEAM

**Apply now to be a part of our team for the
2024-2025 school year!**

Madrachim ("guides") are an integral part of our Religious School staff. These amazing teens help our teachers prepare and run lessons, lead discussions, assist with office tasks, and serve as incredible role models. Madrichim are paid by twice-yearly stipend, or can choose to earn community service hours. All incoming 8th-12th grade students encouraged to apply!

Apply Now

New Madrichim:

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***New Madrichim
Sign-Up***

***Returning Madrichim
Sign-Up***

FAMILY***FRIENDSHIP******COMMUNITY******UNITY******MEMORIES***

Join Congregation Beth Tikvah for an evening of warmth and community at our Religious School Family Fun event! Gather around the campfire on June 22 at 5:30 PM for an unforgettable experience.

Indulge in delicious s'mores, engage in lively outdoor games, try your hand at fishing, and enjoy the company of friends and family. This special occasion is hosted by your very own Stevens family. Don't miss out on making memories that will last a lifetime—mark your calendars and [click here to RSVP](#) by June 15th!

The Religious School Family Fun event promises community engagement and enjoyment for all ages and grades. Whether you're a teacher, parent, or congregant, this gathering is an opportunity to connect, share stories, and create lasting bonds. We look forward to seeing you there

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JOIN US!**JUNE 22 @ 5:30PM****RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
FAMILY FUN
& HAVDALAH****CAMPFIRE, SMORE'S, OUTDOOR GAMES, FISHING,
AND SUMMERTIME FUN WITH YOUR BETH TIKVAH
FRIENDS! ALL AGES/GRADES INVITED.*****GRACIOUSLY HOSTED BY THE STEVENS FAMILY*****CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO AND TO RSVP BY 6/15!**



SAVE THE DATE

**July Religious School
Family Fun & Havdalah**

JULY 20 @ 5:30PM

Interested in helping plan or host? Email Morissa!



Congregation Beth Tikvah

SAVE THE DATE FOR

HEBREW JAM!

A FUN & EXPERIENTIAL HEBREW REVIEW
PROGRAM FOR GRADES 4-7

Wed. 8/28 & 9/4 • 4:30-6PM

WATCH YOUR INBOX EARLY JULY FOR REGISTRATION INFO!

Reflections & Resilience

Celebrating a Unique Year in Jewish Education at Beth Tikvah



This was a year in Jewish education like none other. As we planned for our curriculum and programming in 23-24, it finally felt like we had emerged from the shadow of the pandemic -- until all that forward motion came to a screeching halt on October 7th. Despite the constant shadow of the war, extreme antisemitism, and the constant need to shift to respond to this moment in history, we had an incredibly meaningful and positive school year.

To close out the year, our families gathered in honor of our education staff and 6th graders for a beautiful Shabbat service on 5/3. 6th graders marked their transition to their B'nai Mitzvah year, leading the community in beautifully composed kavannot for our prayers. Religious School students celebrated the last day of school with Maccabiah games, a ruach-filled closing song session where each grade presented on their learning, and a decorate your own cookie bar. Teen Program students spent their closing day in community with inflatable axe throwing, skee-ball, and an ice cream bar to celebrate a sweet year of learning and tikkun olam.

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BethTY closed out the year with a lock-in, as well as a cookout at Blendon Woods with friends from Temple Israel and Temple Beth Shalom. We celebrated with our 16 amazing Confirmation students on 5/10 as they taught us their Torah.

In collaboration with our parent engagement team, we held our first ever end of the year Religious School Family BBQ and Havdalah on 5/11. 24 families attended, totaling 80 participants. It was a fantastic evening of fun and community! We are so grateful for all the volunteers and staff that made this program possible. We look forward to our next family engagement event, a family fun and Havdalah graciously hosted by the Stevens family on 6/22. Please see RSVP info in this issue!

Planning for the 2024-2025 school year is already underway, and we are looking forward to adding some new and returning events to our calendar, including Family Game Night, more dine- and-donates to connect outside of synagogue all while supporting our community, exciting updates to our 6th grade curriculum, and more.

Our Religious School staff will gather with colleagues from around the community for three professional development sessions in August, in addition to our own Beth Tikvah-specific teacher training. We are thrilled to once again be presenting a robust learning experience for our teachers in partnership with my colleagues in JEOrg, all made possible through a grant from JewishColumbus. Our teachers will be learning storytelling techniques for teaching Jewish text with the incredible Jonathan Chapman, taking a deep dive into Israel education with the iCenter, and staying up to date with the latest best practices for inclusion and behavior modification with Hanna Fotsch, Community Disabilities Inclusion Coordinator.

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now open – please see the infographic in this issue for more information, and please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions, ideas, or are interested in getting involved with supporting our school and youth programming through volunteering.

Have a great summer!

L'Shalom,
Morissa



Brotherhood Updates...

Online registration for the next American Red Cross blood drive on Tuesday, June 25th, is now open at redcrossblood.org. Remember donated blood only remains viable for transfusion for 56 days. After that it can only be used for research. Thus, there is always a great need for new and repeat donors to replenish the available life sustaining inventory.

If you have problems accessing the registration app or need any help in registering contact Art Flesch at artflesch@hotmail.com or (614) 530-7560.

Brotherhood monthly “open table” luncheons will resume in late June and continue through the Summer and then through the full 2024-25 program year.

We are planning an outing to a Columbus Clippers baseball game mid to late Summer.

In late June, a joint transitional Board meeting attended both by outgoing and incoming members will take place. This will allow us to draw on Board experience and new perspectives to plan activities and special events for at least the first six months of our 2024-25 program year. We will start in September with our Annual Brotherhood BBQ. Brotherhood’s service commitments in September and October (both the High Holy Days and Sukkot) will be planned under the direction of our Service Chair, David Sapper.

The first of our dinner/presentations for our annual “paid-up” dinner will be in October. Several other dinners in subsequent months will be led by our Program Chair, Larry Romanoff.

An early start to organizing those activities and other Brotherhood special events such as Latkefest, the Ed Schechter Leadership Award, American Red Cross blood drives and the Souper Bowl will ensure continuous improvement and success.

Members of the Brotherhood remain as leaders and essential resources to many other Beth Tikvah affinity groups such as the Board of Trustees, the Shironim choir, Shishim, and the Safety and Security Committee. We expect to develop even more collaborative initiatives with Sisterhood and other interest groups in the coming year.

The Beth Tikvah Brotherhood is a vibrant, fun organization, dedicated to providing the men of Beth Tikvah with opportunities to gather in fellowship, participate in a range of interesting activities and re-enforce their shared Jewish values. We encourage any male member of Beth Tikvah interested in joining Brotherhood to contact Don Goldbaum, membership chair at dongoldbaum@gmail.com or (614) 745-4754.



The Brotherhood held its Annual Meeting on May 15th. After a catered dinner, there was a brief summary of Brotherhood’s activity and accomplishments in the 2023-24 fiscal year: our 20th Anniversary Year. That was followed by approval of the proposed new two-year slate of officers and Board members. The new slate of candidates for 2024-26 are:

President – Mike Fliegel, Vice President – Elliot Davidoff, Past President – Art Flesch, Treasurer – Bob Fisher, Secretary – Justin Frazier, Membership Chair- Don Goldbaum, Temple Service Chair – David Sapper, Program/Social Chair – Larry Romanoff, Fundraising Chair – Jeff Wasserstrom, and At Large Board Member – Reid Romer.

The Brotherhood wants to extend great appreciation to Paul Feder, Jeff Albert and Mike Alexander for their contributions to the success of Brotherhood as they end their terms on the Board.

The group heard a presentation by renowned local meteorologist and Klezmer band leader Ben Gelber discussing his fascinating career journey and critical issues of climate change and possible impacts on central Ohio.

Upcoming Sisterhood Events...

Thursday, June 20 at 6:00 PM

Dinner at Giamarcco's
6030 Chandler Ct.
Westerville, OH 43082

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

Tuesday, July 16 at 6:00 PM

Blue Ginger Asian Fusion
6234 Sawmill Rd.
Dublin, OH 43017

Wednesday, Aug 21 at 6 PM

Dinner at Mimi's Cafe
1428 Polaris Pkwy
Columbus, OH 43240

Hilliard Arts Council Summer Concert Series Antoine Fatout & Kelly Crum Delavaris

Sunday June 30 at 6:00 PM | 5425 Center St. Hilliard, OH 43026

Complimentary tickets cover food. BYOB & lawn chairs to enjoy the live music.

[RSVP HERE](#)

Sisterhood Mahj

Don't forget your Mahj Card & Coin Purse

Cards can be purchased in the Gift Shop

Upcoming Dates...

Tuesday, June 18

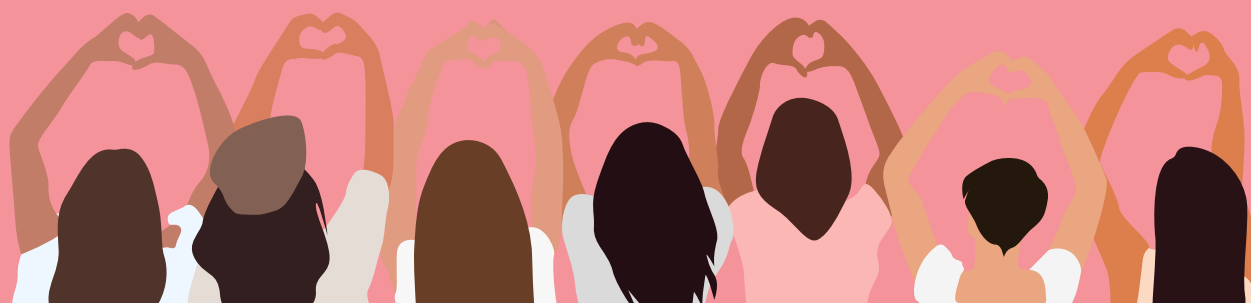
Tuesday, July 16

Thursday, August 1

Tuesday, August 20

Thursday, Sept. 5

Tuesday, Sept. 17



THE MIDDLE

***JOIN CONGREGATION BETH TIKVAH'S SOCIAL
GROUP FOR AGES 45-60***



***IN MAY, THE MIDDLE ENJOYED A HAPPY HOUR AT
TOMATILLOS...STAY TUNED FOR UPCOMING EVENTS!***

IF YOU WANT TO BE PART OF THIS GROUP...REACH OUT
TO TARA ROZEN VP1@BETHTIKVAHCOLUMBUS.ORG



SHISHIM UPDATES & EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS...

July 11: Lunchtime Picnic & Concert

Scioto Park (7377 Riverside Dr. Dublin, OH)

Picnic Lunch @ 12pm | Honey & Blue Concert @ 1pm

Bring or order your lunch!

[*CLICK HERE FOR LUNCH INSTRUCTIONS*](#)



LET'S CELEBRATE

PRIDE SHABBAT

FRIDAY, JUNE 14
7:15 PM



SUNDAY EVENING STUDY GROUP

ZOOM LINK

Dates:

06/23	<i>Why the Bible Began</i> Chap. 27-30
07/07	<i>How Fascism Works</i> Chap 1-2
07/21	<i>How Fascism Works</i>
08/04	<i>How Fascism Works</i>

The chosen books are: *How Fascism Works* by Jason Stanley & *God, A Biography* by Jack Miles.



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Tuesday
June 25, 2024
12 pm - 6 pm

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

“The act of saving a life, according to Jewish tradition, is among the highest of all our mitzvot. The mitzvah of saving a life takes precedence over all other mitzvot, including Shabbat observance. When we donate blood, we increase the potential of saving a life,” said Congregation Beth Tikvah Senior Rabbi, Rick Kellner.

Blood is a precious resource that is constantly in demand. It is used in a variety of medical situations, including surgeries, trauma care, cancer treatments, and for patients with chronic illnesses. However, blood has a limited shelf life. Red blood cells can only be stored for up to 56 days; this means that a constant and fresh supply of blood is crucial for meeting the needs of patients. After its optimal use period for transfusions, blood can still contribute to medical research, advancing our understanding and treatment of many health conditions. However, the primary and most immediate need is for transfusions, underscoring the importance of regular blood donations.

Your participation in the blood drive at Congregation Beth Tikvah can make a significant difference. The process is simple, safe, and quick, yet its impact is immeasurable. Each donation can save up to three lives, providing essential support to those in critical need.

We encourage you to mark your calendars and join us in this meaningful effort. By donating blood, you not only perform a mitzvah but also become part of a life-saving chain of compassion and care. Let's come together as a community to support the Red Cross and make a difference.

Visit redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor code: **bethtikvah**
Contact Art Flesch if you have questions or issues (614) 530-7560



A Shabbat of Self-Care



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SATURDAY 7/13 • 10:30AM

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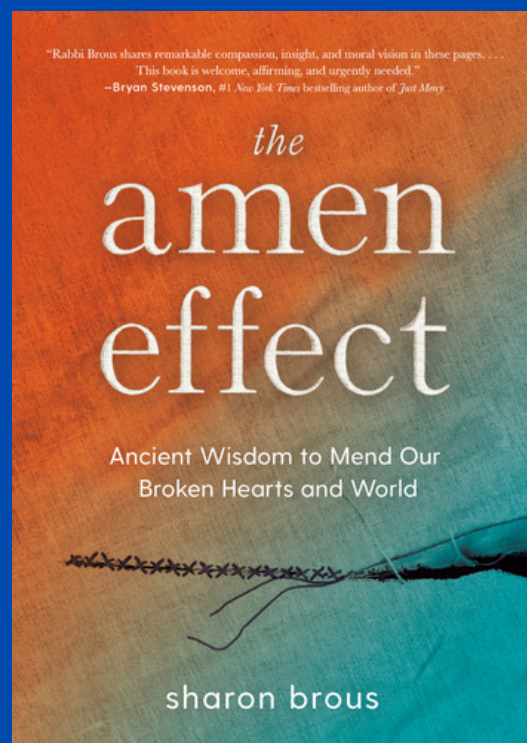


SUMMER READING

with Rabbi Rick

This enriching event offers a unique opportunity to delve into thought-provoking literature and engage in meaningful discussions with Rabbi Rick Kellner.

The book is "The Amen Effect" by Rabbi Sharon Brous



July 31
7pm-8pm



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Join Congregation Beth Tikvah and the Worthington Interfaith Neighbors to celebrate our shared values of learning, community, and building relationships across different faiths and cultures. Enjoy arts and crafts, cultural activities, and interactive displays. Come play games, dance, sing, and savor delicious food with the wonderful people who make our community vibrant and diverse!

TZEDAKAH COLLECTION

SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024

3:30 PM - 5:00 PM ON ZOOM

FEATURED NON-PROFIT: ALICIA'S CLOSET

Jewish women in Central Ohio have a Giving Circle, the Tzedakah Collective. Now in its 11th year, the goal is to help restore human dignity in underserved populations by giving grants to local worthy non-profits that do excellent work. Funds have helped feed unhoused individuals, teach life skills to autistic young adults, provide essential goods for foster and unhoused teens, improve parenting skills for teen parents, teach low-income kids how to raise vegetables, help single moms and their kids move out of dangerous living environments, assist immigrants to resettle, provide prenatal care to high-risk pregnant women; scholarships to abused women returning to college; and re-entry programs to trafficked women...the list goes on!

Be a part of the change by joining us next month for our next Cause of the Month: ALICIA'S CLOSET! Founder and Director, Maya Ward will speak on the comprehensive support given to foster families – support groups, respite care, free children's clothing, comfy kits, and mentorship: all developed through grassroots efforts and her own experience as a foster mom.

Membership is not required to listen to the inspiring presentations from selected non - profits by Zoom. Please join us for these informative and enjoyable meetings! Contact Marsha Pond, the Coordinator, marshapond@msn.com for information and the Zoom link.



The Remarkable Homecoming of Beth Tikvah's Post-Graduates

In the heart of Worthington, Ohio, lies a place of community and continuity, Congregation Beth Tikvah. Amidst the challenges and uncertainties of the past few years, one remarkable trend has emerged – the return of Beth Tikvah's youth, now young adults, to their beloved community after completing their college journeys and starting their lives as young professionals.

Meet Bentley, Livi, and the three Hannahs, five vibrant individuals who exemplify this extraordinary full-circle moment. Each woman has embarked on their unique journey of self-discovery, only to find themselves drawn back to the welcoming embrace of Beth Tikvah, where their roots run deep.

Bentley Adkins is a lifelong member of Beth Tikvah and left in 2020 to pursue her education at George Washington University in Washington D.C. She has recently returned to her spiritual home to become a Religious School and Teen Program Keshet aide and teaching assistant. Adkins also volunteered to help chaperone the 10th grade L'Taken trip to Washington D.C.

Livi Holz has also grown up at Beth Tikvah and recently made the decision to come back and spread the same feelings of warmth and community that the congregation provided for her. As a young adult, Holz has become a Religious School teacher at the synagogue, helping the congregation's children discover their own Jewish identities and journeys.

Hannah Karr is a recent graduate from Ohio University. She was active in Beth Tikvah's youth group, even becoming Co-president until she graduated from high school and went on to college.

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Karr has brought her Bachelors in Journalism and Marketing to Beth Tikvah, starting her job as the congregation's new Marketing and Communications Specialist in early May 2024.

Hannah Movshin has a history of teaching Sunday Religious School at Beth Tikvah and was also a very influential part of the BethTY youth group during her adolescence. She is beloved by all families and children at the congregation and, after graduating from Ohio University with a degree in education, Movshin has offered her services as a Temple Youth Advisor as well as a Religious School and Teen Program teacher.

Hannah O'Connell also graduated as an educator from Bowling Green State University. As a post-graduate, O'Connell has decided to return to Columbus and serve as the BethTY/JYG assistant. She has also become a Religious School and Teen Program teaching assistant, ensuring that so many children have the same impactful experience that she did.

The stories of these five women are not isolated incidents but symbolic of a broader trend within Beth Tikvah—a testament to the enduring impact of community, faith, and belonging. As the congregation continues to evolve and adapt to changing times, it remains an anchor for its members, providing support, a sense of home, and an experience that inspires post-grad youth to return to their Jewish roots both personally and professionally.

The return of these young adults to their spiritual home serves as a reminder of our community's hope and resilience, showing that Jews come together to support one another in the face of challenges. Their presence not only enriches the fabric of the congregation but also reaffirms the enduring bonds that unite its members across generations.

In honoring the remarkable journeys of Bentley, Livi, and the three Hannahs, we celebrate the five young women and countless others who continue to inscribe their shared narrative within Congregation Beth Tikvah.



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Arjun Randhawa's Bar Mitzvah

Arjun just completed 7th grade at Olentangy Liberty Middle School; his favorite class this year was Spanish. He has been keeping busy with track, taekwondo, tennis, choir, and guitar. Arjun enjoys hanging out with friends, watching movies, and playing with his Standard Poodles, Louie and April. He also has a hamster and three fish with plans to add to his aquarium. He loves all animals. For his Mitzvah Project, Arjun has been volunteering with the Special Olympics (track & field). Each week, he helps train an athlete named Brian for the mile race. HE has also enjoyed getting to meet the other athletes. Arjun encourages everyone who can to volunteer or participate as a spectator.

Asher is a rising 7th grader at Shanahan middle school! Asher plays lacrosse for OYAA, OYAA Select, and Resolute! When he's not playing lax, he enjoys hanging out with friends and playing video games. Asher loves to travel, read, watch movies and spend time with family! He is looking forward to traveling this summer to Italy & Greece!

For his mitzvah project, Ash collected needed items and also raised over \$500 to purchase additional items for Family Promise of Delaware County.



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Asher Tibbals' Bar Mitzvah



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Devon Davidoff's Bat Mitzvah

Thank you to Margie & Elliot Davidoff for being our Bima & Oneg sponsors

For her Mitzvah project, Devon chose to volunteer with the Licking Park District. She has spent time helping with the planning and execution of community events as well as aiding in the maintenance of the trails.

Allison will be attending 8th grade at Grizzell Middle School in Dublin. When she's not in school, she enjoys dancing, singing, playing board games, and hanging out with friends and family.

For her Mitzvah Project, Allison volunteered at the Worthington Resource Pantry, putting together bags of dry and canned goods for families.



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Allison Silber's Bat Mitzvah

Torah Trailblazers: Celebrating Remarkable Jewish Women

HENRIETTA SZOLD

Henrietta Szold was a phenomenal woman who left her mark on the Jewish community as well as the emerging state of Israel. As she grew up, Szold's father instilled Jewish traditions in her everyday life. Born in Baltimore, Maryland, Szold's education went as far as a high school diploma; however, her father's scholarly influence nurtured her deep commitment to Jewish learning and community service.

In 1877, Szold's career began as a teacher; she instructed various subjects while assisting Jewish immigrants in Baltimore through night school. Her passion extended to a role at the Jewish Publication Society where she edited and published significant works of her own.



Szold strongly believed in the revival of Jewish culture and the establishment of a Jewish homeland. Her determined attitude led her to co-found the Hadassah in 1912, which became the largest Zionist organization in the United States. Hadassah established medical facilities, social programs, and laid the foundation for modern educational and medical systems in Israel.

Nearly two decades later, Szold was the head of the Youth Aliyah movement in Israel. She rescued many children from Nazi Germany and resettled them, eventually earning her the name of "Mother of the Yishuv."

Szold's life was a testament to her commitment to Jewish education, Israel, and social welfare. Her leadership and tireless efforts played a crucial role in shaping the Jewish state of Israel. Szold passed away in Jerusalem in 1945, leaving behind a legacy of compassion, resilience, and a profound impact on Jews all over the world and for generations to come.

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The congregation extends its heartfelt condolences to...

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on the death of
their beloved Stepfather & Grandfather

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on Friday, May 24, 2024

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on the death of
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