

✧ Congregation Beth Tikvah

# TIKVAH TOPICS

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# RENEW NOW

**STAY CONNECTED TO BETH TIKVAH**

## SUPPORT BETH TIKVAH...

Are you ready to invest in Beth Tikvah's future? Your generosity today will make a difference for future generations of our Jewish community.



Reach out to Executive Director Debbie Vinocur to get involved.





# WORDS FROM RABBI:

## CELEBRATING DEBBIE VINOCUR'S IMPACT ON BETH TIKVAH

There is much we can learn from Moses about leadership. When the rabbis wonder why God chose Moses to lead the Israelites, they share a story about him as a shepherd in the wilderness looking after his flock. One of the sheep wandered away from the flock, and Moses ran after it. He came upon it and found it drinking water from a pond. Moses picked up the sheep and carried it back to the flock, saying that if he had known the sheep wanted water, he would have led the flock there to quench its thirst. The midrash then teaches us that God chose Moses as a leader because of his compassion, knowing that if he could be so compassionate with sheep, he could do so with God's people.

When God wanted to destroy the Jewish people after the incident with the Golden Calf, Moses pleaded with God to save the people, saying, "Why would you lead this people out of Egypt, only to destroy them in the wilderness? What would other peoples of the earth say about you?" The rabbis picture Moses taking God by the collar and pleading on their behalf. From this, we learn that Moses was willing to stand up for the people despite all their imperfections.

Later, in the book of Numbers, we learn that Moses was the humblest man on all the earth. Through his humility, he could recognize God's presence and the importance of sharing leadership with the elders.

As we can see from Moses, leadership requires that we have many and diverse qualities. A year ago, Debbie Vinocur, our esteemed Executive Director, marked 10 years of service to our congregation. We acknowledged this moment on Yom Kippur but had to delay the celebration that was initially planned for the fall. We are excited to celebrate and honor Debbie's 10 years (now really 11) of service to our congregation on Friday evening, August 16th. At Congregation Beth Tikvah, we have been blessed with stable staff leadership for more than a decade. Such longevity is not common in synagogue life today. Debbie brings incredible dedication to her work, balancing the financial, physical, staff supervision, security, and membership needs of the congregation. Debbie is often the first face that people meet as she welcomes new members, offers them a tour, and helps them get situated at Beth Tikvah. She has become a leader and expert among her colleagues in managing the diverse security needs of a congregation, as she has written and received government grants for hundreds of thousands of dollars to upgrade our security needs. She leads our staff each day, and when congregants knock on her door, she greets them with a cheerful smile.

I have often believed that the Executive Director position is the most challenging in the entire synagogue. The Executive Director does not often lead from the front and does not always get public accolades. I hope you will join us on Friday evening, August 16th, as we honor Debbie during Shabbat services and celebrate with a special oneg in her honor. Mazel tov, Debbie! We are so grateful that you have led us for this past decade plus!





Congregation Beth Tikvah

# HONORING DEBBIE VINOCUR'S 10+ YEARS AT BETH TIKVAH

Join us as we celebrate and honor Executive Director Debbie Vinocur's remarkable service to Congregation Beth Tikvah. Over the past decade (now really 11 years), Debbie has shown exceptional dedication; her leadership and welcoming spirit have made a lasting impact on our community. The celebration will take place during Shabbat services, followed by a special Oneg in her honor.

AUG 16 2024

7:15 PM

SERVICES & ONEG TO FOLLOW





# CELEBRATING OUR STRENGTH AND CONNECTION AT BETH TIKVAH

Executive Director Debbie Vinocur

*“One of the amazing things about being a community is that it enables us to welcome congregants, new people and families in a way that we couldn’t as individuals. Everything about Beth Tikvah creates a community that together makes belonging matter.”*

Within Beth Tikvah, there are many members and volunteers. Think about it: the Board, office staff, Garden Buds, religious school, youth groups, Legacy Circle, Social Action, Shishim, Solo Connections, 2145, Security, and more. Within each of these committees or groups are members that believe in the mission and vision of Beth Tikvah and give hours upon hours to support all the ideas and endeavors. Together we are strong, compassionate, and filled with life and love for our community.

For the past year, the Design Committee has met regularly, reviewed carpet samples, and discussed usage, lighting, cost, color, and meaning. It is hard to believe there is meaning in our carpet, but there is. Did you know that the circle at the entry to our sanctuary outlines the old Bima before we added our current sanctuary? As we look ahead, we always remember where we started. All the committee’s hard work has paid off, and our space is beautiful. Thank you to the entire Design Committee.

Have you noticed the changes to our weekly eblasts, the Tikvah Topics newsletter, and social media? We welcomed Marketing and Communications Specialist, Hannah Karr, three months ago. A BethTy Alumni who grew up here at Beth Tikvah, she has brought fresh ideas, and we are all benefiting from them.

When you stop by to see the beautiful carpet, take note of the new TV monitor in the lobby, which shares all our flyers, weekly happenings, and a special Welcome to Beth Tikvah message—all created by Hannah.

Staying connected is important. Beth Tikvah’s fiscal year began on June 1. Membership Commitment forms and Other Commitments such as Sisterhood, Brotherhood, ARZA and sponsorships can be made through ShulCloud by clicking on the link provided in the weekly eblasts and Tikvah Topics.

If you are struggling with our online membership process, contact Everett Smith at [esmith@bethtikvahcolumbus.org](mailto:esmith@bethtikvahcolumbus.org) or me at [dvinocur@bethtikvahcolumbus.org](mailto:dvinocur@bethtikvahcolumbus.org), and we will be happy to help.

A new year gives each of us the opportunity to renew our commitment to our community. Your financial support is crucial, your membership is invaluable, and your commitment to our community is essential. We deeply appreciate everything you do to help us thrive; we couldn’t do it without you.

## Join Us for the Tikvah Trot Fall Fundraiser on September 8!

Put on your sneakers and join us for the Tikvah Trot, our exciting Fall Fundraiser to kick off the year! Bring your friends, family, and neighbors for a fun run/walk to benefit our Beth Tikvah community. The event will be packed with food, music, and, of course, the walk/run.

- Date: September 8
- Location: Sharon Woods
- Activities: Fun run/walk, food, music, and more!

Under the leadership of Fundraising Chair Abby David and her dedicated committee, we promise an amazing event for the entire Beth Tikvah family. There’s something for everyone, young and young at heart.

### How to Participate:

- Register through the link provided on all our social media channels.

### Sponsorship Opportunities:

- If you’re interested in sponsoring the Tikvah Trot, please contact Abby David or reach out to me for more information.

Don’t miss out on this fantastic opportunity to support our community while having a great time. We look forward to seeing you there!





# SUMMER OF 24' AT BETH TIKVAH







# ***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!!**



# BETH TIKVAH'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## Executive Officers:

President: Ted Fons

1st Vice President: Tara Rozen

2nd Vice President: Sheri Scaglione

Treasurer: Jonathan Beck

Secretary: Josh Reinicke

Past President: Lewis Sanderow

## Elected Board Members:

Adult Education: Morris Levy

Building: Bryan Silber

Ritual: Clint Koenig

Shishim: Rita Eppler

Trustee At-Large: Sam Rapoport

Trustee At-Large: Art Flesch

## Continuing Board Members:

Fundraising: Abby David

Membership: Miryam Chandler

New Member Connections: Wendy  
Grindstaff

Religious School: Jane Weisman

Youth Engagement: Sarah Stevens

## Open Positions:

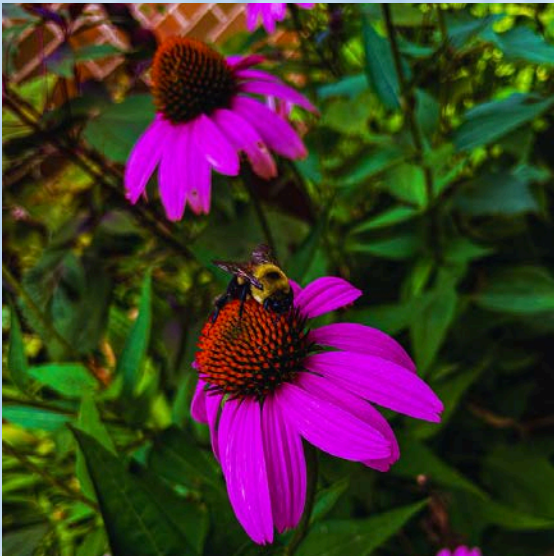
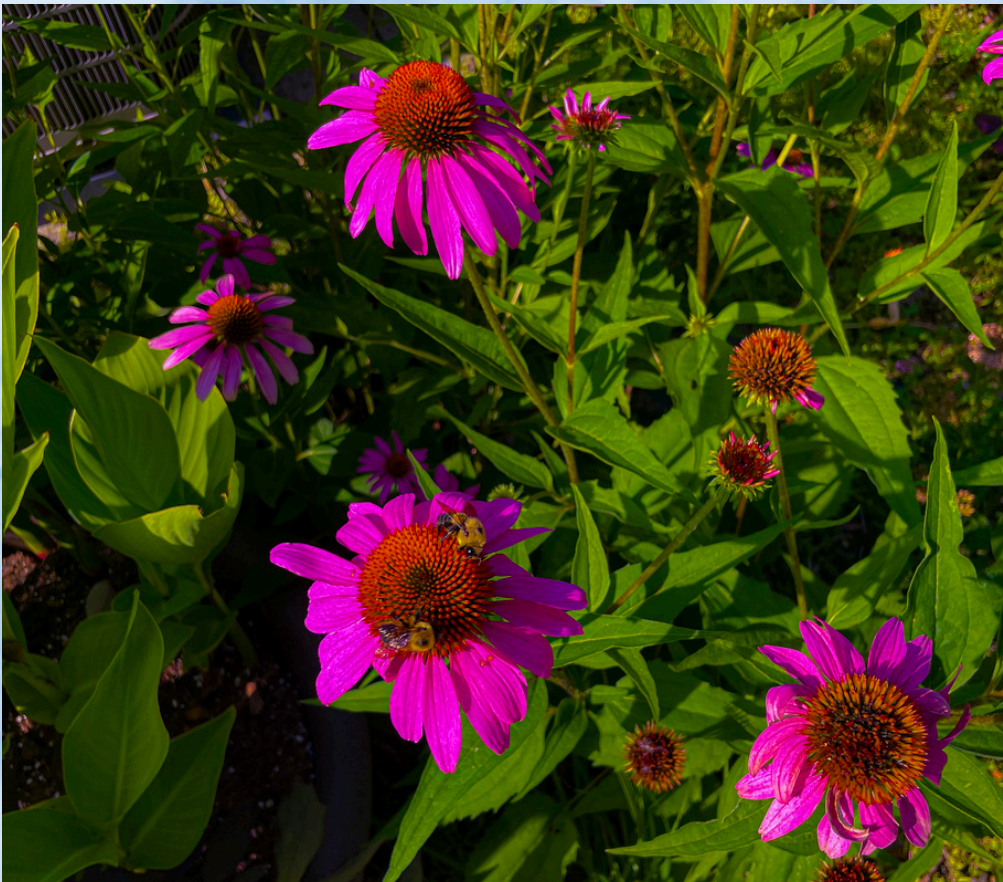
Finance Chair

Social Action Chair





# BETH TIKVAH GARDEN BUDS







# TISHAH B'AV: A TIME FOR REFLECTION & RENEWAL

Tishah B'Av, observed on the ninth day of the Hebrew month of Av, is traditionally a day of mourning that commemorates the destruction of the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem. These tragedies, along with the other calamities that befell the Jewish people on this date, make it one of the saddest days in the Jewish calendar.

Many Reform Jewish communities teach that Tishah B'Av is less about dwelling in sorrow and more about reflecting on the lessons these events teach us today. The destruction of the Temples was not only a physical loss but also a symbol of the end of an era and a call to spiritual reflection. It reminds us of the dangers of baseless hatred and division within our communities.

In contemporary practice, we may not strictly adhere to all traditional customs of mourning, such as fasting or sitting on low stools. Instead, we might focus on meaningful reflection, engaging in discussions that explore the historical and ethical dimensions of the topics. We can talk about themes of loss and resilience and consider how we can contribute to building a more compassionate world.

Tishah B'Av serves as a reminder of the enduring spirit of the Jewish people. Despite the tragedies, we have rebuilt and renewed our communities countless times throughout history and continue to do so today. This resilience defines the Jewish community and inspires us to face current challenges with hope and determination.

Ultimately, Tishah B'Av is about finding balance. We honor our past while looking forward, ensuring that we remember the lessons history has taught us so we can work towards building a better future. It is a time for both mourning and motivation, as well as reflection and renewal.

Written by Hannah Karr





# MORNING MEDITATION

with **MORISSA FREIBERG**



Join us every Wednesday morning at 10:30am on Zoom. Morissa will be hosting a guided meditation, leaving you relaxed and rejuvenated. This class requires no prior knowledge or experience and is open to everyone. We hope to see you there!





# A SUMMER OF LEARNING: ENHANCING OUR JEWISH EDUCATION

**Morissa Freiberg, Director of Education & Lifelong Learning**

I have had a busy summer of learning, and I am excited to share what I have been up to! During my Sabbatical in June, I had the amazing opportunity to refresh my Modern Hebrew skills through an incredible online course with [Hebrew College](#) in Boston. It was so awesome to be a student again and learn from an incredible instructor. Not only did I gain spoken language skills, but I also learned new teaching techniques which I am excited to share with our Adult Hebrew learners. I highly encourage anyone interested in learning Modern Hebrew to check out their offerings!

In July, I attended two incredibly impactful webinars:

1. The Jewish Federations of North America have been hosting trainings in partnership with [The Blue Dove Foundation](#) and Selah to educate as many Jewish professionals about the opioid crisis as possible. Through this learning, we were trained to recognize the signs of an overdose and use Narcan. We learned that the highest population seeing a spike in overdose are seniors, something that was surprising to me.
2. I got the opportunity to learn with the incredible Nachama Moskowitz, one of my mentors from my early days in my career in Cleveland, about the work the [Jewish Education Center](#) is doing surrounding Hebrew learning. I am hopeful that we will be selected to participate in a Community of Practice to continue this work.

As of this moment, I am writing to you from the [NewCAJE](#) conference in San Diego! It has been an incredibly meaningful experience gathering with diverse educators during this unique and challenging time for the Jewish people. One thing that makes NewCAJE special is that it draws folks from all denominations of Judaism, and all types of educational programs (synagogues, adult learning centers, day schools, camps, universities and more!). Some highlights include attending sessions on increasing communication skills, creating engaging t'filah for young learners, and many sessions on Israel education and confronting antisemitism. I also was blessed to offer my first ever workshop at a conference, where I shared about incorporating meditation and mindfulness within the Religious School classroom and beyond. I'm happy to share my slides and resources with anyone who might be interested!

Later this month, Alisa and I will be attending a training through the STAR program OSU about addressing trauma. Through this experience we will learn strategies for how to recognize, empathize, intervene, and support others who may be struggling or suffering. We recognize the importance of this work currently as we are still in a period of extreme stress and trauma for our global Jewish community.

Our Religious School staff will gather with colleagues from around the community for three professional development sessions this month, 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, 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. With our hearts and minds enriched through these experiences, we are so looking forward to welcoming our students back in September!

L'Shalom,  
**Morissa**







# The History of the State of Israel, Zionism Through 2024

**The first 76 years: How did we get here and what will happen next?**

**with Educator Uri Feinberg**

In the aftermath of the devastation that befell the State of Israel and the Jewish People which began on Simchat Torah, October 7, 2023, many may find themselves on very shaky ground. How did this happen, why did this happen, what actually happened, how can I explain how I feel and why- may be just some of the questions emphatically circling our consciousness. While no one can promise answers to all of these questions, we believe that a deep dive into the history of the State of Israel will offer a first step towards creating a broader, stronger foundation of knowledge on which to stand. This history will allow for a more secure charge into the events of the current war, from its painful beginning through what tomorrow may bring.



**RSVP ONLINE**

**8 Sessions on Zoom - 11:30AM-12:45PM**

**Mondays: 8/12 • 8/19 • 8/26**

**Thursdays: 8/8 • 8/15 • 8/22 • 8/29 • 9/5**

*Sessions will be recorded*



# SECURITY TRAINING W/ STEVE FLOWERS

Director of Community-Wide Security at Jewish Columbus

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 18**

**2 SESSIONS...**

**ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE: 2 PM**

**BE AWARE: 3:30 PM**

**RSVP ONLINE**

Security is deeply important to our Jewish community because it allows us to gather and celebrate our traditions with peace of mind. Knowing that our congregation is safe means we can focus on what truly matters: our faith, our family, and our shared heritage. Join Steve Flowers at Congregation Beth Tikvah on August 18th to learn about how we can prioritize security and create a welcoming and protective environment where everyone can feel at home.





**WEDNESDAY 8/28**

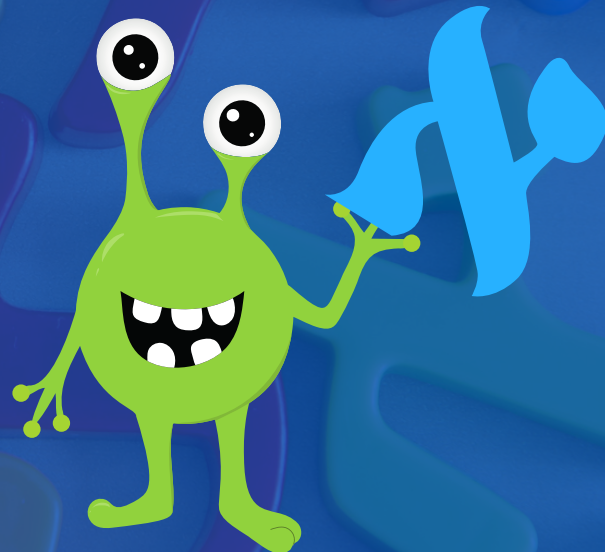
**WEDNESDAY 9/4**

*at 4:30 PM*

Located at Congregation Beth Tikvah  
6121 Olentangy River Rd.

# HEBREW JAM

**GRADES 4 - 7**



## LET THERE BE PLAY: BRINGING TORAH TO LIFE WITH SPECIAL GUEST JONATHAN SHMIDT CHAPMAN

Join award-winning artist, Jewish educator, and author Jonathan Shmidt Chapman for a hands-on, participatory storytelling family workshop. Embark on a journey through the wilderness with the Israelites through interactive storytelling, puppet-making, and theatrical play. Build a tent, travel across the desert, scout out the land of Canaan, and explore the value of taking care of your community. Connect and collaborate as a family while crafting and creating your way through the story! Families will also have the opportunity to pick up Jonathan's new book, *Let There Be Play*, a guide to bringing Jewish stories to life at home through play and imagination

**SUNDAY 8/4 | 4 - 5 PM**

**LOCATED AT CONGREGATION BETH TIKVAH / JCC NORTH**





# TIKVAH-2024 TROT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

LOCATION: SHARON WOODS



MUSIC

FOOD

GAMES

JOIN US FOR OUR TIKVAH TROT...

RACE STARTS AT 9:00 AM

IF YOU ARE RACING, PACKET PICK-UP IS AT 7:00 AM



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614.832.8815  
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# THE MIDDLE EVENTS

**CONGREGANTS AGES 45 - 60**

**8/11**

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## **HAPPY HOUR**

5 - 6:30 PM

101 Beer Kitchen

RSVP Online

**9/22**

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## **SOUNDS OF FLEETWOOD MAC CONCERT**

Come: 4: 15 PM | Concert: 5 PM

Bring lawn chair/blanket & dinner

Dublin Scioto Park

RSVP Online





# OPENING THE ZOHAR A TASTE OF KABBALAH

TAUGHT BY RABBI EMERITUS GARY HUBER

**SEPTEMBER 9, 16, 23, 30**

**7:15 - 8:30 PM IN BETH TIKVAH LIBRARY**

THE ZOHAR, THE FOUNDATIONAL TEXT OF KABBALAH, EXPLORES THE TORAH'S DEEPEST MYSTICAL MEANINGS, REVEALING DIVINE MYSTERIES AND OUR EARTHLY PURPOSE. THIS CLASS WILL TEACH STUDENTS HOW TO READ THIS CLASSIC WORK AND UNDERSTAND THE MYSTICAL SYSTEM OF KABBALAH.

**RSVP ONLINE**

## BLESSING BOXES

Donate food to Beth Tikvah and we will replenish boxes.







# CENTRAL OHIO WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM

## TZEDAKAH COLLECTIVE

IN-PERSON EVENT

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 | 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM**

After a successful 2023 event, the Tzedakah Collective (a giving circle of Jewish women in Central Ohio) will again meet in person for a social and collections event where the focus will be on another dimension of Tzedakah – Gemilut Chasadim -acts of loving kindness.

The purpose of this event is to share information and experiences about volunteer opportunities. A curated List of Volunteer Opportunities is available if you are looking for meaningful volunteer experiences. Collect material goods for the local non-profits listed below. You can begin to set aside some donations now and bring them to the meeting.

**LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES MISSION** (one of the largest homeless shelters in Columbus) needs new men's L and XL flip flops for residents when they shower.

**BISHOP GRIFFIN RESOURCE CENTER** (a food pantry and free store that helps those facing systemic poverty with tools, resources and services) needs gently used: shoes for men, women and children; household items like hand can openers, drinking glasses, pots and pans, bath towels, wash cloths and kitchen towels.

**I SUPPORT THE GIRLS**, Columbus affiliate, (a network of affiliates that collects and distributes essential items to women and girls experiencing homelessness, impoverishment, or distress, and distributed through schools, shelters, pantries, street outreach programs, reentry programs, new moms, refugee programs, human trafficking and domestic violence programs, cancer programs, hospital sexual assault programs and medical outreach programs) needs new individually sealed menstrual hygiene products, new or lightly used bras, new underwear and socks, new travel or full size soap, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, and wipes, make-up bags, perfume, toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, mouth wash, combs, brushes, and hair ties.

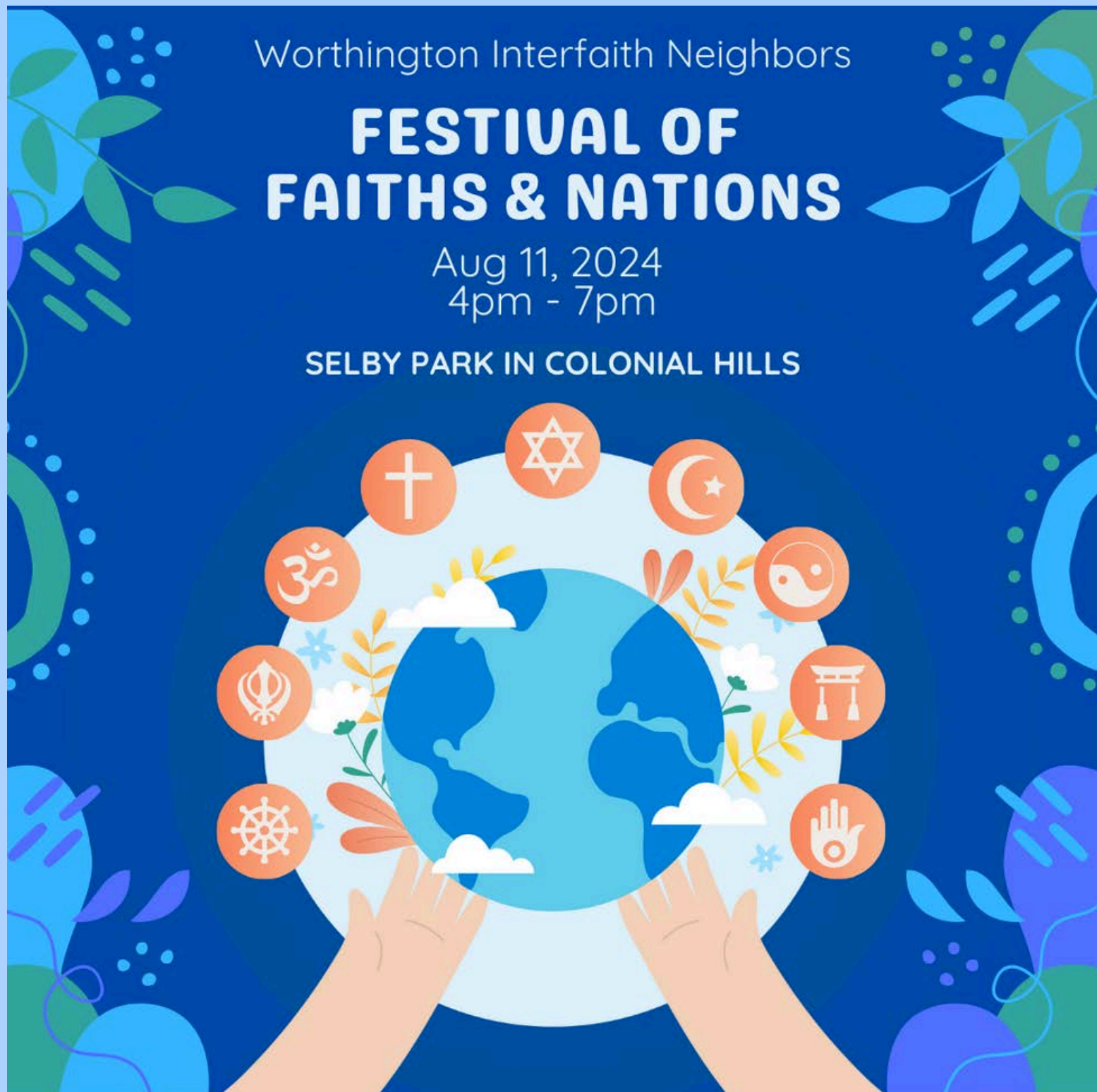
**DRESS FOR SUCCESS** (provides women with tools for success through workforce readiness and employment retention programs, mentoring, career center and wardrobe assistance) needs clean professional interview and employment apparel, jewelry, scarves, belts, handbags, totes, footwear, seasonal outerwear, new hosiery and under garments.

**MAGLITERACY** (provides donated new and good quality children's and adult consumer magazines about all subjects and comic books at no cost to literacy programs and programs serving at-risk readers in order to add value to programs already dedicated to eliminating illiteracy and poverty) needs gently read magazines and comics for adults or children in clean "good" condition with no cut, torn, or scribbled covers or pages and no moisture damage. Magliteracy will mark out your mailing label or you can do this yourself with a permanent marker. Do not cut out the mailing label.

For questions and the location, contact Tzedakah Collective Coordinator, Marsha Pond at [marshapond@msn.com](mailto:marshapond@msn.com)







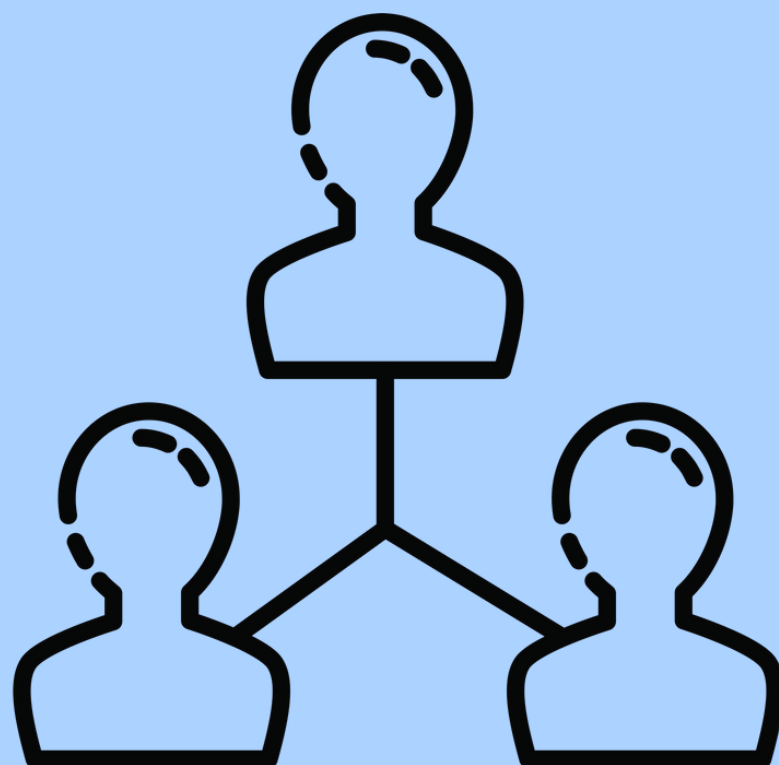
Join Congregation Beth Tikvah and Mim Chenfeld at the Worthington Interfaith Neighbors to celebrate our shared values of learning, community, and building relationships across different faiths and cultures. Enjoy arts and crafts, Israeli dancing, and interactive displays. Come play games, dance, sing,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



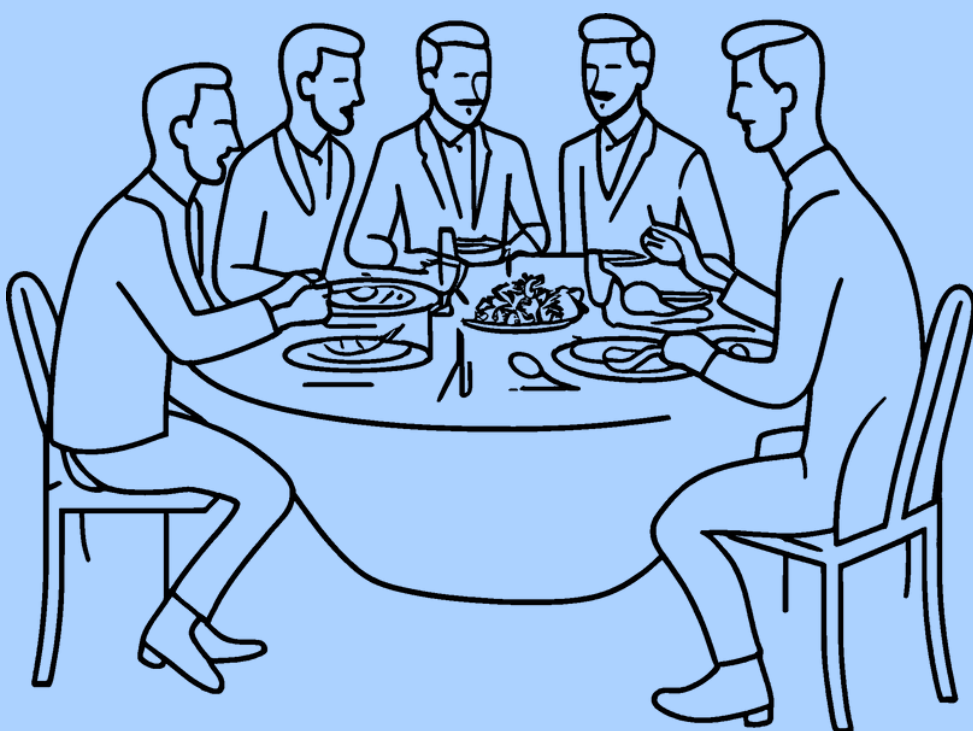
# Membership Renewal

Don't forget to renew your  
Brotherhood Membership!

*\*Separate from Beth Tikvah  
Membership Renewal...contact Don  
Goldbaum with any questions at  
(614) 745-4754\**



## Brotherhood Events



### Brotherhood Lunch

11:30 AM

August 21

*Cap City Diner in Bridgepark*

### Kickoff BBQ

5:00 PM

September 8

*Congregation Beth Tikvah*





# Upcoming Sisterhood Events...

## Dinner at Mimi's Cafe

Wednesday, Aug 21 at 6:30

1428 Polaris Pkwy  
Columbus, OH 43240

**RSVP Online**

## Sisterhood Book Club

Tuesday, Aug 13 at 12:30 PM

Beth Tikvah Library  
Book: *Demon Copperhead*  
by Barbara Kingsolver

## WRJ Israel Update on Zoom

Navigating the Post-Oct 7  
Reality w/ Journalist Carl  
Schrag.

**RSVP Online**

## Annual Sisterhood Fall Dinner

Wednesday, Sept. 18 from 6-8 PM | Located at Congregation Beth Tikvah

\*Stay tuned for more info\*

## Sisterhood Mahj ( 1:30 – 3:30 PM )

Don't forget your Mahj Card & Coin Purse

*\*Cards can be purchased in the Gift Shop\**

Contact Shelley for questions at [sgrievezerkel@gmail.com](mailto:sgrievezerkel@gmail.com)

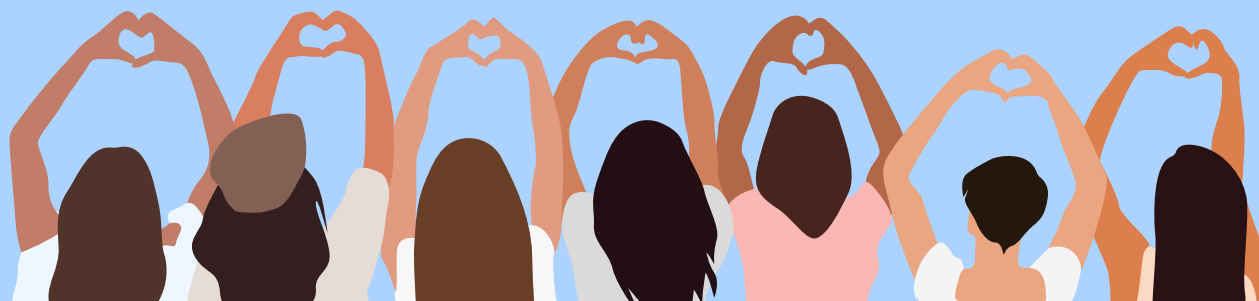
### Upcoming Dates...

Thursday, August 1

Tuesday, August 20

Thursday, September 5

Tuesday, September 17





# SISTERHOOD GET-TOGETHER HILLIARD SUMMER CONCERTS SERIES



The June Sisterhood event was a success!! Congregation Beth Tikvah's Sisterhood enjoyed a fantastic performance by Kelly Crum Delaveris and the Antoine Fatout Trio at the Hilliard Summer Concert Series.

Afterwards, congregants delighted in delicious food and drinks catered by the local company Ember and Spice. The evening was filled with laughter, great conversation, and a sense of community. It was wonderful to see so many members come together to celebrate and connect. Thank you to everyone who attended and made the event memorable!





# The Shishim Group of Congregation Beth Tikvah

## Program Guide for 2024-25

✧ Gather at 10:45 AM

✧ First program starts at 11 AM

✧ Lunch at Noon

✧ Second program starts at 1 PM

**September 12, 2024**

A Concert with the Whirlybirds

- A musical blend of jazz, pop, soul & funk
- How Walmart Remade our Economy & Planet
- Bart Elmore, History Prof., Ohio State Univ.

**October 16, 2024**

Part 1: The Tribal Twenties: American in the 1920's and 2020's

- Michael Flamm, History Prof., Ohio Wesleyan Univ.

Part 2: Michael Flamm will continue his presentation at 1 PM

**November 14, 2024**

Senior Scams

- Ryan Lippe, Ohio Attorney General's Office
- Songs of Gratitude
- A Concert by Bill Cohen, Musician & Journalist

**December 12, 2024**

Empowering People and Saving Wildlife

- Jan Ramer, Animal Care & Conservationist, Columbus Zoo & The Wilds
- Jewish Genetic Diseases
- Bushra Siddiqi, M.D., OhioHealth

**January 9, 2025**

Why is Healthcare So Expensive?

- Vladimir Kogan, Professor, Ohio State Univ.
- A Conversation about the Boundaries of Judaism
- Rick Kellner, Senior Rabbi, Cong. Beth Tikvah

**February 13, 2025**

A Conversation with an Artist

- Hani Hara, Artist
- The Life of Lincoln
- John Cooper, Historic Reenactor

**March 12, 2025**

Fascinating Moments in Columbus History

- John Clark, Columbus Historian & Author
- Lilith: First Wife or Demon Mother?
- Krista Dalton, Jewish Studies, Kenyon College

**April 10, 2025**

World War II & its Effects in Columbus

- Toby Brief, Columbus Jewish Historical Society
- How the Baseball Industry has Evolved
- Alyson Footer, Editor, Major League Baseball

**May 8, 2025**

Book Banning & Public Libraries

- Donna Zuiderweg, Columbus Metropolitan Library
- Fairy Tales: Exploring Where Myth & Reality Meet
- Andrew Hall, Ohio History Connection

**June 12, 2025**

Brain Health & Memory

- Douglas Scharre, M.D., Wexner Medical Center
- World Jewish Music
- Morissa Freiberg, Educ. Director, Beth Tikvah

**The  
Shishim  
Group**



**Congregation  
Beth Tikvah**

*Shishim is a group of senior members of Congregation Beth Tikvah and friends who gather monthly to deepen their connection to one another and their community.*





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SHISHIM







# TORAH TRAILBLAZERS: CELEBRATING REMARKABLE JEWISH WOMEN RABBI REGINA JONAS

Rabbi Regina Jonas may very well be one of the most significant women in Jewish history, but her efforts were only discovered in the 1990s when her documents were found in Theresienstadt. Let's back up a little. Jonas was born in Berlin, Germany, in 1902. Her father died when she was only ten years old, but before his death, he instilled in her a passion for Judaism. Jonas began talking about becoming a rabbi in her early teenage years, so her mother enrolled her in a weekly class where she could expand her studies in Torah, Talmud, and rabbinic literature.

Her interest in Jewish studies led her to Hochschule für die Wissenschaft des Judentums, also known as the Higher Institute for Jewish Studies, where she was the only woman working to become an ordained rabbi. Jonas wrote her thesis on why women should be able to hold rabbinic office, but her professors still denied her eligibility. She was able to graduate as a religious school teacher until 1935, when she officially became the first woman to be ordained as a rabbi. Her groundbreaking ordination by Rabbi Max Dienemann marked a pivotal moment in Jewish history, challenging long-standing gender roles within the culture.

Following her ordination in 1935, Jonas served as a pastoral rabbinic counselor and worked at welfare institutions and Jewish hospitals. During the start of the Nazi regime and the first events of Kristallnacht, Jonas cared for sick and elderly patients. While most Jews were fleeing the country, Jonas stayed in Germany and provided spiritual support and sermons for her suffering community. Documents found in Theresienstadt in the late 1990s provide records of Jonas and her mother being deported to the concentration camp in November 1942. Jonas and her mother remained there for two years as she served as a rabbi and continued spreading light to dim the pain and darkness felt by Jews during the Holocaust.



In October 1944, Jonas and her mother were deported to Auschwitz, and it is believed they were both murdered within a day or two of arriving at the camp. Her yahrtzeit is usually marked annually during the week when Parshat Breishit is read.

Congregation Beth Tikvah's Yom Kippur prayer book, the Mishkan Hanefesh, highlights Rabbi Jonas and her accomplishments, "Jonas gravitated to those in need – the ill, the elderly. Perhaps because of her empathy, and her belief in the intrinsic value of every life, she clung to an optimistic worldview that integrated spirituality, theology, and service to others, even in the midst of the gathering storm," (Central Conference of American Rabbis, 2015).

Despite the challenges and societal barriers she faced, Jonas' determination to become a rabbi broke significant ground for women in Judaism. Her work during the Nazi regime highlights her extraordinary courage and compassion; the rediscovery of her documents in the 1990s has brought to light the profound impact she has had on Jewish history. Rabbi Jonas' story is one of resilience, innovation, and humanity, three of the largest pillars of the Reform Jewish Movement. May her story continue to be told so that her legacy can inspire future generations.



## meet **ALLISON ECKER**

**8.24.2024**

Allison is an avid tennis player, often spending her free time on the court perfecting her game. When she isn't playing tennis, Allison loves hanging out with her friends and cherishes her time at camp, where she makes lasting memories. For her mitzvah project, Allison has chosen to volunteer at Wexner Heritage Village. Here, she dedicates her time to documenting the stories of the residents. She also assists the Rabbi with Shabbat services, contributing to the spiritual well-being of the community. Through her volunteer work, Allison demonstrates her commitment to giving back and supporting those around her.

## meet **RILEY DRAPCHO**

**8.31.2024**

Riley is an 8th grader at Weaver Middle School in Hilliard. She has a love for all academic subjects and excels in each one. Her passion for learning is matched by her avid reading habits, often found with a book in hand, exploring new worlds and ideas. In addition to her academic pursuits, Riley enjoys creative writing, expressing her thoughts through her stories. Riley's talents extend to sports, where she is a member of her school's crew rowing team. For her mitzvah project, Riley chose to volunteer at Colony Cats, a local animal shelter. She dedicated her time to bringing joy and comfort to the cats waiting to be adopted, ensuring they felt loved and cared for during their stay.



## meet **MYER ST. PIERRE**

**8.10.2024**

Myer attends Olentangy Liberty Middle School. In his free time, he plays basketball and lacross. For his Mitzvah Project, Myer worked with the Special Olympics. He attended practices and helped out in any way that he could. From his project, Myer learned the importance of relationship-building and community.







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# Elul

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PRACTICES TO OPEN YOUR HEART AND  
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THE DAYS OF AWE.

*with Morissa R. Freiberg, RJE*

Elul is the Hebrew month  
preceding Tishrei, which  
contains the High Holidays,  
and is traditionally seen as a  
time of heightened  
spirituality & connection to  
the Creator.

## SATURDAY 9/7

## 10:30 AM

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This photo features WPD officers Wayne O'Neal (right) and Brian Smith (left), standing in front of the doors of Congregation Beth Tikvah.





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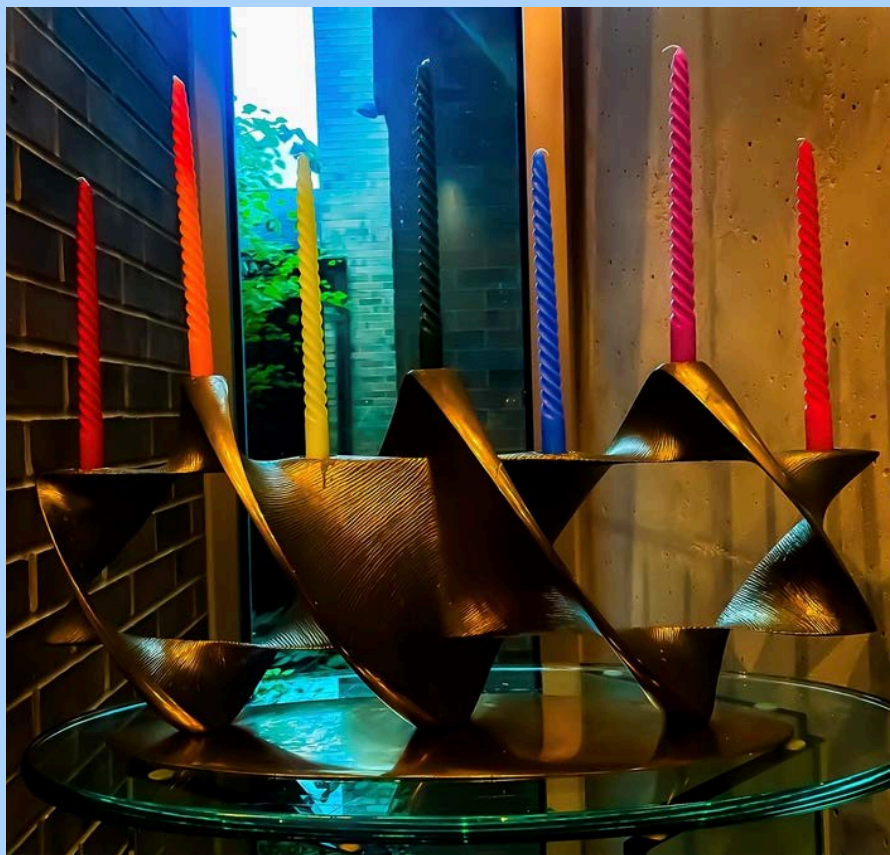




# AUGUST 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Exec Meeting 8:30 am Kibbitz & Krafts 12:30 pm Sisterhood Mahj 1:30 pm	2 Shishim Shabbat & Dinner 7:15 pm (Dinner at 5:45 PM)	3 Online Torah Study 9 am
4 Brotherhood Clippers Game Let There be Play 4 pm Sunday Evening Study Group 7 pm	5 Women's Torah Study 12 pm	6	7 Morning Meditation 10:30 am New Trustee Orientation 7 pm	8 Board Meeting 7:30 pm	9 Shabbat Evening Services 7:15 pm	10 Online Torah Study 9 am Myer S. Bar Mitzvah 10:30 am
11 Worthington Interfaith Festival of Nations 4 pm	12 Tishah B'Av Starts Tishah B'Av Ends	13	14 Shishim Board Meeting 10 am Morning Meditation 10:30 am	15	16 Debbie Vinocur Celebration Shabbat & Board Installation 7:15 pm	17 Online Torah Study 9 am
18 Security Training w/ Steve Flowers 2 pm	19	20 Sisterhood Majh 1:30 pm Shironim Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	21 Morning Meditation 10:30 am Brotherhood Lunch 11:30 am Sisterhood Dinner at Mimi's Cafe 6 pm	22	23 Shabbat Evening Services 7:15 pm	24 Online Torah Study 9 am Allison E. Bat Mitzvah 10:30 am
25 Teacher Training 9:30 am New Member Connections Picnic 5 pm	26	27 Shironim Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	28 Morning Meditation 10:30 am Hebrew Jam 5 pm	29	30 Shabbat Evening Services 7:15 pm	31 Online Torah Study 9 am Riley D. Bat Mitzvah 10:30 am

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