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A Season of Turning

Words from Rabbi Rick Kellner

In a season of turning, we wonder how our hearts turn. So much of our time is outwardly focused on trying to please others. Seldom do we take the time to reflect on our lives, our values, our decisions, or our actions. Maybe, every year we think about such themes on a birthday. Or perhaps in our professional lives, we consider such questions on the anniversary of starting work or perhaps at the conclusion of a cycle of our work. Judaism gives us an entire season to consider the direction that our lives are taking, what direction they should take, and if we have missed the mark, how we return to the path we hope to take. We revisit this season annually; this moment is the time for us to begin the process of our *cheshbon hanefesh*, an accounting of our lives with both a critical and compassionate eye.

Towards what should our hearts turn? Our rabbis invite us to reflect on the moments in our lives that have challenged us and they also encourage us to think about the times when we have done well and brought light and blessing to the world we encounter. As we count our errors, can we count our blessings as well? While in this season we knock on our hearts to open them up to these errors, we also turn our hearts towards the light of Torah.


Such work is difficult, and this past year has raised profound questions about what it means to live Jewishly. We have been challenged by so many questions ranging from the tension of universalism versus particularism. Many of us have stood up for people, especially those who are marginalized, and we have wondered where they were for us in our moment of need?

We have been haunted by the images and stories we have heard from the survivors of October 7th and the hostages who have returned home. We have been challenged at home because of the virulent antisemitism that is rising all around us. For parents and grandparents of our college students, we fear that they cannot live the lives we hoped for them.

Sometimes, there is only so much pain and complexity we can hold in our hearts. The politics and the narratives befuddle us. With all that in mind, where can our hearts turn? Perhaps they need to turn to love. How can we perceive our neighbor in such a way that invites us to see their humanity? How can we see our fellow Jewish people suffering? When we express our love for them with word and deed, we strengthen Jewish Peoplehood.

This is a season of turning. As the month of Elul begins on September 4th, we start this process of turning. It happens day by day and step by step. We can turn a whole world in a moment, but the pivot we need to make takes time. The journey happens through reflection, learning, and thoughtful planning for the future. Sometimes those plans go unfulfilled, but we give our best selves and we do all we can. And when we fail, we offer ourselves self-compassion and forgiveness.

Rosh HaShanah begins on October 2nd, let the Shofar's blast push our hearts to turn towards love. Debra, Zoe, Shira, and I wish you all a Shanah tovah um'tukah, may we turn from a year of sorry to one where we encounter moments of joy and sweetness.



Welcoming High Holy Days at Beth Tikvah

Words from Executive Director Debbie Vinocur

As the High Holy Days approach in just five weeks, we are reminded of the significance of this sacred time—a time for introspection, community, and renewal. This year, as we prepare to gather in our sanctuary and virtually through Zoom, we look forward to praying and reflecting together on how we can live Jewishly and contribute to making the world a better place. Beth Tikvah has always been more than just a congregation; it feels like home. And as we embark on this new year, we do so with a sense of anticipation, community, and purpose.

In light of the ongoing rise in antisemitism, it is important to acknowledge the challenges we face and the steps we are taking to ensure our safety. Our Security Committee has been reviewing and updating our security processes. This year, we will continue the practice of issuing lanyard name tags for Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur. These lanyards are a crucial security measure, helping us manage attendance efficiently and minimizing the need for long lines. Please stay tuned for further details about High Holy Days and how to pick up your lanyards.

As we focus on our safety, we also turn our attention to the joy and excitement of the upcoming school year. Morissa and her team are thrilled to welcome students back to Religious School for another year of learning and growth. If you haven't already, please renew your membership and enroll your children in Religious and Hebrew School. To kick off the year, we invite you to join us at Sharon Woods on Sunday, September 8th, at 9:00 AM for our Fall Fundraiser, the Tikvah Trot. For Religious School families, this will be followed by our Kickoff event, where students can meet their new teachers, madrichim, and classmates. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with the Beth Tikvah community!



With the start of a new year, we are excited to welcome new members to our community. Whether they are families who have relocated, those looking to reconnect with their Jewish roots, or families beginning their children's Jewish education, we are thrilled to have them join us. We understand that being new can be challenging; so, when you see someone new at services, Religious School, or any of our programs, please take a moment to say hello and make them feel welcome. A simple greeting can make all the difference in helping someone feel special and connected.

Every family's membership is vital to sustaining our community. If you have already renewed your membership, thank you. Your commitment helps us continue to thrive and grow as a congregation. We look forward to another year filled with connection, learning, and shared experiences. As we usher in this new year, the staff at Beth Tikvah and I wish you a Happy, Healthy, and Safe New Year. May it be a year of sweetness, peace, and fulfillment.

L'Shanah Tovah um'tukah!





TIKVAH-2024 TROT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

LOCATION: SHARON WOODS

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WORDS FROM MORISSA R. FREIBERG, RJE

Last month, I shared about my opportunity to take part in a webinar series this summer with the incredible Nachama Moskowitz, one of my mentors from my early days in my career in Cleveland. She is the former Director of the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland (JECC). During this learning, she shared about the work she is doing surrounding Hebrew learning. Soon after, I applied to take part in a new Community of Practice (CoP) through Nachama's organization OnwardHebrew. I am so excited to share that we have been selected to take part in this group! This CoP is focusing specifically on the theme of "Conquering the Challenge of Hebrew Decoding", and will help me as Director and our teachers gain valuable insight into ways we can best work with our Hebrew learners and their families. One aspect of this work will include creating a Beth Tikvah Hebrew teacher CoP where we

will engage in reflective conversation guided by the work and research of Onward Hebrew. I will also be participating in a four-session national CoP with other education directors/Hebrew supervisors that are working with their own educator-experimenter teams. We will choose new teaching strategies that we are interested in piloting/testing, specifically ones that easily mesh with the challenges they face in their current teaching assignments. Our teachers will gather multiple times to share results and reflect together on individual findings which might also result in newly discovered teaching strategies, and determine next steps on how to implement these innovations in our Hebrew learning program. We are also blessed with a \$500 grant from Onward Hebrew for participating in this program, which will be used to compensate our amazing educators for this additional work.



A NEW CHAPTER: BETH TIKVAH BEGINS SEARCH FOR AN ASSISTANT RABBI

Words from President Ted Fons



I'm pleased to report that the Board of Trustees has made excellent progress on the process of bringing a new Assistant Rabbi to Beth Tikvah.

To summarize our progress so far:

During the 2023-2024 Board year, a trusted task force explored the needs of our congregation, Rabbi Kellner's current workload, and the financial feasibility of adding an assistant rabbi to serve the congregation.

The Task Force's work was fruitful and in its April, 2024 meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the creation of a Search Committee to begin the search process through the Central Conference of American Rabbis' (CCAR) rabbinical hiring process.

Liz Shafran, who has experience with rabbinical searches, agreed to chair the Search Committee and the work started in June of 2024. The Task Force's last assignment was to work with Liz on putting together a search committee that represents the diversity of Beth Tikvah's membership.

Liz kicked off the process in June with this wise and energetic team:

Jenny Byers	Barb Mindel
Marci Delson	Sam Rapoport
Carol Folkerth	Maria Rosenthal
Ted Fons	Tara Rozen
Scott Gordon	Greg Russell
Rabbi Kellner	Lewis Sanderow
Mitchell Kon	Liz Shafran (Chair)
Michelle Lee	Joanne Strasser
	Aaron Taylor

The Committee is now hard at work compiling a profile of our congregation and preparing all of the materials that the CCAR requires to post the job for candidates in the early fall.

The next steps are to finish that work, then we'll post the position with the CCAR and begin the selection process. We expect to interview candidates later this year and begin the selection process. If the Committee finds a candidate that matches our needs, then it will recommend that candidate to the Board for approval.

New Rabbis typically begin their contracts on July 1, so if the process is successful, we can expect a new Assistant Rabbi to begin serving the congregation on July 1, 2025.

If you want to know more about this work, you can read more in our FAQ.

FAQ's

One of the next tasks of the Search Committee is to create a communications plan so you can expect regular updates from the Committee of our progress. Watch your email and Tikvah Topics for that.





A Legacy of Remembrance:

The Rosenthals' Commitment to Holocaust Education

In the heart of Congregation Beth Tikvah, the Rosenthals have found their spiritual home for nearly four decades. Maria and Steven Rosenthals' enduring connection to our community reflects their deep commitment to Jewish values, particularly in the realm of Holocaust education. Their dedication has led to the establishment of the Martin & Marian Rosenthal Legacy Fund for Holocaust Education—a tribute to Steven's father, a Holocaust survivor whose experiences have shaped their mission.

The Rosenthal family's story is one of resilience, memory, and the unyielding drive to ensure that the horrors of the Holocaust are never forgotten. Steven's father survived Kristallnacht, yet the trauma he endured left permanent scars. In a video recording from 1988, Steven's father recalls the events of Kristallnacht. He remarks, "the popular saying, 'time heals all wounds,' does not work for me." The weight of these memories, too painful to fully share, leaves gaps in the family's history, but the Rosenthals are determined to honor what they do know and to keep the legacy alive.

For Maria and Steven, the Martin & Marian Rosenthal Legacy Fund is more than just a financial commitment—it is a sacred responsibility. "There has to be a legacy. There has to be a memory of them. Otherwise, there's not much," Maria expressed, emphasizing the importance of remembrance. The fund is designed to make Holocaust education a permanent fixture in the community, extending its reach beyond the walls of Beth Tikvah to schools and public institutions where the lessons of the Holocaust can be shared with the broader community.

"Beth Tikvah is a community where people come in and find themselves, grow, and then contribute. It's evolving," Maria said.

This evolution, grounded in generational continuity, is at the core of the Rosenthals' vision. They see their legacy not just as a preservation of the past, but as a bridge to the future, ensuring that the lessons learned from history continue to inform and inspire future generations. "It's not something that comes from the outside," Maria emphasized. "It's something that we have to build."

Through the Martin & Marian Rosenthal Legacy Fund, Maria and Steven have ensured that the story of the Holocaust—along with its critical lessons—will continue to be taught for generations to come. Their hope is that by supporting Holocaust education, they can help others "learn to detect that manipulation" that leads to such atrocities. "We need to find ways to get people's eyes on these things," Maria urged.

As we reflect on the Rosenthals' contributions, we are reminded that the work of building and sustaining our community is ongoing. "Today it is us, in the present day. Later it will be the people who are just now coming in. It's not something you preach, you understand by seeing how it looks and how it feels," Maria reflected. Their legacy fund is a testament to the power of memory and the importance of ensuring that the lessons of the past continue to shape our future.

In creating this fund, the Rosenthals have given our community an invaluable gift—a promise that the memory of the Holocaust will endure, and with it, the commitment to preventing such tragedies in the future. "That's what a legacy is; we're not going to be here forever, but in a way, we can be here forever." Through their generosity and vision, the Rosenthals have made it possible for Beth Tikvah to keep the flame of remembrance burning bright, ensuring that we never forget.





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

BLESSING BOXES

Donate food to Beth Tikvah and we will replenish boxes.



WHAT IS NEEDED

BOXES NEAR YOU

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INFORMATION...



PROTECTING OUR HOME: SECURITY TRAINING AT BETH TIKVAH



Beth Tikvah is more than just a congregation; it's a home we share, and our security measures are designed to keep it that way.

We extend our deepest gratitude to Steve Flowers for sharing his expertise with us and working tirelessly to ensure our safety. Steve has also provided us with PowerPoint presentations from the training sessions. We encourage everyone to review these materials, as they contain valuable information that could be crucial in an emergency. Come speak to Debbie Vinocur or Hannah Karr about how you can access these PowerPoints. Keeping informed and prepared is key to maintaining the security of our shared home.

Security is one of our top priorities here at Congregation Beth Tikvah. Last month, Steve Flowers led two vital security training sessions at our congregation. The first session, "Active Shooter Response," equipped congregants with the skills to assess and respond during an active shooter crisis. Survivors of attacks at both the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh in 2018 and the Colleyville, Texas Synagogue in 2022 have credited this type of training with saving their lives. In the second session, "Be Aware," Flowers taught us how to identify potential threats and take appropriate action to mitigate them.

Training like this is essential for both congregants and staff, ensuring that we are prepared to act should the need arise.



**2024 Festival Chairs**

Cheryl Dritz
Carol Glassman
Paul Wolfson

Steering Committee

Dawn Balapole
Vicki Canter
Steve Dritz
Debby Kane
Alan Lichtcsien
Lesli Mautz
Joshua Schottenstein

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Marjie Coopersmith
June Frankel
Gigi Fried
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Carol Handler
Hani Hara
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Board President

Emily Schuss

Film Festival Director

20th ANNUAL**COLUMBUS JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL 2024**

In celebration of Andrew Ethan Stern

COLUMBUS JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY

Much has changed in the last 20 years with the Columbus Jewish Film Festival, while much has stayed the same.

When founders Gigi Fried, Marjie Coopersmith, and Melva Schottenstein (z"l) met to plan the first festival, they could not have imagined that it would grow from five days to three weeks, or that it would expand citywide to include showings at the McCoy Center in New Albany, the McConnell Center for the Arts in Worthington, as well as stalwarts like the JCC and the Drexel Theatre in Bexley. Nor could they have realized over 30,000 people would attend.

The Columbus JCC has been committed to this program from the very beginning. Mike Klapper, JCC CEO, considers the Jewish Film Festival to be "an essential arts initiative that aligns with our goal to deepen community engagement."

The founders would see their legacy continue with "topical, thought-provoking, entertaining, and educational movies," according to Emily Schuss, the festival's director for the last 18 years, while announcing the dates of this year's event. The 20th Annual Columbus Jewish Film Festival, a program of the JCC in celebration of Andrew Ethan Stern, will run from Nov. 3 through 24, 2024.

In this special anniversary edition of the festival, viewers can expect films that showcase dance, art, and music, as well as features that address interpersonal relationships and antisemitism, and much more. Additionally, there will be insightful guest speakers, new programming, and engaging receptions with delicious food.

As in its early years, the 2024 festival has three chairpersons to ensure this 20th edition is memorable. Paul Wolfson, one of the co-chairs, says, "We are going to showcase Jewish culture, Jewish film, and most importantly, Jewish identity. Can you think of anything more important right now?" Carol Glassman, a returning co-chair who has served on the steering committee for 19 years, loves the festival because "We bring hundreds of people from different backgrounds and different religions together every year. And by sharing relevant, resonant films, we build bridges and deepen understanding."

Cheryl Dritz, a returning chair who was for many years the director of the Jewish Bookfair, likes that "films from around the world that you wouldn't normally see make you realize you share the same experiences as people in France, Israel, etc. Seeing these perspectives is eye-opening."

Committee members will be fundraising in the coming months for this anniversary edition of the festival and to endow a legacy for future film festivals. Now is the time for your organization, business, or synagogue to sponsor a film, become a patron, honor a special person, or plan a group outing.

For sponsorship information, please contact Emily Schuss at eschuss@columbusjcc.org or call 614-559-6205. Film festival goers should stay tuned as the full lineup and programming will be coming soon.



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!



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!!



Religious School

WELCOME BACK FAMILY CELEBRATION

BAGELS • GAMES • CRAFTS
FACE PAINT • OUTDOOR FUN
MEET OUR TEACHERS & MADRICHIM!

09/08 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

SHARON WOODS METROPARK

6911 Cleveland Ave. Westerville, OH 43081

**Celebration follows our Tikvah
Trot...precise meeting location will
be sent prior to the event.**

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BRING GAMES & BLANKETS
PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES ARE WELCOME!



BETH TY

8TH - 12TH GRADE YOUTH GROUP

SEPT.

15

**Welcome Back
Event**

Location TBD

2 PM

OCT.

20

Pop-Up Dinner

Location TBD by
participant vote

5:30 PM

NOV.

17

Mitzvah & Movie

Located at
Beth Tikvah

2 PM

JUNIOR YG

6TH & 7TH GRADE YOUTH GROUP

SEPT.

29

Event TBD

2 PM

NOV.

10

Event TBD

2 PM

Watch your inbox for more info! Don't forget to save the date for reform community events!

Questions? Contact Youth Advisor Hannah Movshin
youth@bethtikvahcolumbus.org



WEDNESDAY 9/4

at 4:30 PM

RSVP

HEBREW JAM

GRADES 4 - 7



WELCOMING

Elul

A WORKSHOP ROOTED IN MEDITATIVE
PRACTICES TO OPEN YOUR HEART AND
INSPIRE YOUR SOUL IN PREPARATION FOR
THE DAYS OF AWE.

with Morissa R. Freiberg, RJE

SATURDAY 9/7 • 10:30AM

**RSVP
NOW**





Celebrate Shabbat at **TIKVAH TOTS!**

Saturday. September 28 | 10 AM

Located at Beth Tikvah

Sing and celebrate Shabbat with us at Tikvah Tots, Beth Tikvah's Tot Shabbat program! Rabbi Rick will lead us in song & prayer, and we'll enjoy a fun story with some familiar puppets. Kids will join together with Morissa for a craft while families spend time together in community. A light bagel nosh will be served. Tikvah Tots is free and open to the community!

**** Tikvah Tots is gear towards families with children 0-8 years old & their siblings. ****

RSVP HERE 

Mitzvah Corps at Star House **11TH & 12TH GRADE POST CONFIRMATION EXPERIENCE**

Continue your Jewish learning with your Beth Tikvah friends, and make direct impact on the community in Mitzvah Corps! We will gather together for dinner and text study, and volunteer in the warehouse at Star House to support this incredibly important organization addressing youth experiencing homelessness in Columbus. Teens do not need to have been Confirmed to participate -- this program is open to all Beth Tikvah high school juniors & seniors. The advisor for this program is Morissa R. Freiberg, RJE, Director of Education & Lifelong Learning.

Dates: 10/2 11/6 12/4 1/8 2/5 3/4 4/1 5/6

Program meets monthly on Mondays 6:00PM-8:30PM and has a fee of \$190 per teen. Dinner & transportation to/from Star House will be provided from Beth Tikvah. Questions? Contact Morissa.

REGISTER YOUR TEEN THROUGH SHULCLOUD:
Sign in to your account and click the "Start School Registration" icon on the homepage.



BIBLICAL & PRAYERBOOK HEBREW

for adult learners

with Morissa R. Freiberg, RJE

Join together in community to deepen your connection to the Hebrew language in a supportive and encouraging environment. There is **NO FEE** for these classes but a textbook purchase is required.

Classes run every Thursday from Sept-May.

CLASSES BEGIN...

Thursday, 9/12

IN-PERSON

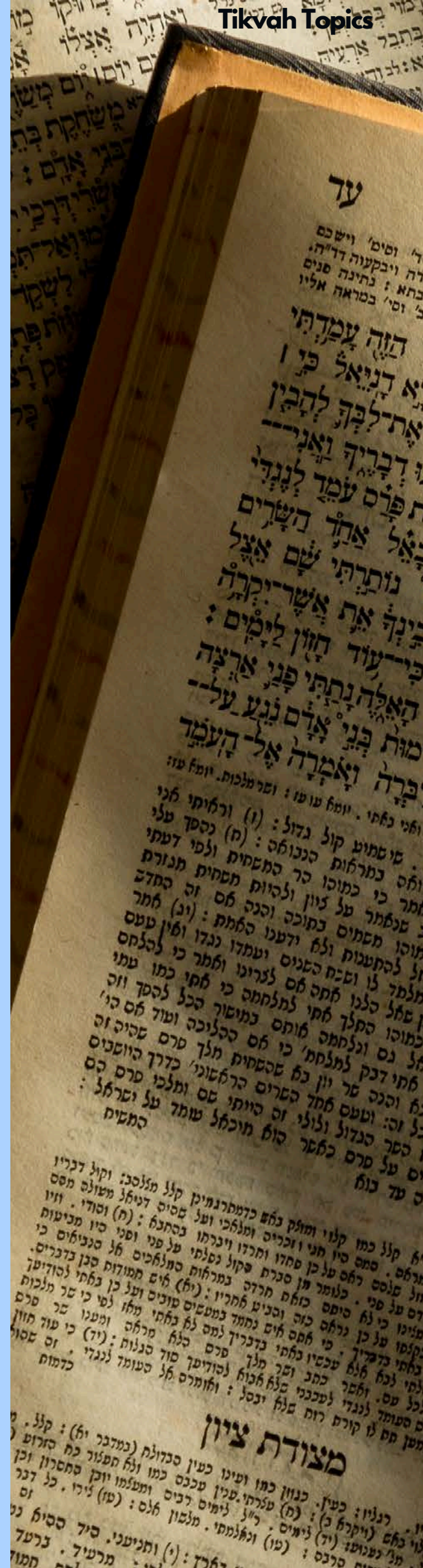
[SIGN-UP HERE](#)

10 AM: BEGINNING CLASS

For those with no Hebrew experience or need review.

11 AM: INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED CLASS

For those who are able to decode all letters and vowels, some knowledge of roots and basic vocabulary.





THE MIDDLE

CONGREGANTS AGES 45 - 60

9/22

SOUNDS OF FLEETWOOD MAC CONCERT

Come: 4:15 PM | Concert: 5 PM
Bring lawn chair/blanket & dinner
Dublin Scioto Park

RSVP

SUNDAY EVENING STUDY GROUP AT 7 PM

09/15

09/29

10/13

10/27

"GOD, A BIOGRAPHY" BY JACK MILES

JOIN ON ZOOM





Brotherhood BBQ

Sunday, Sept. 8 | 6-8 PM

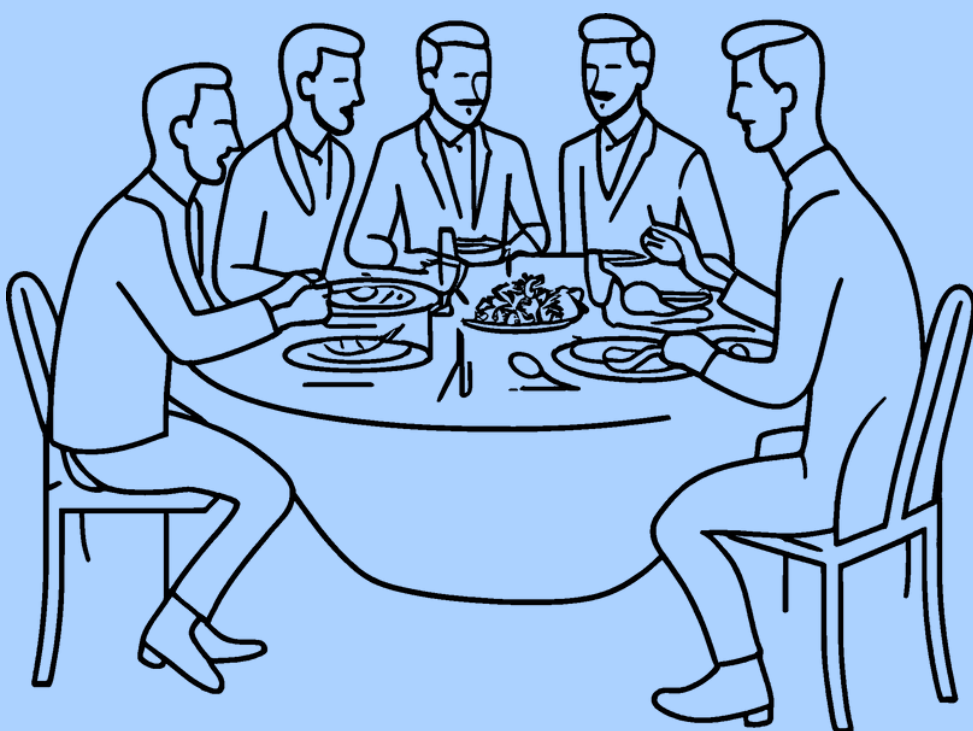
All men of the congregation are welcome to attend this special evening on Beth Tikvah's patio. Enjoy great food, fellowship, and the chance to connect with other guys in the congregation.

Bill Rabinowitz, a sports reporter from The Columbus Dispatch, will share his insights with the group.

Contact [Larry Romanoff](#) to RSVP. Let him know any guests/friends you're bringing.



Brotherhood Events



Brotherhood Lunch

11:30 AM | September 18

**** New Location ****
Rusty Bucket

Lane Avenue Shopping
Center

1635 W. Lane Ave.
Upper Arlington, OH



SEPTEMBER 2024 BROTHERHOOD UPDATE

The Brotherhood wants to recognize the profound loss of our brother Mike Fliegel. Our recent "President-elect" joined the "heavenly brotherhood" in late August. Mike was beloved by all who worked, played with, or in any way had the privilege of knowing him. None of us will ever prepare hundreds of latkes for "Latkefest" without thinking of Mike joyfully preparing pounds of chopped onions, his special chopped chicken livers and chicken salad while spending days guiding Brotherhood volunteers in preparing Brotherhood's annual gift of love to the Congregation for Hanukkah. He touched the lives of so many people as a teacher, social worker, congregational leader, mentor, and loyal friend. What a mensch!

At its August board meeting Elliot Davidoff, Vice-President elect was unanimously selected to become acting Brotherhood president for the remainder of the 2024-26 term of office. Filling the now vacant VP position will be resolved in future discussions this year.

Our program year will kick off with our annual Brotherhood BBQ on Sunday September 8th from 6-8 pm on the Patio on the south side of Beth Tikvah. All male members of BT are invited to come together in fellowship, share a great free meal, learn about Brotherhood, and enjoy a presentation about the Buckeyes, NIL, and other current topics in central Ohio sports, by award-winning Dispatch sports journalist and Brotherhood member, Bill Rabinowitz. RSVPs should be made to Larry Romanoff at romanoff.1@icloud.com.

Brotherhood's next monthly "open table" luncheon will take place at 11:30 am on September 18th. PLEASE NOTE! In response to suggestions to develop a rotating mix of locations, this lunch will be held at The Rusty Bucket in the Lane Avenue Shopping Center (1635 W. Lane Ave, Upper Arlington, Ohio 43221). RSVPs should go to Jeff Albert at jpalbert46@gmail.com.

In late September, Brotherhood volunteers under the leadership of David Sapper, Service Chair, will complete preparations for the High Holy days,- setting up chairs and switching out prayer books.



Then on Monday, October 14th, Brotherhood volunteers will complete the annual construction of the Sukkah in the BT parking lot for Sukkot beginning the evening of the 16th. Any volunteers wishing to help with either project should contact David Sapper at davidbsapper@gmail.com.

October activities will include our next American Red Cross (ARC) blood drive on Monday, October 21st, from 12 noon to 6 pm in the Social Hall. Then on Monday October 28th we will hold our first dinner/program of the program year featuring a presentation by Dan Walshaw, COO of the Columbus Symphony Orchestra.

Planning continues for other Brotherhood special events such as Latkefest, the Ed Schechter Leadership Award, future American Red Cross blood drives and the Souper Bowl. The goal is 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 the congregation opportunities to gather in fellowship, participate in a range of interesting activities and reinforce their shared Jewish values. We encourage any male member of Beth Tikvah interested in joining the Brotherhood to contact Don Goldbaum, membership chair at dongoldbaum@gmail.com or (614) 745-4754.



Upcoming Sisterhood Events...

Beth Tikvah Gift Shop

We're looking for people to run our Gift Shop on Sundays from 9:30 AM - Noon. Contact Cindy Barker at cbarker3.cb@gmail.com

Sisterhood Book Club

Tuesday, Sept. 10 @ 12:30 PM
Beth Tikvah Library
Book: *Demon Copperhead*
by Barbara Kingsolver

Leadership Development

Sign-up now for Session 2 on Sept. 19 at 8 PM on Zoom.

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

Annual Sisterhood Fall Dinner

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

Dinner will be catered by Jui Thai

Musical entertainment provided by Tom Carroll

Price: \$20 per person

[RSVP HERE](#)

Sisterhood Mahj (1:30 - 3:30 PM)

[RSVP HERE](#)

Upcoming Dates...

Tuesday, September 17

Tuesday, October 15

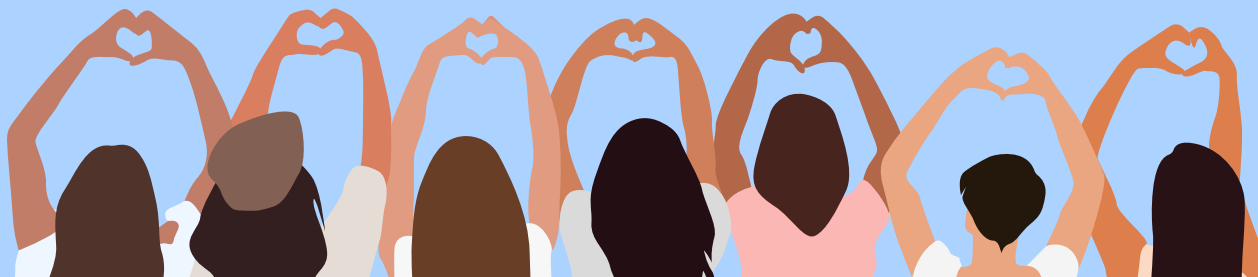
Wednesday, November 6

Tuesday, November 19

Don't forget your Mahj Card & Coin Purse

Cards can be purchased in the Gift Shop

[Click Here for Sisterhood Newsletter](#)





JOIN SHISHIM FOR OUR PROGRAM

SEPTEMBER 12

11 AM

Watch The Whirlybirds bring a high-energy mix of New Orleans-style Dixieland, pre-WWII jazz, and modern pop, soul, and funk to the stage.

Featuring Joe Gilliland (vocals/guitar), Joseph Brenneman (clarinet/saxophone), Trent Sampson (bass), Nick Simko (trumpet), Max Marsillo (drums), and Jacob Campbell (keyboard), this unique "swang" sound is sure to captivate and entertain!

12 PM

Order a lunch or bring it with you...Ordering lunch costs \$15 for members and \$18 for non-members. We will be serving a meal from Olive Garden consisting of Spaghetti, 5-cheese ziti with marinara, eggplant parmesan, salad, and dessert. Click on the buttons below for instructions on how to order lunch.

1 PM

WATCH HOW WALMART REMADE OUR ECONOMY & PLANET: The rural roads to our "Amazon" economy went straight through the American South. Join us as Bart Elmore, Professor of Environmental History at OSU, explores how Sam Walton built the foundation in Bentonville, Arkansas, that enabled Jeff Bezos to create the point-and-click economy we rely on today. Learn about the rise of one of the world's largest corporations and its impact on our global economy and ecosystems.

[INSTRUCTIONS](#)

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**** ATTEND IN-PERSON AT BETH TIKVAH OR JOIN ON ZOOM.
CONTACT DORA STERLING IF YOU NEED A RIDE. ****

SHISHIM



Celebrating a Spectacular Year with Shishim

Shishim has enjoyed a spectacular year brimming with exciting events and a strong sense of community.

➤ Click the photo above to watch a recap of our fantastic 2023-2024 season!

[2024-25 PROGRAM GUIDE PDF](#)

The Shishim planning committee has been busy putting together a diverse, thoughtful, and entertaining schedule for 2024-25.

Do you want to be part of all the fun? Send a message to David Binkovitz at dbinkovitz2@aol.com to be added to the email list.



New Member BBQ



Chai 614

Expanding Senior Support Through Community Collaboration

Chai 614 is a collaboration of six synagogues and two Jewish agencies working together to establish a citywide "age-in-place" village to support older Jewish adults in their own homes. A Beth Tikvah work group began studying the feasibility of a faith-based village two years ago. The group recommended inviting all of Columbus's Jewish institutions to be part of the model. Chai 614 is the outcome of the Beth Tikvah work group's vision. Senior volunteer leaders from Beth Tikvah, Beth Shalom, Temple Israel, Congregation Agudas Achim, Tifereth Israel, and Kehillah Sukkat Shalom, along with Columbus Jewish Family Services and Wexner Heritage Village, formed a liaison group last year. This group has increased social and educational gatherings, similar to our Shishim programs, and opened these programs to Jewish older adults throughout the city. Additionally, these senior volunteer leaders are exploring patient advocacy support and a centralized older adult information and referral resource. They are working to establish a full-fledged village.

Another feature of village models that Chai 614 is undertaking is the creation of a vendor list of workers and companies (handymen/women, plumbers, painters, etc.) in the community who are reliable, honest, take pride in their work, and work well with seniors. The purpose of this Tikvah Topics article is to explain this benefit and to solicit your help in compiling such a resource. If you know of a tradesperson or company that would be a good reference, please send their information to Bette Feist at bfeist@columbus.rr.com or Jane Mitchell at darby8251@gmail.com. Chai 614 takes no responsibility for any of the references. We will contact your suggested references and ask if they are interested in being part of such a listing.

Today, there are seven established and operating villages in communities like German Village, Clintonville, the Short North, Arlington, the Near East Side, the West Side, and Marysville. Each is unique, but all maintain useful, valued vendor lists. These villages also recruit volunteers to perform simple household tasks that may be difficult for some senior home dwellers. Chai 614 hopes to recruit such volunteers in the future. At this time, I have a wonderful handyman, a great painter, and an outstanding lawn sprinkler system company. I plan to share the names and contact information for the proposed list that all our Chai 614 organizations are cataloging. Can you share the folks who reliably help you maintain your home? I hope so.

If you have questions about the village movement, existing local villages, Chai 614, or the Columbus senior service network, please give me a call at (614) 837-1575 or email me at dsterling3176@gmail.com.





CELEBRATING DEBBIE VINOCUR'S 10+ YEARS AT BETH TIKVAH



Last month, we gathered to celebrate a significant milestone for our Executive Director, Debbie Vinocur, who has dedicated over a decade to Congregation Beth Tikvah.

Debbie's hard work, commitment, and passion for our congregation have left a lasting impact, helping to shape Beth Tikvah into the welcoming and vibrant home it is today.

We are incredibly thankful for Debbie's leadership and the countless ways she has contributed to our community over the years. Here's to many more years of partnership and success together!



TORAH TRAILBLAZERS: CELEBRATING REMARKABLE JEWISH WOMEN GERTRUDE B. ELION

This month, we shine a light on Gertrude Elion, a Jewish woman whose pioneering work in medicine transformed countless lives and continues to inspire us today.

Born in 1918 to Jewish immigrants in New York City, Gertrude Elion grew up with a deep sense of curiosity and a passion for learning. Her drive to understand the complexities of life led her to the field of chemistry, where she would make groundbreaking contributions to the world of medicine. Despite facing gender discrimination in a male-dominated field, Elion's resilience and dedication led her to develop drugs that have saved millions of lives. Her most notable work includes the creation of drugs to treat leukemia, herpes, and organ transplant rejection, among others. In 1988, she was awarded the Nobel Prize in Medicine, a testament to her profound impact on the world.

Gertrude Elion's life and work resonate deeply with the pillars and values of Reform Judaism, especially as we embrace them here at Congregation Beth Tikvah. Her commitment to improving the lives of others through her work echoes our own dedication to *tikkun olam*—the Jewish concept of repairing the world. Elion's perseverance in the face of adversity embodies the Reform Jewish principle of equality and justice for all, reminding us to stand firm in our values, even when the



Chemist Gertrude Elion (Jewish Women's Archive)

path is difficult.

As we approach the High Holy Days, a time of reflection and renewal, Gertrude Elion's legacy encourages us to consider how we, too, can be trailblazers in our own lives. Whether through acts of kindness, pursuing justice, or contributing to the betterment of our community, each of us has the potential to make a lasting impact. Let Elion's story inspire us to enter this sacred time with a renewed commitment to our values and a resolve to create positive change in the world around us.

Written by Hannah Karr



HIGH HOLY DAYS 5785

ALL SERVICES WILL BE OFFERED BOTH IN-PERSON AND ON ZOOM

ROSH HASHANAH

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

7:30 PM Rosh HaShanah Evening Service

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

8:45 AM Family Service for children 6
& under

10:15 AM Rosh HaShanah Morning Service

10:15 AM Pre-K - 2nd Grade Programming
& 3rd - 6th Grade Youth Service

3:00 PM Kellner Family Open House

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

10:15 AM Rosh HaShanah 2nd Day Service

12:00 PM Tashlich at Antrim Park

YOM KIPPUR

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

7:30 PM Kol Nidre Service

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

8:45 AM Family Service for children 6
& under

10:15 AM Yom Kippur Morning Service

10:15 AM Pre-K - 2nd Grade Programming &
3rd - 6th Grade Youth Service

1:15 PM Israel Post-October 7: The Personal
and the Political with Don Sylvan

3:00 PM Moment of Meditation

3:15 PM Yom Kippur Afternoon Service
We Remember: Commemorating Oct. 7th

4:30 PM Yizkor

5:30 PM Neilah

6:30 PM Sisterhood Break-the-Fast

HIGH HOLY DAY USHER OPPORTUNITY

If you're a member of Beth Tikvah and over the age of 18; if you can say "L'Shanah Tovah" to your fellow congregants as they walk in, then we've been looking for you!

Consider volunteering as an usher for the High Holidays. Children of congregants are welcome to join as well.

Please join our introductory Zoom call on Sept. 11 at 7 PM. Click the button for the link.

ZOOM

RSVP



HIGH HOLY DAY TRANSPORTATION

Each year, we invite you to ride the Bexley Beat Shuttle from the Northwest Church of the Nazarene to Beth Tikvah. The Beat is more than just a regular mini school bus; it offers individual seats, seatbelts, and plenty of legroom. The shuttle will run on:

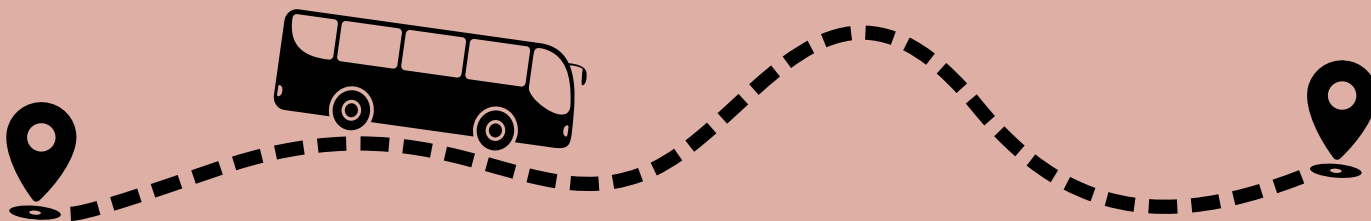
Erev Rosh HaShanah: October 2nd, 6-10pm

Rosh HaShanah (Day 1): October 3rd, 9am-1pm

Kol Nidrei: October 11th, 6-10pm

Yom Kippur: October 12th, 9am-1pm

This service helps ensure parking availability for everyone. If you park in the synagogue's neighborhood, please be considerate of our neighbors and avoid blocking driveways or mailboxes.



Wexner Heritage Village

SWEET AS HONEY APPLE FESTIVAL

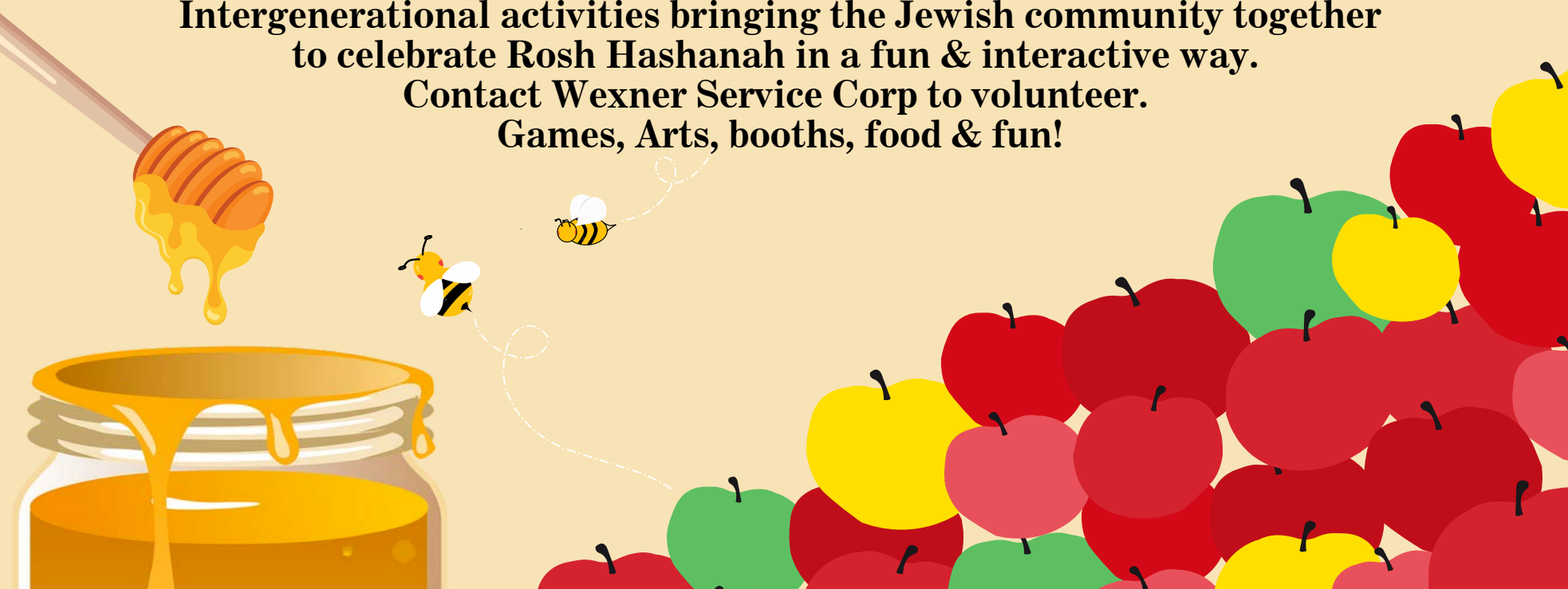
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Intergenerational activities bringing the Jewish community together to celebrate Rosh Hashanah in a fun & interactive way.

Contact Wexner Service Corp to volunteer.

Games, Arts, booths, food & fun!





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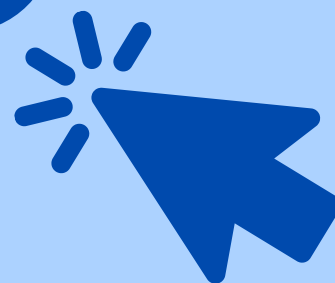
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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR



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