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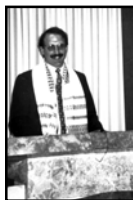
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Rabbi's Reflections

by Howard Apothaker



In the Twenty Third Psalm, we read that G-d is One who "restores my soul."

First, the soul: I don't know if all people see the "soul" as the same thing. To some of us, it represents self- and other-consciousness, even conscientiousness itself. To others, it is that reminds us of our vulnerability, or that which serves to render us humane. To some it is more personal, a natural but nearly undefinable aspect of us that makes us unique and irrepeatable. For others, the soul is an "entity" that renders a person immortal.

I sense my soul when I envision the most moral/godly vision of myself, that is, when my reference point is goodness and wholeness and health and gratitude. And I speak and act "soulfully" when what I make choices that move me towards a fulfillment of that vision.

So what can I mean when I say that G-d restores my soul? Does that vision get blurred? Does my soul, however I define it, get off track? Or lose momentum? And, if so, what or Who helps me restore that soulful vision I would have of myself, and press me forward to live in accordance with it?

Let me remind you of a story that I once told in a sermon. A group of research biologists on a fixed grant had hired a team of native porters to help them navigate their way through the Amazon. Time was of the essence and, for the first three days, they trekked with difficulty to arrive at their destination. Still a few days short, the chief porter told the team that they would need to stop and rest for a day. When the team's leader protested, the chief porter related that the crew was not tired. Rather, he said, "we have walked too far and too fast, and now we must wait for our souls to catch up to us."

Sometimes we can move so far, so hard, from one task to another, and not pause and ask, "Have I taken some time out just to assess how my life lines up with the most godly vision

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Silent And Live Auction at Temple Beth Shalom April 17

On Saturday evening, April 17, 2004 at 7:30 pm, Temple Beth Shalom will host a Silent and Live Auction at the Temple building. Beth Shalom's own very talented and entertaining Marc Ankerman will be master of ceremonies and auctioneer again this year. And again, coffee and a fabulous dessert table will be offered. Beer and wine will be available for a nominal charge.

YOU can make our auction: happen in a variety of ways:

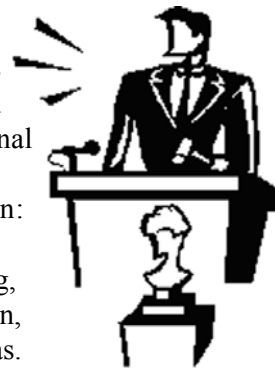
1. Volunteer: We need help in baking, set up, break down, money collection, item collection, and many other areas.
2. Donate an item or service: You name it, we'll take it. Cook a meal, clean a house, give a massage, board a pet – get the idea? We will take any item large or small – hand made items, memorabilia, gift certificates, art objects, tickets to sporting and cultural events and anything in between.
3. Advertise your family or your business in our ad book.

To VOLUNTEER, DONATE or ADVERTISE, contact Ellery Cadel at 898-3969 or email ecadel@columbus.rr.com.

This is Temple Beth Shalom's largest fund-raising event. It is open to the community, so bring your friends and relatives.

We're counting on you to volunteer, join our team and make this our most successful fund-raising event yet!

AND – Don't forget to call Ellery Cadel at 898-3969 or email him at ecadel@columbus.rr.com. He's waiting to hear from you.....



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Temple Beth Shalom Membership Directory Coming!

All of you who have been waiting so patiently for an updated TBS directory will not have too much longer to wait. After lots of work updating and formatting our data and much experimentation, we've got a great new format and the technology to accomplish it with a minimal budget. A new and improved TBS Membership Directory **only for personal use, and only available to Members** will be coming in April. We plan on including the following:

- * Member addresses, phone numbers and email addresses (excepting those who've requested not to be listed in the past);
- * Member family children who live at home (with birthdays);
- * Alternative indexes by Zip Code and by First Name;
- * TBS board members.
- * TBS Committees, including current committee chairs and information on how You can get more involved;
- * Contact information for Temple Beth Shalom Staff;
- * and more!

We hope to have this put together in time to distribute copies to all congregants along with the April edition of The Window. To accomplish this, we need a little assistance from you – tell us your suggestions! If you've had any changes in your contact information please let us know! In the future, we plan on including advertising, but for now we don't want to compete with the Auction. Some folks have also suggested a photo directory, which would be a wonderful idea but would take a larger financial commitment some and logistical planning, so it's also maybe something for next time. So, what would **you** like to see in a Temple Beth Shalom Membership Directory? Let us know by calling the office at 855-4882 or email Jo Valentine-Cooper (who's putting it all together) at jvc@tbethshalom.org.

Welcoming our Newest Staff Member!

When you walk into the office at Temple Beth Shalom, you'll be seeing a new face. Debbie Marks has been hired as our new Office and Rabbi's Assistant. Some of you may know her already, as she's been a part of the Columbus Jewish community for twenty years, though she's just now reentering the workforce after a 13-year absence. Debbie lives in New Albany with Andy, her husband of 17 years. They have two daughters, Becca and Shana. "I'm looking forward to meeting everyone," she says. Stop by and say hello!



Michelle Valentine-Cooper, our previous Interim Office and Rabbi's Assistant, is unfortunately leaving town to pursue opportunities as a surgical technician in the Army National Guard. For her last remaining weeks in town, she helped Debbie with her fast transition into the job, and is continuing to assist JoAnne Grossman with the Building Our Home Campaign donor board and Steve Grossman with the Prospective Members records. We thank her for her assistance during this transitory period and wish her the best of luck!

The Temple Beth Shalom Board of Trustees is currently seeking nominees for Board positions. If you're interested, please contact Marc Fishel at 237-7402 or mfishel@columbus.rr.com.

Get Well Wishes

to Jim Feibel and Rick McCracken-Bennet (Pastor of All Saints Episcopal Church) who are both recovering from heart surgery.



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Upcoming Temple Events



March First Friday Chag Ha Siddur March 5, 2004

Service at 6:00 pm
Dinner and Activities Following at 7:00 pm

Join the congregation as our fourth graders receive their own Siddurim – The Gates of Prayer.

Dinner on this night is being sponsored by a generous First Friday family.

Reservations are a must, to make sure we have plenty of room and food for everyone.

Please RSVP by March 3, 2004 at ltallan@tbethshalom.org or at 855-4882

Passover Holiday Workshop – March 21

“Make Passover Your Child’s Favorite Holiday”

Passover has always been a favorite holiday for many families. What’s the difference between the kids who love the Seder and those who dread the entire eight days? Learn creative and fun ways to engage your family in the Passover experience, to entertain children during your Seder meal, and to prepare for the holiday with the help of little hands.

There will also be a discussion of the text of the Haggadah (what is all that stuff about there being 250 plagues at the Red Sea? And where did they get the idea of the four children?). Join us for an informative and practical learning session. RSVP by Wednesday, March 17 to Nancy or Lynn at 855-4882.

The last in the series of six workshops will be: Shavout and the Summer Holidays
Sunday, May 16, 2004, 9:15 am to 10:30 am
Content to include the history and customs of the holidays.

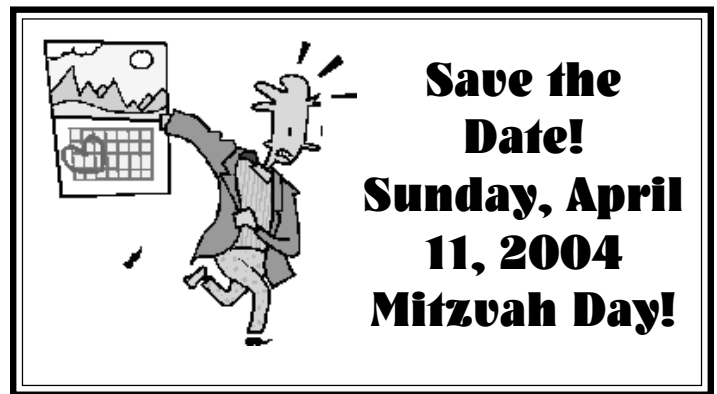
TBS to Host Galron Choir – March 26

On March 26 at 8:00 pm TBS will host the Galron Choir from Kfar Saba, Israel, as our guests for the Erev Shabbat Service. We will do a shortened liturgical service, and toward the end, the Galron singers will present a mini-concert, sampling music they perform regularly in Israel. Members of the Sharyonim will join them for two settings of Psalms composed by Galron leader Avi Faintoch. Avi visited Columbus in 2003 and spent a Sunday morning with the TBS Talmud Torah, during which he taught the assembled school students a song about peace.

The 20-member choir will attend services as part of their ten-day music mission to the Columbus Jewish community. In return, the Columbus community choir, KOLEINU, is expected to travel to Israel in the next year.

The music mission is sponsored by the Columbus Jewish Federation, and their days will be full of musical visits to area schools, synagogues, Wexner Heritage House, and both JCCs. The highlight of the visit will be a community concert on Wednesday, March 31 at Temple Israel at 7:00 pm. This special evening will feature the Galron and KOLEINU singers, as well as a community-wide youth choir that will include ten young singers from Temple Beth Shalom.

Don’t miss this special evening of music and community with our own congregants, the community, and singers from our sister city, Kfar Saba! Call Cindy Leland, 855-4882 with questions.



See More Upcoming Temple Events in:

- Youth Information (p. 10)
- Women of Beth Shalom (p. 6)
- TBS Men’s Club Report (p. 7)

TBS Welcomes JCCNAP Back Home

As of the writing of this publication, JCCNAP is targeting March 1st as their date for moving home to TBS. The nationally accredited pre-school run by the Leo Yassenhoff Jewish Community Center and serving the northeast area of Columbus has been maintaining their operations at the Franklin United Brethren Church in New Albany while we completed the repairs to the Social Hall. Their first day back is scheduled to feature their Purim Carnival and promises to be great fun for all. We are looking forward to the joyous sounds of the next generation inhabiting our halls again.

Ready for some
“Chai-er” Education?

Register for classes at
Passover University

A Night of Classes offered by local Clergy and Educators
on Pesach!

Thursday, March 18, 2004

7:00-9:15 p.m.

At Agudas Achim

2767 East Broad Street, Bexley

Open to the Entire Community

Tuition: \$5/person (covers materials, “meal plan” and
the unique opportunity to study with others in the
community)

Co-sponsored by:

**Congregation Agudas Achim, Congregation Tifereth
Israel, Temple Beth Tikvah, and Temple Beth Shalom**

**Watch your mailbox for the Catalog
and Application**

Questions? Call Rabbi Michael Ungar, 253-8523.

Supported by a grant from the
Columbus Jewish Federation

The “Building Our Home Campaign” Donor Board Is Coming!

You should have received a letter last week telling you about the Donor Board that will be gracing the south wall of the formal entrance. It will provide recognition for all the visionary people who donated to the “Building our Home Campaigns” while the new building was still just a dream.

JoAnne Grossman and Joyce Bronstein have lead the efforts of the Furnishings and Design committee – Denise Kohn, Babbette Feibel, Fran Lamster, Janice Brillson, Dorry Sunenshine, David Lapine and Elaine Barnett – to settle on the right designer, just the perfect stone, and the precise design. After more than a year of planning, the stone has been ordered and will be shipped here in a few months.

JoAnne, aided by Jo Valentine-Cooper, has spent many months reviewing all the records to verify all the original donors to the campaign. Fran, Connie Freundlich, Carol Arnou, and Michelle Valentine-Cooper have been working with JoAnne to find and notify all the contributors. JoAnne stated, “Michelle has been my right hand lady; like my own personal staff person.” A very big “thank you” to all who are helping to make this happen.

With the passage of time, sometimes faded pledge cards, changing accounting systems, and folks moving around, we still may have missed a few of you, so if you gave to the Building Our Home Campaign before 1997 and you inadvertently do not receive one of these letters, please contact JoAnne Grossman at 236-8453 or 855-4882, or email her at sgrosso615@aol.com.

Funds for the board were raised separately and are not coming out of the operations budget for the Temple. Additional contributions to the fund are always welcome!

Please help by making sure that you return the letter asking how you want your name to appear on the board by March 15th. We will keep you posted on our progress, and let you know when we will celebrate the dedication of this long awaited recognition.

Condolences...

To Rolf Kaufman on the loss of his cousin Lotte Borges.
To Debra Marks on the loss of her grandfather Bernie Faxon.
To Marc Zipser on the loss of his grandmother Gertrude Henkin.

A Book Review

by Cindy Leland

Late in 2003 I learned of a book called *Toledoth*, about Jews in 12th century Toledo, Spain. I bought several copies to give as gifts, since the author is a TBS congregant – Sheldon Mike Young. And since I have many friends who are musicians and I always buy their CDs, it seemed the least I could do to buy a book for myself and get it autographed by the author! In the dark days of January, I read it.

In *Toledoth* Young weaves immense scholarly knowledge of linguistics, Sephardic Jewish sociology and anthropology, midrash, and Talmud into a story of a Jewish family struggling with history, changing Spanish culture, and all of the millennial daily Jewish struggles with separating the sacred from the profane, where one compromises and when one makes a stand.

The characters are memorable, vividly drawn and fundamentally “human” in their relationships to each other and within themselves. Saúl Abendana, strong and decisive outwardly, inside a thorough “*mensch*” – gentle and thoughtful with his wife of ten years. Betsabé, apparently barren and bitter toward Saúl, faces being forced by the Rabbi to divorce her husband so that he can marry someone who will produce children. Rabbi Asher, who feels his people’s minority deeply, and who constantly attempts to balance his worship, teaching and study with the social needs of the Jews, and the need for them to *multiply*, not for quantity alone but also for the quality of the community – strength, piety, and observance of the laws of the Torah. Saiba the slave girl is sold to Saúl at his father-in-law’s insistence so that his family will not lose the intelligent, fierce, and kindly son-in-law. Beautiful, talented, modest Saiba is to be a *pilegish*, a legal concubine through whom Saúl is to have children, allowing Saúl and Betsabé to stay together.

In fact, all of the characters are extremely well drawn, deep and colorful. The reader “gets into their heads” and learns each person’s private and quite different concerns, ambitions and fears, and comes to care deeply about many of them.

The historical element of the novel is also clear and fascinating. Set 135 years before the expulsion of the Jews from Spain, the events in the book foretell what will happen in 1492. We follow this community as times change, and the Jews are increasingly the targets of misinformation, unfounded accusations, and in the last few pages, forced conversions and worse.

Two elements make the novel harder to read than it should be: first (and most easily overcome because of the high quality of the story and characters) is the tone of the narration. It sounds almost as if it was a translation from another language – and as the story continues, this tone actually adds to the impact of the book. Second is the typeface, which seemed

faint on the page, and the many typographical errors scattered throughout. Clearly these are the fault of the publisher and not the author.

There isn’t space here to note the significance and descriptions of the synagogue *Don Samuel* builds to the glory of God and King Pedro, or indeed of so many other memorable elements of this deceptively complex book – I recommend it heartily!

Upcoming Family Education Programs

Please mark your calendars for the Upcoming Family Programs:

The Mitzvah of the Mezuzah

Sunday March 14, 2004, 9:00am, at the TBS Social Hall

Inside Israel – First and Second Grade Program

Sunday April 18, 2004, 9:00am, at the TBS Social Hall

What To Do! For Parents and Kids!

“Get the Nuts and Bolts on what to do when you have an aliyah at your child’s Bar or Bat Mitzvah” – Plus a Service Project Idea Workshop

Sunday May 2, 2004, 9:00am, at the Social Hall and Sanctuary

All of these programs are for families together!

Join us for these special events with your children.

Further information mailed separately to each class.

Questions? Please email Lynn at ltallan@tbethshalom.org.

Rabbi’s Reflections, continued from page 1

I have of myself? Have I taken time to be aware of how I wish to live my life, of how what I am doing fits in? Is what I am doing so controlled by others rather than The Other that the voice of my highest self is drowned out?”

Sometimes illness or death is that which thrusts us most into permitting us the time to allow our souls to catch up. These are times when we might be most cynical about anything but the materiality of life and even its futility: “You’re born; you struggle; you suffer; you die.” We reject this time of increased awareness of our own exposure and even helplessness. We fight slowing up; we need to keep busy.

I wonder if G-d doesn’t provide for us all types of ways of encouraging us to restore our souls. We need sleep; we suffer tragedies and are forced to stop; we require rest after great effort and even after exhilarations. And, we are told ... in Scripture itself ... to take the Sabbath so that we might “restore the soul” and plan our own godly living.

God restores our souls by saying, “Do not just do something; stop, take the time I have provided you to adjust your plans, to meditate upon them, and to gird yourself to live in accordance with your highest and most godly self.”

Women of Beth Shalom

The Women of Beth Shalom have been busy as usual with Bedtime Bundles, the Purim Wexner Heritage Talent Show and the very well-attended program with Judge Yvette McGee Brown on Sunday morning February 8. We thank Janyce Katz, Lynn Dobb and Dorry Sunenshine for their unflagging work in making all three events such a success. Listed below are the upcoming events from March to May. Be sure to be there for them all!

1. It's not too late to make reservations for the Women's Seder which will be held on March 24 at 5:30 pm at the Temple. Bring your daughters, nieces, sisters, and friends. For reservations, call Connie Freundlich at 253-2984.
2. And Speaking of Passover – Don't forget to join us in our Passover Basket Assembly on March 21 at the Temple.
3. WBS members are working diligently on the Original Women's Service and D'var Torah which will be held on Erev Shabbat, April 30. We hope you all can attend this creative and inspirational evening.
4. Our Semi-Annual Temple Beth Shalom New Members First Friday will take place on May 7. Be sure to come and help us welcome our new members to our Beth Shalom family.
5. Women of Beth Shalom's year end event will take place on May 20. We will elect new officers at that time. The nominating committee, consisting of co-chairs Connie Freundlich and Bette Young as well as Heather Apple and Jean Krum, will be meeting to develop a slate for the May meeting. If you are interested in joining our Board please call Connie at 253-2984 or Bette at 890-3018 so that we can add you to the list. Women of Beth Shalom expanded its board and agenda of activities two years ago with the election of Fran Lamster as President. We are proud of the contribution we have made to the congregation in programming and fund-raising. We encourage any WBS member to join our dynamic board.
6. Our WBS bulletin board in the lower level of the building is in need of help. Dianne Golub, who did such a fantastic job in keeping the congregation up to date, has moved back East. If you want to help with this very important project, please call Fran Lamster at 855-3453.

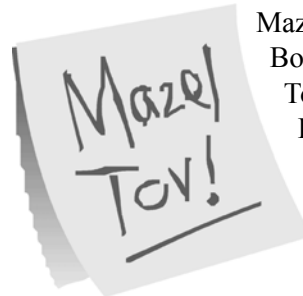
"Angels" Wanted!

On Friday, March 26, TBS will host the Galron Choir from Kfar Saba in Israel for Erev Shabbat services. The oneg needs to be Glatt Kosher, and we expect more people than usual. We need a few "angels" to donate generously so that we can provide a memorable end to a special evening. If you can help, please call Susan Valentine-Cooper at 855-4882, or send/bring a check to the Temple office.

Monthly Scrip Mavens Wanted!

Our grocery scrip program is being revamped to emphasize standing monthly orders. This should make it EASIER for each of our congregants to participate. Note that a sign up form is included in this edition of The Window. Please remember that this is an important ongoing method for your Temple to raise funds with absolutely no cost to you! While Janice Silver and her able band of volunteers will be available on Sunday mornings in the Fall (Sept. & Oct) to sell scrip and help people sign up for monthly orders, this will not be the case during the remainder of the year. All of us shop for food, so please get involved! Whether you typically spend \$50 or \$500 a month, buying scrip (essentially Kroger or Giant Eagle gift certificates) through the Temple means you have contributed to our bottom line without spending one extra cent!

Meijer's also participates in this type of program but with a keycard which they will send you once you have signed up. Applications for this with the Temple's code number on them are available at TBS. You can also sign up online; just call and ask for our code number before doing so. Remember, you can change your standing monthly order at any time, but in order to do so you must first SIGN UP!



Mazel Tov to Bill Schwartz (son of Bob Schwartz and Nancy Krasa) and Todd Charna (son of Dan and Debbie Charna) who were elected, respectively, to the positions of Secretary and Treasurer of the Regional BBYO.

TBS Men's Club

Cantorial Corner by Cindy Leland

New Activities for Men's Club

One of the objectives this year for our Men's club was to continue to increase our membership as well as our activities on behalf of the Temple. One idea we had this year was to plan combined activities with other Temples around Columbus. You may have already seen that TBS and Temple Israel have planned a unique event for March: we will be taking a bus to Cleveland for an Indiana Pacers game on March 14th. This will be the start of a number of jointly sponsored events intended to increase the flavor and fun of our Men's group here in Columbus. I hope you will mark your calendar for this unique event.

In June we will again combine our forces to attend a Clippers Game and picnic for the whole family. Keep watching *The Window* for more details.

As the TBS Men's Club President, I appreciate all the support of the "guys" and see wonderful returns on our investments. As always, we need more MEN to join us and continue to bring new and exciting events to the TBSMC. Feel free to call me or email me with ideas, thoughts, and of course your support for our many programs and events.

Marc Ankerman, President TBSMC

How to Pray Jewishly (plus the Hebrew Letter of the Week)

Shema

Mi Chamocho

Motsi

Make your prayer experience fuller by learning or relearning basic Hebrew Prayers (initially in transliteration) and studying Judaism through an exploration of the meaning of the prayers. We shall actually say and chant the prayers themselves. Tapes will be available for those who need them. This course is for beginners or for the initiated.

Plus a bonus: A Hebrew Letter of the Week.

Sundays 11:10 am – 12:40 pm beginning March 14
Located in the Rabbi's Study
Bagels, Juice and Coffee provided.

Curious? Call the Rabbi at 855-4882, or email drabbia@tbethshalom.org.

Pre-registration preferred but not required. Stop-ins encouraged.

Recently I was corresponding with a fellow singer on the subject of music selections for services, and the question was asked, "Is there such thing as an authentic, pure Jewish sound...?" He was referring to the many different styles of music we use in TBS Friday and Saturday services, and like many people, finds some of it to sound "churchy," and some "campy" and some completely foreign.



My response was simple: all of it is "authentic!" The "churchy" stuff is 18th and 19th century European (mostly German) synagogue choir music – 4-parts and all! The Sharyonim, our adult choir, has been working on another 4-part piece, "Osse Shalom", arranged by modern composer Danny Maseng, that he heard in the Spanish/Portuguese synagogue in Jerusalem, and represents classical Sephardic synagogue music.

We have incorporated the lively music still used at Jewish camps into services, and the lovely melodies of Debbie Friedman. We use "Veshamrus" from South Africa, Europe, 19th century America, and modern American composer Michael Isaacson. And I am always looking for singable melodies from the past or present, and from any Jewish musical tradition. Further, I study the solo cantorial work of Cantors Israel Alter, Abraham Binder, Gershom Ephros, and Avraham Idelsohn. We use the works of more than 27 different composers in our services!

Every place and person in which Jewish music is composed has a different feel – middle eastern, South American, American folk, European synagogue, 14th century classical Italians such as Salmon Rossi, and, the Chassidic sound of Shlomo Carlebach, Israel Goldfarb (who wrote *Shalom Aleichem*), the "traditional" *Adon Olam* writer E. Gerovitch, Cantor Jeff Klepper, Steve Dropkin, Doug Cotler and all the rest – everything is pure and authentic Jewish music! And we've incorporated all of it into our services at TBS. So in a way there is no such thing as "traditional" – anywhere in the world.

Or, you can say that everything is traditional somewhere, and you can marvel, as I do, at the rich musical heritage we Jews have in which to find stirring, touching, and deeply spiritual moments during the worship service!



From the Education Director
Nancy Heiden

TBS Talmud Torah

In the next few months our students will be learning about the holidays and observances as they come up, and there are a lot! First, Purim on March 7 (look below for more information on our Purim celebration), then Pesach (Passover) starting on the evening of April 5, then Yom HaSho'ah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) on April 18, then Yom HaAtzma'ut (Israeli Independence Day) on April 26 (but we're celebrating it on Sunday, April 25), then Lag B'omer on May 9, and finally Shavuot (The Feast of Weeks, celebrating the giving of the Torah) on Tuesday evening, May 25, at which time our 10th graders will participate in Confirmation. Please watch the Window for information on the congregational observances of these special days.

First Friday/Bet Shabbat/Chag HaSiddur

The Temple Beth Shalom Talmud Torah 4th Grade (Kitah Bet) will help lead services on Friday, March 5, as part of our First Friday program. This event will also be our annual Chag HaSiddur (Prayerbook Holiday) program for these students. Every year students in 4th Grade are presented with copies of the new Gates of Prayer Siddur by their parents. This year's 4th Grade families have been working on decorating cloth book covers for the siddurim. We invite the entire congregation to come to services on this wonderful occasion, marking another step in our students' life-long Jewish learning.

Purim Carnival and Megillah Reading

Be there or be square! It's the Umpteenth Annual TBS Purim Carnival and Megillah Reading, coming to you on Sunday morning, March 7. There'll be costumes, the Megillah reading, the usual Purim Shpiel (Play), food, drinks, silliness, lots of noise (bring your groggers) and a general good time for all. Watch for details in the mail!

4th Grade Mezuzah Project

The TBS Talmud Torah 4th Grades will participate in a *mezuzah*-making project on Sunday, March 14. They will paint ceramic *mezuzot* which will then be fired. The program will

include a discussion of the mitzvah of affixing *mezuzot* to the doorposts of Jewish homes and institutions (the word *mezuzah* means "doorpost"). The *mezuzah* contains a piece of parchment on which is written passages from the Torah reminding us to teach the commandments to our children and to think of them as we go about our daily lives.

Pesach Parent Workshop


On Sunday, March 21, there will be a parent workshop on Pesach, focusing on activities that parents can have available for their children at the seder. There will also be a discussion of the text of the Haggadah (what is all that stuff about there being 250 plagues at the Red Sea? And where did they get the idea of the four children?). Join us for an informative and practical learning session. RSVP by Wednesday, March 17 to Nancy or Lynn at 855-4882.

More "Angels" Needed

Cindy Leland has been in the studio preparing a comprehensive CD of the entire four years of prayer and song curriculum for the Hebrew school. While we could pay an outside provider to make copies of these CDs (a need that will recur every year for the incoming Alef students) it would be much more cost-effective to copy them in-house. CD duplicators range from \$500.00 to \$1200.00, and while the Hebrew school budget and the Music Fund donations can contribute, we cannot cover the entire cost.

If you are interested in quality learning materials for our TBS Hebrew students, please consider a donation toward a CD duplicator. Contact Susan Valentine-Cooper at 855-4882 or send/bring your check to the Temple Office – and thanks! If you have questions about this project, please contact Cindy Leland or Nancy Heiden at 855-4882.

March 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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7 NO SCHOOL Purim Carnival Wexner-Heritage Talent Show 4:00pm: Hebrew High	8	9 7:30pm: Sharyonim Rehearsal	10 11:30am: Finance Committee Mtg.	11 7:30pm: Executive Committee Mtg.	12 8:00pm: Erev Shabbat Svcs. JYG Conclave at GUCI →	13 10:00am: Rachel Meizlish First Aliyah 1:30pm: Kiddush Luncheon →
14 9:00am: Talmud Torah 11:10am: Prayer Class 4:00pm: Hebrew High 7:30pm: P&T Feibel Lecture-Judaism & Law (JYG) →	15	16 7:30pm: Sharyonim Rehearsal	17 12:00 noon: Torah DownTown	18 7:30pm: Women of Beth Shalom Board Mtg.	19	20 10:30am: Morning Minyan
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28 NO SCHOOL 11:10am-12:40pm: Rabbi's Prayer Class	29	30 If you noticed this, we could use your skills as a volunteer! ☎ 855-4882	31			

Youth Information

BeSTY

What does the BeSTY Board do, anyway? Have you ever wondered what the board of BeSTY does? What are those nine people up to? Well, it's a pretty busy life. Here's some insight.

We have a lot of very important things happening with in the BeSTY Board right now. First of all, we are in the midst of writing a new constitution for our youth group; this document describes the responsibilities of our entire board, including our advisor. We are doing this because our events are slowly increasing with more participation. It is going along very smoothly. We are including thoughts from everyone on the board, which helps for a more diverse constitution.

Secondly, we are in the middle of creating a wonderful Purim Carnival! We are going to have plenty of fun things to do for children as well as for teens. The list of options includes questionnaires, food, games, contests, prizes, et cetera. We are planning on seeing you all there. Also, if you are a highschooler or an adult and would like to help out at the Purim Carnival, please contact Sharon, our BeSTY Advisor at 855-4882 or email ross@tbethshalom.org.

Hopefully I will be seeing you all soon at our upcoming events!

Rachel Robbins, BeSTY Journalist

What's BeSTY up to in March?

March 7th: We are hosting the TBS annual Purim carnival! See the enclosed flyer for more information!

March 12th-14th: The Junior Youth Group is going on a retreat to GUCI!

March 19th: The monthly Youth Service will take place at Temple Israel at 8:00 pm. Same great service, new location. (The monthly youth service will rotate between congregations. TBS will host the May service.)

March 27th: BeSTY will be hosting what we hope to be our best event EVER: It's a Mystery – and it must be solved before the night is out! This is definitely going to be BeSTY's event of the year; you will not want to miss it! We will all arrive in character, ready to solve an intriguing yet heinous crime. Be careful – you don't want to get incriminated! Spend the night at TBS and have a fabulous time with members of several area youth groups. Keep your eyes peeled for more information.

Mazel
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Erik Birkinbine, son of Joan and Rex Birkinbine, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on March 6th, 2004 at 10:00am. He will be reading from Parshat Tetzvah. He has one older sister, Jill, and is the grandson of Patsy & Cort Birkinbine and Betty Adelstein.



"I am proud to continue the tradition in our family of being a Bar Mitzvah," Erik tells us.

Erik attends Gahanna Middle School East, enjoys basketball, and is a member of the Gahanna 013 Baseball travel team. For his service projects, Erik has been visiting a Pataskala nursing home called The Oaks with his sister and their dogs, and he has also assisted his mother and sister in Rescue Runs – helping dogs in shelters in Southern Ohio find good homes. Cindy Leland provided his tutoring and training.

Rachel Brooke Meizlish, daughter of Sandy and Connie Meizlish, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on March 13th, 2004 at 10:00am. She will be reading from Parshat Ki Tissa. She has one younger brother, Elliot, and is the granddaughter of Ethel and the late Herbert Meizlish and Donald and Rosie Miner.



Rachel is a student at Gahanna Middle School East, and enjoys dance, reading and shopping. She volunteered at Community Kitchen for her service project. Her tutoring was provided by Cindy Leland.

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Led by Rabbi Howard Apothaker
 Cindy Leland & Nick Ciranni

Monday, April 5, 2004
 Service in the Sanctuary at 6:00pm
 Seder begins at 6:30pm

COSTS:

Adults – \$35.00
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