

# THE WINDOW QUARANTINE EDITION

APRIL 2020 Nisan - Iyar 5780

# HAPPY PASSOVER! NEXT YEAR IN-PERSON!



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## Announcements!

- ★ While the temple building is closed, you can still reach all of our staff members. Call the temple line and it will ring through to our cell phones.
- ★ We are still catching up on March donations while we are out of the office. March and April donations will be included in the May issue of The Window.



YOU'RE INVITED TO TBS'S FIRST EVER

# Stay at Home Ball!

SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH | 6:30-8PM

## Join us for...

- **Musical entertainment**
- **\( \psi \)** Live auction prizes
- 🛖 A night of community and good vibes
- ★ Snuggly-tie attire preferred

More details to follow... Please mark your calendars for this exciting event!

# 4 April Events - Everything's Online!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	ALL ZOOM LINKS AND PASSWORDS WILL BE SENT VIA EMAIL!		1 3pm— Yiddish w/ Rabbi Apothaker 7pm— Zoom Happy Hour	2 10:30am— Seder 101 w/ Rabbi Benjy 3pm— Weekly check -in w/ the Rabbis	3 9:30am— Shabbat Songs w/ Marc 6:30pm— Shabbat Services	4 6:45pm— Havdalah w/ the Bar-Lev Family
<b>5</b> <b>4pm</b> — Healing Service	6 10:30am— Yoga w/ Rachel 3pm— Self Defense 101 4:30pm— PJ Library Passover 8pm— Meet Bobby Covitz	7 10:30am— Passover Songs w/ Rabbi Benjy 3pm— Learn Mahj w/ Gail	8 6pm— TBS Passover Seder on Zoom	9 10:30am— Passover Service 7pm— Prince of Egypt Watch Party	9:30am— Shabbat Songs w/ Marc 6:30pm— Shabbat Services	11 6:45pm— Havdalah w/ the Bar-Lev Family
12 9am— Virtual Religious School 11am— Drs & Nurses 2pm— Essential Workers 4pm— Healing Service	Parents: 1st-5th	14 10:30am— Songs w/ Rabbi B 11am— Parents: 6th-8th 12pm— Parents: 9th-12th 7pm— Interfaith Dialogue	<b>15</b> 9:30am— Spring Cleaners ♂ Organizers 11:30am— DIY Show ♂ Tell	<b>16</b> <b>10am</b> — Passover Yizkor Service	9:30am— Shabbat Songs w/ Marc 6:30pm— Shabbat Services	18 6:45pm— Havdalah w/ the Bar-Lev Family
19 9am— Virtual Religious School 4pm— Healing Service	20 10:30am— Yoga w/ Rachel 7:30pm— Foodies	21 10:30am— Songs w/ Rabbi Benjy 3pm— Virtual Mahj Game	22 10:30am— Baking w/ Amanda 3pm— Earth Day Celebration	23 10:30am— Crafting w/ Lesley 8pm— Ask the Dr. w/ Dr. Paul Been	9:30am— Shabbat Songs w/ Marc 6:30pm— Shabbat Services	25 7:30pm— Stay at Home Ball
26 9am— Virtual Religious School 4pm— Healing Service	27 10:30am— Yoga w/ Rachel 3pm— Intro to Guitar w/ Angelo	28 10:30am— Baking w/ David Kleppel 3pm— Tiger King Appreciation Hour	29 10:30am— Superheros II w/ Rabbi L 3pm— Intro to Guitar II w/ Angelo	30 10:30am— Crafting w/ Lesley II 8pm— Hannah Rossio Concert		

#### TBS CONNECT DESCRIPTIONS

**Yiddish Fun with Rabbi Apothaker** - Explore the Yiddish language with Rabbi Apothaker! Join the Facebook Live session and then check out future meetings of the Yiddish Club!

**Zoom Happy Hour -** Grab a drink and share some April Fools jokes on Zoom!

**Seder 101 with Rabbi Benjy -** Join Rabbi Benjy as he discusses everything you need to know to run your own quarantine seder!

**Weekly Check-In with the Rabbis -** Join Rabbi B and Rabbi Lenette for a good old fashioned hang out session. We can discuss what's happening and support one another!

Welcoming Shabbat in Song with Marc, The Marvelous Toy! - Join Marc for some uplifting songs to welcome in Shabbat.

Erev Shabbat Services - Shabbat Services via Facebook Live

**Havdalah with the Bar-Lev Family -** Join the chaos as we say goodbye to Shabbat and welcome in the coming week.

**Congregational Healing Service -** A brief healing service on Zoom! We will sing our way into healing and comfort.

Yoga with Rachel Murray - Join Yoga instructor Rachel Murray for a mind-clearing Yoga session

Self Defense 101 with Jill Will - Learn self defense with retired NA Police Officer Jill Will! Clear some space to move around and follow along.

**Getting to Know Bobby Covitz -** Join us as we get to know Bobby Covitz, our new executive director!

Passover Songs & Stories with Rabbi Benjy - A window into the Bar-Lev craziness as we sing songs and tell Passover stories.

Learn How to Play Mahj with Gail Rose - Want to learn how to play Mahj? Join Gail as she demystifies this classic game!

TBS Passover Seder on Zoom - Virtually join us on Zoom for the annual TBS Passover Seder!

**Brief Passover Morning Service** 

**Prince of Egypt Viewing Party -** Grab matzah and join us as we watch *Prince of Egypt* together from the comfort of our homes!

Affinity Group: Doctors & Nurses - Join other healthcare professionals in our congregation on Zoom to connect and recharge

Affinity Group: Essential Workers During Corona - Join other essential workers in our congregation on Zoom to connect

Affinity Group: Quarantine Alone - Doing This Quarantine Solo - Feeling lonely? Join other congregants on Zoom to chat.

Affinity Group: Quarantine Parents of Pre-K - Join other Pre-K parents from our congregation on Zoom to recharge

**Affinity Group: Quarantine Parents of Elementary Schoolers (1st-5th Grade) -** Join other Elementary School parents from our congregation on Zoom to connect and recharge

Morning Song Session with Rabbi Benjy - Another window into the Bar-Lev craziness as we sing songs and tell stories.

**Affinity Group: Quarantine Parents of Middle Schoolers (6th-8th Grade) -** Join other Middle School parents from our congregation on Zoom to connect and recharge

**Affinity Group: Quarantine Parents of High Schoolers (9th-12th Grade) -** Join other High School parents from our congregation on Zoom to connect and recharge

**Interfaith Dialogue with Rabbi Lenette and Pastor Doug Warburton -** Join Rabbi Lenette and Pastor Doug from Peace Lutheran for an engaging interfaith dialogue

Affinity Group: Spring Cleaners & Organizers Unite! - Join other congregants who are using quarantine time to tackle cleaning and organization projects on Zoom

Affinity Group: DIY Show & Tell - Join other congregants on Zoom and show off the projects you have been tackling at home End of Passover Yizkor Service

Affinity Group: Foodies in the Time of Corona - Join other foodie congregants on Zoom and connect over food!

Affinity Group: Virtual Mahj Game - Join other congregants on Zoom for a game of Mahj!

Baking with Amanda - Learn how to make challah with Amanda Cohen!

Earth Day Celebration with the Green Team - Join the TBS Green Team to celebrate Earth Day

Crafting with Lesley - Join Lesley Thompson for some much needed crafting time

Ask the Doctor with Dr. Paul Been - Join Dr. Paul Been for an informative chat in the world of COVID-19

**Stay at Home Ball!** - Join us for a virtual night of entertainment & community! You don't even need to leave your pajamas!

Intro to Guitar Playing with Angelo - Learn beginner guitar skills from musical master Angelo Dunlap!

Baking with David Kleppel - Learn to make the world's best Rugelach!

**Tiger King Appreciation Hour -** We know you've seen it on Netflix! Come join in the discussion.

**Jewish Superheroes Part 2 with Rabbi Lenette -** Join Rabbi Lenette as she talks more about the world of Jewish Superheroes!

Hannah Rossio Concert - Come listen to Hannah Rossio, who is home from New York, sing for us!

# 6 The Buzz with Rabbi B



#### Focusing on Gratitude and Hope

I hope this edition of the Window finds you in good health and staying safe as we continue to face this new reality. As I've had the chance to speak to people throughout the past few weeks, I have been heartened to hear that everyone seems to be taking this social distancing seriously, while we work together (apart) to reduce the impact of this pandemic. We finally had some decent weather recently, and it's been so nice to see people outside for walks, getting some fresh air, and supporting one another.

It has been a very challenging time for so many of us. For those living alone, the social distancing can be very isolating and unsettling. Those with kids at home feel challenged as well, finding activities to fill the hours and breaking up fights while many of us are attempting to work from home. Add to that, the general fear of the

unknown with COVID-19 and the scenes of people fighting each other for toilet paper, and we can begin to feel pretty down.

But our tradition implores us to tune out all the noise and focus instead on gratitude. The question is, how can we do this? We can acknowledge the pain and uncertainty in the world; we're not asked to forget that. But in that same moment, we are asked to find just a few things in our lives for which we are grateful.

Our tradition gives us an inspiring idea. We have a prayer called *Modeh Ani*, which many of us know, that is supposed to be the very first thing we say when we wake up in the morning. We're supposed to say it before we even move our head from the pillow. "*Modeh Ani lefanecha, melech chai, v'kayam. She-eh-che-zarta bi nishmati, b'chemla, Rabbah emunatecha.* I offer thanks to you, Eternal One, that you have restored my soul to me in mercy." This morning I'm grateful that I woke up. Jews of the sixteenth century believed that sleep was like a mini-death, that God kept our souls safe while we slept. And in the morning, we are thankful that our soul has been restored, that we have lived to see another sunrise. While our reasons for reciting the prayer may be different today, its central theme remains the same. If I start my day from a place of gratitude, when I start on a positive note, I will be more attuned to the goodness that lies ahead.

You may remember that at the High Holy Days, I invited people in the congregation to take up the practice of gratitude journaling. And this strange time, when the days seem a little longer, might actually be a great opportunity to start. Maybe during this quarantine period we could spend at least 15 minutes a day reflecting on 3 good things that happened to us throughout the day. And more than just reflecting, we should write these three things down in as much detail as possible, and after recording the details, ask ourselves, how did this good thing come about? We might be inclined to write something like "I love my family," but instead psychologists ask us to focus on specific events and moments of goodness. Some days it's really easy to find three good things. Other days, it's more of a challenge. Even with all the fighting that normally happens between our four kids, this morning we were so grateful to see Sammie and Jake working on a puzzle together and actually encouraging each other. It's the little things.

There is so much uncertainty in our world. Some of us have already seen our financial health compromised by restaurants and businesses closing. We are worried about the virus itself and those who are already ill. Having gratitude does not discount these very real issues. It does, however, enable us to see that there is still good out there. There is some positivity. If we can start our day on a positive note and try to remember to look for moments of gratitude throughout these tough days, we will be in better shape when we emerge from this dark time.

One thing for which so many of us are grateful is our amazing TBS community. Who would have thought that a pandemic forcing us to be separated would actually bring us together in so many ways. But it's true. I have witnessed so many kind acts during this time: younger congregants going out to buy groceries for their older friends and relatives, people checking in on folks who they know are alone during this time, congregants supporting local businesses and caring for those among us who are facing an uncertain financial future. These acts of kindness are inspiring and meaningful, and they fill us with gratitude and hope.

Another silver lining to this pandemic is that we have been able to connect with one another online in ways we were not able in the past. A recent Shabbat service has currently 1600 views – it would usually take us all year to get that many people participating in a service! We had a congregational Healing Service on Sunday night via Zoom and Facebook Live, and to "see" so many people there was touching. I hope you have had a chance to see the daily programming that we are doing on our TBS Facebook page. We are working our hardest to provide connection and some entertainment to our congregation as so many of us shelter in place. If you have ideas for more Facebook live events, or programs you would like to see, please be in touch with me via email or phone.

One of the most moving midrashim (interpretive stories) around the holiday of Passover is the story of Nachshon. The Israelites are in the process of emerging out of darkness into light. They had been slaves for hundreds of years in Egypt, and now they finally find themselves marching toward freedom and a new identity. But according to the midrash, the Israelites gather at the shore of the sea, with the water raging in front of them, and nothing happens. No swimming lessons were given while they were toiling away in Egypt. Even the mighty Moses, in that moment, knows not what to do. And then, from among the Israelites, one person, Nachshon, decides to do what is right. He puts his foot in the water. And the water rises to his knees, then his waist, then his shoulders, and then water pours into his mouth. Yet, he continues to declare God's oneness. And finally, in the last possible moment, the water recedes, largely due to the impact that one brave person made.

As we continue to face this COVID-19 pandemic as a congregation, we must remember the power each of us has to make a difference. Just by staying home, by checking in on loved ones, by reaching out in kindness, by embracing gratitude and goodness, we can change the course of this narrative. We can make a difference. Like the Israelites on that fateful night, we are frightened, but we must also be brave, and we must continue to seek gratitude and hope. If each of us in this community and throughout our country can channel our inner-Nachshon, we too can change history; every single one of us.

# TEMPLE BETH SHALOM 1ST NIGHT VIRTUAL PASSOVER SEDER

Wednesday, April 8th 6pm on Zoom

Zoom ID: 764 217 998 Password: matzah







Mixed Green Salad

#### **PASSOVER DINNER MENU**

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Garden Salad with Homemade Italian and French Dressing
Homemade Matzo Ball Soup
Beef Brisket Au Jus
Roasted Italian Chicken
Roasted Italian Potatoes
Italian Style Green Beans
Matzo

#### Price per Person - \$22

#### WE ALSO OFFER A VARIETY OF A LA CARTE PASSOVER DINNER OFFERINGS.

#### SALAD, SOUP & MATZO

Wilked Green Salad				
Tomatoes, cucumbers, and mixed greens. Served with Italian and French	Small	(serves 10)	\$20	
dressing.	Medium	(serves 15)	\$30	
	Large	(serves 25)	\$50	
Homemade Matzo Ball Soup				
Includes Six Matzo Balls with Half Gallon and 12 Matzo Balls with Gallon.		Half Gallo	n \$17.5	
		Gallon	\$35	
Matzo		\$6.75 / 9 Pieces		
ENTREES				
Beef Brisket Au Jus				
Braised beef brisket.	\$18.99 / Ш.			
Roasted Italian Chicken				
Chicken breasts, legs and thighs roasted with fresh rosemary, olive oil &	\$2 / Each			
garlic.				
SIDES				
Roasted Italian Potatoes				
Idaho potatoes peeled, cut and roasted with fresh rosemary & olive oil.	Third Pan	(serves 10)	\$17.50	
	Half Pan	(serves 20)	\$35	
Tzimmes				
Baby carrots, sweet potatoes, prunes and dried apricots stewed in orange juice	Third Pan	(serves 10)	\$22.5	
and honey.	Half Pan	(serves 20)	\$45	
Asparagus				
Fresh asparagus with olive oil and seasoning.	Third Pan	(serves 10)	\$30	
	Half Pan	(serves 20)	\$60	
Italian Style Green Beans				
Fresh string green beans seasoned with fresh parsley & olive oil.	Third Pan	(serves 10)	\$22.50	

#### ADDITIONAL FOOD ITEMS

Red Horseradish Hard Boiled Eggs Haroset Chopped Liver with Tomato Slices Matzo Balls (Extra to be added) \$4.99 / 12 oz Bowl \$5.99 / dozen \$5.99 / Lb. \$4.99 / Lb. \$1.75 / Each

We are not limited to the above menu. If you would like any additional food for your Seder meal, please let us know.

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(serves 20)

# 8 CHAI-er Learning with Rabbi Lenette Herzog



#### Creating Virtual Sacred Space in Religious School

This past month, our world has massively changed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As we adjust to staying at home, each of us are navigating personal and professional changes, not to mention the worry and uncertainty of the ways the pandemic will change those closest to us and the world at large. It feels like the world has shifted beneath our feet, and we're finding a new center of gravity as we navigate this new, and thankfully temporary, reality.

Even with all of these changes to our world, TBS religious school is committed to bringing Jewish community to our students. Connecting with each other, even virtually, is more important now than ever. While of course we cannot totally replicate the atmosphere of

religious school mornings in a virtual space, we can still create a *kehillah kedoshah*: a sacred community for students to come together, reconnect, share, and hopefully feel like they are connected to a supportive, caring community greater than themselves.

Because of the shelter in place orders, we are unable to have religious school as usual on Sunday mornings. However, just like TBS as a whole, the religious school team has been hard at work to adapt our religious school community to a virtual space.

We had our first virtual Sunday morning on March 22nd. Each K-6 grade had its own Zoom meeting throughout the morning, along with a 7-12th grade teen program. We had a great turnout with about 130 students and teens, almost the same number of students we see on a regular morning.

I cannot speak more highly of our teachers and staff, some of whom used Zoom for the first time during our planning meeting. Our teachers quickly adapted to our new situation and created interactive virtual lessons, so students could still learn with each other. Some highlights: 2nd grade students did "scavenger hunts" at home, searching their kitchens for leavened food and sharing with their class; 4th grade Hebrew did a Hebrew Passover version of "Jewish Jeopardy"; 6th grade Hebrew continued learning prayers in breakout rooms with madrichim; and our teens worked on a "Self Care Bingo" card throughout the week, discussing on Sunday how to take care of ourselves.

Most importantly, our teachers allowed students to connect with each other during this uncertain and difficult time. It was truly a blessing to hear students talk about their own unique situations, laugh and interact with each other, and create a safe space by sharing their feelings and worries. Thank you to all of our teachers and staff for your hard work and dedication.

Our religious school team is looking forward to resuming our sessions on Sunday, April 12th, one week earlier than scheduled. We are adding a session to our religious school calendar to provide more community time for our students and also to help mitigate the loss of hours during virtual Sundays.

What about the rest of the year? At the moment, the medical world is estimating that COVID-19 will be at its peak sometime in May or over the summer. Therefore, it is more than likely that most if not all of our remaining Sundays will be virtual. We will take each month as it comes.

Our tradition teaches that "the whole world depends on the breath of schoolchildren." At TBS religious school, we teach our students to act with kindness, to bring the best versions of themselves into the world, and to stay connected with a Jewish community. These values are so important right now, and we are looking forward to continuing to bring learning, laughter, song and light to our students on Sunday mornings.



#### Goodbye and Thanks for the Memories

I don't think I can adequately describe what a pleasure it has been to be a part of the Temple Beth Shalom family over these past 5 years. The time has flown quickly, and it is with mixed emotions that I say goodbye.

There are so many thank you's it would be impossible to list them all. It has been humbling to see the kindness, the generosity, and the love for this congregation. Most of all, I would like to extend my utmost gratitude to each of you for sharing your life with me. It has meant so much to watch your children grow, hear your stories, celebrate in your simchas, and to give you a hug during the hard times. I have

fond memories of our time together, and I will carry those with me to Florida and beyond.

With the craziness of March, we did not adequately get a chance to say goodbye. It has made the farewell so much more difficult. I do hope that our paths will cross again in the future, and I am sending you a BIG HUG virtually.

Warmest Regards,

## Bonnie



#### Finding Our "New Normal"

Dear TBS Friends.

My name is Bobby Covitz, and I am the new Executive Director for TBS. I write to you amidst a challenging, once in a lifetime event. In the span of a month, our lives and the activities that we might have taken for granted have been indefinitely postponed. In thinking about our current state, I do think that it is interesting that the Greek prefix pan (as in pandemic) means "all," and that one of TBS's values is "Accessible." In the absence of the usual synagogue programming that you have come to enjoy, we will strive to

ensure that **everyone** can still find their place at TBS. I hope you've connected with TBS's daily Facebook Live programs. If not, please visit facebook.com/tbsohio to participate and view the upcoming schedule. If you have other ideas about how to help the community stay connected during this challenging time, or if you'd just like to say "hello," please email me at bobby@tbsohio.org or call me at the Temple office (which is forwarded to my cell phone).

In the coming months, "Accessible" will take on another meaning. The fact of the matter is life will be different once we've collectively cleared this hurdle. Together, as a **community**, we will need to discover our "new normal." Fortunately, being forward-thinking is in TBS's DNA, and it will be important for us to tap into that to continue to be proactive and innovative to navigate whatever lies ahead. This is your community, and I would love your help with thinking about what comes next.

Rebbe Nachman of Breslov is quoted as saying: "All the world is a very narrow bridge, and the most important thing is not to be overwhelmed by fear." Let TBS be your light in the days to come. Thank you for making TBS your Jewish home.

Stay healthy,

Bobby

# 10 Simcha Station

#### **April Birthdays**

April 2nd – Lisa Freedman, Diane Herman

April 3rd — Elaina Mears, Amitai Sela, Lisa Siegel

April 4th — Carol Aurnou, Cindy Coleman, Andi Hollander,

Arica Sandler

April 5th — Caroline Cohn, Judith Yaross-Lee

April 6th — Sheri Gittins, Diane Sokolov

April 7th — Linda Barger, Bernard Cohen, Jenny Ross,

Tom Schwartz, David Stein, Rachel Westrick,

Michael Zucker

April 8th — Larry Cowan, Leah Miller, Sandy Phalen

April 9th – Lisa Hess

April 10th - Richard Headlee, Jason Kramer

April 11th — Amy Klaben, Toby Rogovin

April 12th — Kim Dorrian, Cindy Ravitsky

April 13th — Scott Abramowitz, Roger Friedman, AC Strip

April 14th — Peggy Masser, Sherrie Merchant

April 15th — Erica Goldman, Karen Matros, Dane Perelstein

April 16th — Maureen Handler, Sara Scolnick, Mark Slabodkin

April 17th — Judy Feiertag, David Goldach, Dave Mandelbaum

April 18th — Shari Brooks

April 19th — Mindy Hickenbottom, Bart Kelsey, Erin Marcovitch

April 20th — Ellie Kaufman, Jerrold Lazerwitz,

Jack Richardson

April 21st — Wendy Cohen

April 22nd — Caroline Green, Robert Weiler

April 23rd — Emily Desmond, Andrea Kleppel, Janet Meltzer,

Ira Scheer

April 24th — Ellery Cadel, Howard Eckstein,

Jane Horowitz-Wright

April 25th - Yakov Kamenetskiy, Jon Kent

April 26th — Jed Bell, Mark Schuster, Adam Smith

April 27th — Leslie Aronoff, Cindy Cohen, Jean Epstein

April 28th — Herschel Sigall, Stacey Tucker

April 29th — Barbara Belford

April 30th - Marsha Block, Rob Cohen

#### **April Anniversaries**

April 2nd − Harris & Sherie Silverman

April 6th − Gene Goldberg & Cheri Papier

April 9th − Ron & Nancy Tannenbaum

April 10th – Ira & Pam Scheer

April 12th - James & Renee DeBold

April 14th − Todd & Karen Matros

April 16th − Steve & Jamie Allen

April 17th − Philip Edelsberg & Marlene Levine

April 20th — Bob Schwartz

April 24th − Lauren & Andrew Campen,

Bethany Klynn & Ben Payne

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# April Yahrzeits

#### April 3rd

Ida Basch Paula Benjamin Jacqueline Hoff Richard Jackson **David Kass** Alberto Levitan Sulvia Miller George Resnick Phyllis Rosen Harrison Schuster **Edward Shnider** Theodore Sindlinger Vladimir Slabodkin **Howard Smilack** Alan Weinberg **Bess Wine** Bernard Wolkow

#### April 10th

Christopher Cassidy Sigfried Ehrenberg Abraham Gershovitz Muriel Goodman Jack Kessler Melvin Klein Theodore Lansky Belle Lurie Ida Madorsky Aron Mizrahi Celia Ostrov Newman Shirley Pavlofsky Lester Pies Anna Rich Mack Roth Irving Silber Morris Spector Larry Stone Martin Torch Maurice Washer Adolph Weiler Alvin Worly

#### April 17th

Richard Abel Abraham Allen Max Ankerman Benson Apothaker Donald Barger Ben Bronstein Benjamin Coe Carole Deibel Sheila Feinknopf Seymour Feldman Sally Figler Louis Finkelstein John Flately Charles Freund Celia Friedlander Ben Green Barbara Holstein Nettie Itkoff Ruth Jaffe Elaine Lazarus Martha Levenbach Rosenberg Margaret McCullough **Edward Miller** John Mormol Irving Perelstein Fannie Schakett Myer Scheinholtz Irving Shulman Al Tannenbaum Jack Weiss

#### April 27th

Ida Alpert Yette Brillson Albert Chait Marion Cohen Betty Eichelberger Edward Fuller Leonard Holstein Lillian Kanter Irene Klaben Ruth Kleiman Nancy Loik Ruth Mellman Joan Nackman Lola Reinhart Ada Sacks Meyer Schultz Monya Tolkan James Zulliger

# MEET YOUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BOBBY COVITZ!



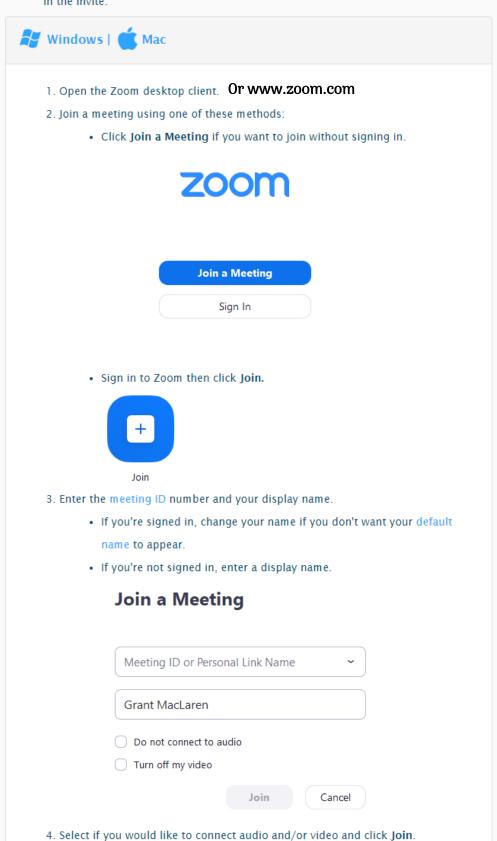


We are so thrilled that our new Executive Director, Bobby Covitz, officially starts April 6!

In this interactive session, you'll learn more about Bobby and his family, and have an opportunity to hear about his vision for the Temple. Plan to join us and show Bobby what makes the TBS community so special.

# 12 Zoom Instructions

- Each meeting has a unique 9, 10, or 11-digit number called a meeting ID that will be required to join a Zoom meeting
- If you are joining via telephone, you will need the teleconferencing number provided in the invite.





#### We Are Here For You

I think we can all attest that the past few weeks have been weird, scary, and terribly disappointing. Although these are frightening times, we, as your co-presidents can wholeheartedly say that we are still thankful for so many other things.

First, David and I are extremely thankful for the Rabbis and Temple staff who are

working so tirelessly during these times to develop and implement new and create programming via Facebook and Zoom. Everyday, we look forward to checking our Temple schedules to see whether there is a song session with Marc Rossio, yoga with Rachel Murray, or story time with Rabbi Benjy and his crew.

Additionally, we have gratitude for our freedom to worship as Jews. On April 8th at 6pm on Zoom, join the Rabbis and your fellow TBS friends for the TBS 1st virtual Passover seder. Although we will not all be together in one room celebrating our freedom from being slaves, we can all come together virtually to partake in the joy of having a seder.

We are also thankful for the past 5 years that we have had with Bonnie Abramowitz as our Executive Director. As Bonnie leaves to start her next chapter in Florida, we are extremely excited to welcome Bobby Covitz to TBS as the next Executive Director. We want to thank Bonnie for her 5 years that she served as Executive Director and we wish her well in Florida! TBS is lucky to have had Bonnie the past few years and we are looking forward to the successful transition of Bobby into the ED role. Bobby brings so many wonderful qualities to TBS and we are thrilled that he has accepted this position.

Finally, we are thankful for all of you, our TBS family. To celebrate community, we invite you to join us on Saturday, April 25th from 6:30-8:00pm virtually via Facebook Live/Zoom for a night of musical entertainment and good vides at our first ever Stay at Home Ball! There will be a silent auction the week leading up the Ball with winners announced on the 25th. Look for more information in the coming days.

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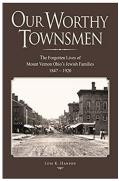
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Email tbs@tbsohio.org with any changes to your family or personal information so we can update your membership profile!

We know this is a really rough time for all of you. We want you to know that TBS is here for you. Feel free to reach out to either one us at any point: bonnieprawer@yahoo.com or dsegal1013@gmail.com.

We wish you a Chag Pesach sameach and good health to all of you! Stay well!

# 14 The Kosher Bookworm



#### The Immigrant Jews of Mount Vernon, Ohio

By Steve Seeskin, TBS Library Committee Chairperson

Early in February, I had occasion to be in Mount Vernon. Joy and her friend were taking a fabric arts class at *The Makery* while her friend's husband and I played cribbage at the Happy Bean Coffee Shop. Of course, we also enjoyed the shop's delicious flavored lattes and fresh baked pastries.

At the end of one game and before starting the next, I excused myself to make a brief visit to Paragraphs Bookstore, a few storefronts down the street. When I first entered this charming bookstore, my eyes were at once drawn to a display of books having this most curious title: *Our Worthy Townsmen: The Forgotten Lives of Mount Vernon Ohio's Jewish Families 1847 – 1920.* I

picked up a copy and paged through it; whereupon, I quickly decided to buy a copy as something I wanted to read. When I checked out at the cash register, the bookseller, a delightful young man, informed me the author, Lois K. Hanson, is the store manager and she unfortunately was not in the store on that morning.

Mount Vernon, the Knox County Seat, is about a forty-five-minute drive, through scenic rolling hills and farmlands, north-by-northeast of New Albany. The book is about the immigrant Jewish families that settled in Mount Vernon – first German Jews and then second in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century were Jews from the lands under the control of Czarist Russia most notably the shtetls in the Pale of Settlement. In many ways, the individual Mount Vernon Jewish family stories are a common story of the Jewish immigration waves of the times. However, Mount Vernon is not New York City, Philadelphia, or even Cleveland or Cincinnati – places where large numbers of Jewish immigrants settled and due to their relatively large numbers were able to establish Jewish institutions and share their culture with their landsmen.

The Jews of Mount Vernon also had to struggle with all kinds of issues not in common with their more urban centered brethren, including buying kosher food, celebrating the Jewish holidays, Jewishly educating their children, and observing Jewish lifecycle events. Regarding lifecycle events was the locating and obtaining the professional services of a rabbi and a mohel, Bar Mitzvah (Bat Mitzvah had not yet become part of our tradition) training and celebration, finding suitable Jewish marriage partners and performance of wedding services, and ritual Jewish burial. Antisemitism as manifested by Ku Klux Klan marches were endured within a small, otherwise seemingly close-knit, community where most everyone knew most everyone else (in or out of white sheet hooded garb).

Our Worthy Townsmen is a painstakingly well-researched book written for those interested readers of Jewish-American history. Both academic and more casual readers will find it interesting and enjoyable. It is highly recommended – the reader will feel as if they got to know the true-life characters portrayed by a skillful author.

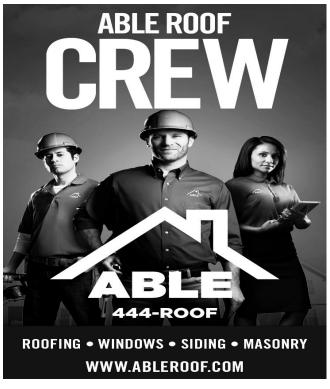
Look for our next The Kosher Bookworm article in the June-July 2020 edition of The Window.



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Friday	Time	Theme
First Friday	6:30pm	Family oriented service with music & story followed by dinner in the social hall.
Second Friday	6:30pm	Focus on Life-long learning with text study. Standard TBS music.
Third Friday	6:30pm	Shabbat Chai - All music service with the Shabband!
Fourth Friday	7:30pm	Traditional Shabbat Service with a sermon and traditional TBS music.
Fifth Friday	6:30pm	Traditional Shabbat Service with a sermon and traditional TBS music.





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