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**Shabbat Neshamah**
May 15 & June 19 | 6:00 pm
Each month, nurture your spirit with a Kabbalat Shabbat filled with singing, poetry, prayer, and meditation.

**Anniversary Shabbat**
May 16 & June 20 | 9:30 am
Each month, congregants celebrating a wedding anniversary are invited to share a special aliyah during Shabbat morning services.

**Shabbat Clubhouse**
Every Saturday | 11:00-11:30 am
A short service designed for our school-aged members. Get together with all your friends for a unique Shabbat experience on ZOOM.

**Daily Services**
Sunday Morning | 9:00 am
ZOOM Link/Meeting ID: 777187544
Monday-Friday Morning | 7:30 am
ZOOM Link/Meeting ID: 678807396
Sunday-Thursday Evening | 5:30 pm
ZOOM Link/Meeting ID: 744444213
Friday Evening | 6:00 pm
ZOOM Link/Meeting ID: 416257518
Saturday Morning | 9:00 am
ZOOM Link/Meeting ID: 628202612

**Services by ZOOM**
Tifereth Israel continues to use ZOOM as its primary method of remaining connected as a community. The majority of services (what Rabbi Hillel likes to call “ZOOMinyans”), classes, and programs are now available in this way.

All morning and evening minyanim and Shabbat services can be accessed through the links throughout this publication or by calling 929-205-6099 or 312-626-6799 and entering the appropriate Meeting ID. If you need help learning how to join a Zoom meeting, please check out this how-to guide.
B'nei Mitzvah

Jack Segerman will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, May 16, 2020. Jack is the son of Douglas Segerman & Shana Raisman, the younger brother of Emma Segerman, and the grandson of Dr. Neal & Aileen Raisman and the late Elliot & Rose Segerman.

Jack is a 7th grade student at Bexley Middle School and attends the Samuel M. Melton Religious School. He received his bar mitzvah instruction from Cantor Jack Chomsky, Dr. Jerry Benis, and Emma Segerman. Jack enjoys building, karate, reading, and playing video games. For his bar mitzvah project, he helped with a garden to donate food to the local food bank.

Douglas & Shana cordially invite relatives, friends, and members of the congregation to worship with them on this happy occasion.

Samuel Noah Feldstein will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, May 23, 2020. Sam is the son of Katie & Jonathan Feldstein and the grandson of Elaine & Steve Edelstein, Marcia Feldstein, and Eden Feldstein.

Jack is a 7th grade student at Gahanna Middle School East and attends the Samuel M. Melton Religious School. Sam is also a graduate of The Columbus Jewish Day School. He received his bar mitzvah instruction from Cantor Jack Chomsky and Dr. Jerry Benis. For his mitzvah project, Sam and his family did volunteer work at the Mid Ohio Food Bank. Sam is on GMSE’s cross country and track teams and is a member of the school’s Power of the Pen creative writing team. He also plays the guitar and saxophone in GMSE’s band and jazz band.

Katie & Jonathan cordially invite relatives, friends, and members of the congregation to worship with them on this happy occasion.

Gabriel Lev Zeigler will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, June 13, 2020. Gabriel is the son of Sara & Chris Zeigler, the younger brother of Rose Zeigler, and the grandson of Elsa & the late Allen Leveton and Polly & Paul Zeigler.

Jack is a 7th grade student at Gahanna Middle School East and attends the Samuel M. Melton Religious School. He is also a graduate of The Columbus Jewish Day School. He received his bar mitzvah instruction from Cantor Jack Chomsky and Dr. Jerry Benis. Gabriel enjoys spending summers at Camp Livingston.

Sara & Chris cordially invite relatives, friends, and members of the congregation to worship with them on this happy occasion.

Carly Maxine Hanin will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Saturday, June 20, 2020. Carly is the daughter of Jeff & Melissa Hanin and the granddaughter of Suzi & Larry Heiny and Bob & Linda Fiatal.

Carly is a 7th grade student at Bexley Middle School and attends the Samuel M. Melton Religious School. She received her bat mitzvah instruction from Cantor Jack Chomsky. Carly also spends time rock climbing, playing travel soccer, and playing guitar.

Jeff & Melissa cordially invite relatives, friends, and members of the congregation to worship with them on this happy occasion.

Rosh Chodesh

Sunday, May 24  9:00 am & 5:30 pm
Monday, June 22  7:20 am & 5:30 pm
Tuesday, June 23  7:20 am & 5:30 pm

Shavuot

Thursday, May 28
Family Ice Cream Social 6:30 pm
ZOOM Link/Meeting ID: 86421585118
Tikkun Leil Shavuot 7:30 pm
with Mincha, Learning & Ma’ariv
ZOOM Link/Meeting ID: 86421585118

Friday, May 29
Shavuot Festival Service 9:00 am
ZOOM Link/Meeting ID: 87382775635
(no evening service)

Saturday, May 30
Shabbat Morning Services 9:00 am
Includes Yizkor & Adult B’nei Mitzvah
(no Shabbat Warmup)
ZOOM Link/Meeting ID: 628202612

Milestone Anniversaries

May
Harlan & Teri Meyer  30
Charles (Chuck) & Debbi Sugarman  30
John & Laura Ryzenman  20
Jennifer & Jason Diehl  10
Samuel (Sam) & Devorah Schlein  5

June
Gerald & Francine Jacobs  60
Allan & Bonnie Finkelstein  50
Gary & Amy Nathans  50
Fred & Jill Winer  50
Louis (Lou) & Sheila Chodosh  45
David & Susan Greenberger  45
Chaim & Malka BenDor  40
Brad & Susie Blair  40
Steven & Sheila Hirsch  35
Cheryl Weiner & Lee Pearlman  35
Carol Ross & Stanley Mandelbaum  15
Stacy Grossman & Adam Gurevitz  10
Liz & Jordan Berman  5
Alex & Jaclyn Szaruga  5
Counting the Omer and the Quarantine is Meaningful

Rabbi Hillel Skolnik | hskolnik@tiferethisrael.org

Each year, on the second night of Passover, we begin the counting of the Omer. The Torah specifically instructs us to count seven complete weeks, from Passover to the holiday of Shavuot. It is a counting which begins with day 1 and continues through day 49 as we consciously count up (as opposed to counting down) to the experience of revelation at Mount Sinai.

This year, when it came time for counting the Omer during our second seder, the Skolniks did two countings. We counted the Omer, but also did our “counting of the quarantine.” Some of you might have seen us on Facebook on a daily basis as we count the days since our children have been to school. It has become a serious daily ritual for us and, I dare say, for those who watch our videos on a daily basis. As we each share something positive that has happened that day, we declare ourselves actively ready to fulfill the act of saving lives by staying home.

We recite a blessing thanking God for answering us in times of crisis and then count each day of the quarantine. May 1, the date of publication of this issue of the Forum, will be day 47.

Last week we passed the 40-day mark, which meant that we had been in this social isolation longer than Moses had been on Mount Sinai. In the coming days, we’ll pass day 49, which will take us into higher numbers than the Omer has ever gone and will ever go. To be honest, there are moments when I find that to be depressing, as it has been so long since we’ve all been together in person. But, there are other moments when I am inspired by our communal perseverance, ability, and willingness to maintain these physical boundaries for the sake of saving lives. And, through it all, I remember each day of counting of the quarantine is also counting up toward a new normal for our congregation, our city, our state, our country, and our world. May we arrive at that new normal safely, speedily, and in good health.

In Memoriam

We note with sorrow and mourn the passing of:

Joan Frommer Bloom, beloved sister of Edward Kraut.

Jerome (Jerry) J. Hackman, beloved husband of Linda Katz Hackman.

Rabbi Marilyn Werman, beloved mother of Dr. Howard (Gwen) Werman.

Gerald Greenberger, beloved brother of Dr. David (Susan) Greenberger and uncle of Sarah, Jonathan, and Rebecca Greenberger.

Robert Spira, beloved father of Scott (Cynthia Weiss) Spira.

Jennie Zeidman, beloved mother of Barry (Tamarah Rehman) Zeidman and grandmother of Dyan (Halen) Johnson.


May their memories be for a blessing.

Todah Rabah!

The congregation is grateful for the sponsorship of Shabbat kiddush on Saturday, March 7, by the Tifereth Israel Sisterhood and Men’s Club in honor of Sisterhood & Men’s Club Shabbat.

How to Read the Jewish Bible

Weekly | Fridays | 8:15 to 9:15 am
We are diving into, “How to Read the Jewish Bible.” In this book, biblical scholar Marc Zvi Brettler argues we can best understand ancient Hebrew scripture by understanding more about the culture that produced it. Led by Rabbi Alex Braver. For information, contact Joy at jcontreras@tiferethisrael.org or 614-928-3291. New students welcome at any time.

ZOOM Link/Member ID: 334951636

Short Story Group

Wednesdays | May 6-June 10 | 10:30 am
Join our lively discussions of intriguing stories that engage and entertain.

ZOOM Link/Meeting ID: 243651229

Lunch & Learn

Join Rabbi Hillel Skolnik and Rabbi Alex Braver for stimulating, timely, and relevant examination of Jewish tenets, through a modern lens. All during your lunch hour!

Wednesday, May 13, 12:00-1:00 pm
The Book of Ruth & Environmental Justice

ZOOM Link/Meeting ID: 85402370218

Wednesday, June 10, 12:00-1:00 pm
Healing Prayers

ZOOM Link/Meeting ID: 82523560642

NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!
Over these past few weeks, the concept of community has changed before our very eyes. For as long as any of us can remember, community included physical gatherings for social interactions, prayer, ritual, learning, and eating, and every facet of life. In what seemed like the blink of an eye, all of that changed as the Coronavirus struck and social distancing became the order of the day. Yet, even as the concept of how community gathers has been altered, its definition remains the same. Community is formed when people find ways to gather together, no matter what: for happy times and sad, for celebration, social interaction, prayer, ritual, learning, and even eating.

At this confusing and disturbing time, Congregation Tifereth Israel has served as a focus for our community and an anchor for our faith. Our shul has provided us with a regular schedule of services, classes, and other activities. It has helped us stay connected to one another. Our clergy and staff have continued to serve us, succeeding under truly difficult circumstances. We remain members of a strong, vibrant congregation that continues to move forward to meet our spiritual, educational, and social needs.

In the past few weeks we have celebrated a bat mitzvah, had a communal seder, read from the Torah, taught religious school, sung songs with our tots, marked anniversaries, mourned loved ones, laughed, cried, and kept up our regularly scheduled activities and services. In other words, we continued to be a k’hilah k’adosha – a sacred community.

Without question, regardless of the what the weeks and months ahead bring, that will not change.

Of course, our shul is not immune to the economic circumstances we all are experiencing. We have actively pursued means of helping us smooth over this very rough patch, including applying for a federal SBA loan under the Payroll Protection Plan.

We know well that these uncertain financial times have hit many members of our congregation. Let me be clear that we will be here as your community, irrespective of the financial toll this crisis has taken on your family. Even so, we are counting on members to help, as much as they are able, maintain our financial health as we work through this difficult time. And though your financial contributions are crucial, what is most important are your personal and your spiritual contributions as a member of this community. We are happy to work with you and are more committed than ever to making sure that no one is ever turned away due to the inability to pay.

Our world is set to construct a new version of normal. With your steadfast dedication, we known Tifereth Israel will play a leading role in the world as a model of sacred community.

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**Mazal Tov**

To Sandy & Bernie Senser on the birth of their grandson, Sonny Ray Senser

**Welcoming Shabbat Mindfulness Practice**

**Weekly | Fridays | 12:00 to 12:40 pm**

Join Beth Brown each week to explore and experience two new meditation techniques from a Jewish perspective. We will ease ourselves away from the stresses of the week in preparation for Shabbat. Beginners and those with “Beginner’s Mind” are all welcome.

**ZOOM Link | Meeting ID: 94107344940**

**Boker Tov ZOOM**

Sundays @ 11:00 am

On Sundays, spend time playing games, singing songs, and catching up with friends.

**ZOOM Link | Meeting ID: 526873863**

**Rabbis’ Study Circle**

**Wednesdays | May 6-June 10 | 9:30 am**

Join Rabbis Skolnik and Braver for an exploration of, *What is the Zohar? Mysticism, Mystery & Lore.* No Hebrew required. Drop in or drop out as your schedule permits.

**ZOOM Link | Meeting ID: 243651229**

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**Save the Date:**

**PRIDE SHABBAT**

Friday, June 19, 2020

Service: 6:00 pm

**Speaker: 7:15 pm (approx.)**
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Wednesday, May 6, at 6:30 pm
On the Road Again: Travel as Transformation in the Talmud
Guest: Rabba Yaffa Epstein, Director of the Wexner Heritage Program
Sponsor: Paulayne Epstein, in memory of Arthur Epstein

Wednesday, May 20, at 6:30 pm
Models of Jewish Leadership
Guest: Stephanie Wapner, Senior Lecturer in Management and Human Resources at the OSU Fisher College of Business
Sponsor: Fred & Jill Winer, in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary

Wednesday, June 3, at 6:30 pm
Topic & Speaker to be Determined
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Wednesday, June 17, at 6:30 pm
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ZOOM Link • Meeting ID: 86923887645

Hebrew Crash Course
Level I
Tuesdays | June 9-July 14 | 6:15 pm
Learn the Aleph-Bet and how to sound out Hebrew words from scratch.
Register online now
ZOOM Link/Meeting ID: 88672921309

Level II
Tuesdays | July 28-August 25 | 6:15 pm
Already know the Hebrew Aleph-Bet? Review your reading skills while learning basic Hebrew prayer vocabulary, grammar, and phrases as we study familiar prayers like Adon Olam and Lecha Dodi.
Register online now.
ZOOM Link/Meeting ID: 86481738469

Classes are led by long-time Columbus Hebrew teacher Pamela Feldman-Hill and offered for FREE in partnership with the National Jewish Outreach Project. Space is limited.

2020/5780 Congregation Tifereth Israel Annual Meeting
Tuesday, May 19, 2020
7:00 pm
ZOOM Link provided with RSVP to: bit.ly/CTIAnnualMeeting2020

Talk by President Ron Solove
Installation of Officers & Board of Trustees
Presentation of the Heinz Hoffman Service Award
Celebrate SHAVUOT!

Thursday, May 28
Family Ice Cream Social @ 6:30 pm
ZOOM Link/Meeting ID: 86421585118

Tikkun Leil Shavuot @ 7:30 pm
with Mincha, Learning & Ma’ariv
(no evening minyan)
ZOOM Link/Meeting ID: 86421585118

Friday, May 29
Shavuot Festival Service @ 9:00 am
ZOOM Link/Meeting ID: 87382775635

Kabbalat Shabbat Service @ 6:00 pm
ZOOM Link/Meeting ID: 416257518

Saturday, May 30
Shabbat Morning Services @ 9:00 am
with Yizkor & Adult B’nei Mitzvah
(no Shabbat warmup)
ZOOM Link/Meeting ID: 628202612
Why I Love Tifereth Israel

Carol Glassman  

Congregation Tifereth Israel is my home away from home. Tifereth Israel is a warm, welcoming, diverse, inclusive, egalitarian community. We embrace acceptance, where every person who enters our synagogue feels comfortable. I love this.

We are a traditional Conservative synagogue. But, in addition to honoring our beloved traditions, we are constantly seeking and learning new ways to inspire, to teach, and to grow as a congregation.

We have something for everyone at Tifereth Israel. From Boker Tov for our youngest children to the Samuel M. Melton Religious school and USY for elementary through high school students, Tifereth Israel offers a rich Jewish education to our children. We have exciting, relevant, resonant adult education programs here at Tifereth Israel, which are offered both during daytime and evening hours. I had a lifelong dream of becoming a bat mitzvah. That dream was fulfilled when I was given the opportunity to celebrate my bat mitzvah with a group of 12 adults in 2007. It remains one of my most cherished milestones.

It is always possible to learn, to deepen one's understanding of our religion, and to find answers in personal journeys of faith here.

We are blessed at Tifereth Israel with clergy who are brilliant, invested in what they do, caring, and available to us, in both joyful and sorrowful times. We believe strongly in, and work hard for social justice, which is very important to me. And we have FUN! From Dinner, Drinks & Drash to the Purimspiel, to our annual picnic - and so much more - Tifereth Israel provides countless great activities that bring us together in wonderful, positive ways.

I have always loved being Jewish. And I love being Jewish at Congregation Tifereth Israel.

Rashi+
Weekly | Thursdays (thru July 2) | 8:15 am
Through careful reading and lively discussion, come study the classic commentary of Rashi (Rabbi Shlomo ben Yitzchak) and other medieval Torah commentators. Knowledge of Hebrew is not necessary. New students are always welcome. For more information, contact Rabbi Harold Berman.  
ZOOM Link/Meeting ID: 479161707

Perek Yomi
Weekly | Tuesdays | 8:30 to 9:30 am
Explore a new chapter of the Hebrew Bible for each day with Rabbi Skolnik, starting with “In the beginning” and moving onward from there! Drop in for a few sessions, or make it a regular part of your week! Also available on Facebook (no account needed).  
ZOOM Link/Meeting ID: 999332791

Front Axle Farm 2020 CSA
Order your share of produce from this local farm and pick up a box of organic vegetables every Tuesday from June through October. Full shares are $35/week or $700/season. Half shares are $20/week or $400/season. Two percent of all proceeds go back to Tifereth Israel. Order online at frontaxlefarm.com.

Youth Programs with Morgan
Mondays @ 2:00 pm | Fridays @ 3:00 pm
On Mondays, spend time playing games, catching up with friends, and doing cool activities with Tifereth Israel Youth & Families Director Morgan Levin. (ZOOM Link/Meeting ID: 97533794235). On Fridays, Morgan will lead a fun and creative craft projects (ZOOM Link/99669102558). Both programs are open to kids of all ages and their grown-ups. Supply lists are distributed in advance. For more information, contact Morgan at 614-928-3286.
Conflict Between Tradition, Change Found Everywhere

Education Director Miriam Berk  |  mberk@tiferethisrael.org

I will be receiving my executive master’s degree in Jewish educational leadership at the end of May. Our final project is to present and write about an enduring dilemma, when one finds oneself challenged by two opposing values. My group chose to present on the values of “comfort” and “disruption” (stated more simply, tradition and change). Everywhere one turns, one faces this tension — when to make a change and when to leave things well enough alone. Who would have thought our enduring dilemma would be front and center in the last few months as we fight the COVID-19 pandemic? Our world has been turned upside down and we find ourselves needing to find the comfort and stability in the disruption of our work, our schooling, the way we entertain, and the way we pray. While I had toyed with moving some religious school programs to a virtual format, I never anticipated the need to transform our program from a brick-and-mortar school into an online learning experience within the span of two weeks! Here are few things I’ve learned, through the lens of our school’s Jewish values:

**Shmirat HaGuf: Protecting our Bodies**

Normally, we speak to students about the need to keep our hands and feet to ourselves in the classroom (no kicking someone else’s chair, poking others, etc.). In the time of COVID-19, this has taken on a whole new meaning. The rabbis and I have talked over our ZOOM sessions about *pikuach nefesh* (the value of saving a life) in terms of the importance of distancing to protect ourselves and others from getting sick. Additionally, teachers have been incorporating Hebrew through movement into their lessons, bringing home the importance of taking care of our bodies and staying healthy, even if we have to spend so much time indoors.

**Kavod: Respect**

Using our new ZOOM format has been a great way to stay connected to our students and families. Our students are still expected to be respectful of their teachers and classmates as we face new challenges that this format presents (“everyone, put yourselves on mute!”). And we are offering our online classes during regular school hours to maintain a sense of continuity and normalcy and to respect and honor routines while at home.

**Kedusha: Holiness**

There is something sacred in these gatherings — reaching through a screen to maintain connection with faces we are used to seeing weekly in person. Humans are not meant to be isolated; and as Jews we work best in community. Returning to school online allows our community to flourish and students to interact with one another and to be seen and heard during these difficult times.

**Talmud Torah: The Value of Education**

As we planned to complete our last six weeks of classes virtually, the staff spoke about what we feel are the important objectives we want our students to walk away with. Overwhelmingly, our teachers felt contact with their students superseded content. That is why each session begins with a connecting prompt to help maintain and strengthen community amongst the students, even with our physical distancing. And they are doing their best to engage students with creative and interactive lessons, teaching the remaining holidays of the year, Bible stories, and Hebrew prayer and reading. Based on emails I’ve received from parents, they so appreciate our efforts in continuing to provide a warm, inviting space for students to be seen, to share, and to learn!

From the time I canceled in-person classes until our teachers were holding virtual lessons was less than two weeks. I am in awe of, and have tremendous gratitude for, our teachers and specialists who pushed through some discomfort and uncertainty to figure out how to convert their lessons to a virtual format. We “met” during our scheduled spring break to figure out how to use ZOOM and to share best practices of how to have meaningful and effective online lessons. Those with stronger technical skills reached out to guide those who were having more difficulties. We were all learning from one another in this new world! I can’t thank our teachers enough for rising to the occasion to finish out our year strong and connected to their students.

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**Mazel Tov**

2020-5780
Congregation Tifereth Israel
Adult B’nei Mitzvah Class

Linda Marlin
Susan Sitler
Peter Stahl
Amy Tannenbaum
Chris Zeigler

Please Join Us
Shabbat Shavuot Morning
Saturday, May 30, 2020
9:00 am

Each member of the class will read a section of the Torah, lead part of the Haftarah and other sections of the service, and offer words of insight into the various elements that are part of our ritual for the second day of Shavuot.

**ZOOM Link**
Meeting ID: 628202612
“As a torch is not diminished, though it kindles a million candles, so will one not lose who gives to a good cause.” — Exodus Rabbah 30:3

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