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March at Beth Tikvah



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Words from Rabbi Karen Martin

In October and November, members of the Beth Tikvah community came together in a series of Listening Circles to share what issues were troubling them and what was keeping them up at night. We undertook these listening circles to inform our social justice work at Beth Tikvah, as part of RAC-OH—the Ohio branch of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism—and to inform our work with B.R.E.A.D., a local multi-faith coalition.

We saw three major themes emerge from these circles:

- **Preserving our Democracy and Democratic Norms:** The erosion of democratic norms came up in one way or another in nearly every listening circle. As American Jews, we helped shape and now rely on these norms—on the freedoms of religious practice, press, speech, and assembly; our right to due process, and the peaceable processes through which power transitions from one administration to the next. These core rights and norms are not and should not be partisan issues, but they are currently being weaponized and undermined.
- **Fear of Christian nationalism and antisemitism, especially in our schools:** Our students are facing antisemitism at school, both directly and indirectly, at levels that would have been unimaginable even a decade ago. Some have lost friends. Worse, they're beginning to think this is normal. At the same time, the state has allowed students to leave school during the school day to receive religious instruction without oversight into what is being taught or by whom.
- **Care for the most vulnerable:** With rising costs and changes to state policies, our community members are worried that those who are most vulnerable, including immigrants and those in need for a variety of reasons would face food insecurity, potentially loss of housing, and inability to access medical attention because of rising costs.

What We're Doing:

We are not alone in our concern over the future of American Democracy. In collaboration with Worthington faith partners, St. John's Episcopal Church, Worthington Presbyterian Church, All Saints Lutheran Church, and Lord of Life Lutheran Church, we brought faith250, a multi-faith program to study and discuss American foundational texts and values created by A More Perfect Union: The Jewish Partnership for Democracy. The Jewish Partnership for Democracy (JPD) is a non-partisan initiative to empower and equip Jewish communities to uphold democracy. Our goals are to create values-based communication across differences and build strong bridges with our neighbors.

At both state and national levels, we will be working with the Religious Action Center on targeted actions to preserve and protect democracy, starting on April 15, 2026 at 7:00 PM, with [We Decide Our Future: Acting Together for Democracy](#) as a kickoff to the Reform Movement's Every Voice, Every Vote campaign. Please join us!

After a listening campaign that reached across the state and included more than 120 people from 19 congregations, followed by a period of research and connecting with potential community partners, RAC-OH will be focusing its next campaign on ensuring our public-school students have the freedom to learn without religious influence. Our campaign launch is on April 30, and I hope to see you there. [Click here to register.](#)

Words from Rabbi Karen Martin

As I write this, H.B. 531, the “School Chaplain Act,” is in committee in the Ohio state legislature, which would require school districts to vote on whether or not to allow volunteer chaplains into their schools to provide support services and programs. As it is currently written, a “chaplain” is defined as:

A religious professional who has received endorsement or certification by a recognized ecclesiastical endorsing agency and who provides spiritual programming, support, and counseling.

By this definition, only Christian clergy or religious professionals can be “chaplains” in this context, and these chaplains do not require formal chaplaincy or mental health training. Speaking as a former hospital chaplain, this is deeply troubling and I hope you will join me in [writing your state representatives](#) and asking them not to support this bill.

Locally, Rabbi Kellner, in partnership with JewishColumbus and the JCRC, met with superintendents from several Columbus area school districts to teach about Judaism and antisemitism. He continues to visit with classes at area high schools and supports the JCRC’s teen Peer2Peer program to combat antisemitism. As the 9th Grade and 10th Grade teen program teachers, we both support our students in any way we are able as they navigate these issues on a daily basis.

In hearing our community’s call to support the most vulnerable, we partnered with Jewish congregations across Columbus to support immigrants through Helping Hands, Jewish Family Service, and Muslim Family Service. Our support drive is ongoing! In January, we also launched a monthly free community meal. Although we are in the process of assessing where and how the program will continue, I’m awed by our community’s commitment to putting values into action.

With [B.R.E.A.D.](#), who took the information from our listening circles as well as input from multi-faith congregational partners across Columbus, we are focusing on supporting the vulnerable in our city by finding a path to ensure people are able to earn a livable wage. Please join us on April 14 at 7:00 PM at Corinthian Missionary Baptist, 3161 E. 5th Ave for the B.R.E.A.D. Rally to learn about solutions for these community problems, and on May 12, 2026, for Nehemiah Action at the Celeste Center. The doors open at 6:00 PM and the program begins at 6:40 PM. It’s incredible what we can do when we work together, so come experience the power of collective action.

We also continue this work of supporting those in need at Beth Tikvah on Mitzvah Day, April 12, with projects that support homeless individuals, adults emerging from the foster care system who are setting up new apartments or welcoming children, and much more. I hope to see you all there.

There is a lot of work to do to mend what is broken in our world. In Pirkei Avot (2:16) we read: “Rabbi Tarfun used to say, ‘It is not your duty to finish the work, but neither are you at liberty to neglect it.’” We don’t need to finish the work or to take on every aspect of it, and we’re not in this alone, but it is imperative that we all work together toward tikkun—healing. Please let me know if you have questions or would like to support any of these efforts.

Pause for Poetry - Rabbi Rick Kellner

Going out of Egypt by Hagit Dardik Ackerman

as it appears in *Mishkan HaSeder*, edited by Rabbi Hara Person, CCAR Press

*Not with a strong hand
 And not with an outstretched arm
 And not with great awe
 And not with signs
 And not with wonders
 But rather hesitantly
 With small steps
 Terrified by darkness
 Softly
 And with dedication*

*And with purpose
 And precision
 And love
 Carrying little marks
 Like the wrinkles of passing time,
 And the transition of seasons,
 My changing body,
 The pearls of my longings.
 Going out of Egypt.*

Storytelling paints a picture of the past as we remember it on the canvas of our memories. To sit around our seder tables and tell the story is, in and of itself, a reflection that we are a free people with the ability to tell the story of our past. Our Haggadahs are filled with wine stains and matzah crumbs from seders past. The story contained on its pages reminds us of the eternal journey of our people and how we called out from the narrow place of Egypt and how God answered us from a wide expanse with a large embrace.

Perhaps we remember how we marched out of Egypt with pride and the steps we took with awe as we followed Moses who was guided by a pillar of fire. Perhaps we imagine God carrying us with a strong hand or an outstretched arm. Hagit Dardik Ackerman offers us another way to look at the experience of the Exodus. Maybe our steps were small and hesitant. Maybe we were afraid of what the future would hold as we left the only place we had ever known. She tells us that we carried marks, "like wrinkles of passing time." Are those the wounds from the taskmaster's whip or the impact of the sun on our labored bodies? Each mark carries the memory of slavery, pain, and longing for a better tomorrow.

When we tell the stories of our past, we sometimes look at them in retrospect with joy as we celebrate the survival of the moment. And yet, we forget the complexity of the emotions we may have felt as we were living it. Do the scars on our bodies serve as reminders for the emotions that are hidden beneath the dust of generations layered on top of them? As we dig through the past and sift through the memories, what remains in the sifter? We hold the joy and the pain, the light and the darkness, the awe and the trepidation. That is the complexity of our story. As we sit down at our seder tables to tell the story of our people, what is it that we as individuals are carrying with us?

Debra, Zoe, Shira, and I wish you a *Zissen Pesach*. May the holiday be filled with joy, sweetness, and profound moments of reflection on what the story holds for each of us.



SERVICES & RITUAL

April 2026

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YIZKOR SERVICE

Wednesday, April 8 at 8:30 AM

Join us in-person or on Zoom as we come together to honor and remember our loved ones. Meet in the Beth Tikvah Library at 8:30am. Please note that our offices are closed following the Yizkor service.

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN ON ZOOM.](#)

APRIL

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FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE

Friday, April 17 at 7:15 PM

Join us for Shabbat dinner at 6:15pm catered by Olive Garden, followed by our Family Shabbat service led by our 3rd grade Religious School class.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR DINNER.](#)

MARCH

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LEGACY SHABBAT SERVICE

Friday, April 24 at 7:15 PM

Join us for our Legacy Shabbat in honor of the visionaries who are securing Beth Tikvah's future through legacy giving. Together, we honor those who plant seeds for the next generation. All are welcome to be inspired by stories of impact and meaning.



HOLIDAY GATHERINGS



APRIL 13

YOM HASHOAH - 6:30 PM

Located at Ahavas Shalom

A day of remembrance honoring the six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust and the resilience of survivors.



APRIL 20

YOM HAZIKARON - 7:00 PM

Located at the JCC

Israel's Memorial Day, dedicated to honoring fallen soldiers and victims of terror who gave their lives for the State of Israel.



APRIL 22

YOM HA'ATZMAUT - 5:00 PM

Located at the JCC

Israel's Independence Day, celebrating the founding of the State of Israel and the enduring spirit of its people.



Mitzvah Day!

Sunday, April 12 • 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

LEARN MORE | DONATE ITEMS

Mitzvah Day is Beth Tikvah's largest Tikkun Olam project of the year!

This special day brings together our entire congregation to collect donations, assemble kits, and roll up our sleeves for hands-on projects that impact lives across our community.

Religious School: 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Mitzvah Day: 10:30 AM - 12 PM.

Parents must accompany students in Grade 5 and under.

GARDEN BUDS ARE BACK!

**Gardening season returns on
Tuesday, April 14, 2026!**

This year, we'll tackle the wild growth along the driveway while continuing to make our Beth Tikvah grounds beautiful and welcoming.

Join the Garden Buds every Tuesday at 9:30 AM.
No experience needed, just a willingness to get your hands a little dirty! We wrap up around noon with lunch and great company.

**Join us for garden clean-up on Mitzvah Day,
Sunday, April 12. Come grow with us!**



FAMILY

Events

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Sign-Up

JYG MOVIE & CRAFT NIGHT

After our Shabbat service, 6th and 7th graders are invited to a special movie night where they can vote with their friends on which movie to watch! There will be crafts, a popcorn bar, and more!

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Sign-Up

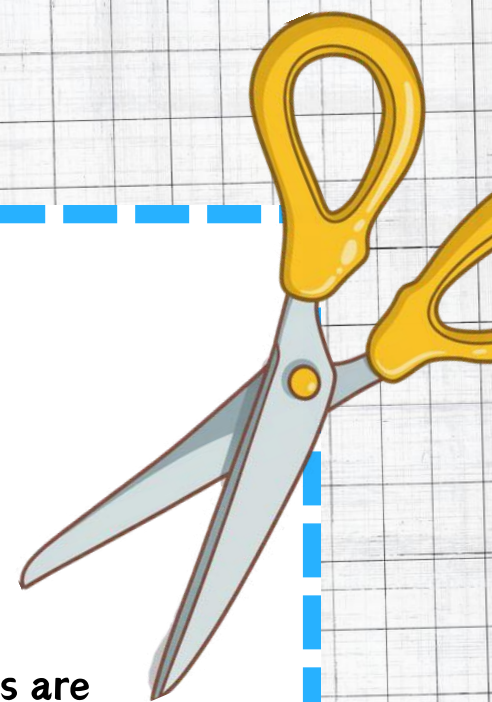
TEENS TOPGOLF PARTY

All 8th - 12th graders are invited to join us in partnership with the teens of Temple Israel and Temple Beth Shalom at TopGolf in Polaris.

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SHABBAT SHABOOM

Join us at 9:00 AM in the PI Library at Beth Tikvah for a Shabbat program for 0-4 year olds and their families. We will read a story, braid challah, sing songs, and more! In partnership with JCC North Preschool, JewishColumbus, & PI Library.



MORISSA FREIBERG-VANCE, RJE

TIKKUN OLAM CLUB



We are thrilled to share the launch of our new Tikkun Olam Club as part of our Religious School! Open to students in grades PK-5, this special program meets once a month before school and is already off to a wonderful start, with two well-attended gatherings full of energy, creativity, and kindness.



We launched the program in January with a special in-school experience to build excitement and frame the importance of this work. Students participated in station-based learning about hunger and food insecurity, as well as the value of ma'achal re'evim. As part of the program, participants packed 75 lunches for The Open Shelter.

At our first official before-school meeting, students created heartfelt thank-you cards for the police departments that serve Beth Tikvah, expressing gratitude for their role in keeping our community safe. At our second meeting, students focused on bringing joy to others by creating beautiful Passover decorations for the residents of Wexner Heritage Village.



This program is made possible by an incredible group of parent volunteers who partner with me each month to plan these meaningful, hands-on service projects. Their dedication and enthusiasm have helped bring this vision to life. Thank you to Apryl Ash, Jessica Horowitz-Moore, Julie Snyder, and Amanda Steller for your work on this program!

The Tikkun Olam Club has been a dream in the making for several years, and we feel so grateful to now have the passionate lay leadership to make it a reality. We look forward to watching it continue to grow as our students learn the power of giving back, living Jewish values, and making a difference in the world.

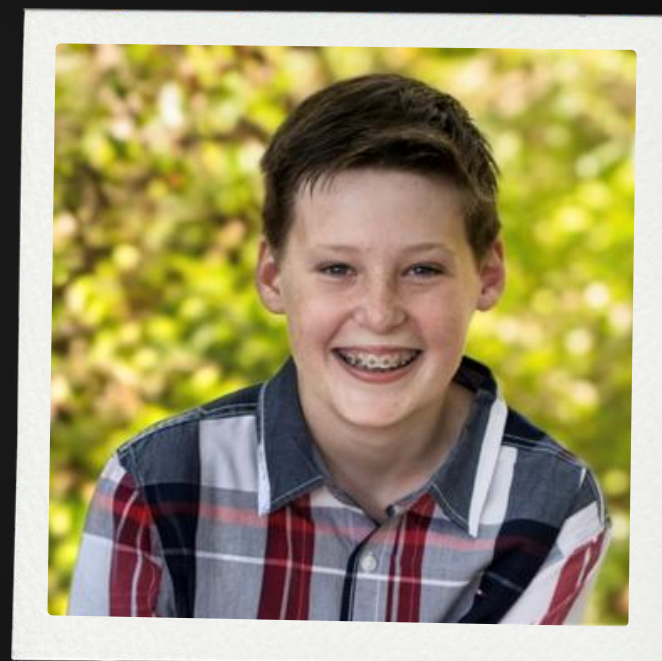


ELEANOR

Eleanor “Nellie” Cather is a 7th grader at Davis Middle School. Their favorite subject is science. In their spare time, Eleanor loves camping with their Scouting America troop, cats, playing DnD, reading Rick Riordan books, dancing, and singing. They also enjoy doodling, art, and theater. For their Mitzvah project, Eleanor chose to make handmade blankets for children in foster care. They knitted blankets and made them out of fleece. Each one has a personalized message of encouragement for the child receiving the blanket.

Mazel Tov!

APRIL B'NAI MITZVAH



CONNOR

Connor Laine is in 7th grade at a Grizzell Middle School in Dublin. His Bar Mitzvah is April 18th, the day after his 13th birthday. He loves playing club soccer and is excited to learn Spanish. His mitzvah project focuses on service hours in a school-based club called Celtic connections. The club focuses on fellow classmates with disabilities and promotes student inclusivity and accessibility. He has taken a special interest in this club since starting middle school. He has really enjoyed learning with Linda VanHorne in private Hebrew study and more recently with Keila as his Bar Mitzvah tutor.

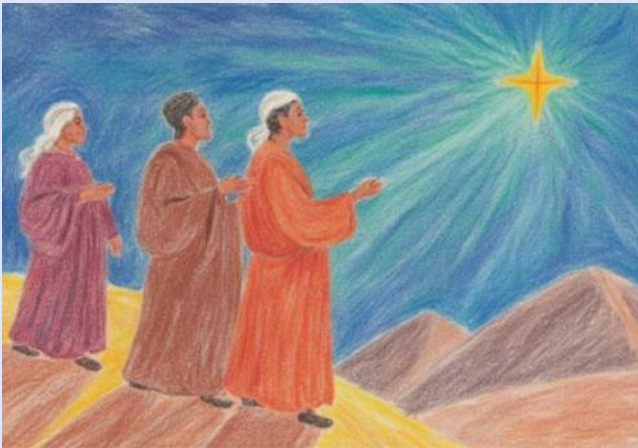
How-To with Beth Tikvah

PASSOVER IN REFORM JUDAISM

Passover is one of Judaism's most beloved holidays—a time for gathering, storytelling, and meaningful traditions. In Reform Judaism, it is deeply rooted and beautifully adaptable, reminding us that learning, connection, and joy are at the heart of Jewish life.

The Passover Story

At the center of [Passover](#) is the story of the Exodus—when the Israelites were freed from slavery in Egypt. They left in such haste that their bread did not rise, giving us matzah, a lasting symbol of the holiday. Each year at the seder, we don't just tell the story, we relive it, imagining ourselves on the journey from hardship to freedom.



Haggadah & Resources

The Haggadah is the book that guides us through the seder. It contains the story of the Exodus, blessings, songs, and instructions for the rituals of the evening. There are many versions—each offering unique perspectives and ways to engage.

[Explore resources ideas to enhance your celebration.](#)

The Seder

The seder brings the story to life through ritual, food, and participation.

- **The Four Questions** open the evening: “Why is this night different?”
- **Four Cups of Wine** represent promises of freedom
- **The Afikomen** adds a playful moment for children
- **The Seder Plate** uses symbolic foods to tell the story:
 - Matzah (freedom)
 - Maror (bitterness)
 - Charoset (hope and resilience)
 - Egg & greens (renewal)
 - Shank bone (tradition)



Sources & Further Reading:

- [*Jewish Connection Network. "Your Passover, Your Way."*](#)
- [*My Jewish Learning. "The Hidden Matzah"*](#)
- [*My Jewish Learning. "Passover 101."*](#)
- [*Union for Reform Judaism. "Passover Videos."*](#)
- [*Union for Reform Judaism. "What Goes on the Seder Plate?"*](#)
- [*Union for Reform Judaism. "Passover."*](#)
- [*Union for Reform Judaism. "Prepping for Passover."*](#)
- [*Union for Reform Judaism. "The Four Questions."*](#)
- [*Union for Reform Judaism. "Passover Social Action Guide."*](#)

Passover Recipes from Around the World

Click on the photos for the recipe.



Moroccan Carrot Salad

Tender carrots tossed in a vibrant chermoula of garlic, cumin, lemon, and fresh herbs. A staple in Moroccan Jewish cuisine, it reflects the bold flavors of North Africa and the Passover theme of renewal.



Greek Lemon Potato Bake

Potatoes roasted with lemon, garlic, and oregano until crispy on the edges and soft inside. Naturally chametz-free, it reflects Mediterranean simplicity and the Passover theme of making something extraordinary from humble ingredients.



Ethiopian Spiced Lentil Stew

Lentils simmered with garlic, ginger, and warm spices for a deeply comforting dish. Inspired by Ethiopian flavors, it reflects resilience and community—central themes of both Jewish history and the Passover story.



Classic Brisket with Caramelized Onions

Slow-braised brisket cooked until tender with sweet, deeply caramelized onions. This beloved Seder centerpiece represents abundance and the joy of gathering, often prepared in advance to allow families more time together.



Argentine Chimichurri Grilled Chicken

Juicy grilled chicken topped with a bright chimichurri of parsley, garlic, and vinegar. In Latin American Jewish communities, grilled meats often anchor festive meals, celebrating both freedom and gathering.

[Click Here for more recipes.](#)



THE CAROB TREE PROJECT

featuring

**EARL
GOLDHAMMER**



“I am very interested in art,” Earl began. **“I knew nothing about art, absolutely nothing. I just loved the class.”** He has always been willing to step into what he doesn’t yet understand. Years later, that instinct became a love language he shared with his wife, Karen.

“I met my wife and it turns out that she was an art lover too, but knew much, much more about art than I did. And so our life was very focused on art.” They traveled. They tried new things. They built a life around what they loved. **“She was very devoted to Judaism. The thing that I looked forward to each year was our Seder.”**

One year, Karen invited two nuns. **“So it was a Seder with my wife and I and two nuns.”** He paused, smiling as he remembered. **“One of the nuns enjoyed the Seder so much... I was glad that she had a ride home.”**

There is something about Earl’s presence that can be felt immediately. He meets people with an openness that does not ask for attention but holds it anyway. He cares deeply about those around him; he listens closely, responds thoughtfully, and makes space for others to be seen. His warmth is steady and comes naturally; it shows in the way he speaks and in a smile that is both gentle and unmistakably Earl.

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THE CAROB TREE PROJECT *featuring* EARL GOLDHAMMER

Earl speaks about miracles and intervention with a kind of quiet certainty. He leaves space for them, the way one leaves space for a question that does not need to be answered right away.

“Has God ever intervened in your life? My answer is yes.” In Jerusalem, standing at a locked gate, something happened. **“A guy comes along. He pushed some buttons to let me in, and just as I got in, I turned around to thank him, and he disappeared.”**

The moment still lingers—not because he can explain it, but because he cannot. He does not turn it into something larger than it is, but he doesn’t dismiss it either. He carries it alongside everything else he knows to be true. **“I’m a math major and I was a tax lawyer. I don’t deal in fantasy very much.”**

The people who shaped him remain close to his heart. **“One of the most important people in my life was the cantor in my synagogue when I was a boy.”** He remembers the time they spent together like it was yesterday. **“He had numbers on his arm. He told me, ‘The reason I’m here is because the commander liked to hear me sing.’”** What stayed with Earl was not only the story, but the standard. **“Everything had to be just perfect.”** And the music. **“He taught me Jewish music that I never forgot. As an old man, I can still remember.”**

His mother’s influence stands on its own. **“I’ve never seen anybody work harder...She really gave me a sense of morality and a sense of purpose. She still influences my life every day.”**

Alongside that influence came deep loss. When asked about life’s biggest challenges, Earl answered without hesitation: **“My mother and my wife, both of whom were victims of cancer.”**

When speaking about the loss of his wife, he does not soften what followed. **“It was difficult... I had to have counseling because she was such a big part of my life that I needed help.”** Still, he kept going. **“I’ve had a very good life. Sometimes life comes with difficulties.”**

Earl returns often to the topic of how people speak to one another. **“We can discuss things and have different points of views and not get angry at one another.”** He doesn’t see disagreement as something to avoid. **“I think that we ought to emphasize that more. Different rabbis have different interpretations. That’s the way to exist, not fight with one another.”**

As he looks back, there is no single defining moment, only a collection of life’s miracles. **“I’m really lucky. I’m 84... I’m still here.”** He lets that simmer. **“That’s sort of a miracle too. I have a lot to be thankful for.”**

THE CAROB TREE PROJECT

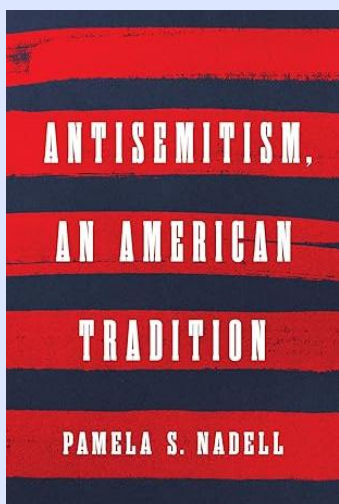
Led by Rabbi Rick Kellner and Hannah Karr, the Carob Tree Project captures the stories of our congregants so their voices and wisdom live on. Rooted in the Jewish value of planting for future generations, these stories ensure that the lives and lessons shared today continue to guide and nourish those who follow.

Rabbi Rick Kellner's

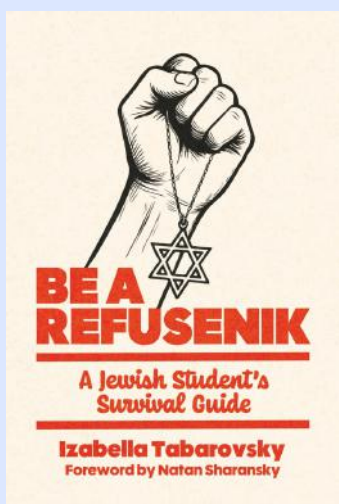
SABBATICAL READS

Each year, I feel incredibly blessed to have time away from the office and the flow of daily rabbinic life to create space for learning and for thinking deeply about Jewish life and the future of our synagogue. Each month-long sabbatical offers me the opportunity to do something different and unique. Last year, I reflected on the major challenges facing Jewish life and crafted a vision for how I believe those issues play out in our own community. This year, I had the opportunity to read ten books—a personal record for a single month. Most were excellent; only one is not worth mentioning again. A few are books we will share with our Holocaust Seminar participants, one helped prepare me to teach a course in the fall, and another inspired a High Holy Day sermon.

Here are the top five books from my February sabbatical:



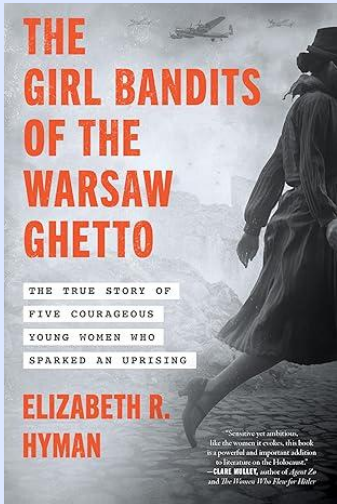
While reading about antisemitism can always be challenging, Nadell takes us on a journey from the earliest days of the American colonies to a post-October 7th narrative that depicts the unique ways antisemitism has taken root on American soil. What I love about her book is that she does not simply recount what others have done to us; she highlights the resilience of those affected and how they responded. There is much we can learn from history about how to live today. Perhaps her most provocative chapter challenges us to consider that there was no true “golden age” of Jewish life in America—contrary to what many of us feel about the post-Holocaust era in the latter part of the 20th century. Learn with Professor Nadell at this year’s Gaynor Lecture on April 28 at the JCC.



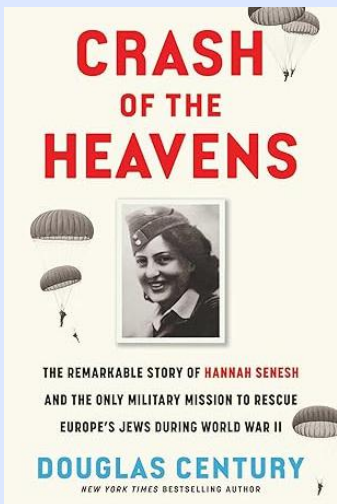
This is a book that should be read by any 11th or 12th grader, as well as college students. Tabarovsky is an expert on Soviet anti-Zionism, a topic that has not received widespread scholarly attention until recently.

Be a Refusenik provides a historical understanding of anti-Zionism and then shares the stories of several refuseniks—individuals who courageously defied the Soviet regime. Tabarovsky’s unique approach draws thoughtful parallels between these refuseniks and young people today who are standing up for their Jewish identity in school and on college campuses.

Rabbi Rick Kellner's SABBATICAL READS

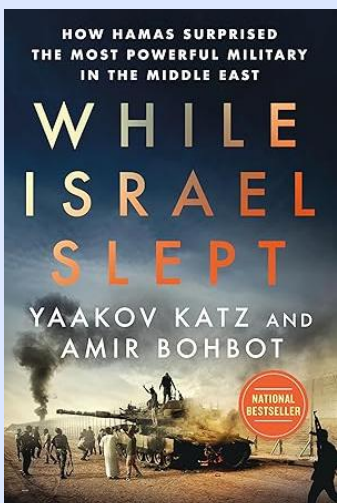


Arguably the best book on the Holocaust I have ever read, *The Girl Bandits of the Warsaw Ghetto* takes us into the 1940s to understand life in Warsaw during the war. Hyman shares the stories of several young women who played essential roles in the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. Without them, the revolt could not have taken place. Although the uprising was doomed from the start, several of these women were able to escape and become partisans, continuing the fight against the Nazis beyond the walls of the ghetto. Historically, men have received much of the credit for the uprising, but Hyman offers a powerful new perspective on this critical moment in Jewish history.



For years, we have sung Hannah Senesh's "Eli, Eli" at funerals, on the High Holy Days, and in moments of collective remembrance. Many of us are aware that she wrote these words along the shores of Caesarea in Israel. We also know that she joined the Haganah paratroopers and took part in a mission to help rescue Jews during the Holocaust. *Crash of the Heavens* is Senesh's biography, recounting the story of a young woman who took her future into her own hands and defied both the Nazis and her Hungarian captors up until her execution.

May her memory be for a blessing.



As we continue to grapple with the aftermath of the October 7 attacks, journalists Katz and Bohbot examine and unpack the factors that led to the assault, including the origins of Hamas as well as the complexities of Israeli leadership.

In the absence of a full official inquiry, this book helps illuminate the gaps in the military and the *conceptzia* that blinded Israeli leadership to the true threat. While the book can be infuriating at times, it ultimately offers a measure of hope for the future.

Women's Torah Study

April 13 | 12:00 PM

[JOIN ON ZOOM HERE](#)

Join Morissa Freiberg-Vance, RJE on the first Monday of every month for Women's Torah Study in-person or on Zoom!

This group is for women & non-binary people.



Women's Shabbaton



[REGISTER HERE](#)

APRIL 11, 2026 | 9 AM

For women and non-binary people.



Online Torah Study

Every Saturday at 9 AM

[Join on Zoom](#)

SUNDAY EVENING STUDY GROUP

"Miracles and Wonder: The Historical Mystery of Jesus"

by Elaine Pagels

[JOIN ON ZOOM HERE](#)





Women OF BETH TIKVAH



[click here for full newsletter](#)



Women
OF BETH TIKVAH

WBT Shabbat Service

Friday, April 10 at 7:15 PM

Join us to celebrate Marci Delson's accomplishments and kick off the Women's Shabbaton weekend!

On March 14, Marci was installed as the WRJ Heartland District Co-President. She was also awarded the prestigious WRJ Lev Tov ("Good Heart") Award for her representation of our WBT and CBT missions and visions.

Now, it's Beth Tikvah's turn to celebrate Marci because she deserves to be honored more than once!



Eco - Pour Class (resin alternative)

Sun, April 26 | 2:30 - 4:00 PM



REGISTER

Using Magic Pour casting powder — a non-toxic, odorless, quick drying alternative to epoxy resin — Jenny Holz will teach the class to make smooth, opaque projects with a high-end ceramic feel and discuss ideas on ways to decorate them.

There's a large variety of items you can make, including a trinket tray, a set of coasters, jewelry, keychains, and more! You have the option to make more than one project!

Cost is \$10 per project.



[click here for full newsletter](#)

Daytime Mahj

1:30 - 3:30 PM

Located at Beth Tikvah

Upcoming Dates:

April 21

May 6

May 19

SIGN-UP

Evening Mahj

6:30 - 8:30 PM

WBT has started an Evening Mahj group led by **Leigh Zircher** that plays twice a month on **Mondays**.

Upcoming Dates:

April 27

May 11

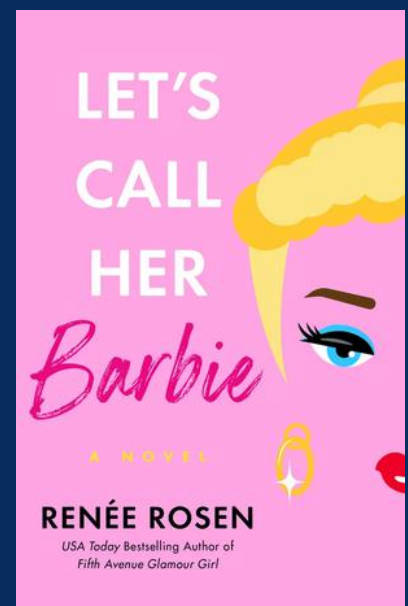
SIGN-UP

Book Club - Tuesday, April 14 at 12:30 pm

Join us in the Beth Tikvah Library to discuss *Let's Call Her Barbie* by Renee Rosen.

Ruth Handler walks into the boardroom of the toy company she co-founded with a bold idea: a doll shaped like a grown woman—one that lets girls imagine who they might become, not just who they care for.

She rallies a team of creative rebels, & they must decide what it means to hold onto something that was never just a doll, but a legacy.



Upcoming Events to Look Out For!

MITZVAH DAY BIRTHDAY BAGS

April 12 • 10:30 AM - 12 PM

Located at Beth Tikvah

KAMISH BREAD BAKING

June 16 • 1 PM - 3 PM

Located at Beth Tikvah

GAME NIGHT WITH BROTHERHOOD

April 30 • 6 PM - 9 PM

Located at Beth Tikvah

CARD-MAKING CLASS

Date & Time: TBD

Located at Beth Tikvah

Ed Schechter Award - Don Goldbaum



APRIL 30
6:00-9:00 PM

Everyone is welcome!

You do not have to be a member to attend.



Game Night

**THE WOMEN OF BETH TIKVAH
& THE BROTHERHOOD ARE
JOINING FORCES!**

**Texas Hold'em • Bridge • Euchre
Mahj • Board Games • Canasta
or bring your own favorite!**



📍 Congregation Beth Tikvah • \$5 per participant

AGES 60+

SHISHIM

APRIL PROGRAM

APRIL 9, 2026

11 AM - Nutrition for Lifelong Vitality

Discover how the right foods can support both heart and brain health. Learn which everyday foods promote lifelong wellness and practical ways to include them in your diet. **Cameron Stauffer** is Assistant Director of Nutrition Services at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center and believes good nutrition begins in the kitchen.

12 PM - Lunch

We will be eating Catering By Scott - tuna & egg salad, vegetables, fruit, dessert.

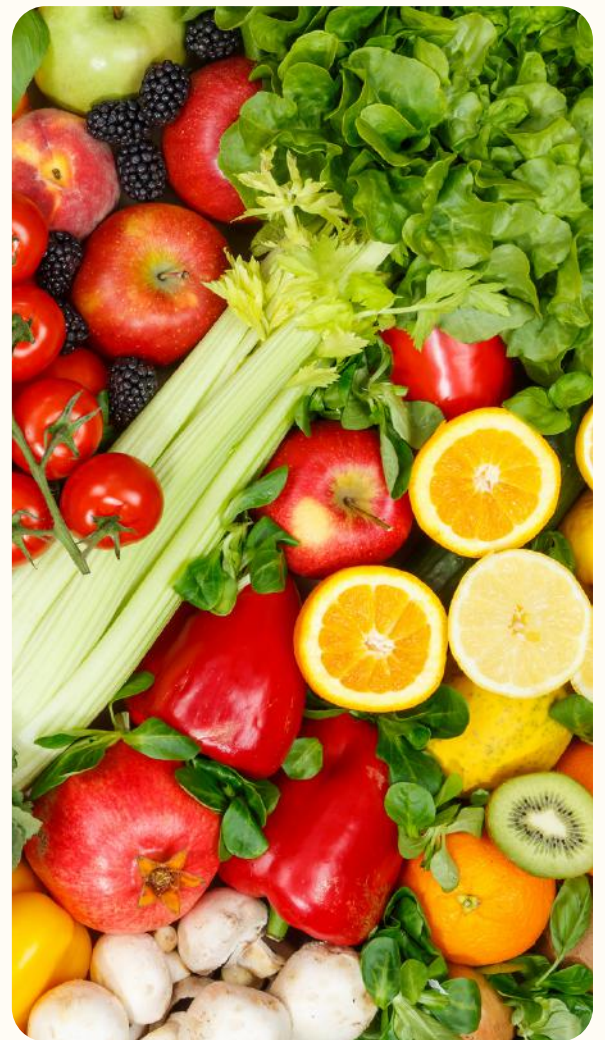
\$15 for Beth Tikvah members, \$18 for non-members. *Indicate your dietary needs in the "Notes" section of the ShulCloud form.*

1 PM - Hashtag Comedy Improv Group

The Hashtag Comedy Company has been bringing live comedy entertainment and experiences to the heartland for over a decade. Co-owner **Chris Heiberger** and a talented troupe will perform improvised scenes based on audience suggestions, in the style of Whose Line Is It Anyway?

This program is available in-person and on Zoom.

The Zoom link can be found in the Shishim program message. If you do not receive the Shishim program message, send a message to David at dbinkovitz2@aol.com



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Central Ohio WRJ Tzedakah Collective

The Central Ohio Women of Reform Judaism Tzedakah Collective is in its 12th year working toward social justice in Central Ohio. By pooling funds, members make a difference through grantmaking. All Jewish women in Central Ohio are encouraged to join.

The Hebrew word “Tzedakah” means righteousness and justice. The Tzedakah Collective seeks to lift all people up by learning about the needs in our community and supporting the non-profits that address those needs in the populations they serve. The Tzedakah Collective focus is to help restore human dignity in underserved populations.

Featured Non-Profit: Nellie’s Champions for Kids (NC4K)

DATE: SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2026

TIME: 3:30-5:00 PM on Zoom

SPEAKER: Mandy Powell, Executive Director

This non-profit developed from a 16 year old’s fund raising efforts to help people with cancer, to now a well-established, essential resource that supports Ohio families facing a pediatric cancer diagnosis. Their mission is to provide financial assistance, emotional support, and fun events to ensure that no child or teen or their family fight cancer alone.

Executive Director, Mandy Powell, will explain the unique needs these families unexpectedly face and how the NC4K team and volunteers lift them up in so many tangible ways. Please join us for this enlightening presentation!

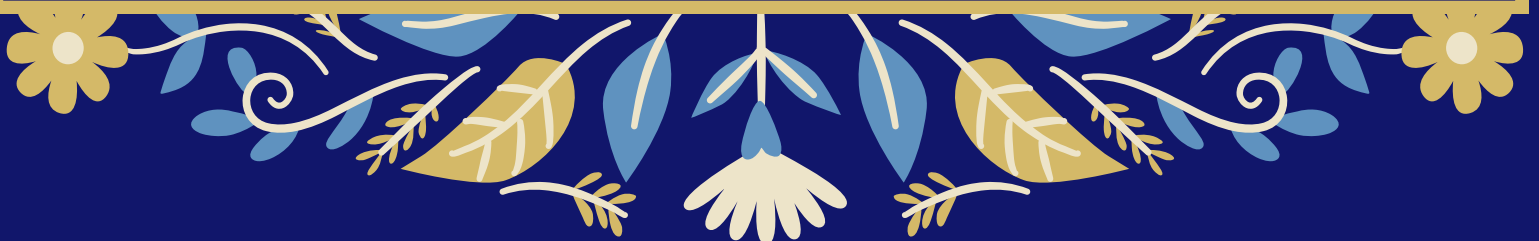
Meetings are held six times a year, mostly by zoom. You do not have to be a member to attend the meetings to hear the presentations. Everyone is welcome to benefit from this education about our community. An annual tax- exempt donation of just \$60 (or more if one wishes) brings membership and the right to vote to allocate grants. Tzedakah Collective Steering Committee members: Jan Alloy, Pamela Feldman-Hill, Bobbie Garber, Stacy Levin, Lori Sachs, Laurel Zulliger, and Coordinator, Marsha Pond (marshapond@msn.com). All inquiries are welcome!



SAVE-THE-DATE

Legacy Shabbat

APRIL 24, 2026



CONGREGATION BETH TIKVAH
FOUNDATION

At Beth Tikvah, our Legacy endowments are established by our congregants and serve as permanent sources of funding that support our synagogue's programs, education, and community initiatives for generations to come. Each one reflects the generosity and vision of congregants who want to ensure a vibrant Jewish future. You have the ability to contribute to any of these funds at any point in time to help strengthen the foundation of Congregation Beth Tikvah. Reach out to Executive Director, [Debbie Vinocur](#) or Life & Legacy co-chairs [Carol Folkerth](#) and [Andy Shafran](#) for more information.

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Through Tikkun Olam**

Weisberg Endowment for Music at Beth Tikvah

**Stu & Rochelle Zweben Endowment for
Technology**

Save-the-Dates

**8
APRIL**

Yizkor Service

8:30 AM at Congregation Beth Tikvah or on Zoom.

**10
APRIL**

Celebration of Marci Delson

During Shabbat Evening Services beginning at 7:15 PM.

**15
APRIL**

Brotherhood Lunch at Hunan Lion

Contact jpalbert46@gmail.com to RSVP | Located at 2038 Crown Plaza Dr.

**16
MAY**

Religious School End-of-Year BBQ

**18
MAY**

2026-'27 Annual Meeting

Refresments: 6:30 PM | Meeting: 7 PM - Open to the Congregation

**29
MAY**

Julie Sapper's Retirement Celebration

More details coming soon!

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SHOWCASE**
APRIL 19, 2026 | 5PM

\$15 Ticket | Includes Screening
& Post-Program Reception
cjfilmfest.org

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Editor's Note:

It is my privilege to design, write, and publish Tikvah Topics each month. This newsletter is a reflection of the heart and spirit of our Beth Tikvah community.

If you have content ideas, information to share, or suggestions for upcoming editions, please feel free to reach out to me at comms@bethtikvahcolumbus.org. Your input helps ensure Tikvah Topics continues to represent and celebrate our vibrant congregation.

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