

# Kol Kehillah

IYAR - SIVAN 5781

**MAY 2021** 

#### Virtual Shabbat Services

Friday, April 30 - Lag Ba Omer

Confirmation Ceremony & Worship 7:30 PM (Expanded Seating in TKC Sanctuary begins)

Saturday, May 1 Bat Mitzvah of Dava Wallace 10:30 AM

Torah Portion: Emor

Friday, May 7

Teacher + Volunteer Appreciation

Shabbat Worship 7:00 PM

Saturday, May 8

Bar Mitzvah of Ben Derman 10:30 AM

Torah Portion: Behar Bechukotai

Baccalaureate Ceremony 6:00 PM

Friday, May 14

Shabbat Worship - A Special Shabbat Honoring Suesan Phillips and Dan Eifert 7:30 PM

Saturday, May 15

B'nai Mitzvah of Austin Simotics &

10:30 AM Jennifer Kilberg

Torah Portion: Bamidbar

6:00 PM Children's Havdalah

Friday, May 21

Shabbat Worship 7:30 PM

Saturday, May 22

Bar Mitzvah of Aiden Hlavek 10:30 AM

Torah Portion: Naso

Friday, May 28

Shabbat Worship 7:30 PM

Saturday, May 29

Bat Mitzvah of Katie Kahn 10:30 AM

Torah Portion: Behalotecha

## ART OF TZEDAKAH PROGRAM **SUNDAY, MAY 23 AT 3 PM VIA ZOOM**

\$10 REGISTRATION





Shavuot begins Sunday evening, May 16



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#### A Note from Rabbi Jason Holtz



SCARS CAN BE GOOD

I have a new scar across my neck. I was recently diagnosed with thyroid cancer, and the scar is a result of the surgeon removing it. I'll need one more round of treatment – a radioactive pill – and then that's it, cancerfree (I hope).

I consider myself fortunate. My kind of thyroid cancer is slow growing, it was caught early, and it is relatively easy to treat. Most cancers are not that way. I don't know how many people would consider a scar to be beautiful – probably more likely the opposite, but it doesn't matter to me. Scars are visible reminders of both wounds, but also healing. The scar will be a permanent reminder to be grateful for healing.

Scars remind me of an interesting detail in the story of The Ten Commandments. When Moses went up to Mount Sinai to receive the tablets, the Israelites were down below making a golden calf. When Moses returned, and realized what was going on, he smashed the tablets in pieces. Eventually, Moses returned to Mount Sinai and received a replacement set. Despite that, though, the broken pieces of the original tablets were placed in the holy ark, alongside the new tablets.

The broken pieces are reminders of a painful episode, the memory of which never goes away completely. But the broken pieces aren't all that's there. The new tablets represent healing and a path forward—and while the Israelite's carry around the broken

pieces of the original tablet, they aren't defined by it.

We all go through challenging periods—some more, some less, some more challenging, others a bit less. If we're fortunate, we survive, and maybe even thrive, but we may still carry scars. They're reminders, not just of the challenges, but also of healing. My prayer for anyone who carries wounds, whether they are physical or spiritual, is that they may heal, and turn into scars.

And most importantly, I want to thank our kehillah, our congregation, for the support and understanding. Jodi and I are beyond thankful to be a part of such a caring community.

Rabbi Jason Holtz

### May Highlights

Wednesdays at 12 Noon - Learn with the Rabbi - A Talmud Discussion Group with Rabbi Holtz, on Zoom

6th 7:30 pm - Racial Justice Task Force

7th Teacher/Volunteer Appreciation Night

8th 6:00 pm - Baccalaureate Ceremony

9th Mother's Day

11th 6:45 pm - Executive Committee Zoom Meeting 7:30 pm - Board of Trustees Zoom Meeting

16th Shavuot

1 pm - Novels & Nosh Book Club

23rd 3pm - Tzedakah Box Project on Zoom

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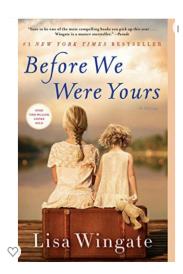
Sunday, May 16 at 1pm Novels and Nosh Book Club

Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate

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Milestone Birthdays



#### **News from TKC President Alan Abrams**



AS WE APPROACH KEHILLAT CHAIM'S 40th YEAR

I am honored and excited to continue as our temple's president for another year during these turbulent and unprecedented times. We are now beginning our 40th year as a congregation, and just like when Rabbi Winokur and I created the kehillah in 1982, in the coming months we will be actively involved in defining what the future of our kehillah will look like. And that's why it's never been more important than now for each and every one of us to find ways we can help the kehillah and influence our future in a positive way.

Over the last year, we persevered through perhaps the toughest year in TKC's history. We successfully overcame incredible obstacles thanks to so many of you who stepped up in so many important ways. Those of you who were able to make donations to help bridge the financial gap caused by the pandemic were essential in us being able to end the year in better financial shape then we began it. Those who chaired committees and served on the Board, and many more of you who joined in activities on Zoom, helped our physical distance from each other feel somewhat less than it actually was. Throughout the pandemic, we have stayed connected and remained a kehillah.

Now we've arrived at the spring of 2021, and it increasingly seems that the worst of the pandemic may finally be behind us. And accordingly, we've begun taking the initial steps of a gradual reopening plan.

Effective immediately, we are again increasing the maximum number of attendees permitted for various functions inside our synagogue facilities. For lifecycle events in the sanctuary, we've increased the maximum number of attendees to 50 people or 12 family units, whichever is less. TKC groups of up to 25 people can now meet inside the sanctuary, social hall or other large well-ventilated areas of the building where social distancing can be maintained.

Continuing in effect indefinitely are the requirements that all building occupants wear face masks while inside any of our facilities and social distancing be observed as much as possible. As long as the public health crisis continues to abate, we will be able to continue to lessen these restrictions on an accelerating basis. I am increasingly optimistic that for the upcoming High Holidays, our members will have the choice to attend services online or in person in our sanctuary, assuming another unexpected pandemic shock doesn't force us to reverse course.

So as we continue to safely reopen and reunite in person, I'm hoping and expecting that we will be able to make up for lost time in the coming year with a very busy calendar of social events, fundraisers and additional live worship opportunities. However, none of these events will be successful without the active participation of all of us. So please consider joining the Sisterhood, the Brotherhood or a committee, or finding other ways to join in the fun.

I believe the most important dynamics of our kehillah are very much the same today as they were when we first began 40 years ago. I see the same spirit of community and fellowship, clearly demonstrating how wonderful and supportive our kehillah still is today. As we continue to emerge from the dark times of the pandemic, we have the opportunity very similar to when we started to re-create or redefine how and what we are as a kehillah and how we choose to congregate and interact.

For many of us, moving everything onto Zoom has been torturous, and we can't wait to reunite in person. For others of us, however, Zoom has enabled participation of some who for various reasons would have otherwise been unable to join together in worship or be involved in committee activities for various reasons, including their health or where they're located.

In fact we've had members regularly attending Friday night worship services on Zoom from out of town, because they're away on vacation, are away in school, have moved from the Atlanta area, or for other reasons. Many of us also have found that Zoom worship services have some unexpected benefits in terms of (and I know this may sound crazy!) more face-to-face interactions with our fellow members.

So as a result, I believe that having that online option available for our members should remain part of our future.

There will be much excitement and activity happening at TKC during the coming year, as we celebrate our temple's 40-year anniversary. And I'm challenging each one of you to join with me in every way you can, to contribute your time, your energy, your money, your prayers, your emotional support and your love, so that we can emerge from this long pandemic as a better than ever Temple Kehillat Chaim!

Alan Abrams
President

# Sisterhood at Chamberlain's Chocolate Factory





It was a fun time, with great food and an occasional beverage at the Brotherhood's Schooze & Booze at Lucky's Burger and Brew on Saturday April 23rd.

The crowd that came out to finally be around humans again included Seth Litman, David Persky, David Lutchen, Dan Eifert and Jeffrey Seltzer. It was the first Brotherhood outing in a year due to the Covid.

The Brotherhood will take a break in May. In June, look for the upcoming details of a Brotherhood Braves Screening. We'll all watch the Braves play on a big screen!

If you have any ideas for future outings, please contact

Jeff Seltzer and Dan Eifert Brotherhood Co-Presidents



We hope everyone is doing well! The Sisterhood hosted a great private party at Chamberlain's Chocolate Factory on April 18th! We learned how to make chocolate bark along with truffles and fancy chocolate covered strawberries. It was great to spend time together! If anyone has not visited this place, you MUST experience it for yourself! They have a chocolate shop in the lobby with delicious gifts too.

We will be having another get together in May and we will let you know the day ASAP.

Please reach out to us if you have any ideas that you would like to suggest for our next event.

Judy Singer and Debbie Lutchen
Sisterhood Co-Presidents

#### **Religious School**

Phew! This crazy year has come to an end for the Mitzner Family Religious School! Thank you to all our students and families for making this year so successful – you showed up big time, week after week, and we are so grateful you stuck with us.

I want to also give a shout out to our teaching team, without whom this year would NOT be possible. Thank you to our teachers for their dedication and to our madrichim and teaching assistants for their support.

Little Mensches – Amy Bryson

Kindergarten – Laura Dreffin

1st Grade – Tom Bryant

2nd Grade - Suesan Phillips

3rd Grade – Morasha Winokur

4th Grade - Carey Grucza

5th Grade - Michelle Wallace

6th Grade - Elliot Weiss

7th Grade – Paige Simunek

Hebrew – Lori Dreffin, Emily Glatter, Dr. Bruce Miron, and Rabbi Holtz

#### **Teaching Assistants:**

Danielle Faulhaber – Heading to the College of Charleston

Ally Feinstein – Heading to the Ohio State University

Sophie Laidhold – Heading to the University of Georgia

Sophie Lakin – Heading to Tulane University

Abby Litman – Heading to Miami University of Ohio

Derek Weiss – Heading to Kennesaw State University

#### Madrichim:

Lindsey Feinstein

Kai Laidhold

Katie Kahn - Heading to the University of Georgia

Henry Williams



Don't forget to register for the 2021-22 school year! Go to www.kehillatchaim. org/religious-school for the registration form and fee payment. We are excited to welcome our students back into the building next year with planned in-person, regularly scheduled Sunday religious school.

Michelle Erste

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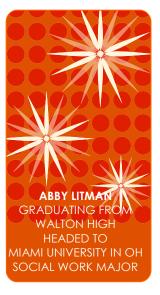
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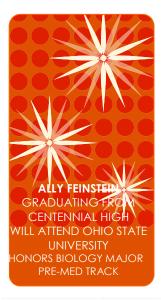
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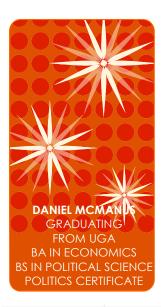


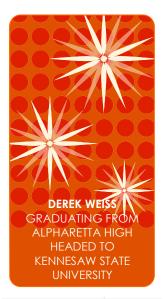
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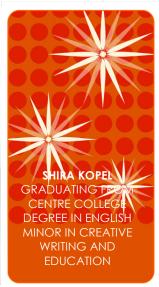


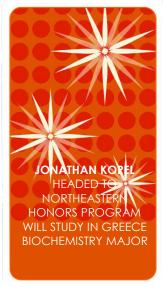
















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In honor of Rabbi Holtz by Mei & Jay Markowitz

#### The Tzedakah In Action Fund

In honor of the 2020-2021 B'nai Mitzvah Class by Lori & Scott Dreffin by Jodi & Rabbi Jason Holtz

by Suesan Phillips

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Margaret King

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Jodi Faye Polikov
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Robert Rose

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