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April at Beth Tikvah

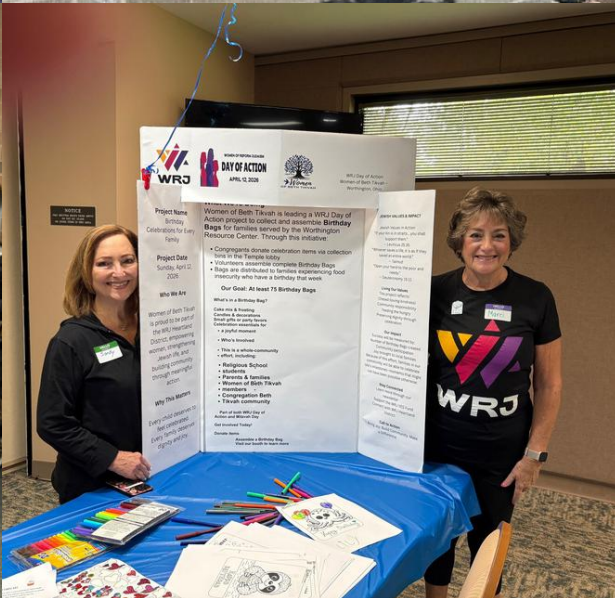


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Words from

RABBI RICK KELLNER



Each year, I look forward to Beth Tikvah's Shavuot celebration. For years, we have called it Torahthon because, much like a telethon that goes on for hours on TV, the night of Shavuot is traditionally observed with hours of study lasting into the wee hours of the morning. Our study does not go that long, but we do take time to immerse ourselves in Jewish learning. The traditional name for this evening of study is *Tikkun Leil Shavuot*. The word *tikkun*, as we know, indicates healing or repair. Why would a night of learning bring us a sense of healing or repair? Or perhaps, why is a night of learning itself an act of healing or repair?

To answer those questions, we turn to the collective voices of our tradition. Bracha Seri, a Yemenite-Israeli poet, writes:

"With great awe I listen to my ancestors, reading, suckling from healthy roots, soaking in, tinkling through my soul—till the words ferment within—emerging, seeping through my heart, my life source."

As links in the generations-long chain of Jewish tradition, we stand like trees with firm trunks and leaves stretching wide, providing shade. Flowers turn to fruit, to be picked by those who crave nourishment for a hungry soul. All of this is nourished from below by roots stretching deeper and deeper into the ground, drawing in water from pools lying far beyond our sight, and from above by the sun's warmth as it converts light into energy.

Why is Torah likened to water, the rabbis once asked? A midrash teaches that we read Torah on Mondays,

Thursdays, and Shabbat because, just as a human being cannot go more than three days without life-sustaining water, so too a human being cannot go more than three days without life-sustaining Torah. While three days without Torah may not be detrimental to our physical health as three days without water would be, it is certainly detrimental to our spiritual health. The study of Torah is an invitation to immerse ourselves in the life-sustaining and guiding values Jewish tradition has to offer. However, it is not solely the words of Torah that guide us, but also the voices of our ancestors who taught and interpreted Torah as a guide for their own lives. Torah provides healing because its words nurture every aspect of our being.

Why is Torah likened to light, the rabbis once asked? The Book of Proverbs, the Jewish Bible's collection of ancient wisdom, teaches us: "The mitzvah is a lamp, and Torah is light" (Proverbs 6:23). Just as the sun provides light to help a tree grow, so too the Torah provides light, sustaining our own Jewish growth. The rabbis of the midrash (Genesis Rabbah 3:6) teach that God took the light from the first day of creation and hid it away for future generations of the righteous to uncover. It is left to us, in every generation, to immerse ourselves in Torah study so that we may discover that light. Yet we know that we do not take that light in solely for ourselves. We use it to create fruit—mitzvot, our actions—which become a light to all those touched by what helps us grow.

Why is Torah study an act of *tikkun*? Because it raises up wisdom from generations past, brings us light that guides us on our path, and helps us reflect that light into the darkest places we encounter.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REFLECTION

*With Gratitude,
by Debbie Vlnocur*

As we come to the close of another fiscal year, I want to reflect on our Beth Tikvah community. We are home to 503 member households, including 31 new families who have chosen to make Beth Tikvah their Jewish home. These numbers represent more than data, they reflect belonging, connection, and trust.

That sense of connection fills our building each day—through Shabbat services, B'nai Mitzvot, learning, celebrations, and gatherings that bring us together in meaningful ways. We share a deep commitment to educating our children, passing Jewish values from one generation to the next, and showing up for one another and for the wider world through social action.

It is easy to feel thankful for the life that fills our space.

I am especially appreciative of our volunteers, whose time, care, and leadership help shape our community.

Our partnerships continue to strengthen and enrich congregational life. We are fortunate to partner with JewishColumbus, whose leadership and support enhance community security while helping sustain and grow Jewish life and protect all who walk through our doors. Our relationship with the JCC Worthington Preschool brings energy and connection into our building each day.

I am also thankful for the Beth Tikvah Foundation and its leadership. What began as a partnership with the Grinspoon Foundation and JewishColumbus to encourage legacy giving has grown into our Beth Tikvah Legacy Circle, now encompassing 32 endowments—an enduring investment in our building, our children, our learning, and our future. Those considering a legacy gift are invited to reach out to me or our Legacy team.

Our congregation is supported by those who give at every level—from households contributing what they can to those able to stretch further. Beth Tikvah is a community without barriers to belonging and every contribution matters.

Together, these commitments make our shared life possible.

Beginning June 1, our new fiscal year membership forms will launch, now with a simple, streamlined process that also includes religious school registration. Please look for your membership commitment form in your inbox and take a moment to affirm your belonging and support for fiscal year 2026–2027.

I would be remiss not to recognize the people I have the privilege of working with each day. Hannah Karr, Rhonda Simon, Morissa Frieberg and Alisa enrich our programs and fosters meaningful engagement across generations.

Our cantorial soloist, Debbie Costa, and John Stefano bring beauty and meaning to our services. I extend heartfelt thanks to Julie Sapper, Director of Musical Programming, whose talent has added depth to our worship; she will be deeply missed.

I am also grateful for the leadership of Rabbi Kellner and Rabbi Martin, whose care and thoughtful presence continue to shape Beth Tikvah as a Jewish home for each of us.

Beth Tikvah is strong not because of any single program or individual, but because of all who choose to care, to give, to lead, and to belong. **It is a privilege to continue this sacred work alongside you.**

Mitzvah Day 2026!



Mitzvah Day 2026!



Mitzvah Day was generously supported by the Social Action Fund.

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Pause for Poetry - Rabbi Karen Martin

God Takes Pity on Kindergarten Children by Yehuda Amichai¹

God takes pity on kindergarten children.

Less on school children.

On grown-ups, He won't take pity
anymore.

He leaves them alone.

Sometimes, they have to crawl on all fours

In the blazing hot sand,

To get to the first-aid station

Dripping blood.

Maybe on those who love in truth

He will give mercy, pity and cast shade

As a tree on someone sleeping on the bench

On a public street.

Maybe we too will offer them

The last coins of our compassion

Mother bequeathed us,

So their bliss will protect us

Now and in other days.

I recently rediscovered “God Takes Pity on Kindergarten Children,” by Yehuda Amichai, which first appeared in his 1955 collection *Now and In Other Days*, its title taken from the last line of the poem².

In the poem, Amichai plays with the Hebrew word for mercy, *rahem*, which shares the same root and is closely related to the word for womb, *rehem*. He reflects that as we grow older—further from the womb—God has less and less mercy for us, until as adults, that mercy becomes almost inconceivable. This idea is sharpened by his image of a person crawling on all fours and, like an infant, covered in blood—imagery that evokes birth, yet is stripped of a mother’s nurturing presence.

Yet the second and third stanza offer us some hope. Amichai suggests that perhaps those who love in truth, or truly love³, still receive a portion of God’s mercy. Not the grand kind that small children receive, but the blessing of shade: a small kindness in a harsh world, but a blessing nevertheless, bestowed by God through (Mother) Nature.

In the final stanza, it is our hands that bestow the last coins of our compassion—perhaps compassion bestowed upon us, or taught to us, by our earthly mother, or perhaps by our Mother (hear the echoes here of *rahem/rehem*).

In this poem, I hear the echoes of *Eilu D’varim*, a passage from our morning liturgy⁴, which teaches us that there is no limit to the number of acts we must perform. The rewards for these acts are experienced both in this world and in the world to come⁵. Included in that list are “honoring one’s father and mother,” “engaging in deeds of compassion,” and “providing for the wedding couple⁶.”

¹ Adapted from trans. Benjamin and Barbara Harshav, in *The Poetry of Yehudah Amichai* edited by Robert Alter (2015).

² I found the poem in *Going Out with Knots: My Two Kaddish Years with Hebrew Poetry* (JPS, 2025) by Rabbi Dr. Wendy Zierler, which is excellent and I highly recommend it.

³ האוהבים-באמת

⁴ *Eilu D’varim* draws from Mishnah (*Peah 1:1*) and Talmud (*Shabbat 127a*), and is recited after the blessing for Torah study.

⁵ *Olam HaBa*, the Jewish afterlife/redemptive age.

⁶ Mishkan Tefilah translation.

Pause for Poetry - Rabbi Karen Martin

In Amichai's poem, these values are treated with ambiguity and challenge. Do we honor *Avinu Shebashamayim*, our Heavenly Father, and/or our earthly mother? How is compassion limitless when we offer our final coins? Or when God's mercy itself seemingly has limits? When we give what we have to those who love in truth, how can their happiness protect us?

Yehudah Amichai wrote "*God Takes Pity on Kindergarten Children*" in the years between the conflicts in 1948-49 and 1956, a period when Israel was beset by conflicts and struggling to absorb millions of refugees and immigrants. Life was difficult and draining; youthful idealism was tempered by the brutal realities of nation-building.

We are in a different place and time, yet on a visceral level, I empathize. In Psalm 118, we read

מִן הַמִּצָּר קָרָאתִי יְהוָה

"From the straits I called to the Eternal" (Ps 118:5).

We call because in times of difficulty, when we want to curl into a defensive ball, God can feel hard to find. Compassion, too, can feel distant. Sometimes, just being kind to another can feel like scraping the bottom of our emotional reserves. And yet, Amichai reminds us, small blessings matter. We may not see dramatic gestures or immediate outcomes, but we cannot know the downstream effects of an act of kindness. Perhaps we can make a cruel world a gentler, more loving place. When we care for others and increase the joy of another, we may bring more joy into the world and feel more joy within ourselves. When the world feels like too much, we must look to those small acts, those small blessings, to protect us from the weight of the world.

It may feel too small, too little, but when we love truly, when we love each other, our children, our parents, and our neighbors, may we share that love. Let us show kindness, and recognize and sanctify the small kindnesses shown to us. When we do so, we call out to God from a narrow place. And, as the Psalmist tells us:

עֲנֵנִי בַמְרוֹחַב יְהוָה

God answered me from the wide-open space.

We will find our way to more openness, more compassion, and more mercy. That, Amichai tells us, is how we survive this moment, and whatever hard moments life brings our way.



SERVICES & RITUAL

May 2026

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FAMILY & EDUCATOR SHABBAT

Friday, May 1 at 7:15 PM

In honor of our Education Department staff, led by our 6th grade students. Dinner is at 6:15pm catered by Olive Garden. All Beth Tikvah families are encouraged to attend!

[CLICK HERE REGISTER FOR DINNER!](#)

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CONFIRMATION SHABBAT

Friday, May 8 at 7:15 PM

Join us for our Shabbat evening service in celebration of our 2025-2026 Confirmation class as they complete their year-long studies.

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SHABBAT NESHAMA

Friday, May 15 at 7:15 PM

A contemporary Shabbat prayer experience with music to lift the soul, featuring members of our congregation who share a love of music and a commitment to introducing a unique feel and sound to our Friday service.



Join us for

JULIE SAPPER'S

Retirement Celebration



Friday Evening

05.29.2026

Submit Messages & Photos for her Memory Book

Pre-Oneg - 6:30 PM

Service - 7:15 PM

The Music That Held Us

JULIE SAPPER'S LEGACY AT BETH TIKVAH



For nearly two decades, music at Congregation Beth Tikvah has been a vessel for deep human connection. Through joy and grief, celebration and uncertainty, **Julie Sapper** has been guiding the voice of the community. Now, as Beth Tikvah prepares to say goodbye to its longtime Director of Musical Programming after nearly 20 years, congregants across generations are reflecting on a legacy that extends far beyond the bimah.

Julie first came to Beth Tikvah in 2007, teaching music in the religious school after moving to Columbus from Baltimore. What began in the classroom soon grew into a role that would help define the congregation's musical and spiritual identity. Over time, she shaped a culture in which music was not something performed *for* the community, but something created *with* it.

"I never looked at myself as a performer," Julie said in a recent interview. "I just looked at myself as the conduit...trying to express and reach a spiritual level through participating musically." That philosophy—centered on participation, inclusion, and care—was foundational to the musical transformation that has unfolded during her time at Beth Tikvah.

Senior rabbi at Beth Tikvah, **Rabbi Rick Kellner**, has worked closely with Julie for many years and describes her as a true partner in shaping meaningful and memorable prayer. "Whether it was experimentation with adult choral music, instrumental groups, or seeking out new music to fit the moment, Julie has done so much to create meaning and memory," Kellner said. "Her passion for music is as great as her dedication to people."

Some of their most joyful work together took place during Shabbat family services. "Not only would we sing together, but we laughed together," Kellner reflected. "It was our joyful presence that made the services so meaningful for all who attended."

That collaborative, relationship-driven approach is echoed by **Stu Zweben**, a longtime Beth Tikvah member, past Ritual Committee chair, and passionate advocate for congregational music. Over the years, the two developed thoughtful dialogue around services, musical themes, and innovative approaches.

"She's intentional," Zweben said. "And she's compassionate; she's giving of herself. We've really been blessed to have her." Zweben noted that Julie not only welcomed feedback but actively sought it out, creating a culture of trust and shared ownership. "We didn't always agree," he said, "but we understood where each other were coming from, and it was all professional. We developed a really nice relationship."

JULIE SAPPER'S LEGACY AT BETH TIKVAH

That sense of relationship-building is echoed by **Dora Sterling**, another longtime member who has watched Julie's work unfold across generations. For Sterling, Julie's gift lies in her ability to bring music into the body and spirit, not just the ear. "She brings all the senses to music," Sterling said. "It's about having fun—singing, clapping, stomping, and turning around—because you can wiggle when you listen to music."

Sterling described witnessing Julie use music in moments of profound vulnerability, including playing for congregants in times of illness and life transitions. "She can take music and bring it to another dimension," she said. "That's her gift. It's not commonplace." Sterling also emphasized that Julie's focus was never on herself. "It was never about attention. She meets your needs with her music. That's an incredible gift."

While Julie's impact on adult worship is widely felt, perhaps nowhere is her influence more enduring than among the young people she has taught and encouraged over the years. **Sophie Noble**, now a college student, credits Julie with helping shape both her connection to Beth Tikvah and her sense of self. "Beth Tikvah's musical atmosphere, which she was a key part of nurturing, has always been one of the elements that tightly knitted me into the community," Noble said.

Noble remembers joining Beth Tikvah later than many of her peers but finding belonging through music. "Julie has always been dedicated to creating opportunities for kids," she said, recalling singing at services as a fifth grader and later joining Shir Chadash, the teen vocal ensemble. "Participating in Shir Chadash has been very significant for me, giving me community, responsibility, fun, and a way to give back to the temple," Noble said. Even after leaving for college, she and Julie remain in touch. "I am glad for the chance to know Julie beyond her work at the temple."

For **Emma Webb**, another former student now involved in music as an adult, Julie's influence runs just as deep. "Julie is a shining light in Beth Tikvah!" Webb said. "Her creativity, kindness, and friendship to me over the years have been sincerely life changing. She is one of the most talented people I've ever met."

Julie herself speaks most passionately about watching students grow—sometimes stepping away from music and later returning to it. "When you've taught this long," she said, "you know that they're going to grow up and this will be a part of them and their memory. To know that you may have lit a spark...that's a humbling experience."

That spark has carried Beth Tikvah through moments of both joy and challenge, including the COVID-19 pandemic. Julie recalls those years as emotionally difficult but creatively powerful. "We were still in community even though we weren't face to face," she said, describing streamed services, prerecorded choir pieces, and the innovative ways music stayed alive when the sanctuary was empty.

As she prepares to retire, Julie speaks with the emotion of someone leaving a place that has been more than a job. "I'm going to miss being in the sanctuary," she said. "Playing the piano. Connecting on the bimah." Still, she looks forward to a new chapter filled with family, travel, and creative freedom. "I have the energy," she said, reflecting on the possibilities ahead.

Beth Tikvah will formally celebrate Julie's retirement on Friday, **May 29, 2026**, but her presence will continue to be felt in familiar melodies, in the young voices raised with confidence, and in a community that learned how to sing together.

As Sterling put it, "She made it look so easy, people overlooked the fact that they were given a gift."

Now, as Julie enters her next chapter, the congregation sings its gratitude back to her.

Written by Hannah Karr

Our Community Reflections on Julie's Impact...

MIMI CHENFELD

"On Sundays when I danced with the Sunday School children, I would arrive early to sit in the back of the sanctuary and enjoy and admire Julie's (too short!) special musical time with each age group. Julie Sapper is a treasure...a wonderful friend and teacher, music-maker, and mistress of creativity, she is deeply appreciated and will be greatly missed by our congregation."

CINDY BARKER

"Julie, thank you so much for all that you have done for Beth Tikvah, our members, children, and staff. Thank you for supporting our singers, cantorial soloists, instrumentalists, and clergy with your thoughtful and beautiful musical selections. I learned so much from you. Your in-depth knowledge of liturgical music allowed us to explore new elements of our religion and culture."

KAREN & ROB ROSENBERG

"Your leadership and dedication has been second to none and you have been a huge part of our family making wonderful memories at Beth Tikvah. You will be sorely missed - but we are so happy for you and David and the rest of your family to now get to enjoy some more time doing other things you love."

MARILYN & STUART COOPER

"You have given us so much musical pleasure—with your music at services; your conducting of both adult and teen choirs add so much. It was wonderful to enjoy all that you brought to the music of Beth Tikvah. We wish you a wonderful retirement and will have great memories of your musical contributions."



Mazel Tov
2025-'26

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Sylvia Ames

Sarafina Crane

Annabelle Cowan

Margo Dorman

Sophie Holz

Charles Katz

Jayden Keidan

Greta Klebanoff

Ben Lichtenfeld

Eliana Lichtenfeld

Gabriel Mohler

Isaac Mohler

Eva Resnik

Elijah Roher-Smith

Alexi Shields

What has The Religious School been up to?





FAMILY

Events



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Register

FAMILY SHABBAT IN HONOR OF OUR EDUCATORS

In honor of our Education Department staff, led by our 6th grade students. All families are encouraged to show appreciation for our teachers and madrichim who will be honored at this service.

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Sign-Up

SUMMER SEND-OFF BBQ

Join your Columbus Reform Youth Group friends one last time before summer break for a BBQ and Havdalah at Blendon Woods Metropark from 5-7 PM.

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Sign-Up

FAMILY HAVDALAH & BBQ

Let's get together one last time before Summer break! Bring your favorite side dish or dessert. We will have drinks and hotdogs. Join us on the side patio at 6:00 PM for food, outdoor games and fun!



SCHOOL YEAR RECAP!

PRE-K with JENNY HOLZ

In the second semester, Pre-K students explored core Jewish holidays including Tu BiShvat, Purim, and Passover through stories, hands-on activities, and sensory experiences. They were introduced to foundational concepts like mitzvot and Moses, while continuing to build comfort with Jewish rituals and classroom community. Experiences like Mitzvah Day and visits to the PJ Library helped reinforce joy and connection to Jewish life.

KINDERGARTEN with ERIN KATALINIC

Kindergarten students deepened their understanding of Jewish holidays such as Tu BiShvat, Purim, and Passover through storytelling, music, crafts, and interactive learning. They continued building familiarity with Shabbat and mitzvot while strengthening their sense of Jewish identity. Collaborative experiences and hands-on activities supported both social development and joyful engagement in Jewish learning.

1st GRADE with JANE MITCHELL

First grade students expanded their knowledge of Torah stories, including Genesis narratives and the beginnings of the Exodus story. They explored key holidays like Tu BiShvat and Purim, and engaged in meaningful discussions about kindness (gemilut chasadim) and Jewish values. Their learning culminated in hands-on projects and community experiences like Mitzvah Day where they hosted their annual lemonade stand and helping our Garden Buds plant annuals in our garden, reinforcing connections between learning and action.

2nd GRADE with HANNAH MOVSHIN & BENTLEY ADKINS

Students demonstrated strong growth in their understanding of Torah, holidays, and Jewish values. They explored themes of inclusion, mitzvot, & responsibility, alongside learning about Tu BiShvat, Purim, and Passover. Through projects like tzedakah boxes, and their annual Family Learning Day where they assembled 100 mishloach manot for Shishim, students connected their learning to real-world Jewish practice.

SCHOOL YEAR RECAP!



3rd GRADE with KELLIE LUTKO & HANNAH O'CONNELL

Students engaged deeply with Torah study, with ongoing exploration of weekly portions. They connected holiday learning for as Purim, Passover and Yom Ha'atzmaut to broader Jewish identity and history. They also engaged in special lessons during February for Jewish Disabilities Awareness and Inclusion month. Their work reflected increasing independence, critical thinking, and pride in their Jewish knowledge and participation. In April, 3rd graders did an amazing job with their musical leadership during their Family Shabbat service!

4th GRADE with BEN BUCHHOLZ & LIVI HOLZ

Students continued to deepen their Torah study, with a focus on Exodus narratives and the development of the Jewish people. They explored themes of leadership, responsibility, and community, connecting biblical stories to their own lives. Holiday learning, including Purim and Passover, was enriched through discussion, creative projects, and opportunities for student voice and interpretation. Creative highlights for 4th graders this semester were creating their own mezuzot, as well as going on an experiential "wandering through the wilderness"

5th GRADE with JILL DAHER & ALISA SWISSA

Fifth grade students engaged in more complex exploration of Jewish history, identity, lifecycle, and practice as they prepare for the transition into middle school learning. Some of the highlights of the second semester were hands on lessons for lifecycle including making their own mini chuppas, and escape-room based learning. Students demonstrated growing independence and confidence, applying their knowledge through discussion, projects, and leadership within the school community.

SCHOOL YEAR RECAP!

6th GRADE with HANNAH MOVSHIN & CAMERON CRANE

During the second semester, 6th grade students engaged in a mix of meaningful learning, creative activities, and community-building experiences. They explored Jewish texts and themes, including the stories of Ruth and Purim, with a focus on values like courage. Their Holocaust studies with Cameron continued through the graphic novel *White Bird*, deepening their understanding of history and empathy. Students also participated in hands-on cultural experiences, such as making Israeli treats like krembos and chocolate balls, often as a reward for strong participation. A major highlight of the semester was preparing for and leading their Family Shabbat service, where students reflected on their Jewish journeys, shared personal learning moments, and collaborated on leading prayers and music, demonstrating both growth and confidence as they approach becoming B'nai Mitzvah.

7th GRADE with BENTLEY ADKINS & LEIGH ZIRCHER

7th grade students continued to deepen their understanding of Jewish identity, values, and community through both learning and hands-on experiences in relationship to B'nai Mitzvah. They explored topics such as *gemilut chasadim*, reflecting on their personal ethical values and how to grow into the people they aspire to be, as well as the Jewish life cycle with a focus on the meaning and responsibility of becoming B'nai Mitzvah. In addition to her weekly lessons on contemporary Jewish heroes, cultural learning was brought to life through a lesson on Mizrahi henna traditions with Ms. Leigh. Students also engaged in meaningful experiential learning, including a tikkun olam project at The Buddy Box Connection supporting food-insecure youth, and participating in the Columbus Jewish Historical Society's annual "Super Sunday" to explore family histories.

8th GRADE with ALISA SWISSA & DAVID KNIGHT

During the second semester, students engaged in meaningful, hands-on learning that deepened their understanding of Jewish identity, history, and responsibility. Through multiple tikkun olam experiences, including service at the Worthington Resource Pantry and The Buddy Box Connection, they made a tangible impact on their local community. Their studies explored Jewish history and global communities, from the Jewish community of Iraq to early Israeli statehood, often paired with immersive cultural experiences like cooking traditional foods. Students also examined the Jewish immigrant experience through *An American Pickle* and reflected on contemporary issues, including conversations about antisemitism following their visit to the Holocaust & Humanity Center. Altogether, the semester fostered thoughtful discussion, community engagement, and a strong sense of Jewish pride and connection.

SCHOOL YEAR RECAP!

9th GRADE with RABBI KAREN MARTIN

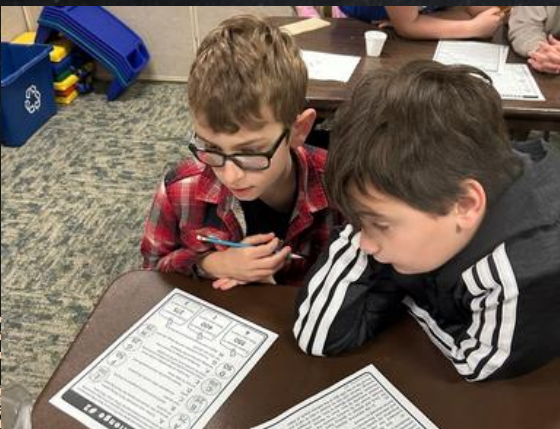
Students continued their in-depth learning about Israel, its history, and its complexities through a variety of interactive and reflective experiences. They explored topics such as the World Zionist Congress, pre-state Israel, and early Israeli statehood, presenting their research and collaborating with peers to understand the challenges of nation-building. Students also examined Israeli culture and identity through hands-on activities like making traditional foods and participating in an Israel-themed escape room. Thoughtful discussions were fostered through resources that encouraged dialogue around differing perspectives on Israel, as well as explorations of Yom HaZikaron and Yom HaAtzmaut, helping students grapple with emotional & historical connections between these days.

10th GRADE with RABBI RICK KELLNER

Confirmation students engaged deeply with Jewish values, contemporary issues, and personal responsibility as emerging Jewish adults. They explored complex topics such as theology, Israeli history, reproductive freedom, LGBTQIA+ inclusion, environmental justice, and tikkun olām through Jewish texts and meaningful discussion, reflecting on how Reform Judaism informs their perspectives and actions. Their learning extended beyond the classroom as they participated in the L'Taken seminar with the RAC in Washington, D.C., where they connected their values to real-world advocacy by lobbying elected officials. Students also prepared for their upcoming Confirmation service where they will share reflections on the year - join us to celebrate our Confirmation class on 5/8!

11th & 12th GRADE with MORISSA FREIBERG-VANCE, RJE

Mitzvah Corps teens gathered monthly at Alicia's Closet, sorting donations & helping prepare for organizational programming. Alicia's Closet serves families with foster care children & youth that have aged out of the foster care system. Mitzvah Corps teens connected deeply with the organization, working alongside the founder each session.



FLOWER SALE

May 16 - 17, 2026



15% of your purchase comes back to us if you mention Beth Tikvah at checkout!

We're excited to bring back Beth Tikvah's beloved Flower Sale — instead of placing orders in advance, visit Bale Kenyon Family Farms on May 16 - 17 and choose exactly what you'd like for your home or garden.

balekenyonfamilyfarms.com

3890 Lewis Center Road

ANNUAL MEETING

Join us for Beth Tikvah's Annual Meeting, open to the community. We'll reflect on the past year, share important updates, and look ahead to the future of our congregation.

Refreshments: 6:30 PM • Meeting: 7:00 PM

Monday, May 18, 2026



CONTINUING MEMBERS

Finance: Sam Rapoport

Fundraising: Janie Weisman

Religious School: Aaron Taylor

New Member Connection: Wendy Rush

Youth Engagement: Sarah Stevens

Membership: Miryam Chandler

Trustee At-Large: Stacey Martinez

INDIVIDUAL AUXILIARY GROUPS

Women of BT: Jenny Holz

Brotherhood: Larry Romanoff

SLATE TO BE ELECTED

ONE-YEAR TERM

President: Tara Rozen

1st VP: Sheri Scaglione

2nd VP: Liz Shafran

Secretary: Josh Reinicke

Treasurer: Jonathan Beck

Past President: Ted Fons

TWO-YEAR TERM

Social Action: Tanya Shats

Ritual: Scott Gordon

Adult Learning: Lesley Pfening

Building: Todd Lipschutz

Shishim: Jane Mitchell

Trustee At-Large: Abby Holmes



The Carob Tree Project Featuring Mim Chenfeld

Mim Chenfeld has spent a lifetime bringing people together. She has always understood an ancient and essential lesson: people find their way into community through experiences and connection. Using song and movement, Mim has spent decades helping people feel what it means to belong. Wherever she goes, community closely follows.

“I always loved dancing,” she says simply. “I just dance.” If you trace her story carefully, you won’t find a straight line. You’ll find a rhythm.

Mim grew up in the Bronx, a world where diversity was a fact of daily life. Languages overlapped. Cultures collided. Synagogues existed in storefronts. Grandmothers spoke Yiddish and Russian and sold “dry goods” from pushcarts on the Lower East Side. Judaism was loud, bold, imperfect, and everywhere. She learned early how to speak her mind, how to embrace differences, and how to notice who was included and who was not.

In the early 1950s, just years after the founding of the State of Israel, Mim fell in love with Israeli folk dancing. She learned dances at retreats and studios and carried them home in her body, afraid that if she stopped moving, she would forget. She taught herself by repetition, walking through train stations rehearsing steps “so I wouldn’t lose it,” she says. “If I stopped, I’d never remember it.” And then, naturally, she taught others.

That instinct to preserve and pass on has shaped every part of her life, including her writing. Mim has always been a poet, attentive to language and image. She has published children’s books, including *The House at 12 Rose Street*, released in 1966 — one of the earliest children’s books in the United States to challenge

The Carob Tree Project Featuring Mim Chenfeld

conventions and provoke public conversation about what stories children are allowed to hear. Like her dancing and teaching, her writing trusted young people with complexity.

When Mim, her husband, Howard, and her family moved to Columbus in 1970, they passed synagogue after synagogue down the road to Congregation Beth Tikvah, housed in a small, warm, and homey building. “It was really the *heimish* feeling that sold us,” she recalls. Humanity was shining through the windows; intelligence and care lived side by side. Over the next 55 years, Beth Tikvah became the place where her children grew up, family milestones unfolded, and loyalty meant something deeper than convenience.

Her three children, Cara, Cliff, and Dan, all became b’nai mitzvah at Beth Tikvah, each finding their own way into Jewish life. Cliff later returned as a song leader, lending his voice to the community that helped shape him. Cara was married at the temple, another milestone held within walls already filled with memories. Today, Mim is the grandmother of seven grandchildren, and she recently celebrated the arrival of her first great-grandchild, Leo, a new generation stepping into a story already rich with song, movement, and belonging.

Some of Mim’s most enduring work happened outside sanctuary walls. At Ohio State’s Hillel, she became a steward of folk dancing. Her dance group welcomed everyone: students and non-students, young and old, Jewish and not, people of every race and background. It was joyful, messy, cohesive, and alive.

10 years ago, Hillel’s folk-dance group was noticed beyond the circle itself. A Columbus newspaper columnist wrote about the group, capturing what made it special: people dancing and belonging together. The recognition affirmed what participants already knew. The group endured and continues today as the oldest folk dance group in Columbus.

Teaching, for Mim, was never about career ladders; it was about relationships. She taught public school, Hebrew school, preschoolers, adults, artists, and eventually teachers themselves. She helped build integrated arts programs long before the phrase was fashionable. She chose the Jewish Center over security and benefits because people had trusted her, and she would not abandon them. Decades later, strangers still approach her to say, “You came to my school. You changed how I teach.”

Ask Mim about happiness and she will not point to milestones. She will point to a walk, a good laugh, a story shared at the table. “Any day you can talk about is a good day,” she repeats her father’s words often and lives by them daily.

Her life philosophy comes in fragments, offered almost casually:

- “Ain’t no big thing.”
- “If this is the worst thing that ever happened, you’re doing okay.”
- “People spit in your eye, and you say it’s raining.”

Mim has protested, marched, raised children in movement spaces, brought toddlers to civil rights rallies, and taught them the words to freedom songs before they understood what they meant. She has lived through war, loss, political upheaval, and institutional failure without hardening. Her response has always been the same: make room; keep the circle open.

In the story of the carob tree, one plants knowing they may never eat the fruit. Mim Chenfeld planted dances she no longer leads, programs she no longer runs, and communities that still move to steps she once carried across train stations so they would not be lost.

Her legacy is not written. It is danced. Every time people gather, take hands, and move together — at Beth Tikvah, at Hillel, in classrooms, in sanctuaries, in ordinary moments — her tree is still bearing fruit.

Women's Torah Study

May 4 | 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.

In-Person Meditation

Saturday, May 16 • 10:30 am

Join us for our Saturday Morning Meditation session with Morissa Freiberg, RJE.

Beginners and newbies are always welcome!

Sign-Up!

The Blessings & Challenges of Jewish Life

Join us for a rare opportunity to hear from two national leaders in Reform Judaism as they engage in a thoughtful conversation about the future of Jewish life.



Rabbi Rick Jacobs
President, Union for Reform Judaism



Rabbi Rick Kellner
President-Elect, Central Conference of American Rabbis

MAY 3, 2026

Coffee & Breakfast: 9:30am

Conversation: 10am - 11am



MAY THE FOURTH, OR REVENGE OF THE SIXTH

JEWISH THEMES IN STAR WARS



WITH BRAD ROZEN



**WED. MAY 6
7:15 PM**

SIGN UP!



Shavuot

ADULT LEARNING EXPERIENCE

SIGN-UP FOR SHAVUOT

Celebrate Shavuot with an evening of learning featuring **Rabbi Rick Kellner, Rabbi Karen Martin, and Morissa Freiberg-Vance, RJE.**

Through three unique perspectives on the Book of Ruth, we'll explore themes at the heart of Shavuot and Jewish tradition.

THURSDAY, MAY 21 at 7:00 PM

BETH TIKVAH BROTHERHOOD



Annual Meeting & Dinner

6:00 PM

Social Time

6:15 PM

Dinner by Milano Creative

6:45 PM

Brotherhood Annual Meeting

7:00 PM

Event Program:
Israel and the Middle East



Don Sylvan

Emeritus Professor of
Political Science, OSU

Tuesday, May 12

6 pm - 8 pm

Register for Dinner

Deadline: May 5



Israel & The Middle East: An Update

With the US/Israel/Iran war, the proposed “Gaza Peace Plan,” and upcoming Israeli elections, the Middle East remains in a constant state of change. Don Sylvan, Emeritus Professor of Political Science at The Ohio State University, will unpack these developments and explain the complex dynamics shaping the region today.

Honoring Marci Delson



[click here for full newsletter](#)



Women
OF BETH TIKVAH

Mitzvah Day Birthday Bags

The Women of Beth Tikvah (WBT) led a WRJ Day of Action project to collect and assemble Birthday Bags for families served by the Worthington Resource Pantry in Worthington, OH. Through this initiative, congregants donated items through collection bins placed in the Temple lobby. These items were assembled into Birthday Bags to ensure that children and families experiencing food insecurity can still celebrate special moments with dignity and joy. WBT supplemented any needed items to ensure that at least 75 Birthday Bags were prepared and delivered to the Worthington Resource Pantry, which distributes them to families who visit for food assistance and have a birthday in their household that week.

Through this project, participants supported families served by the Worthington Resource Pantry and gained a meaningful opportunity to practice acts of loving-kindness, learn about the Jewish values of community responsibility, and help bring joy and dignity to neighbors in need. We exceeded our goal and packaged 80 bags! Success was reflected in the number of Birthday Bags assembled, the level of congregational participation, and the impact of knowing that families in our community will be able to celebrate life's milestones because of this collective effort.

The Birthday Bags contained items such as cake mix, frosting, candles, foil baking pans, plates, and napkins. "This program would not be possible without the support of a Women of Reform Judaism microgrant. Microgrants help inspire and enable WRJ members to create 'outside-the-box' programs and provide new ideas for engagement and advocacy."



WBT Dinner Out

Tuesday, May 26 • 6:30 PM

RSVP



Please join us for great food and company!

This is a social event and a wonderful way to meet new people and make new friends!

Molly Woo's Asian Bistro

1500 Polaris Pkwy. Columbus, OH 43240

[click here for full newsletter](#)

Daytime Mahj

1:30 - 3:30 PM

Located at Beth Tikvah

Upcoming Dates:

May 6	June 16
May 19	July 1
June 3	July 21

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:

May 11

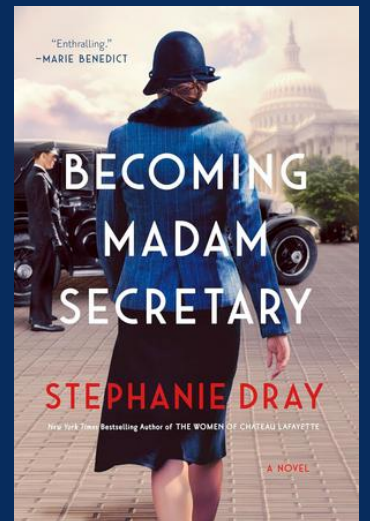
SIGN-UP

Book Club - Tuesday, May 12 at 12:30 pm

Join us in the Beth Tikvah Library to discuss *Becoming Madam Secretary* by Stephanie Dray.

Frances Perkins arrives in New York determined to make a difference and ends up shaping history. As an unlikely partner to Franklin Delano Roosevelt, she rises to become one of his most trusted advisors during the Great Depression. Along the way, she must balance ambition, love, and the cost of leadership.

Join us on **June 9** for our next title, *An Unfinished Love Story: A Personal History of the 1960s* by Doris Kearns Goodwin.



Canasta is Back! **MAY 11 • MAY 26**

Join us for a relaxed and social afternoon of cards, conversation, and community from **4:30-6:00 PM** at **Beth Tikvah**.

All levels are welcome—just come ready to play!
Please let us know if you're able to bring a snack to share.

SIGN-UP



AGES 60+

SHISHIM MAY PROGRAM

MAY 14, 2026

11 AM - Mindful Living: A Lifelong Path for Better Health

Beth Steinberg, MS, RN, is the Associate Chief Nursing Officer with oversight of the Critical Care, Emergency Services and Clinical Resources across the OSU Wexner Medical Center.

Beth will talk to us about how we can use mindfulness to reduce stress, improve brain health, and enhance your overall well-being.

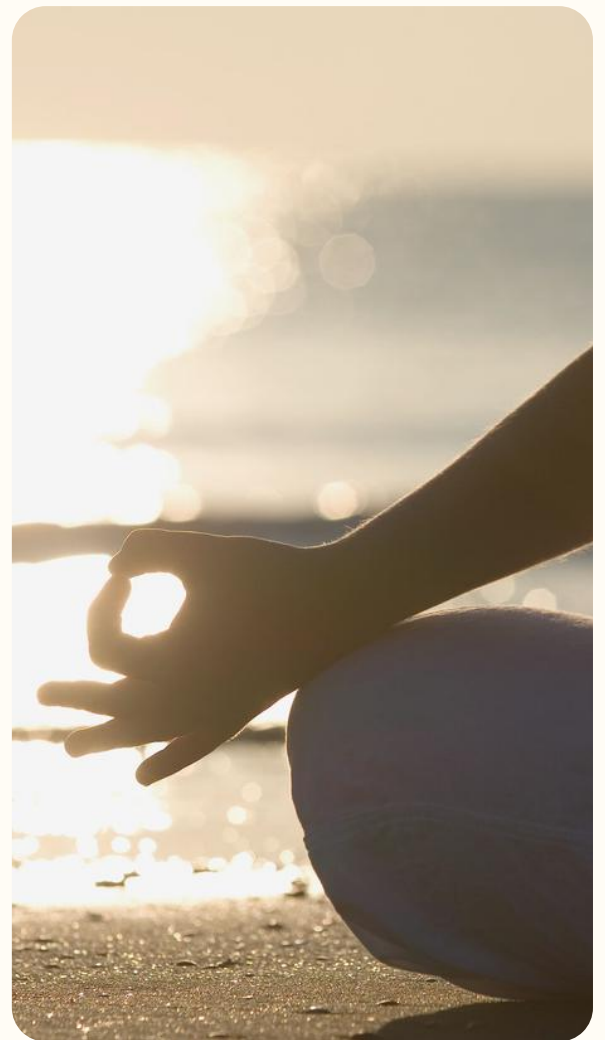
12 PM - Lunch

We will be eating pizza, salad, fruit, and dessert. \$15 for Beth Tikvah members, \$18 for non-members. *Indicate your dietary needs in the "Notes" section of the ShulCloud form.*

1 PM - Hobnob with Shishim Friends!

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



[ORDER LUNCH](#)





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GARDEN BUDS ARE BACK!

Gardening season is back!

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 10:00 AM.

No experience needed, just a willingness to get your hands a little dirty! We wrap up around noon with lunch and great company.

Come grow with us!

Save-the-Dates

**3
MAY**

Last Day of Religious School & Teen Program!

**20
MAY**

Brotherhood Lunch at Cap City Dublin

Contact jpalbert46@gmail.com to RSVP

**21
MAY**

Shavuot at Beth Tikvah

Begins at 7:00 PM • More info coming soon...

**22
MAY**

Yizkor Service

8:30 AM • In-person and on Zoom

**18
MAY**

2026-'27 Annual Meeting

Refresments: 6:30 PM • Meeting: 7 PM • Open to the Congregation

**5
JUNE**

PRIDE Shabbat Service

7:15 PM at Congregation Beth Tikvah

**12
JUNE**

Board Installation & Volunteer Recognition Shabbat

Celebrate our new board and honor our volunteers at this Shabbat!

**23
JUNE**

Red Cross Blood Drive

12:00 - 6:00 PM in the Beth Tikvah Social Hall

LEGACY CIRCLE SHABBAT

HONORING THE PAST, INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

More than 65 members of Congregation Beth Tikvah's Legacy Circle gathered on Friday, April 24, for a meaningful evening of Shabbat dinner, prayer, and reflection, celebrating some of the stories and commitments that continue to sustain the congregation across generations.

During the Shabbat service, an address was given by Legacy Circle members Jane Mitchell and Michael Alexander, who shared their personal journey to Beth Tikvah and the story behind the endowment they established to support Jewish education.



“There are a couple of things you need to know about us to understand our journey to Beth Tikvah and the creation of our endowment,” Jane began. One was her path as “a Jew by choice,” and the other was the many years the couple spent moving across the country for education before ultimately settling in Columbus.

When Jane and Michael first arrived in the area, they came to Beth Tikvah seeking a place to name their child. “Almost from the very beginning, we felt at home here,” Jane shared. “Everyone was so welcoming.” That sense of belonging became the foundation for decades of involvement, from teaching Sunday School and creating new programs to raising their children, and now grandchildren, within the Beth Tikvah community.

Reflecting on their decision to establish a legacy gift, Jane explained that when Michael retired, he wanted to do “something meaningful that would create a lasting legacy and support future generations.” For them, Beth Tikvah was the natural choice.

Their endowment focuses on access to Jewish education. “We wanted to ensure that every child could receive a Jewish education,” Jane said, emphasizing that no child should be denied learning opportunities due to financial barriers or special educational needs. Drawing from her 40-year career as a special education teacher, she spoke passionately about inclusion and equity.

“As someone whose own daughter was nearly denied an education because I was not considered ‘Jewish enough,’” Jane shared, “I felt strongly about ensuring that all children...have access to religious education.”

The **Michael Alexander and Jane Mitchell Endowment for the Education of All Jewish Children** reflects the spirit of Legacy Circle Shabbat itself: gratitude for what has been received, and a commitment to planting seeds so that Jewish life at Beth Tikvah continues to thrive for generations to come.

Those interested in learning more about making a legacy gift or establishing an endowment are invited to reach out to **Legacy Co-Chairs Carol and Andy**, or to **Executive Director Debbie Vinocur**. They would be glad to continue the conversation and help explore meaningful ways to support Beth Tikvah's future.

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.

Ruth & Herbert Abrams Endowment

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Forman Pay-It-Forward Fund

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Farewell & Thank You

EVERETT SMITH, Finance Manager

Dear Congregation Beth Tikvah,

As I sit down to write this, I am filled with a mix of gratitude, joy, and a bit of sadness. Saying goodbye is never easy—especially to people who have been such an important part of my life for the past five years.

As I prepare to close this chapter and begin a new journey, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks to each of you—both members and staff. To the members of Beth Tikvah: meeting you, speaking with you, and spending time together has felt like being part of a family. To the staff—Debbie, Hannah, Rhonda, Rabbi Rick, Rabbi Karen, Morissa, and Alisa—working alongside such caring, passionate, talented, supportive, and inspiring colleagues has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my career. I will always cherish the moments we shared.

Although life is taking me in a new direction, please know that distance will never change the bond we share. The Congregation Beth Tikvah family will always be in my heart and in my prayers.

While I am excited about what lies ahead, I will truly miss our daily interactions and the friendships we have built. I leave with nothing but fond memories and deep appreciation.

Wishing you all continued success, happiness, and fulfillment in everything you do.

Warm Regards,

Everett Smith



MAZEL MOMENTS!

Diane & Ron Saks
**...on the birth of
their grandchild,
Lielle, daughter of
Nathan & Erin Saks.**

Jordan Crichfield
**...on her
acceptance into
the 2026-2027
Wexner Service
Corps cohort.**

Zoe Kellner
**...on winning the Cole
Essay Contest through
the Columbus JCC
Teen Awards. Her
essay will appear in
the Columbus Jewish
News.**

Karen Heiser
**...on winning the
16 over 60 Award
from the Central
Ohio Area Agency
on Aging for her
dedication to the
community.**

Beth Tikvah Mazel Moments is our monthly space to celebrate congregants' milestones and good news. If you or someone else should be featured, please reach out to comms@bethtikvahcolumbus.org—we'd love to celebrate with you.

Torah Trailblazers: Celebrating Remarkable Jewish Women

CLAUDIA RODEN

For Claudia Roden, food has always been a form of memory, history, and teachings passed lovingly from one generation to the next. Born in Cairo in 1936 to a Jewish family rooted in Egyptian culture, Roden became one of the most influential voices in documenting Jewish and Middle Eastern cuisine, at a moment when much of that heritage was in danger of disappearing.

After her family was forced to leave Egypt in the 1950s, Roden realized that recipes carried what exile often strips away: stories, customs, culture, and identity. She began recording the foods of her community to safeguard a way of life. As she later reflected, “I wrote because I didn’t want our food to be forgotten,” ([Hadassah Magazine](#)).

Roden’s groundbreaking *A Book of Middle Eastern Food* and later Jewish cookbooks treated recipes with the seriousness of sacred texts. Each dish came with context on who made it, when it was served, and what it meant. Roden recognized that food is a form of cultural transmission, much like Torah itself. “Food is a way of keeping memory alive,” she explained, especially for communities scattered by migration and loss ([Tablet](#)).

These themes resonate especially on Shavuot, the festival that celebrates receiving Torah and the responsibility to carry it forward. Just as Torah is studied, interpreted, and handed down, Roden understood Jewish food as something learned and taught through care and repetition. Shavuot’s dairy traditions echo her belief that what we pass on at the dinner table shapes who we become.

“What else do we have to give in life other than good food?” Roden once asked ([Jewish News](#)).

On Shavuot, Claudia Roden reminds us that Torah is found in kitchens, recipes, and the act of teaching someone how to cook a dish that carries a story.



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Written by Hannah Karr

Fun & Unique Shavuot Recipes

Click on the photos for the recipe.



No-Bake Cheesecake Cups

These individual cheesecake cups feature a smooth vanilla filling topped with a glossy layer of chocolate, all without turning on the oven. They're easy to make ahead, fun to serve, and always a hit with both kids and adults.



Blintzes

Thin, delicate crepes filled with lightly sweetened cheese and pan-fried until golden. Served warm and often topped with fruit, sour cream, or a drizzle of honey, they're a classic Shavuot favorite that feels both comforting and celebratory.



Spinach-Ricotta Savory Kugel

Creamy ricotta, tender noodles, and spinach come together in this baked savory kugel that's both comforting and elegant. It's a Shavuot classic with a fresh, modern feel that works equally well as a main or a side.



Strawberry-Labneh Honey Tart

This tart layers a crisp, buttery crust with creamy labneh lightly sweetened with honey, then finishes with fresh, juicy strawberries. It's bright, balanced, and refreshing – without being overly rich.



Cheese-Stuffed Zucchini Blossoms

Try out these delicate zucchini blossoms filled with creamy mozzarella and provolone, served on crostini with apricot preserves, arugula, and balsamic glaze – impressive and delicious.

[Click Here for more Shavuot recipes.](#)

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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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