



**B'REI SHEET:
"In the Beginning"
at Beth Tikvah**

A Shabbat Service
Honoring
the Founders and Earliest Members
of our Synagogue



November 19, 1993



We thank Joe Vogel for the Hebrew calligraphy that appears on the front of this program.



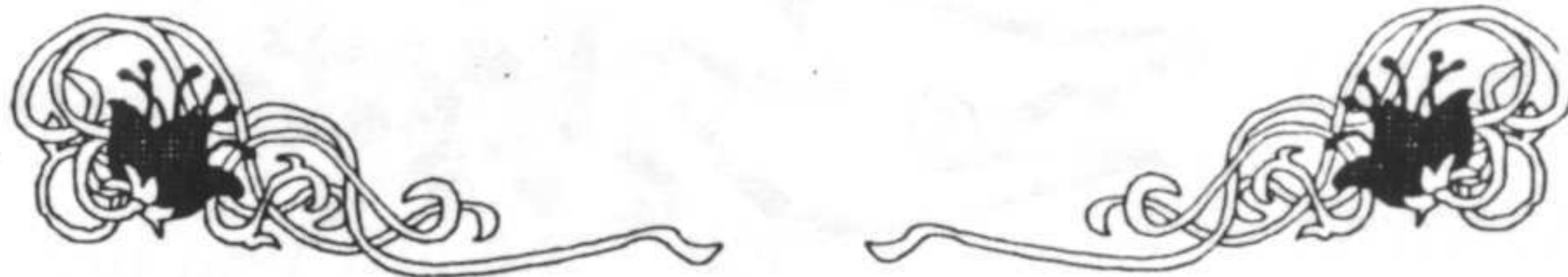


CONGREGATION BETH TIKVAH

Rabbi Gary A. Huber
Madeline Rivera, Music Leader

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Service II, Gates of Prayer, page 142

To be named:
Alex Benjamin Petrak,
son of George and Susan Petrak



Opening Songs: *Mah Yafeh Hayom*
Sabbath Prayer

Candle Lighting Anita Ojalvo

Responsive Reading (page 145) Mardi Kincheloe

Songs: *Ashreynu Shema*
Thou Shalt Love (Gates of Song, #36)

Responsive Reading (pages 149-50) Sondra Fink

Three Readings on the Theme of Holiness:

Readers: Don Simon

Micki Seltzer

Harold Chern

Song: *Shalom Rav* (*Gates of Song*, #58)

Silent Meditation

Song: *Shabbos Yidden Zol Zain*

. (led by Manny Luttinger)



Remarks and Introductions Jack Schwarz

Guest Speakers

Arlene Brilliant Levy

Manny Luttinger

Dawn Heyman

Joe Vogel



Presentation of Gifts Jack Schwarz



<i>Arlene Brilliant Levy</i>	<i>January '62</i>
<i>Morris and Anita Ojalvo</i>	<i>January '62</i>
<i>Joe Vogel</i>	<i>January '62</i>
<i>Harold and Helen Chern</i>	<i>January '63</i>
<i>Bill and Rhoda Gilbert</i>	<i>January '63</i>
<i>Manny and Rose Luttinger</i>	<i>November '64</i>
<i>Marty and Micki Seltzer</i>	<i>October '66</i>
<i>Don and Rhoda Simon</i>	<i>October '66</i>
<i>Dawn Heyman</i>	<i>November '67</i>
<i>Arthur and Frida Ksienski</i>	<i>November '67</i>
<i>Eleanor Resler</i>	<i>November '67</i>
<i>Howard and Sondra Fink</i>	<i>January '68</i>



Announcements Robin Thomas

Closing Song: *Bashanah Habaah*



Kiddush at the Oneg (led by Bill Gilbert)



This evening's Oneg is made possible through donations made to Beth Tikvah's Special Events Fund.

Please join us at the Oneg which will immediately follow Shabbat services.



These comments were shared by some of the people we are honoring tonight.

Bob and I were attracted to the simplicity of a congregation where time, dedication, and hard work were valued as much as financial contributions. We enjoyed the intellectual stimulation and the creative services. My family felt comfortable in a warm, extended-family atmosphere where everyone pitched in. We were a "do-it-yourself" congregation, small and intimate. My children's Judaism was reinforced by our involvement.

I would not like to see us become another suburban "drop off at Sunday School" congregation. We must remain egalitarian, and nurture a deep concern for our fellow congregants.

Ina Mayer

In spite of its growth, the congregation remains dynamic, has loads of good activities, and is a place that furnishes inspiration and leadership.

Stan Gelles

I have remained a member for the pleasure of learning, the need for renewing my connection to the Jewish people and God, the many wonderful friends we have made, and a desire to make some small contribution to the survival of the Jewish people.

We must keep in touch with changing needs, but we should never lose sight of our primary mission: to be a religious center for all who express a desire to be connected to the Jewish people.

Marty Seltzer

We had a unique closeness and a philosophy of cohesiveness.

Anita Ojalvo

We must continue to avoid becoming a boring, packaged entity so that we won't run the risk of losing our most precious possessions--our children. Unlike their parents, many children of the '90's will need reasons to stay Jewish.

Don Simon

I valued the closeness of all 25 families who were initially the founders. We knew them, and their children, intimately. We watched them grow into interesting, active members. I was the Temple's first Youth Leader, and we had a great time together. The nucleus of the group formed the first confirmation class. I have always enjoyed the sermons.

Helen Chern

At the time we joined, the congregation had the qualities we now associate with a havurah--mutual support, knowing everyone. It was an informal, participatory, warm, friendly group. We see Beth Tikvah as a premier institution for welcoming intermarried families into the community, and as a congregation with a social conscience. It should continue to be a place where money does not talk in leadership positions, where committees run all the major operations, where the Rabbi is a voting member of the Board, where concern for the general community is high, where charity is a major endeavor, where we have no outreach program because no one is out.

Howard Fink

For most of us, who were transplants from other cities and away from family and friends, Beth Tikvah was an extended family. I remember the Annual Retreat, held on a weekend, with shared cabins, camping, services, discussion topics, baseball games, hiking, a huge pot-luck meal, and lots of nosherai! When our 4-year old was asked what it meant to be Jewish, she said, "We have Shabbat dinners and Onegs." We need to nurture the feeling that everyone is important and needed and to be the most welcoming and inclusive shul in Columbus.

Sonda Fink

We attended each other's simchas, and supported congregants during times of sorrow. At a time when there were relatively few Jewish families on the north side of Columbus, Beth Tikvah was the center of Jewish life for our children and ourselves. Among the most wonderful events at the Indianola location were the beautiful Bar and Bat Mitzvahs. Each was a truly congregational event, one of overwhelming warmth and joy.

Gloria Gerald

Coming to Beth Tikvah has been like coming home. It is very personal, very emotional. Long-lasting involvement has created this feeling, and continued involvement keeps the feelings alive. That is the answer for current members. As it is in every other place in life, "As you sow, so shall you reap." The harvest? The same caring, affection, and religious growth that prevailed thirty years ago.

Arlene Brilliant Levy

I enjoyed the interrelatedness of Jewish studies, social action, and creative religious services. We should find ways to allow the traditional Jewish values to disturb our satisfaction with the status quo of our lives and our society.

Manny Luttinger

I valued the acceptance of people, the feeling of being needed, and the sense of purpose in creating something meaningful, a uniqueness coming from the talents and ideas of members. We should not be satisfied with being like every other Temple. New ideas should be experimented with, and both new and old members should be called upon to volunteer.

Rose Luttinger

In the early days, every new member was a "victory," a cause for celebration. Every member who moved out of town was lamented by the entire congregation.

Harold Chern

Newcomers were not differentiated from founding members with regard to opportunities for service and involvement in the congregation. Equally important was Beth Tikvah's commitment to its children and youth. The priority given to their education and inclusion in congregational life is one of our major strengths. The devotion of my fellow congregants to Jewish ideals and practice and to Beth Tikvah is a constant source of inspiration and renewed faith.

Mardi Kincheloe

I found the acceptance of diversity, the informal atmosphere, and the efforts to foster open communication most endearing. We must maintain acceptance of all, regardless of ability to pay or conformity to the mainstream. We also have to be open to changes that promote values, such as egalitarian language in services.

Micki Seltzer



Mah Yafeh Hayom

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Shabbat Shalom
Shabbat (2) Shalom (3)
Shabbat Shalom

Ashreynu

Ashreynu ma tov chelkeynu
Uma na'im goraleynu
Uma yafa y'rushateynu
Ashrenu she'anachnu omrim
b'chol yom
Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai Eloheynu
Adonai echad
Baruch sheym k'vod
Sheym K'vod mal'chuto
L'olam va-ed.

Sabbath Prayer

May the Lord protect and defend you.
May He always shield you from shame.
May you come to be in Yisrael a shining name.
May you be like Ruth and like Esther.
May you be deserving of praise.
Strengthen them, O Lord.
And keep them from the stranger's ways.

May God bless you and grant you long life.
May the Lord fulfill our Sabbath prayer for you.
May God keep you and shield you from strife.
May He in His wisdom always care for you.
May the Lord protect and defend you.
May the Lord protect and defend you.
May He always shield you from shame.
May He always shield you from shame.
Favor us, O Lord, with happiness and peace. O hear
our Sabbath prayer.