



**“Serving the future”**

Noon to 1 p.m. luncheon meeting at The Athletic Club of Columbus, 136 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215

**~~ Rabbi Benjy A. Bar-Lev ~~**

**Temple Beth Shalom**

**The history of Jewish humor.**

Rabbi Benjy A. Bar-Lev joined the rabbinic staff of Temple Beth Shalom in the summer of 2008. As of July 2017, he serves as the congregation’s senior rabbi. Rabbi Bar-Lev says of TBS that, “Our creative possibilities here are endless. Temple Beth Shalom is a warm, inclusive and truly dynamic place. I’m very blessed to have found TBS, my congregational soul-mate!”



"Rabbi B" (*as he is known at Beth Shalom*) was born and raised in Milwaukee. He went to college at a small university in Kenosha, Wisconsin, called the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. During his college years, he began working as a religious schoolteacher, a Hebrew teacher, youth director, a song leader and finally as rabbinic intern at a small synagogue in Kenosha called Beth Hillel Temple. He is also a life-long Jewish camper, and for the past 16 summers has been a camper, counselor, program director, unit leader, administrator and camp rabbi of a Jewish community center camp called "Interlaken" in the North Woods of Wisconsin. He also serves on faculty each summer at our local Union for Reform Judaism residential camp, Goldman Union Camp Institute (GUCI).

During rabbinical school in Cincinnati, Rabbi B became the youth director at Temple Shalom, a job he had for four years. During his first two years in Cincinnati, he also worked as coordinator of Yeshivat Noar, a 7<sup>th</sup>- and 8<sup>th</sup>-grade program that combines a junior youth group with formal religious school classes. He taught, coordinated, and wrote curriculum for that program. During those first years, he also began teaching in the Cincinnati Reform Jewish High School, writing plans and

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*Today's Meeting*

**Greeters:**

**Tobi Furman** – The Artmobile

**Pranab Bhattacharya** - Gupta & Associates, CPA

**Invocation:** **Joyce Waters** – Club President-elect

**Committee Meetings:** None scheduled

**Check Presentations:** Alvis, Inc., Furniture Bank of Central Ohio.

**Menu Options:**

**Hot:** Pan-seared salmon, with a citrus gastrique.

**Cold:** Club sandwich, with chips.

*Coming up this week*

**Birthdays**

03/11 – **Chad Gardner**

03/11 – **Nicole Salinas**

03/13 – **Dan Lacey**

03/14 – **Char Collister**



**Monday, 3/11** – 11:30 a.m. – Get to Know Kiwanis

**Monday, 3/11** – 6:30 p.m. – Interclub at Kiwanis Club of London.

**Tuesday, 3/12** – 5:30 p.m. – Trustee meeting at The Refectory.

## Congratulations, Melissa ...



Kiwanian **Melissa Wervey Arnold**, CEO, Ohio Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics was among this year's class of *Columbus CEO* Healthcare Achievement Award recipients.

The Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics has touched the lives of 865,000 children under Melissa's leadership. During her 13 years at the helm, she has innovated programs, education and offerings to help the association's more than 2,900 pediatricians provide optimal care for children across the state.

As the chapter and its impact have grown - it is the third-largest of 66 chapters nationally - so too has the industry's respect for Arnold, who also serves as executive director of the related Ohio American Academy of Pediatrics Foundation.

Among her many successes, Melissa helped to develop and implement programs on major pediatric topics, including obesity, immunizations, injury, mental wellness, vision screening, smoking cessation and teen issues. In addition to her innovative approaches to supporting the academy's membership, Melissa has worked with state legislators and relevant agencies to ensure children are safe and healthy, including by helping to pass a booster seat law in Ohio.

*I know a guy who's addicted to drinking brake fluid,  
but he says he can stop any time.*

## Share Your Kiwanis Pride ...

A great way to show your Kiwanis pride is to wear apparel emblazoned with our Club's logo! If you don't have any, or if you are in need of new items, just tell us what items you'd like to purchase by clicking on this link: [Kiwanis Logo Wear](#). *Please note that at this time you are just telling us what you'd like to order, not ordering it yet.* We are simply gathering information so that we can provide the vendor with an inventory estimate.

We'll collect these requests until **March 8**, and then set up an online store with our vendor. When the store "goes live" in mid-March, you will have 3 weeks to place individual orders and purchase your items. These items can be shipped directly to you when you order! There is something for everyone and the quality is good. Everything (*except the basic t-shirt*) will be embroidered with our Club logo in white and gold or navy blue. Don't wait! Make your selections today!

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curricula for classes there, as well.

Just prior to joining the Beth Shalom family, Rabbi Bar-Lev served as rabbinic intern and youth director for Temple Sholom in Cincinnati. As rabbinic intern, he led services weekly, taught adult education classes, officiated many lifecycle events, ran extensive adult programming, helped innovate worship experiences, coordinated and advised young family and young adult groups, attended to pastoral care, and helped shape the religious school.

Rabbi Bar-Lev has a passion for Jewish education and loves teaching both adults and children about Jewish traditions, music, texts and ethics. He enjoys leading Shabbat services, officiating lifecycle events, and spending time with - and counseling - congregants.

Rabbi Bar-Lev lives in New Albany with his wife, Dr. Lauren Bar-Lev, a pediatrician at the Ohio Center for Pediatrics in Dublin, and their beautiful children, Sammie, Jake, Asher and Noah.

*I got drunk last night and decided to do my own taxes.  
I'm getting back four million dollars this year!*

## Get to Know Kiwanis ...

Our next "Get to Know Kiwanis" information session is scheduled for Monday, **March 11**. The session will begin promptly at 11:30 a.m., and last approximately 20 minutes. Those attending will also be invited to stay for lunch and to hear our speaker that day, Rabbi Benjy A. Bar-Lev, who will be talking about the history of Jewish humor.

Now is the time to begin thinking about who you would like to invite - a co-worker, a business contact, the new neighbor down the street, etc. Be sure to invite them soon, so they have ample time to arrange their calendar and you have time to order their meal.

## Club Trustees to meet ...

The March meeting of Club Trustees and committee chairs is set for Tuesday evening, March 12. It will begin at 5:30 p.m., and will be held at The Refectory Restaurant and Bistro (1092 Bethel Road).

The meeting is open to all Club members, and all in attendance are welcome and encouraged to join in the discussion before the Trustees vote on any motions.

Following the meeting, those wishing to stay will be able to order from the menu and enjoy a fabulous meal. Reservations are needed, so please let Secretary **Paul Bohlman** know if you plan to attend and/or stay for dinner.

## 2019 Mid-Year Education Day ...

Registration for the 2019 Mid-Year Education Day is now open. This year's event will be back at the newly remodeled Nationwide Hotel & Conference Center in Lewis Center, and is scheduled for Saturday, March 23, 2019.



Kelly Brown, Ohio District Education Chair, has been hard at work, creating new and exciting topics and forums designed to bring forth actionable ideas that we can take back to our Club and quickly implement in order to bring in new members.

The day will begin with an opening session run by the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation (ODKF), featuring keynote speaker Amber Runyon, founder of the non-profit Legacy and Eleventh Candle Co. Their mission is to redeem, restore, empower and equip those vulnerable to human trafficking, abuse, exploitation and addiction. There will then be two rounds of 45-minute long forums, a luncheon session, an additional two 30-minute forums, and finally an afternoon social hour and service fair/project to allow attendees to mix, mingle and share more ideas.

If you have never been to a Mid-Year Education Day, you should plan to attend. You can go to the Ohio District website ([www.ohiokiwaniis.org](http://www.ohiokiwaniis.org)) to register.

*I got called 'pretty' today! Well, actually the full statement was, 'You're pretty annoying,' but I only focus on the positive things!*

## Short North Chartering event ...

For Kiwanis to keep growing, we must remain flexible and willing to reach into different areas. One such way is to start new Kiwanis Clubs where there is interest and opportunity. Over the past few months, members of the Ohio District expansion team, with help from several members of our Club, have successfully established a new Kiwanis club in the Short North District of Columbus.

On Thursday, April 11, the newly formed club will be officially chartered and we, as one of the sponsoring clubs, are invited to join them on this memorable occasion. The event will be held at Serendipity Labs, located at 886 North High Street, and is scheduled to run from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Cost is \$20 per person. There will be hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. If you are interested in attending and being a part of this celebration, you can sign up to attend by using the Activity Calendar on our Club's website.

*I don't always carry all the groceries on one arm, but when I do, my car keys are in the wrong pocket.*

## An inter-generational event ...

Our Club, through the Young Children Priority One Committee, will be organizing volunteers for an intergenerational art activity at the Columbus Early Learning Center (240 North Champion Avenue) from 10 a.m. to noon on Friday, March 22. This is an excellent chance to create a meaningful art project representing springtime, working with the children and seniors at Champion.

Columbus Early Learning Centers (CELC) have been providing high-quality early-learning experiences and care to our city's children for 130 years.



As a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, their tradition of affordable access to high-quality early childhood education has strengthened the lives of thousands of children and families and the communities in which they live.

At the Champion location every week, young children and National Church Residences' older adults participate in creative activities like art-making, singing and tai chi, resulting in a community that feels happier, healthier and a bit smarter.

Please visit the Activity Calendar on our Kiwanis website to sign up ([www.columbuskiwanis.org](http://www.columbuskiwanis.org)).

*If at first you don't succeed, try drinking a glass of wine. You'll be amazed at how much less you will care.*

## Reading Buddies continue ...

Reading Buddies meet for one hour, beginning at 4 p.m., on the second and fourth Thursday of each month while school is in session. Helping students develop and sharpen their reading skills is a critical element of their educational success.



Reading Buddies meet at the J. Ashburn Center Boys & Girls Club, located at 85 Clarendon Avenue. There is ample parking behind the building.

To sign up to volunteer, click on the sign-up sheet found on the Club website's Activity Calendar on either the second or fourth Thursday of each month. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Jennifer Armstrong at [armstrongjenniferk@yahoo.com](mailto:armstrongjenniferk@yahoo.com).

## Muirfield tournament drivers needed ...

The call is out for shuttle drivers during the 2019 Memorial Golf Tournament at Muirfield Village Golf Club, scheduled for May 27 through June 2. You can volunteer for one or more days, depending on your availability. For each hour you volunteer as a driver, Kiwanis Club of Columbus will receive \$10.50, so the more you drive, the more our Club benefits. In addition, you receive one Patron Badge, good for access to the tournament grounds all week if you drive a minimum of 12 hours, and you receive an additional badge if you drive a minimum of 21 hours.



You can see what shifts are still available and register to drive by logging into [www.thememorialtournament.com](http://www.thememorialtournament.com), clicking on the 'Volunteers' tab at the top, and then 'Volunteer Registration.' Follow the instructions from that point forward. Be sure to indicate your T-shirt size and that you are driving on behalf of the Kiwanis Club of Columbus. Also, please let Club Secretary **Paul Bohlman** know you have signed up and how many shifts you will be driving so that you can receive the proper attendance credits. Thank you in advance ...

*You never know how inappropriate song lyrics are,  
until you hear your child singing them.*

## Next Manna Café is coming up ...

Once each quarter, Kiwanis Club of Columbus underwrites the food cost for Manna Café's weekly Wednesday dinner, where they feed upward of 200 adults in need. In addition, we provide a major portion of the manpower needed to prepare and serve the meal.

Our next opportunity is set for Wednesday, March 27. We will again need about 10-12 volunteers divided between two shifts, 4 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., and 5 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.



No prior experience is needed, and you are welcome to bring guests and potential members. Manna Café is located behind Broad Street United Methodist Church, at the intersection of Broad Street and Washington Avenue. Parking is available in the lot just to the east, off Washington Street. Please contact Lynn Coons at [Lynn.coons@gmail.com](mailto:Lynn.coons@gmail.com) if you have questions.

## Check the Activity Calendar regularly ...

Our weekly newsletter is designed to keep you up-to-date with what is going on within our Club. It is typically focused on 2- to 3-week window of time. The Activity Calendar on our Club's website captures events that are further out. By reading the newsletter and checking the Activity Calendar regularly, you can stay well informed about our Club and the wide variety of activities and events being planned.

*When wealth is lost, nothing is lost.  
When health is lost, something is lost.  
When character is lost, all is lost.*

## Next meeting

(March 18, 2019)

### Program:

**Zach Klein** – Columbus City Attorney

### Greeters:

**Tom Christman** - Ohio Exterminating Company  
**Adrienne Sraver** - Hill International

**Invocation:** **Adrienne Sraver** - Hill International

**Committee Meetings:** None scheduled.

**Check Presentations:** None scheduled.

### Menu Options:

**Hot:** Grilled chicken, with red pepper coulis.  
**Cold:** Turkey Caesar wrap with a bowl of fruit.

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