MEET THE TEMPLE BETH SHALOM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

LAURIE FRANKINO CO-PRESIDENT & RITUAL CHAIR



Laurie, her husband George, and their daughter Jennifer joined TBS in 1993 with Rabbi Stuart Gertman. She was a religious school volunteer the years from Jennifer's Naming Ceremony through her Bat Mitzvah to Confirmation with Rabbi Susan Stone. Laurie was recruited by Evie Weinberger to learn the ritual traditions of

TBS and soon was voted onto the board of trustees as Ritual Chair, an office she has held for the last 20+ years. At age 63, Laurie was honored to become a Bat Mitzvah as part of the 2012 Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class led by Rabbi Ezring. After George's death in 2016, Laurie continued her volunteer work, the last 2 years assisting Board President, Jonathan Selinger, and in 2022, recruiting James Field to be her copresident for the current term.

Laurie retired from her business career in 2019 after 32 years at The Little Tikes Company, and still handles special projects for them. Her love of gardening, musical theater, art and visiting with family and friends coupled with her love of TBS fills her life with joy.

JAMES FIELD CO-PRESIDENT



James is married to Cynthia Field with three grown daughters, Carolyn, Leigha and Katy. James is recently retired from Heinen's Inc as a Business Analyst. James and Cynthia have lived in Hudson for 24 years, moving from Fairfield Ct. In addition to Co-President for Temple Beth Shalom, James is on the Hudson City Schools Board

of Education, Co-Director of Soccer4All special needs soccer program, TBS representative to First Serve, active in the Temple Brotherhood, and enjoys rowing his single sculling shell on the Cuyahoga River. James was born and raised in Highland Park Illinois, attending Temple Jeremiah. James has a B.S. and an MBA from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

JONATHAN SELINGER TREASURER



Jonathan Selinger is Professor of Physics at Kent State University. He did physics research at Israeli universities for several weeks in 2017 and 2022. He served for five years as President or Co-President of Temple Beth Shalom and is now the TBS Treasurer.

Jonathan is married to TBS Cantorial Soloist, Robin Selinger. They are parents to sons Joseph and David.

WENDY HESS SECRETARY/GRANT WRITER



Wendy has been a member of TBS since 1995. She has served in various positions on the board including PR and fundraising. She is also a member of Sisterhood and enjoys her time socializing with other TBS members.

Wendy has been through several careers, including curating at the Akron

Art Museum for seven years, reviewing art for newspapers in two different states, running a small non-profit organization and writing for a chain of community magazines. Though no longer working, she has continued to write to produce an occasional piece for a magazine or contest, or to obtain grants for organizations she values (TBS in particular.)

Wendy and her husband Julius have lived in Bath since 1989 and share many interests including travel, skiing, biking, and kayaking. Wendy, who probably has too many hobbies for her own good, also enjoys competing in performance events with her dogs, hiking, photography, and bird watching. The couple has two adult sons—Maxwell, in Columbus and Ted, in Pittsburgh.



BEN ASHER

TRUSTEE, COMMUNICATIONS



Ben has been a member of Temple Beth Shalom for over 20 years. After taking a couple year hiatus, Ben is back on the TBS Board and has served as Treasurer and now Public Relations. All 3 of the Asher children have had their Jewish Naming Ceremonies at TBS and

their 2 boys, Max and Matthew, held their Bar Mitzvah at TBS. All the children have attended Religious School at TBS and both boys were confirmed. Max is attending Michigan State University, Matthew is at the Ohio State University. Their youngest, Rachel. Is in Elementary School. Ben and his wife, Pam, have lived in Cuyahoga Falls for 25+ years. They enjoy traveling and visiting museums and zoos. Ben is a graduate of Case Western Reserve University and Pam graduated from Kent State University.

MIKE MILLER TRUSTEE. FACILITIES



Mike Miller and his wife, Kim Strausser, have been members of TBS since 2005. Mike joined our board a few years ago but has always been an active member, especially helping with our building. He recently served as the TBS Brotherhood president. Mike works

as an automation engineer for AGM Energy Services and in his free time he enjoys hiking, bicycling, kayaking, and exploring Ohio and surrounding natural areas. He loves Formula One racing, reading about science, and listening to science podcasts as well as spending time with his adorable grandchildren.

ROBIN ROSEN-SHARP TRUSTEE, SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT



Robin Rosen-Sharp has been a member of Temple Beth Shalom since 1998. She is married to John Sharp and has two children, Lauren Sharp Bernstein (Kyle) and Joshua Sharp. They both attended religious and Sunday School and had their B'nei Mitzvot at TBS. She has two

lovely granddaughters, Molly and Talia.

Robin serves as a Trustee on the Temple Board, President of the Sisterhood and is the Northeast Ohio Area Director for the WRJ (Women of Reform Judaism) Central District

She is a Veterinarian and works full time at the Aurora Animal Care Center. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, cooking, and crafts.

PAIGE MINTZ

TRUSTEE, RELIGIOUS SCHOOL LIAISON



Paige has been a member of Temple Beth Shalom since about 2004. Her children have been raised in the TBS family and became Bar Mitzvahs in 2018 and 2021. She taught TBS Tots from 2008-2010 and again from 2017 to the present.

Paige is a social worker. The majority of her career was spent working with the elderly and in healthcare. Since 2017, she has worked as an Adoption Assessor for a private agency in Yellow Springs. She works with both adoptive families and birth mothers in Northeast Ohio

In her free time, Paige enjoys hiking, listening to audio books and podcasts, spending time with family and friends, attempting to enjoy gardening and cooking - not always successfully, and relaxing while watching TV with her husband and snuggling with their dogs.

Paige has been married to her husband, Eric, an Associate Dean at Kent State University for 22 years. They have two sons; Jordan, who is a senior, and Elliott, who is in 8th grade. They have a Senegal parrot named Mango, two chihuahua mixes named Luke and Leia and four geckos, Opal, Sapphire, Diamond and Amethyst. Their extended families primarily live in Georgia and New York so they consider their TBS friends to be their local family.

JEAN RHODES TRUSTEE, SISTERHOOD OFFICER, RITUAL COMMITTEE



A native of Boston, Jeanie discovered Judaism early and often but converted later in life after a 3-year study with Rabbi Ross. After her graduate school training in environmental measurements and fate of pollutants, she studied chemicals in rain, snow and fog in

Zürich Switzerland to find the cause of forest decline. She is married to Larry and has three children; Eric, 29, in Chicago, Alec, 25, in Buffalo and Ainsley, 23, in Washington DC. Now retired, after her espresso, she is busy in her garden, cooking, travel, TBS and the 3-year study of Mussar (jewish ethics).

Jeanie is very shy but has finally come out of her shell due to the friendliness of TBS. She aspires to be a ritual co-chair for Laurie Frankino (please join us!). She is secretary/treasurer of Sisterhood and will teach an environmental lab in Sunday school this spring.

