



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** It is the privilege and responsibility of the Mayor of the City of Bexley, Ohio to recognize people and events of special significance to the community, and;
- WHEREAS:** This Proclamation is to recognize Gary Covell as a recipient of the Lev Tov Award; and
- WHEREAS:** Mr. Covell has served in several capacities in the Columbus community including founding the Capital AZA chapter and serving as the first president and later its advisor and chairman of the BBYO Adult Committee. He was a charter member of the B'nai Brith Men's Maccabee Lodge and served as president, and served on the Executive Board of the Jewish National Fund; and
- WHEREAS:** Mr. Covell helped form youth groups at Agudas Achim, and served as a member of the Synagogue Board and as Brotherhood president. He also was on the Columbus Vaad Board and has participated in the community with Chevra Kadisha for 25 years along with serving on the Eruv Society Board ; and
- WHEREAS:** Mr. Covell was recognized as "Counselor of the Year" while serving for the Juvenile Probation Council, helping youth who had served time in jail and then released on probation. He and his wife Lana have a deep rooted history with the City of Bexley and have made significant contributions through the donation of their time and energy. Mr. Covell has been a member of Ahavas Shalom since 2005;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Benjamin J. Kessler, Mayor of the City of Bexley, Ohio, recognize and congratulate Gary Covell as the recipient of the Lev Tov Award, 2020.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Mayor of the City of Bexley, Ohio, to be hereto affixed this 25th day of June, 2020.

Benjamin J. Kessler, Mayor