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Our Mission

To be a center of worship and vital community life where Jews and their families from Cleveland's western communities learn Jewish traditions and values, develop their Jewish identity, and assure the continuity of Jewish life.

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from the Rabbi's Desk...

"Let all who are hungry, come and eat..."



Soon this month, we will be gathering around our tables to celebrate the story of our people – “as if we had been in Egypt.” We will light the candles, we will recite the Kiddush – blessing over the wine, we will wash our hands, and eat parsley dipped into salt water. The middle matzah will be broken in half, and one half will be hidden away – to be found after the meal has been finished. Then the leader of our Passover seder will lift up the special plate that holds the ceremonial matzot and will begin to tell our story:

הא לחמא ענא די אכלו אבהתנא בארעא דמצרים
Ha lachma anya di achalu avahatana b'ara d'Mitzrayim...

This is the bread of affliction that our ancestors ate in the land of Egypt.

Let all who are hungry come and eat.

Let all who are in need come and celebrate Passover...

Quite a powerful passage. What a way to begin our story! Our ancestors ate this bread; this flat dry bread made from the humblest ingredients of flour and water. And now we will be eating it, too. It is to remind us of what it felt like to be so poor, so afflicted, that all we could do was to mix flour and water together, and bake it into this very humble bread. Because we knew hunger, we are to reach out and invite those who are hungry to come and eat. But not only that. We are to reach out to those who are “in need” – to come and celebrate Passover with us.

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Note the order. The middle matzah is broken in two. Then the plate is held up as “This is the bread of affliction...” is recited. There are those in need, whose lives are not whole. We are not to turn away. As long as there are those in need, our lives are not whole either. We are to help those who are hungry. We can do so by continuing to support Project SCAN and bringing in our contributions of non-perishable foods. We can speak out and contact our elected officials to advocate on behalf of those who desperately need our help. We can also help by making a monetary contribution to MAZON: The Jewish Response to Hunger: <https://donate.mazon.org/>

And we are to help those who have a spiritual hunger as well – and invite them to join us at our seder table. If you are able to host another at your seder, please let me know. And, if you would like to be hosted, let me know that, too. This is the story of our people. This is the nature of our community.

With wishes to you and yours for a Chag Pesach Sameyach – a joyous Passover festival,

Rabbi Enid
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Beth Israel – The West Temple will be hosting three seders:



Tuesday, April 15th – 6:15 p.m.

Second Seder led by Rabbi Lader

For members of our congregation and friends

Fully catered meal - \$5 per person

RSVP to the Temple Office 216-941-8882

Watch for further details...

Monday, April 21st – 6:15 p.m.

Circle of Friends Womens' Seder

Why is this seder different from all others?

All women. All creative.

A great way to bring Pesach to an end.

RSVP to Jessica Sackett

216-226-3690 or jessicagsackett@gmail.com

to let her know what dish you can bring for the dinner...



Tuesday, April 22nd – 7:00 p.m.

An Interfaith Seder

An Interfaith Seder will unite people of different faith traditions on April 22 at 7:00 p.m. Rabbi Lader will lead from a specially written haggadah that invites people of all faiths to grow in mutual respect and understanding of our spiritual experiences, both shared and diverse.



This Seder is sponsored by the West Park Interfaith Council.

People of all faiths and all denominations are welcome.

The Seder lasts about 90 minutes; it will not be a full meal, but

will include samplings of the ritual foods. An optional discussion with Rabbi Lader and Interfaith Clergy will follow until 9:00pm. A free will offering will be taken to cover costs, with remaining funds going to [The Bread Basket](#), a local food pantry. While there is no Temple Office admission fee, you must **RSVP**(216-941-8882), to reserve your table setting.

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from the *Congregational Educator*...

Seeking ways to increase and enrich the variety of content and encounter for all congregants



Last November, I was invited to provide our congregation's school enrollment information to [Jdata](#), an organization and publication operated out of Brandeis University. This database is accessed by our local JECC and many, many other organizations. Jdata recently reported that this aggregate source of information is serving all of us in new and essential ways, especially as it provides information to potential funders. It also helps to track trends and needs in the areas of Jewish engagement and education. Its list of partner communities continues to grow, as does its research on things like day school versus congregational school enrollment, the rates of early childhood engagement and its trajectory toward temple affiliation, as well as Jewish summer camp registration. According to recent findings, Summer 2013 saw a 2.6% increase in the number of campers at the 150 nonprofit Jewish overnight camps in Jdata, serving 70,000 campers. Jdata also reports that its partners' shared use of the database has led to a common conversation across the field concerning metrics and data usage. These are important conversations where our voice, through our numbers, is heard.

The tools with which Jdata equips us to have these conversations are especially critical to the ongoing discussions within the Reform movement about educational design and opportunities for learning's expression. URJ's president, Rabbi Rick Jacobs, said in a recent article in [The Jewish Chronicle](#), "The Reform movement is at a historical crossroads....We have to re-envision where we're going..." He warns that the loss of 80% of our post Bnai Mitzvah students who leave congregational schools makes it necessary to find an "audacious way of engaging the next generation."

I'm not sure numbers tell the whole story. We at Beth Israel can look at our enrollment numbers (64 students, 28 of whom are 7th graders or older) and sigh with relief, or we can ask, what does it mean that our students are enrolled but that roughly only two thirds of them attend on any given Sunday? Our religious school families represent a third of our total synagogue population. What about everyone else? How can we all better connect to one another? How can learning function as the bridge that keeps everyone engaged? Does all learning have to happen in a classroom, or even here at synagogue? How can we deliver the most creative, enduring, and expressible Jewish education to the most people? While we are asking what we want to learn, with less and less time in which to educate, we must also ask, with what skills can we reasonably aspire to equip our learners? And how will we see evidence of this learning if we do not provide the opportunities to measure it? While our teens are home, their connection to Beth Israel is apparent, at least in registration numbers. Especially on the west side of Cleveland, our young people uniquely treasure their Jewish friends. But will that support them once they leave home? Are we doing all we can to prepare them to leave and remain connected not just to this synagogue, but to other Jews, to other Jewish causes, to Jewish values, to holiday observance, and to continued learning? Research shows that without a sense of belonging to some larger organism, our youth are fearful and vulnerable as they journey away from home. If our students only attend 15 of

Passover Q&A with Rabbi Lader Sunday, April 6th 10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

Join us at 9:45 a.m. for Tefillah for Religious School families and stay for the program...

"Ask Another Question..."

What's the story behind the Passover seder?

What are some new ways to tell the Passover story?

Is a 30-minute seder kosher for Passover?

First-timers – get support on how to lead a seder...

Old-timers – share your helpful hints...

Come for the program...

and stay after to kibbitz...

Shared Shabbat**Friday, April
4th**Come celebrate
Shabbat and
April Birthdays and
Anniversaries!5:45 p.m.
Appetizers and Schmoozing6:15 p.m.
Shared Shabbat
with Rabbi Lader7:15 p.m.
Potluck Shabbat Supper**A very special evening
RSVP to the Temple Office
216-941-8882**

**Havdalah
b'Tevah –
Havdalah In
Nature
April 5th at
6:00 p.m.**Meet Rabbi Lader at the
Gazebo (overlooking Lake
Erie) at Lakewood Park.
Dress for the weather, and
we will enjoy a creative
Havdalah Service in the
lovely lakeside setting.
**We can move on to enjoy
supper together afterward.**

27 Sunday sessions (and likewise Monday nights in Grades 3,4,5,& 6), are they forging the tight bonds that will sustain them throughout their teenage years and into adulthood as they forge new relationships? I hear Rabbi Jacob's charge to create "a plethora of different opportunities for young people to become connected to their Judasim," as something we should be thinking about long before our children reach high school. This plethora of different opportunities should also engage the other two thirds of the congregation by which we might also teach that we are all life-long learners - and teachers! Our educational paradigm should bridge generations, not abandon the last one in favor of the young. We should aspire to do more than continually deliver the same old pediatric content to children, without regard for what gets retained or sustained into adolescence and beyond. Pedagogy, the study of what and how children learn represents just some of the puzzle pieces to our picture of Jewish education; while we are still illustrating the box lid that includes their images, we must ask ourselves, how can we scaffold and integrate Jewish learning such that it serves our larger goal of keeping Jewish people connected for life?

As we re-envision where we're going, and imagine being audacious, consider the ways you might support, strengthen, and serve Beth Israel the West Temple's educational opportunities. Please let me know of your willingness to attend some meetings that we will be scheduling at which we will discuss next year's educational offerings including our religious school program. We are considering a variety of changes including whole school musical and dramatic productions (not necessarily services). We imagine learning that takes place in six-week series, facilitated by different people, covering units of material. We may not completely abandon the model of our weekly Sunday school, but in the interest of recruiting new facilitators who may not be able to commit to 27 Sundays, we will seek ways to increase and enrich the variety of content and encounter for all congregants. We want to be cognizant of young and old, parents, families, and individuals, and the hectic schedules into which you must valiantly fit Jewish study and participation in Jewish life. We hope to make our temple website a place where you can indicate your interests. We need your input to inform decisions about the learning opportunities we provide so that this instruction and these interactions are with topics you desire. We envision creating the curricular map that idealizes multiple paths to life-long love of Jewish learning.

Jdata may look at numbers, but we need to hear your voice, in real time, in order to understand the statistics, and certainly, to change them. We look forward to hearing from you.

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*New Member Profile***Musical Ross Family Loves Playing, Teaching, and Reading**

All four members of the Ross family are musical. Dad, Julian, is **Professor of Violin and Chair of the String Department at Baldwin Wallace Conservatory**; mom, Carol, is a violist, violinist, and teacher of Suzuki violin; daughters Hannah (13) and Cecelia (10) are studying cello. Julian plays chamber music with the Elysian Trio; and in a duo, with pianist Robert Mayerovich, as Lyceum2, named after Lyceum Square on the BW campus. Carol freelances with a variety of groups, and the girls play in a cello trio with another student. Since there isn't a lot of repertoire specifically written for cello trio, Julian has arranged a few simple pieces for them. He says he'd like to compose something for them, when he can find the time. He and Carol have performed works he composed for violin-viola duo.

An interesting side note: Carol plays a viola built around 1899 by an Orthodox Rabbi named Myron Kidder, who was also a violin maker. The instrument, purchased on eBay, is unusual in that its top is made of pear wood, instead of spruce.

Carol, a Tennessee native, met Julian, who was born in St. Louis and went to Cincinnati Conservatory, in Chattanooga, through a friend who was Julian's student. Married 20 years, they lived in Florida for a year before moving to Cleveland's Southwestern suburbs to teach at BW, where they've stayed for 18 years. They belonged first to Fairmount Temple and then Suburban Temple, both on Cleveland's East Side, because they had friends there. But when Hannah approached Bat Mitzvah age, and both girls wanted to become more involved with youth group, they realized they needed to be geographically closer to their Religious School. They first knew of Beth Israel from Jim and Charlotte Feldman. Later, Holly Neumann, whose daughters study Suzuki violin with Carol, filled them in on what a special congregation BI-TWT is. Once they joined last fall, they were amazed to see how many of their colleagues from BW belong to the congregation.

The girls are home-schooled and have an active social life with a group of other home-schooled students. Hannah loves to read, "anything I can get my hands on;" while Cecelia says she's more picky, preferring fiction to informative books. Asked about favorite books, Cece claims, "Every book I read turns into my favorite." They also enjoy outdoor activities like rollerblading and bike-riding. Undeterred by the cold this winter, they built a snow giraffe that lasted for weeks.

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CELEBRATE SHABBATApril 26th*Join us as we come together for a*

*Shabbat morning
of learning, prayer, community
and laughter*

9:30 a.m. – Light breakfast and
Schmoozing

10:00 a.m. – Parallel Sessions:
"What is the nature of holiness?"
Adult Ed. with Rabbi Lader
5th/6th Graders and their Parents
with Naomi Chase

11:00 a.m. – Shabbat Morning
Service led by our 5th/6th Grade
Students and Rabbi Lader
Followed by a

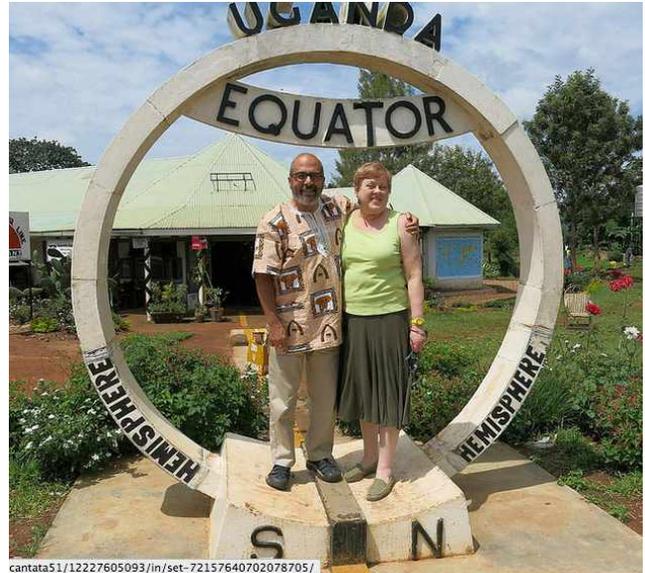
**Festive Potluck
Kiddush Luncheon**

RSVP to the **Temple Office** (216-
941-8882)

“Shares” from Congregants



Evan Fleisher shares our 2014 Purim celebration [here](#).



Judith Weiss shares about Uganda:

Finally, I have finished weeding, sorting, editing and labeling the photos from my visit with Robert in Uganda, from Nov. 20-Dec. 17 (plus a few that he took earlier, and sent home for me to see what he was doing). I have organized them in 10 sets, so you don't have to go through all 500+ photos at once; in fact you don't have to go through any of them, I'll never know. But if you're interested, you can [click on any or all of the sets at your leisure](#) to see what Uganda—its towns, roads, parks and game preserves, as well as Robert's colleagues at MUST—looks like. You can view the sets as slide shows by clicking on the icon that has two small boxes and a > "play" symbol on the top line, but the captions don't show up that way. To read the captions, click on individual photos within the sets.

Jan Miyake shares about Indonesia:

Many of you have asked about my three-week trip to Indonesia during January. It was an incredible trip, specially marked by living in a country that has the largest Muslim population in the world (88% Muslim and home to 12.7% of of the world's Muslims). Experiencing first hand the prayer cycle of a typical day and getting to know people of a different faith, especially a faith that is not very present in America, was incredibly enriching for all of us. We spent three weeks exploring the theme of music, Islam and disasters in Indonesia. The trip was led by an ethnomusicologist who has completed 20 years of research in West Sumatra and spoke fluent Indonesian and Minangkabau. Along with us, there were ten Oberlin College students, many of whom were Jewish. We spent a lot of time worrying about how Judaism might be viewed in a country that doesn't recognize it as an officially allowed religion. We are pleased to report that we had a wonderful experience; even though we chose to not talk about our own religions, our conversations made us even more inquisitive about how religion is viewed in Indonesia. We all contributed to [a blog that is full of pictures and reflections](#). You are welcome to read it!



High School Shabbaton

This year's high school group has consented to share their commentaries from their Shabbaton in February. We clearly have a wonderful group of leaders getting ready to go out into the world!

Opening Introduction (Tyler C.)

Hachnasat Orchim, welcoming guest and strangers. This has been our theme for the year in the High School class. We are here today to lead a service that we can call our own. To go with our theme for the year, today we will welcome the main points of a Saturday morning service. But, to put our own unique touch on it, we will

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–Tyler C.

provide some personal commentary on how the prayer relates to us in our daily lives. Giving meaning to prayer is critical, especially for people at our age. Prayers are interpreted in so many different ways but they all share one thing, and that is community. When we are in synagogue, we usually pray and that is a great thing. But, the greatest thing about this place is that no matter who walks through the door, they will be welcomed with open arms and courteous souls. We hope you will enjoy this one-of-a-kind service and find a sense of relevance that shines true to you as it does to us. Thank you.

Opening, Songs, Blessings (Morgan K.)

This year when we started it was a new beginning for all of us. We had some new people in our class. It was something that we all had to adjust to. It's like warming up for a competition. In services this is the warm up part, to get us ready for the rest of the service. We have our special songs and prayers that we start with. It's a type of order that we follow. The rabbi is like a coach; she leads and guides us through the service. Along the

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–Morgan K.

way she supports us with the songs that she sings, they can give us hope. Towards the end we celebrate our victory by closing it with joyful songs and prayers.

Opening, Songs, Blessings (Claire B.)

This year in Sunday School, we've been talking about Welcoming Strangers and Guests. We talked about how welcoming strangers means treating everyone as guests, even if we don't know them. I think this is important during a service because anyone should be able to come and be a part of the congregation. One thing that makes Beth Israel a welcoming congregation is all the songs we sing. This song, Mah Tov, is about having a nice synagogue to worship in, and we can share it with people we know as well as people who are guests.

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–Claire B.

Tefilah (Hannah R. and Claire R.)

I wrote this with a friend and classmate, Claire R., who couldn't be here today. We talked about the prayers and we each came up with a paragraph. This is what we had to say: The prayers for T'filah told Claire that there is only one God. He is the all mighty and ruler of so much. He blessed us with Shabbat and he is the greatest. He created the entire world, and brings us more to this day. He is all knowing, all powerful, and an awesome bringer of life. He helps us in different ways, in every way he can. He provides with what we need, and helps us on our paths of life. There is only one God. Only one Adonai himself. That is what these prayers said to her. I think that in the Avot v'Imahot prayer we are recalling our ancestors together. The Matriarchs and Patriarchs are all of ours, guests and strangers included. It is the same for most of the other prayers; we say them together, as a community, no matter who's with us. I think that one of the best ways to welcome someone is not to treat them as a stranger, but to treat them as a good friend of family. A part of the community. We are all included equally in the prayers.

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–Claire R.

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–Hannah R.

Aleinu (Shane S.)

“In general you shouldn’t judge people before you truly know them.”
 –Shane S.

The Aleinu is a prayer which is usually a closing prayer. It talks about the Jewish people’s struggle over being “Chosen People” and the trials which arise with the huge responsibility. The Aleinu shows the Jewish people’s

dedication and faith to G-d, while speaking of G-d’s eternal rule. This, you may already know, but how does the Aleinu relate to our theme? Welcoming strangers (to your home). It is actually very easy to relate this prayer to our theme. If you doubt welcoming a stranger into your home, you need to consider what he has been through. If he seems dirty or can’t speak properly, maybe he has no home and no education. If you think back farther you may realize that his parents went to jail leaving him with no money. Leaving him to struggle just like the Jews did back in Egypt. He most likely doesn’t have a choice. If you consider this and help him, it may be a better and easier thing to do than turn him away. In general you shouldn’t judge people before you truly know them.

Aleinu (Becky J.)

Our theme is Hachnasat Orchim – Welcoming guests and strangers. The Aleinu is about Redemption. We often associate redemption with forgiveness and second chances. For instance, you move to a new town, like I did. You have a second chance – a clean slate. No one knows anything about your past. You can be whoever you want. And when they do find out about your past, they will forgive you, because they know who you are now. They know that you can change. When you welcome guests and strangers into your home, you don’t know who they are. But their past doesn’t really matter anymore. The only thing that matters is who they are now. You must look forward, because the past is behind us.

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 –Becky J.

Shema and Her Blessings (Lucy K. & Hannah C.)

Bar’chu: Call to prayer: The call to prayer is very important; it is not like a phone call or a text message that tells you it is time to pray, it is more of a feeling you have inside. Someone cannot tell you to get in the mindset to pray, you have to feel it inside to get the meaning of every prayer you are about to say.

Yotzer Or: Creation-light: With the call to prayer, the feeling usually comes around Saturday morning. There is order in the universe and there is no reason to really be in contact with the world. To me, it is about really taking this time and loving the light.

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 –Lucy K. & Hannah C.

Ahavah Rabba: Revelation: “with great love, God gave us Torah and mitzvot”. Along with having order in the universe, god gave us torah and with torah comes great responsibility. To me mitzvot is doing something to help someone or a cause with nothing in return but the feeling of love.

Shema and V’Ahaftah: God is one: We love god with all that we have. The richest man to me isn’t the one who has the most, but the man who needs the least. The man who loves everyone for who they are and not judging how they look or how they act. There are no perfect humans and everyone needs and wants to be loved.



Torah Service (Kathryn F., Emma B., Melanie K.)

Peace and Thanksgiving

We are undoubtedly all very fortunate people--we have a roof over our heads, food in our stomachs, and supportive and loving families. In addition, we have our Temple family, a network full of kind people always ready to lend a hand when asked. Unfortunately, this is not always the case. Not everyone is blessed enough to have a community like ours.

One of the most important parts of having this network, however, is sharing it with those who don't. By sharing our community with others, we are showing our appreciation for this gift in the highest form.

“Yet, once we open our minds to new things and new people, even if we don't agree every time, something will always be gained.”
 –Kathryn F., Emma B., Melanie K.

When thinking about peace, often people picture ending wars. However, we are most likely not going to be the ones directly creating peace in places like Afghanistan and the Middle East. On the other hand, we can create peace on a more personal level. By opening our minds and even our doors occasionally, we can exist harmoniously with others. Simply creating a welcoming and inviting environment can go a long way in how we make others feel. If we leave our minds closed to their opinions and beliefs, we only leave room for disagreement and conflict. Yet, once we open our minds to new things and new people, even if we don't agree every time, something will always be gained.

Conclusion (Tyler C.)

To conclude our Shabbaton service I will reflect. Every year in the high school class we create this service. And every year it gets better and better, well at least that's what I think. Just to hear how the prayers that we say every time at synagogue relate to us young reform Jews is a rich opportunity for me, and hopefully for all of you. We take something written many years ago, and make it relevant to our lives today and it is such a refreshing feeling. Obviously, our theme, Hachnasat Orchim is about welcoming guests and strangers. Everyone covered that beautifully. This theme is relevant in many ways. It's a great thing to always be welcoming. But, I tend to think of things more philosophically than most and to me, this service always gives us the opportunity to share our thoughts, it welcomes our thoughts if you will. It gives us, the high school kids of Beth Israel, an opportunity to share our thoughts, which is an opportunity we are not often given. Some of us may be strangers or guests to you. We hope that's not the case much longer. I hope that this service has given us the opportunity to welcome each other. We are a community, we are loving, and we are caring, because we believe in Hachnasat Orchim. Thank you.

Kathryn then led the congregation in an interactive discussion of some questions around our theme:

How would you define a "guest" as opposed to a "stranger"?

What does it mean to welcome someone?

What does it mean for ourselves being the guests of others, and what impact did it have on us? Can you share some personal experiences of being the guest?

It is our Jewish duty to welcome others. What are the long and short term effects of doing so? For us? For those we welcome?

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 –Tyler C.



Sharing a meal at Shabbat Across American on March 7th (photo from Beryl Palnik)

from the Social Action Committee...

The Social Action Co-Chairs, Laurie Levinson and Barbara Feldmar, would like to invite anyone interested in planning new activities to meet together sometime in April or May. We will discuss new/old ideas, and we would like to have more people helping with the planning and carrying out of these activities.

Please contact us by email or phone, and we will work out the best time in which to meet together. We welcome your input and wishes for on-going Social Action activities to have an impact for those in need in our community. And thank you again for everything you have done and contributed in time and donations.

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Lunch with the Rabbi and Friends

Wednesday, April 23rd – Noon

Don's Pomeroy House
<http://www.donspomeroy.com/>
 13664 Pearl Road, Strongsville



RSVP to the **Temple Office** (216-941-8882)

Need a ride? Let us know and we can meet at the temple and drive together...

Dear Nancy Eilberg,

Thank you (again!) for your baking mastery and generosity as you made the baking of hamentashen a real lesson in congregational collaborative learning for our students. The sweets were greatly appreciated by all, and the lesson will endure beyond the ingredients and the time it took to produce them.

Our fifth and sixth graders who helped bake with you that Sunday at religious school also ran Cafe Ester at the Purim Carnival, and so they felt doubly invested in what they sold and generated for their BIC projects with Beryl Palnik, our Beth Israel Chaverim (junior Youth Group) advisor.

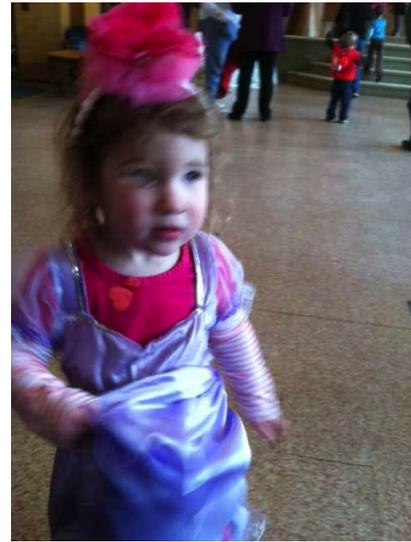
All of our religious school families thank you for helping to make our learning and our celebrating sweeter!

Naomi Chase, Congregational Educator

Nancy Eilberg has generously provided her time and the ingredients to teach our students to bake challah and hamentashen, both projects of our new school paradigm, Keva, Kavannah and Kehillha, Create, Collaborate, and Congregate! This has increased the variety of ways in which our students have learned and their interactions with new facilitators (congregants), and has made it possible to extend the learning to a congregational experience.

Beth Israel Celebrates Purim

pictures courtesy of Susan Wagner
Evan Fleisher's pictures of our Purim celebration can be viewed [here](#).



Young Jewish Leaders from St. Petersburg Visit

On Sunday March 9th, 2014, our religious school students and members of the BI-TWT congregation took part in an inspiring gathering of Jewish community leaders from St. Petersburg, Russia, and three founders of the Cleveland Council on Soviet Antisemitism (CCSA), Dr. Herb Caron, Rabbi Dr. Dan Litt, and, via "skype," Dr. Lou Rosenblum. It was a poignant experience for all present, as young Jewish leaders from St. Petersburg expressed their gratitude for what Drs. Caron, Litt and Rosenblum had done to help Jews who wanted to leave the Soviet Union, as well as those who remained in Russia, and now are able to openly practice Judaism. Dr. Michael Rand presented a documentary film that he produced, "Hear the Cry," which tells the story of the drive to help Soviet Jews that was centered at our temple. (The film features some heartfelt viola playing from Rabbi Lader.) Drs. Caron, Litt and Rosenblum explained some of the challenges that they faced in leading the movement, which included external barriers as well as reluctance on the part of Jewish leaders in the United States. Our religious school students were remarkably attentive, as they seemed to grasp the importance and scope of what had been achieved in the space above and behind the West Temple's Bimah. More information about the movement can be found by reading Lou Rosenblum's [materials on the internet](#).

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The visitors pose with Rabbi Lader, Herb Caron, Dan Litt, and Michael Rand beneath the plaque commemorating the Cleveland Committee on Soviet Anti-Semitism



Tanya Lvova, Russian Delegate, asks how people in Cleveland learned of the plight of Soviet Jews

Herb Caron and former BI-TWT Rabbi Dan Litt, two of the founders of the Cleveland Committee on Soviet Anti-Semitism



Lou Rosenblum, the third founder (by Skype), shows a photo of himself with Natan Sharansky, taken in 2011

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Celebrations

April Anniversaries			<p>Mazel Tov to Lori & Jonathan Sweet on the birth of their little girl. Lana Ruth Sweet was born on March 8th, and weighed 8 lbs., 6 oz. Lana has a big sister and a big brother—Anna and Caleb.</p> <p>The proud grandparents are Donna and Richard Sweet of our congregation.</p>
Dr. & Mrs. Craig Newman	April 3	38 th	
April Birthdays – Youth			
Aiden Starr	April 15	7	
Lila Bea Wright	April 16	9	
Rebecca Josselson	April 30	16	
April Birthdays – Adults			
Bernice Miller	April 1	Sean Griswold	April 15
Katarina Levit	April 2	Dr. Sylvia Rimm	April 16
Laurie Levinson	April 3	Susan Wagner	April 16
Steven Edelstein	April 5	Judy Wright	April 16
Jed Pearlman	April 7	Bobbi Newman	April 17
Jennifer Cali	April 8	Susan Hutner	April 18
Blanche Caron	April 8	Carol Ross	April 18
Maxine Slone	April 9	Steven Strongosky	April 18
Carola Bamberger	April 11	Beryl Palnik	April 22
David Rosen	April 12	Jay Mattes	April 23
Dr. Adriana Leibovici	April 13	Carole Heimke	April 24
Alfred Rimm	April 13	Steven Wiesen	April 27
Roger Abady	April 15	Barbara Machol	April 29
Alan Finkelstein	April 15		

Calendar of Events

*(Please call the [Temple Office](#) for more information or to [RSVP](#). 216.941.8882);
important information on services can be found on [page 15](#))*

Friday, April 4	Shared Shabbat, 5:45 p.m., Appetizers, 6:15 p.m. Service, 7:15 p.m. Potluck, RSVP (p. 4)
Saturday, April 5	Havdalah b'Tevah (Havdalah in Nature), 6:00 p.m. @ Lakewood Park (p. 4)
Sunday, April 6	Passover Q&A with Rabbi Lader, 10:15-11:15 a.m. (p. 3)
Monday, April 14	No Hebrew School
Tuesday, April 15	Second Seder led by Rabbi Lader, 6:15 p.m., RSVP (p. 2)
Sunday, April 20	No Religious School
Monday, April 21	No Hebrew School
Monday, April 21	Circle of Friends Womens' Seder, 6:15 p.m., RSVP to Jessica Sackett (p. 2)
Tuesday, April 22	Interfaith Seder, 7:00 p.m., RSVP (p. 2)
Wednesday, April 23	Lunch with the Rabbi and Friends, noon, Don's Pomeroy House, RSVP (p. 10)
Saturday, April 26	Celebrate Shabbat, 9:30 a.m. Light breakfast, 10:00 study, 11:00 service followed by luncheon, RSVP (p. 5)

Perpetual Yahrzeits

WEEK ENDING
 APRIL 5
 Harold Paul Conrady
 Ada Ludwig Moyer
 Myron F. Kramer
 Katie Blecker
 Sylvia Green
 Adolfo Margulis
 Kenneth Bogart
 Sarah Lewis
 Mimi Caro

WEEK ENDING
 APRIL 12
 Toba Grossman
 Lucille Velardo
 Robert Ethan Horvitz
 Hyman Lader
 Merle Schwartz
 David McGary
 Borris Goldberg
 Max Briskman

WEEK ENDING
 APRIL 19
 Joseph Butensky
 Pauline Fox
 Dr. Harold Feldman
 Samuel Mesiboff
 Edna Smilgoff
 Charlie Gluck
 Harriet Goldberg
 Irwin L. Newman
 Rachel Ellen Thornton
 Ida Dobkin Rosen
 Douglas Byron Schwartz
 Ina Abrahamson
 Emma Deborah Caron
 Anna Mark
 Vera Wharton

WEEK ENDING
 APRIL 26
 Dorothy Armbruster
 Rose Seldin
 Dorothy Cohen
 Ada Ruth Wagner
 Harold Levit
 Sandra Schwartz
 Abraham Melnick
 Faye Schwebel
 Julia Turczyk
 Maury Feldmar
 Stephen Louis Yellin

WEEK ENDING
 MAY 3
 Isaac Conan Caron
 Henry Stone

WEEK ENDING
 MAY 10
 Herbert Marshall Schwartz
 Lucille Deren
 Jerome Rosen
 Edith Bauer Feldman
 Michael Fendrich
 Esther Sacher
 Linda Steerman
 Ruth Goldman
 Ben Kaplan
 Eli Yale Scheinman
 Helene Weber
 Edith Zimbler

The congregation extends its condolences to
 Dr. Roger Friedman and Family on the
 passing of his father, Dr. Barry Friedman, on
 March 6, 2014.

May his memory be for a blessing.

We extend our condolences to
 Robin Kaufman and her Family on the
 death of her father, Leon Altfeld, who on
 March 21, 2014.

May his name be for a blessing.

Service Schedule

Friday Evenings

Services at 8:00 p.m.
(except where noted)

Saturday Mornings

Torah Study 10:00 a.m.
Service 11:00 a.m.
Kiddush: 12:15 p.m.
(except where noted)
Call the *Temple Office* for more information.

April 4

Family Shared Shabbat

5:45 p.m. Nosh & Schmooze
6:15 p.m. Family Friendly Service
7:15 p.m. Dairy Potluck Supper

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

April 5

Morning

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

Evening (Gazebo in Lakewood Park)

6:00 p.m. Havdalah B'Tevah

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

April 11

Service Leader: Scott Machol

April 12

Service Leader: Luis Fernandez

April 18

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

April 19

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

April 25

Service Leader: David Bamberger

April 26- Celebrate Shabbat & 5/6 Grade Shabbaton

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

Contributions – March 2014

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Robin Kaufman

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Robin Kaufman

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