



Beth Israel – The West Temple

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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...

If We Wanted To...



As we enter the month of August, we also find ourselves in the Jewish month of Av and, in what can be, the hottest time of the summer. The heat can be oppressive; it can slow us down to a halt. If we wanted to, we could just stop in our tracks... and bemoan the heat. Some people get so bogged down with it that they cannot move forward. Every day is another oppressively hot day. There seems to be no relief.

Our Rabbi Emeritus, Rabbi Lettofsky, has taught that if we wanted to, every day the Jewish people could find some event in our history to bemoan and memorialize. Ours could be seen as an oppressive history. It has even been referred to as “the lachrymose history of the Jews” – focusing only on the sad parts, and not celebrating the positive times.

Tisha B'Av – the ninth of Av – traditionally recalls the destruction of the Temples: in 586 BCE and in 70 CE. Our commemoration includes reading the book of Lamentations, written in response to the destruction of the First Temple, along with *kinot* – memorial poems written across our history.

Over the centuries many tragic events happened – or were traditionally said to have happened – on this date. These include the capture of Bethar, which marked the final defeat of Bar Kokhba's rebellion against the Romans, and the razing of Jerusalem by the Romans. The edict of King Edward I compelling the Jews of England to leave the country was signed on the ninth of Av in 1290, the Jews were expelled from Spain on that day in 1492, and World War I broke out in 1914. And that is the short list.

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If we wanted to, we could just remember the sadness. But that would have paralyzed us, and we would not have been able to move forward as a people. And move forward we have. In truth, wherever we have found ourselves, we have carried our stories with us... and made new stories as well. We have carried our sadness, but we have celebrated our joys. We have remembered the oppression – but have isolated those memories to one day [in addition to the recent addition of *Yom HaShoa v'HaGevurah* – Day of Remembering the Holocaust and the Heroism].

But we do remember. This year *Tisha b'Av* begins at sundown on Monday, August 4th. I invite you to join me at temple for our Commemoration of Tisha b'Av at 8:00 p.m.

If we wanted to, we could just stop in our tracks. We do. We remember. And we then get up – and move forward.

Rabbi Enid
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Don't Forget: Triskett Road Construction

Two-way traffic will be maintained on Triskett Road from the bridge over the GCRTA Rail Tracks to Berea Road using the west bound lanes.

Traffic will be limited to one-way EASTBOUND ONLY traffic on Triskett from Berea Road to West 117th Street. Triskett Road westbound traffic from Berea Road to West 117th Street will be detoured along West 117th Street. Construction will be taking place on the south side of Triskett Road in this phase of the project. The anticipated completion date is August 2014. Construction will then shift to the north side of Triskett between the same limits and be completed in November 2014.

The improvements include pavement rehabilitation, curb, sidewalk and driveway repairs, ADA compliant ramps, replacement of existing catch basins, additional catch basins if necessary, and upgrade of the traffic signal system.

DON'T MISS THE CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC ON AUGUST 3RD! [CLICK HERE FOR THE FLYER](#) (RSVP REQUESTED)

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from the Education Committee...

What a great year we have planned for our Religious School!!!

A few highlights:

- ✧ We'll start the semester in the sanctuary, promptly at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, September 7, with Rabbi Enid Lader leading our annual Opening Assembly for all students, parents and staff. We look forward to welcoming new members to our Beth Israel family at that time.
- ✧ Our teachers have been preparing exciting lessons. We're arranging for guest teachers to periodically join our faculty and bring to the school their inspiration and knowledge.
- ✧ We are eager for you to meet our new Family Educator, Debbie Chessin. Debbie will be working with teachers, students, and parents to create lively and engaging Shabbaton programs throughout the year. We are grateful to the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland's Fund for the Jewish Future for underwriting her position which is also supported through the educational resources of the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland.
- ✧ There will be wonderful Sukkot and Simchat Torah celebrations, including the Consecration of our Kindergarten and First Grade students, and fun holiday observances for Chanukah and Purim. These will be great opportunities for our students to invite their friends from school to see how compelling and exciting Judaism at Beth Israel – The West Temple can be.
- ✧ Rabbi Lader will assume the role of our Congregational Educator, as we take the coming months to reassess the position and interview potential candidates. (We wish last year's Education Director, Naomi Chase, all the best for her new position in Florida.)
- ✧ We have a wonderful congregational retreat planned for January 31st - February 1st at the Quail Hollow Resort. Plan to join us for a unique and enriching celebration of Shabbat! Watch for further details.
- ✧ Music returns to our Religious School. So keep practicing! Rock band! Orchestra! Choir! More details will follow.

Education Committee: [Enid Lader](#), Rabbi, [Natalie Barratt](#), Chair;
Shosh Ault, Carola Bamberger,
Robin Kaufman, Tina Keller, Josh Levy, Ariella Payne, Rhoda Rosen

Mazel Tov to Many!!

David Bamberger provided Torah commentaries for the July issues of the Cleveland Jewish News. You can find them here:

“Let's be better than Balak” (4 July 2014)
 “Handle with care” (11 July 2014)

“It ain't necessarily (exactly) so” (18 July 2014)
 “No joke” (25 July 2014)

Mazel Tov to longtime temple member, Les Ackerman, who was recently honored for his nearly 50 years of involvement in and commitment to the West Park community with a resolution of recognition from Cleveland City Council, presented to him by Councilman Marty Keane. Les owned a floral shop across from Fairview Hospital for 47 years and is a longtime Kiwanis member. He continues to serve the community by delivering Meals On Wheels and supports countless other causes. Les is 92 years young, and with Leona, his wife of 70 years, continues their weekly date for dancing.

from Tyler Crossland to David Rosen

Subject: David, oh David, you've really done it this time!

I just wanted to say thank you so much for your JFSA Scholarship Letter you wrote back in March! When you wrote it, you probably thought, "ohh this is just some scholarship letter for a young mensch of mine..." but no, this letter was way more than that. Because of your letter, and some letters from some other close friends of mine, the JFSA has funded an enormous amount of my first year at Cleveland State University. I told you last time I saw you that I received \$2500 from the JFSA. That was from the Meisel Family Scholarship fund who work with the JFSA. Applying for the JFSA basically signed me up for multiple possible scholarships. I am very happy to tell you that not only did I receive the Meisel Family Scholarship for \$2500, but I was also awarded a grant from the JFSA for \$4800! That's not a typo. Because of your letter, and our many accomplishments throughout the years this was made possible. Because of your letter, I have \$7300 to use towards my college tuition. My first year is pretty much paid for with this and some other awards I received, just thought that I would thank you and pass on the good news. This young mensch is a lucky one indeed.

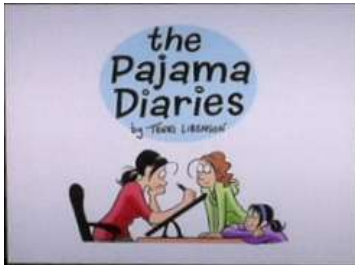
-Tyler :D

from Tyler to Rabbi:

Without my experiences at Beth Israel, none of this would have been possible. I look forward to keeping you all posted on my future endeavors. To say you and everyone else at Beth Israel have helped me a ton over the past few years would be an understatement, and I promise to make you guys proud as I take this next big step. Hope you're having a great Summer!
 - Tyler

from Circle of Friends...

Syndicated Cartoonist Terri Libenson Speaks



Circle of Friends had our end of the year potluck supper at the home of Robin Shapiro in Avon Lake on Wednesday, June 11th. About 30 women came bearing many good things to eat. The special program for the evening brought syndicated cartoonist Terri Libenson, who writes and draws [The Pajama Diaries](#), which appear daily in The Plain Dealer. The unique thing about this very funny strip of a working mother and wife is that the family happens to be Jewish. Terri talked about her creative process and was generous in staying and answering many questions from the group. She wrote to Rabbi Enid after, saying how much she enjoyed her time with us and appreciated our group's questions and interest in her and her work. It was a very great evening, and we thank Robin and her family for opening their home to all of us.

We have been in the process of planning our next season and **hope that our first date will be Tuesday, August 26th**. Watch for more information. Additional dates are planned for Wednesday, October 29th at the home of Lesley Watilo; Chanukah at the home of the Atzenhoffers; Wednesday, February 18, 2015 for an evening of art; our annual Women's Seder on Wednesday, April 8, 2015; and our last potluck gathering on Wednesday, June 17th. If you would like to volunteer to host any of our gatherings, please give Susan Wagner a call at 216-221-6660. We hope that this next year will offer a variety of programs to appeal to as many of the women of our community as possible. Above all, we want Circle of Friends to offer women the time and space to come together to share warmth, comfort, humor, spirituality, and understanding. Let us know what would be important to you.

We wish you our best, [Rabbi Enid Lader](#), [Susan Wagner](#), and [Barbara Schwartz](#)
photographs courtesy of Susan Wagner



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Mitzvah Opportunities

From our good friend Carl Cook [helping the homeless in Cleveland]

SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATIONS NEEDED

Buy for your children, and buy for Cleveland's children...
Crayons, Pencils, Pens, Lined Paper, Boxes of Kleenex,
Glue Sticks, Paste, Pocket Folders...

The future of our children is SO important! Project Save, in partnership with the inter-city neighborhood center Friendly Inn Settlement, is holding a BACK-TO-SCHOOL COMMUNITY RALLY on MONDAY AUGUST 11 from Noon to 4:00 pm for children in need of school supplies.

With all of the difficulties in life, we need to give our children the best chance possible to get started early with their education, and YOU can help with these school supplies!

Please join us by donating supplies to:

(Westside): ST. HERMAN'S HOUSE: 4410 Franklin Blvd. Cleveland, 44113

(Eastside): FRIENDLY INN SETTLEMENT: 2386 Unwin Rd. Cleveland, 44104
 (just West of 55th & Quincy Ave.)

OR -- Bring your donations to temple - and we will make sure they are delivered in time for August 11th.

Another way of helping students, is to purchase **Yoobi School Supplies from Target -- Buy one for you... and one for another...**

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 10)*

Sunday, August 3	Congregational Picnic (p. 2)
Monday, August 4	Tisha b'Av Service, 8:00 p.m., BI-TWT (p. 2)
Monday, August 11	Last day to bring school supply donations to BI-TWT (p. 7)
Friday, August 15	Shared Shabbat and Dairy Potluck, RSVP (p. 10)
Tuesday, August 26	tentative date for Circle of Friends, RSVP (p. 5)
Sunday, September 7	First Day of Religious School (p. 3)

Celebrations

August Anniversaries

Dr. Natalie & Matt Barratt	Aug. 6	20 th
Mr. & Mrs. Garik Shmois	Aug. 7	10 th
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Cohen	Aug. 8	50 th
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Greenfield	Aug. 10	18 th
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Brehm	Aug. 14	31 st
Mr. & Mrs. Andy Abrahamson	Aug. 15	33 rd
Leonard Abrams & Martie Travis	Aug. 16	5 th
Mr. & Mrs. Evan Fleisher	Aug. 19	19 th
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Edelstein	Aug. 20	42 nd
Mr. & Mrs. James Howsmon	Aug. 21	26 th
Dr. & Mrs. Joel Keller	Aug. 26	45 th
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Wagner	Aug. 27	42 nd

August Birthdays – Youth (up to age 25)

Elizabeth Pearlman	Aug. 4	16 th	Zack Levit	Aug. 11	19 th
Emily Pearlman	Aug. 4	16 th	Kathryn Fleisher	Aug. 22	16 th
Alyssa Strongosky	Aug. 7	12 th	Henry McAleer	Aug. 22	7 th
Ari Hodgson	Aug. 8	5 th	Aaron Helbig	Aug. 23	18 th
Shane Strongosky	Aug. 9	15 th	Samantha Kahn	Aug. 27	9 th

August Birthdays – Adults

Ona Griswold	Aug. 1	Stephen Cohen	Aug. 14
William S.	Aug. 2	Luis Fernandez	Aug. 14
Frieda Thomas	Aug. 4	Maryellen Cudney	Aug. 15
Lisa Ann Goldberg	Aug. 7	Dr. Harry Lader	Aug. 17
Barbara Feldmar	Aug. 9	Rebecca Roberts	Aug. 18
Katya Melott	Aug. 9	Ross Miller	Aug. 22
Allison Winokur	Aug. 11	Lila Robinson	Aug. 22
Susan Button-Winsa	Aug. 12	Jessica Sackett	Aug. 24
Rose Priesand	Aug. 13	Dr. Samuel Alterovitz	Aug. 25

Perpetual Yahrzeits

WEEK ENDING

AUGUST 2

Richard Grey
Max Krisch
Herbert Wise
Bernard Feldman
Lillian Goldberg
Sophie Lustig
Evelyn Rosenblum
Rose Cohen
Marsha Newman Willey
Sofia Bruckman

WEEK ENDING

AUGUST 9

Alexander Weiss
Harry Ackerman
Jack Morgenstern
Edyss Paul
Shachni Paul
Evelyn Ross
Linda Goldman
Barbara Sherman Rolleston
David M. Levin
Anthony Bruscano
Ben Edelstein
Eric Braun
Marian Sattinger
Sophie Wolotsky

WEEK ENDING

AUGUST 16

Leah Sweet
Charlotte Kramer
Reva Barkan
Ellen H. Wolfe
Stella Kichler
Hela Klipstein-Hauser
Jacob Paul
Sadie Stromberg
Richard Diamond
Frank David
Isidore Warshawsky

WEEK ENDING

AUGUST 23

Mabel Goodworth
Evelyn Fox Robin
Braanda H. Schwartz
Lilly Ackerman
Edwin Atzenhoffer, Jr.

WEEK ENDING

AUGUST 30

Janet Katz
Morton Albert
Jack Keller
Rose Miller
Dora Neufeld
Louis Zabarsky
Lillian Gluchov
Phyllis Keller

WEEK ENDING

SEPTEMBER 6

William Korey
Zelig Blumberg
Murray Greenfield
Deborah Rubin
Sanford Gordon
Sami Klein
Patrick Chamberg
Myron M. Metzler
Edmundo Klein
Judith Liba Roberts
Helen Gold
Rose Lettovsky

We remember Rochelle Pearl, who passed away on June 13.
Mrs. Pearl was the sister-in-law of Rabbi Enid Lader's mother, Sydel Coslow.

And we remember Aideen Zeitlin, wife of Gerald Zeitlin and mother of Louise Howsmon of our congregation. Mrs. Zeitlin died on June 24.

May their memories 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.

August 1

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

August 2

At home of Peter & Jessica Sackett,
1075 Summit Ave., Lakewood 44107

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

August 8

Service Leader: David Bamberger

August 9

At home of David & Holly Neumann,
26349 Cook Road, Olmsted Falls 44138

Service Leader: David Neumann

August 15

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

August 16

At home of Jerry Lopez,
5320 New Haven Ct., Sheffield Village 44054

Service Leader: Scott Machol

August 22

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

August 23 (at Beth Israel)

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

August 29

Service Leader: David Bamberger

August 30 (at Beth Israel)

Service Leader: Luis Fernandez

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Abraham & David Bruckman

In Appreciation of Services for

Aideen Zeitlin

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Shosh Ault

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Shosh Ault

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