



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...

Towards Intentional Spiritual Communities



At our November Semi-Annual Congregational meeting, I shared some thoughts based on an interesting essay by Rabbi Sid Schwartz. I would like to review some of his points, and offer some follow-up of my own.

He writes about the process of creating “intentional spiritual communities” and begins with noting that although the operative ethos of Jewish communities for centuries has been a belief in collective responsibility and mutual support, the Jewish community faces ever-greater challenges to counter an American cultural message that is moving in the exact opposite direction. There have been times when we have felt an overwhelming sense of American common purpose. Residing in the heart of every American, that commonality made us feel as though we were part of a grand social venture that was unique and unparalleled in the history of the world.

But we also live in a moment when technological advances make the American pre-disposition to rugged individualism ever more consuming. It is a concern when our society's predominant cultural message is: Get what you want, when you want it, no commitments, and no obligations.

So, the question today is: How can Judaism be made relevant to American Jews? Rabbi Schwartz offers that the only way we can answer that question is to create communities that offer American Jews what America cannot give them.

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Here at Beth Israel – The West Temple, we have a wonderful opportunity to create something other than, what Rabbi Schwartz calls, a limited liability suburban Jewish congregation. Many of us are serious about our spiritual journeys. We have the opportunity to create a community that aspires to engage the mind, touch the heart, and expand the spirit of all who came into our orbit. This is what Rabbi Schwartz means by creating “intentional spiritual communities.”

Several principles should guide our effort. There are three important principles that should be considered in any conversation about building community:

Principle #1: Creating an organizational culture of participation and empowerment: We **must** continue to be very intentional about tapping the gifts of our members and then creating an environment in which people continue to take leadership in every imaginable area of congregational life, from social action, to leading services, to teaching courses, to overseeing lifecycle needs.



Principle #2: Mission, Mission, Mission: We must continue to spend time discussing and articulating why we exist. What does it truly mean “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”?

And Principle #3: Serious Judaism: I don’t think we are here to only offer “Jewish lite – l-i-t-e;” it will not be enough to keep us going, to keep us vibrant, to keep us energized. We are called upon to engage each other as a community of fellow travelers that come together on *Shabbat* and at other times; a community of people who want to explore what it means to create and belong to a true spiritual community.

The question that drives American Jews today is not about social acceptance or material success. It is about whether they... It is about whether **we** can find a sense of purpose in a society that has become so radically individualistic. **We** have the opportunity to reinvigorate our congregation so that **we** can be ready for a fuller engagement with Judaism and with community that is authentic and spiritually serious.

This is what promises to make our congregation a vibrant center of worship and Jewish community life on Cleveland’s West side. Please let me know what you think, what suggestions you have, what interests you. Let’s make this happen together.

Keyn y’hi ratzon – May it be so.

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December Deadline: Monday, December 16th

*new member profile***Tammy Root Finds Wholeness in Jewish Identity**

Most of us have seen Private Investigators on TV, but how many actually know any? New Temple member Tammy Root is a PI, though her life is perhaps not as glamorous as Hollywood would have us imagine it. For starters, she works part time for a small company, Rea Investigations, and although she does get involved with murder and other criminal cases, much of her work involves routine background checks and serving subpoenas. She got into the business about a year ago, through her friend Tom Rea; when he learned she was studying for a degree in Criminal Justice at Kaplan Career Institute (which she completed last May), he asked her to join his firm. Meanwhile, she supplements this work with waitressing and cleaning jobs. She also helps with her mom's small business, making pumpkin rolls to sell at Thanksgiving.

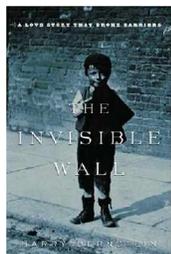


A West Side Cleveland native, Tammy grew up in a Catholic family that was not devout, and she never quite believed or felt comfortable with that religion, but she knew she wanted to find God. After doing some reading about Judaism, she found Beth Israel in the phone book, and was soon talking to Rabbi Enid. She began attending events such as the Women's Seder and "connected to everything." Since then, she says, "I found my place with God. I have a purpose, my life is positive, and I feel whole." Now she keeps kosher and tries to live by the Torah. She is pleased that her mom was supportive of her decision to become Jewish, even coming with her to the mikvah for part of her ritual conversion.

Tammy's other passion is animals. She has a 7-year-old, 180-pound English Mastiff named Brutus, who is the "love of her life;" while Brutus has a 2-year-old black cat, Chloe, who follows him around and curls up with him to sleep. Tammy considers herself an animal activist, having been involved in rallies and the writing campaign to pass the Dick Goddard law protecting animals from abuse. Clearly, she has become Jewish in terms of practicing tikkun olam.

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I stopped by the Rocky River post office the other day to mail a package and got into a discussion with the postmistress regarding Hannukah. She had offered me the 2013 Hannukah stamp, so I told her about the rare coincidence of Hannukah and Thanksgiving occurring on the same day this year. "It hasn't happened since the 1880's," I said, "and it's not supposed to happen again for 79,000 years." "That's OK," she replied. "They're Forever stamps." --Steven Edelstein

*from the Library***Good Books for Young and Old**

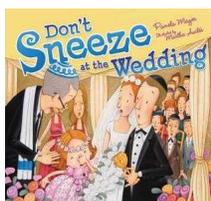
The Invisible Wall by Harry Bernstein. This is a memoir by a 96-year-old author who grew up in a mill town in northern England. On Bernstein's cobblestone street, the Jewish families lived on one side and the Christian families on the other. There were tensions and problems, but also decent people, on both sides of the invisible wall. Bernstein also writes about the difficulties caused by grinding poverty in his home, his dedicated mother and his abusive, alcoholic father.

Being Esther by Miriam Karmel. A touching story about growing older, this book is a good read for baby boomers who are now reaching their twilight years. The novel is narrated by an ordinary, 85-year-old Chicago widow. As her circle of friends diminishes, Esther is determined to make new connections and leave a small legacy to remind people that "she was here." Told with humor, compassion and insight, *Being Esther* is an inspiring read for adults of all ages.



Always Wear Clean Underwear by Marc Gellman. An enjoyable read for middle-school students about "the list" – "Take out the trash," "Walk the dog," "Call if you're going to be late," and other annoying things that parents tell you over and over. Marc Gellman writes in a casual, humorous style about the small reasons and big reasons why parents say these things. He shows how each statement is a way that parents show their love for you and how following these requests will ultimately make you a better person. A good book, even for kids who don't like to read.

Aaron's Bar Mitzvah by Sylvia Rouss. Don't be fooled by the title. This picture book is really about Aaron's little sister. Sarah Leah is upset that Aaron has less time to play board games and do other things together now that he is busy studying for his bar mitzvah. She attempts to retaliate in small ways. At the end, Sarah realizes that Aaron still cares about her as much as before. Younger sisters and brothers will enjoy this story.



Don't Sneeze at the Wedding by Pamela Mayer. Anna is delighted to be a flower girl at her aunt's wedding. But when she gets a cold shortly before the big event, she is worried about sneezing during the ceremony. Friends and relatives give her advice for squelching the sneeze. The book goes through the preparations for the wedding and the ceremony itself. What happens to Anna at the wedding is a big surprise.

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from the Congregational Educator...

November Highlights in the Religious School



Pre-B'nai Mitzvah Retreat on November 2 at Lakewood Park.

Picture yourself in the opening scene from the movie, *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. You're Indiana Jones, following a map toward something many before you have aspired to attain. You ultimately reach it, but not without some painstaking (some would say perilous) missteps. You encounter others along the way who want what you do, but who are somehow less deliberate about their preparation. You get there, and suddenly, you have not only the satisfaction of reaching your goal, but also you must now actually calculate its value and what you will do with it going forward. That's the scene our Grade 5/6 class and their parents viewed on November 2 when we met in Lakewood Park for the Pre-B'nai Mitzvah Retreat. Participants readily engaged with the prompt, "How is this scene like becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah?" We heard from Beth Israel post-B'nai Mitzvah Claire Barratt and Kathryn Fleisher, as well as current Bat Mitzvah student, Hannah Ross, who agreed, the more we share this preparation and process, the more enduring the impact of the event can be. Rhoda Rosen, veteran teacher and one of our Torah Mavens, was there to introduce Torah study strategies. Beryl Palnik, another veteran teacher and Beth Israel Chaverim Advisor, shared what strategies her family used to help them choose a tzedakah project that aligned with her son's Bar Mitzvah Torah portion. Families used their understanding of the structure of the Shabbat morning service to inspire creative renditions of similar moments or events in their lives: They found analogies in football games and other sporting events, orchestral recitals, stage and dance productions, and even elaborate recipes and meals. The afternoon was remarkably warm despite the dreary weather, and the information and spirit that was shared will be an inspiration to these families as they continue toward their children's ceremonies and beyond.

Yom Iyun on Sunday, Nov 3, a professional development day. Previously just for current teachers in our school, this year we invited past, present, and future teachers, board members, and others who are interested in Jewish education to join us. There were thirty of us who explored the ways we learn, teach, and create community through study. Through the generosity of the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland and the Covenant Foundation we were treated to the expertise and research of Dr. Jen Glaser. Some of us have had ongoing relationships with Jen as students of her teaching methodologies using Philosophical Inquiry for Children. Jen led us through a variety of exercises that helped us get to know each other better. She also gave us three-and-a-half frameworks on Lifelong Jewish Learning through which to view our own tendencies and comfort zones, and ultimately, to inform our decisions and strategies for creating and enhancing the learning at Beth Israel – The West Temple. We are grateful and inspired by our exchange that day.

PJ on the Go on November 9 - PJ the Bear was last seen at Books-a-Million at Westgate Mall to share a program entitled, "Eight Lights and Literature!" PJ on the Go is a community funded initiative to reach out to young Jewish families and provide Jewish learning

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opportunities in secular settings. This Saturday evening event was the second in a three-part series Rabbi Enid and I have designed to meet West side families where they are. In the bookstore cafe we engaged the participants in stories, music, tzedakah, and learning about Chanukah. The children made beeswax havdallah candles, and decorated kiddush cups with Chanukah stickers. They filled spice bags using remnants of the lulov and etrog saved from Sukkot and learned that the Maccabees who created Chanukah did so by celebrating the last holiday Antiochus made them miss (Sukkot), and added an eighth day for the re-dedication of the Temple in Jerusalem. Our families huddled together outside for a concluding havdallah ceremony, braving the cold and the wind like real Maccabees to rededicate ourselves to the preservation of religious freedom here and everywhere. Watch for more PJ on the Go when we meet next for Tu B'Shevat at The Rockefeller Park Greenhouse.

Welcome David Neumann to our teaching staff as he trains and prepares to take over for Naomi in the Grade 5/6 second hour! This cohort has been engaging in Philosophical Inquiry of the weekly Torah portion. David is especially well suited for this type of engaging conversation and exploration of texts. The methodology promotes personalization as well as examination of biblical, Talmudic, and contemporary commentaries through provocative dialogue and critical thinking. This class is the ideal pre-cursor to B'nai Mitzvah preparation and we are grateful to David for joining the ranks of those who have made themselves available to these students in so many ways.

Grades K-1-2 have a special way to share their Chanukah learning with their families this year: Last Sunday, after talking to BITWT President, Matt Barratt, about our Ner Tamid and listening to a story about a latke who couldn't stop screaming, we asked the children, "How did the Maccabees keep the Ner Tamid (eternal light) lit during the dark years of Antiochus who prevented them from worshiping in their Temple in Jerusalem?" "They remembered it in their minds!" said Sam F. "They lit other candles to help them remember," said Helen L. Our students made Eternal Lamps to take home this year so that they can light their Chanukah Shamash (leader candle) from it (no blessing required), and then bless and light their Chanukah candles with a new appreciation for the legend and the lessons of Chanukah!

One Happy Camper made a presentation to religious school on Sunday, Nov 17.

Join us for "**Celebrate Shabbat**" on **December 7** when **Grade 3/4** students and their families and teachers have their **Shabbaton**. They will spend the morning examining that week's Torah portion and they will generate that morning's dvar Torah to be shared at services. Children will also help lead service parts. A kiddush luncheon follows courtesy of these families and others who bring pot luck dishes to share. Watch for further details about the meal so you know what to bring!

L'shalom - towards peace and wholeness -
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(photograph courtesy of Susan Wagner)

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November Photos

Congregational Meeting on November 17th (Susan Wagner); PJ on the Go (Susan Wagner); Hanukkah Sale outside Cafe Aroma (Jan Miyake)



Yad b'Yad Students make Latke Flippers

On November 17th, the Yad b'Yad students, led by Riv Levlin, listened to a story and make a toy latke flipper. Children enjoyed putting on stickers, exploring the room, and playing with their flippers while parents chatted and led the cutting and stapling efforts.

Photographs courtesy of Jan Miyake
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Mazel Tov

Susan Golden, long-time High Holiday Choir member, told us that her daughter, Judith L. Golden Becker, has been detailed from the Office of the General Counsel, Division of Elementary, Secondary, Vocational and Adult Education (DESAVE) to the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Education.

And a big congratulations to Kathryn Fleisher who won the Superior Delegation Award as well as the prestigious Gavel Award at the 70th Annual Autumn Ohio Cleveland Council on World Affairs Model United Nations conference in Cleveland, Ohio. Her team's resolution papers will be submitted to the UN Human Rights Council!

Congrats, Roger and Judy Friedman!



Friedman-Wright

Shaina Friedman and Zachary Wright were married on Aug. 24, 2013, at The Tudor Arms Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio. Rabbi Enid C. Lader officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. Roger and Judy Friedman of Westlake, Ohio, and the granddaughter of Richard Feigenbaum of Westlake, the late Janet Feigenbaum, and Dr. Barry and Sue Friedman of San Diego. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in exercise science from Cleveland State University and is a personal trainer at Cleveland Fitness Revolution.

The groom is the son of Susan Wright of Lakewood, Ohio, and the late David J. Wright, and the grandson of Janet Wright of Lakewood, the late Thomas Wright, and the late Kaye and Warren Steffen. He earned a bachelor's degree in public relations and a master's degree in communications from the University of Dayton. He is an executive recruiter and search consultant with Resource Strategy Group.

Following a honeymoon on the Caribbean island of Antigua, the couple resides in Westlake.



Parrish-Friedman

Dr. Roger and Judy Friedman of Westlake, Ohio, announce the engagement of their son, Matt Friedman to Kimberly Parrish, daughter of Todd and Shelley Parrish of Mequon, Wis.

Ms. Parrish is the granddaughter of the late Alvin and Nanette Berlin and the late William and Lillian Parrish. She earned a Bachelor of Science in nursing from Marquette University and is a hematology/oncology nurse at Wheaton Franciscan All Saints Healthcare in Racine, Wis.

Mr. Friedman is the grandson of Richard Feigenbaum of Westlake, the late Janet Feigenbaum, and Dr. Barry and Sue Friedman of San Diego. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in journalism from The Ohio State University and is the athletic communication graduate assistant at Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee.

Shared Shabbat*Friday evening, December 20th**Celebrating December Birthdays
and Anniversaries and...**Our Hebrew Names**On this Shabbat we begin the next
book in Torah – the book of Exodus.**In Hebrew, it is called Shemot –
Names. “These are the names of the
children of Israel, who came to
Egypt with Jacob...” What is your
Hebrew name?**If you or your child has not formally
received a Hebrew name and would
like to do so, please contact Rabbi
Lader (216-941-8882 or
eclader@aol.com) at the temple and
let her know so that you can be a
part of our celebration that evening.**5:45 p.m. – Appetizers and
Schmoozing**6:15 p.m. – Family-friendly Erev
Shabbat Service**With special musical presentation by
the Ross Family: Julian – violin,
Carol – viola,
Hannah and Cecilia - cellos**7:15 p.m. – Potluck Shabbat Supper**RSVP to the temple office
(216-941-8882)***It’s Not Too Early to Think About Jewish
Summer Camp!**

A very exciting initiative in our community is bringing new camping opportunities to our Beth Israel children!

Beyond the traditional camps we have all heard about - and many have experienced - the Jewish world now offers a wide range of overnight camping experiences. Specialty camps which are focused on such specific interests as music, art, organic farming, science and - of course - sports, now fall under the umbrella of One Happy Camper and are available for first-time camper funding. Each camp designs its own program to be accessible and enjoyable for all campers. Whether they’re telling stories in their bunks, learning about the environment, or playing tennis, campers explore what Judaism means to them in a safe, nurturing, and fun environment, and many camps have 2-week sessions!

Summers at overnight camps are packed with a wide range of fun activities—aquatics, arts and crafts, basketball and soccer, dance, music, cooking, archery, drama, outdoor adventure and hiking, and much more! Campers are encouraged to discover new skills and interests they never knew they had. Jewish camp weaves Jewish values, culture, and traditions into the fabric of camp, helping campers to connect to their own identity and the larger Jewish community. Spirited and dynamic staff members use experiential learning to reveal what makes Jewish religion and culture so unique in today's world. At camp, Jewish and Israeli culture is celebrated through song, food, art, and dance. The impact of Jewish camp is immediate—campers return home connected to a community and friends that will last them a lifetime. And it doesn’t stop there. Children with pivotal Jewish camp experiences are more likely to become adults who value their Jewish heritage, support Jewish causes, and take on leadership roles in their communities.

Jewish specialty camps enable your child to hone a specific skill or interest within the context of Jewish

values like teamwork, fair play and ruach, spirit. Whether your child is interested in perfecting her jump shot, sharpening his painting skills, improving his swim stroke, directing a film, or learning how to farm organically, there is a specialty camp that fits his/her needs. Use the Find a Camp tool to begin your search for the perfect summer experience and then visit each camp's website for more detailed information.

If your child has never been to Jewish camp, the One Happy Camper program offers need-blind grants of \$1000 to first-time campers, and I am here to help you find a camp that is a good fit for your child! You can reach me by email at tinabk803@sbcglobal.net, or 440-899-9288. I look forward to bringing Jewish summer camp experiences to our children.

Tina Keller

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Eating together is a tradition at Beth Israel the West Temple—we celebrate over food, and meals add to the enjoyment of being with other members. We are now in need of a team to maintain our kitchen and to select a Coordinator of such a kitchen crew.

We are going to have an organizing meeting and ask anyone with talents/interests in such an endeavor to attend a meeting at the temple on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 at 10 a.m. to establish this team. Even if you do not have the time to devote to regular duties, your ideas and participation would help us all.

Agenda items include selecting a team and coordinator and assigning tasks for:

- Planning and coordinating events
- Being the RSVP point person for potlucks, Shared Shabbats, etc.
- Getting events set up/taken down
- Keeping kitchen supplies stocked
- Consulting for special events

Temple events that include food are very important in keeping BITWT a Hammish, vibrant community; it takes a team to keep it all together. Please come and make your contributions; RSVP to Lise Moulton at 216/683-1313.



Beth Israel High School News

The High School has been busy as always this last month. We've continued to follow up on our live Skype session with Jewish students in Murmansk, Russia, with ongoing Q&A via email as we explore more about each others' cultures. Susan Hutner met with students as they charted out student-led Social Action activities they want to organize for the year. Four of our students represented Beth Israel at the NFTY Fall Kallah hosted by Temple Beth Zion in Buffalo, New York. And a Very Big Congratulations to Arielle and Ilana Shapiro who were selected to serve on the 2013/14 Saltzman Youth Panel!

As we begin preparing for the High School Shabbaton in February, where the students will be creating their own service, we have been exploring many of the themes related to worship. We began by looking at the origin of the word Tefilah, which we know as Prayer. However in Hebrew, the root words for Tefilah come from Pe-Lamed-Lamed and the word L'hitpalel, meaning "to judge oneself," to be introspective. This turned around the common notion of praying outward to God, and opened up the idea of prayer being an inward experience. So from there we've been exploring what that means for each student. We've been talking about how God has communicated with people throughout our history, and looked at how God may still be communicating with us. We're also looking at prayer in the light of introspection... what do our students pray for? What does prayer mean to them? How do they choose to have a dialogue with God, and how do they handle the uncertainty of not really understanding what the whole God thing is all about? We are also now looking at what each student might do if it were up to them to create their own commandments... What do they value, and what values do they feel they would ask the rest of the world to follow? The goal here is to personalize the experience of prayer, worship and their relationship with God so that it will ideally have more relevance and meaning to them.

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On Saturday, December 7th, it's time to come and ...

Celebrate Shabbat

9:30 a.m. – Lite breakfast and schmoozing

10:00 a.m. – Parallel Learning – Parent-Child Relationships: Adults with Rabbi Lader, 3-4 Graders and their parents with Naomi Chase, our Education Director

11:00 a.m. – Shabbat Morning Service led by Rabbi Lader and our 3-4 Graders
 Followed by a Kiddush Luncheon

RSVP to the temple office (216-941-8882)

Lunch and Learn with Rabbi and Friends

Wednesday, December 18th,
 Noon
 AJ's Urban Grille
 25939 Detroit Rd,
 in Williamsburg
 Square, Westlake

RSVP to the temple office
 (216-941-8882)

Celebrations

December Birthdays – Adults			
Christina Keller	December 1	Rob Levit	December 19
Dr. Mary Kay Greenberg	December 2	Holly Neumann	December 20
Dr. Neil L. Greenberg	December 2	Dr. Herb Caron	December 21
Marilyn Bogart	December 3	Dee Lazarus	December 21
Diana Gold	December 7	Michael Katz	December 22
Donald Mansfeld	December 7	Tracy Grauel	December 23
Sandy Pankiw	December 7	Lesley Watilo	December 24
Brian Friedman	December 8	Leonard Weiss	December 25
Melanie Shmois	December 9	Dr. Theodore Provder	December 26
Walter Wright	December 12	Laurie Chait	December 27
David Neumann	December 13	Garik Shmois	December 28
Frank Helbig	December 15	Evan Fleisher	December 29
Aimee Greenfield	December 18	Gloria Cutrona	December 30
Sandra Cohen	December 19	Linda Keller	December 31
Dr. Bernard Eckstein	December 19		

December Birthdays – Children		
Daniel Josselson	December 6	12 th
Megan Rose Fleisher	December 7	12 th
Amber Schlichtig	December 13	11 th
Hannah Wiesen	December 30	7 th

December Wedding Anniversaries		
Mr. & Mrs. John Goodworth	December 3	36 th
Dr. & Mrs. Arnon Chait	December 10	30 th
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Atzenhoffer	December 12	20 th
Mr. Sandu & Dr. Adriana Leibovici	December 15	28 th
Dr. & Mrs. Robert Goldberg	December 19	14 th

Calendar of Events

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

Friday, November 29	Shabbat and Chanukah Service 6:30 p.m. Services (bring menorah and candles); 7:15 p.m. Latke Supper. RSVP to temple office.
Thursday, December 5	Circle of Friends 7:00 p.m. at the home of Lynn Atzenhoffer.
Saturday, December 7	Celebrate Shabbat (p. 6, p. 12, p. 15)
Sunday, December 8	Organizing meeting for Coordinator of our kitchen crew (p. 11)
Friday, December 20	Shared Shabbat (p. 10, p. 15)
Wednesday, December 18th	Lunch and Learn with the Rabbi and Friends. (p. 12)

Perpetual Yahrzeits

WEEK ENDING
 DECEMBER 7
 Lillian Feigenbaum
 Willy Neufeld
 Ruth Friedman
 Trudy Isaac
 Max Finkelstein
 Irving Gilbert
 Fred Wiesen
 Sam Lewis
 Al Gluck
 Estelle Loeb

WEEK ENDING
 DECEMBER 14
 Bracha Alterovitz
 Ethel Bamberger
 Janet Slatkin
 Robert Welch
 Samuel Romain
 Selma Bogatsky
 Abraham Bruckman
 Anna Goldberg
 Leah Krisch
 Henry Caro
 Philip W. Davis
 Eleanor Neumann
 Bessie Schochet
 Goldie Slone
 Arline Alpert

WEEK ENDING
 DECEMBER 21
 Irving Priesand
 Anna Fenster
 Philip Mason
 Reva Clymer
 Janet Goodworth
 Jack Palnik
 Isidore Freundlich

WEEK ENDING
 DECEMBER 28
 Ralph Blecker
 Jerry Wolfe
 I. Lowell Grossman
 Carl Katz
 Esther Korey
 Abe Levy
 Francis Diamond
 Hedwig Eckstein
 Monica Hannah Tolkin
 Leah Bloom
 Minnie Kimmelman
 Mary Koshel
 Samuel Lowy
 Ilse Machol
 Cecil Bruckman
 Earl Priesand
 Rabbi Herbert J. Wilner
 Esther Lott
 Melvin Schochet

WEEK ENDING
 JANUARY 4
 Donald Bogart
 Edmund Button
 Anatoly Favinsky
 Ruth Igoe
 Elizabeth Rimm

The congregation mourns the death of our long-time member, Mort Epstein, who passed away on November 20, 2013. Mort created our Torah and cantor’s lecterns, the Shabbat and festival candle sticks in our Sanctuary; as well as the Tree of Life on the wall outside the high school room. In addition to his art and design work, Mort was active on behalf of Soviet Jewry and equal housing concerns.

May his memory be for a blessing, and may his family find comfort in the loving support of his many friends.

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.*

December 6

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

**December 7 – Celebrate Shabbat and
3rd and 4th Grade Shabbaton**

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Schmoozing
10:00 a.m. Exploring Torah
11:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
12:15 p.m. Festive Kiddush-Dairy Potluck Luncheon

December 13

Service Leader: Scott Machol

December 14

Service Leader: Luis Fernandez

December 20 –

Family Shared Shabbat

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

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

December 21

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

December 27

Service Leader: Shosh Ault

December 28

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