



Beth Israel – The West Temple

BULLETIN

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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...

Don't let the light go out...



The year is 1982. The scene is Carnegie Hall. On the stage is the New York Choral Society singing “back-up” for Peter, Paul, and Mary as they debut Yarrow’s “Don’t Let the Lights Go Out” as part of their **Chanukah/Christmas Concert**.

Light one candle for the Maccabees' children with thanks that their light didn't die

Light one candle for the pain they endured when their right to exist was denied

Light one candle for the terrible sacrifice justice and freedom demand

But light one candle for the wisdom to know when the peacemaker's time is at hand...

It is evident that the lyrics connect one of the central images of Chanukah (the menorah) with one of the central themes of the holiday (freedom) in a moving way. The song reminds us that while the event of Chanukah happened a long time ago, the situation of Chanukah (loss of freedom) happens daily and that observance of Chanukah ritual in the home should be matched with action to encourage freedom in the world.

Light one candle for the strength that we need to never become our own foe

And light one candle for those who are suffering pain we learned so long ago

Light one candle for all we believe in - that anger not tear us apart

And light one candle to find us together with peace as the song in our hearts...

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The strength of the song is that it continues to bring the strong Jewish value of Tikkun Olam – Repair of the World – to the fore each time it is sung; and these days, more than ever.

What is the memory that's valued so highly that we keep it alive in that flame?

What's the commitment to those who died that we cry out they've not died in vain?

We have come this far always believing that justice would somehow prevail

This is the burden, this is the promise... and this is why we will not fail...

1982 saw the growth and development of the Soviet Jewry movement – a movement, with its roots here at BI-TWT, that began with one little candle and grew to light up the world's conscience with regards to human rights. 2015 sees so many who are longing to be free in their own lands – what lights are we lighting? Peter Yarrow wrote that “this song was written, and is sung, for Jews and non-Jews alike. The flame is an historical reminder of an ethical imperative. It burns as a burden, demanding sacrifice and struggle. But it also lights the possibility, the privilege and promise of a better world. We must not let the light go out.”

Don't let the light go out, it's lasted for so many years... Don't let the light go out - let it shine through our love and our tears... Don't let the light go out!

Wishing you and your family a light-filled Chanukah – what lights are you shining into the world?

Rabbi Enid
eclader@aol.com

The first candle of Chanukah is lit Sunday evening, December 6th. Follow [this link](#) for a quick review of the blessings



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Chanukah Service & Latke Supper

Friday, December 11th

6:30 p.m. – Shabbat & Chanukah Service

Music by the BI-TWT Orchestra

Bring your menorahs and candles

7:15 p.m. – Potluck Supper, featuring baked chicken, latkes, & sufganiot. Please bring a Non-Dairy or Pareve dish that will serve 8-10 people.

Last name A-N bring a side dish or salad.

Last name O-Z bring a dessert.

Cost is \$2.00 per person - Children 5 and under are free.

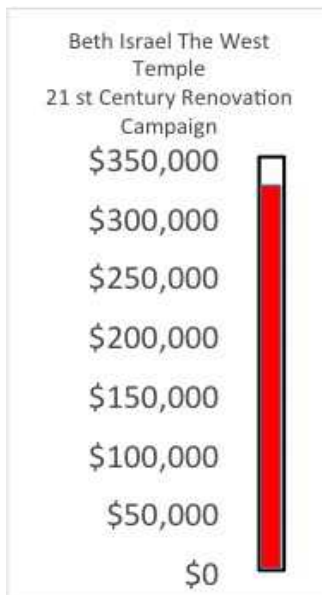
RSVP to the Temple office at 216-941-8882 or bethisrael@nls.net by Wednesday, December 9th to let us know you are coming!

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from the Sustainability Committee...

Phase I Almost Done



As you can see in the accompanying pictures, we are now near the end of Phase I construction. Here is a quick status report on the work to date:

- The air conditioning in the main sanctuary is complete, inspected, and ready for next summer.
- The boiler is up and running and heating the building.
- The wheel-chair lift is finished and awaiting inspection.
- The ADA bathroom is nearly finished, awaiting only a second coat of paint, a changing table, and a door-knob.
- The wheel-chair ramp is in and the ugly hole has been filled in. Still missing are railings.
- A new back door and glass vestibule are not yet installed. This has been held up by the need to first install the wiring of the new security system (see below).

Jewish Federation of Cleveland has approved our application for a third security grant to upgrade our security system. The new system will involve multiple cameras and a new secure system for unlocking the back door. Details to follow. This grant is in addition to two previously approved security grants for solid core interior doors and a new back entrance. Together all three grants will amount to over \$25,000. A lot of people were responsible for obtaining these grants, but we want to publicly single out Larry Goodman, David Neumann, Alan Finkelstein, and Brian Friedman.

Speaking of money, if you are planning on making a contribution to the 21st Century Campaign, or want to add to previous contributions, we need to receive your check by December 31 in order for it to be tax-deductible in 2015. Please put “Renovation Campaign” on the memo line to ensure it is credited correctly.

The Sustainability Committee thanks everyone for putting up with all the noise, dust, clutter, messiness, and general inconvenience suffered during this construction. We wish everyone a Happy Hanukah and may we all go from strength to strength in the coming New Year.

Luis Fernandez
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from Circle of Friends...

Circle of Friends Celebrates Chanukah

Share the warmth and the light!

Beth Israel – The West Temple's women's Rosh Chodesh group will be celebrating the third day of Chanukah on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.. Lynn Atzenhoffer and her family will once again welcome us for a special evening of readings, prayers and song led by Rabbi Enid, sanctified by tzedakah, and warmed by the lights of all of our menorahs, and, of course, food!

Lynn lives at 3395 Spruce Court, Avon, OH 44011. (Spruce Court is between Nagel and Jaycox Roads, south of Detroit and north of Schwartz Road. The Nagel Road exit would be the closest from I90. The Atzenhoffer's house will be on the right.)

Please RSVP by Friday, December 4th to Barbara Schwartz (baschwartz@cox.net or 216-228-5246) or Susan Wagner (susangwagner@gmail.com or 216-221-6660).

Also, let us know if you need a ride.

Our tzedakah project will again be making warm no-sew fleece blankets that we will donate to individuals who are homeless. We will provide the fleece, just bring a pair of scissors (it's a good idea to put your name on them) and again bring socks, hats, or mittens that we can attach and donate with the blankets. Eli has offered to lend his expertise to our efforts. Lynn is providing the snacks for the evening. Don't forget to bring your menorah and candles to light up a dark winter night. Our donations have been very much appreciated, spreading light and warmth to those who need it.

Barbara Schwartz and Susan Wagner, Co-Chairs
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OPERATION *Donate to* Warm Up

A community collection of winter clothing items for those in need.

We are collecting:

- Adult waterproof winter coats, gloves and boots
- New packaged socks and underwear for men, women & children
- Winter hats for men, women & children
- Adult Hoodies (2XL and up)

For more info:
216.378.2204
www.ncjwcleveland.org



Drop off by:
December 18, 2015

Operation Warm Up is a partnership between:



from the educator's desk...

The school year is in full swing and our students and parents have enjoyed special Family Shabbaton programs, interfaith community service projects, and Parent Education Classes. Here are some of the highlights (pictures on next page):

PJ on the Go -Taking Care of Animals Our youngest students learned about the Mitzvah of Caring for Animals “Tzar Ba’alei Chayim”. We learned how injured animals are cared for at the Great Lakes Nature Center. The children also made their own birdfeeders to place in their yards.

Kindergarten Class The kindergarten class has been studying the Aleph Bet. In the picture, the children were making a “Gimmel” for glida (ice cream)!

Grades 1 & 2 The students have been learning how to read and write their names in Hebrew. In their Shabbaton, Celebrating Havdallah - Creating Sacred Memories, the students and family members discovered how they can create special moments together as they celebrate Shabbat. They learned that Havdallah is a way to mark the end of Shabbat and the beginning of the new week. Each family created ritual objects, including a spice box, Havdallah candle and Kiddush cup, which they will be able to use in a Havdallah ceremony in their own homes.

Grades 5 & 6 During Hebrew the students in Grades 5 & 6 are working on learning the prayers that are recited during the Shabbat morning service.

Grades 7-12 Violins of Hope Beth Israel-The West Temple students and their parents had the opportunity to visit the Violins of Hope exhibit at the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage. After the tour, the teens and their parents shared reactions to the exhibit. This is what they had to say:

- Violins symbolize resiliency of the Jewish tradition. Jews survived despite everything that had happened.

- The instruments represent a spirit and voice of the many people who died. When the instruments are played, the memories of these individuals continue to live on.

High School Class and the Students from the Turkish Cultural Center of Cleveland The students in the high school class at Beth Israel-The West Temple, and the Turkish Cultural Center have had the opportunity to meet and learn about each other’s faiths. In November, both groups of teens and their parents participated in a community service project at St. Herman’s House in Cleveland, Ohio. Together, they worked on clearing a vacant yard and served meals to the residents at the home. At the end of the morning, the teens were able to share their reactions.

- We worked so well together. It felt good to help so many people.
- I liked getting to know the teens at the Turkish Cultural Center. We had a lot in common.
- We all realized that together we could make a difference in people’s lives. It’s a great feeling.

Parent Education Class-Violins of Hope-presented by Julian Ross Members of the congregation explored the centuries-old relationship between Judaism and the violin under the guidance of Julian Ross, Professor of Violin at Baldwin Wallace.

December 2015 School Calendar:

Saturday 5, 9:30-12:30 - Celebrate Shabbat and Grades 3 & 4 Shabbaton The theme is “Holiness- The Great God Hunt”.

Sunday 6, 10:30-11:30 a.m. - Adult Education Program Susan Borison, editor of *Your Teen* magazine, will talk to parents about “Preparing Your Child for College”. This program is designed for parents with middle school and high school aged children. Please RSVP to BI-TWTEducator@gmail.com

12:30 p.m. - Congregational Meeting
First night of Chanukah

Friday 11, 6:30 p.m. - Family Chanukah Service and Latke Supper. It doesn't get much better than latkes apple sauce and sour cream. This is a great opportunity to get together with your Temple community and celebrate Chanukah. Don't forget to bring your Menorah.

Sunday 13, 9:45-10:30 a.m. - Annual Religious School Chanukah Assembly. 10-11 a.m. Yad B' Yad.

Sunday 20, NO Religious School.

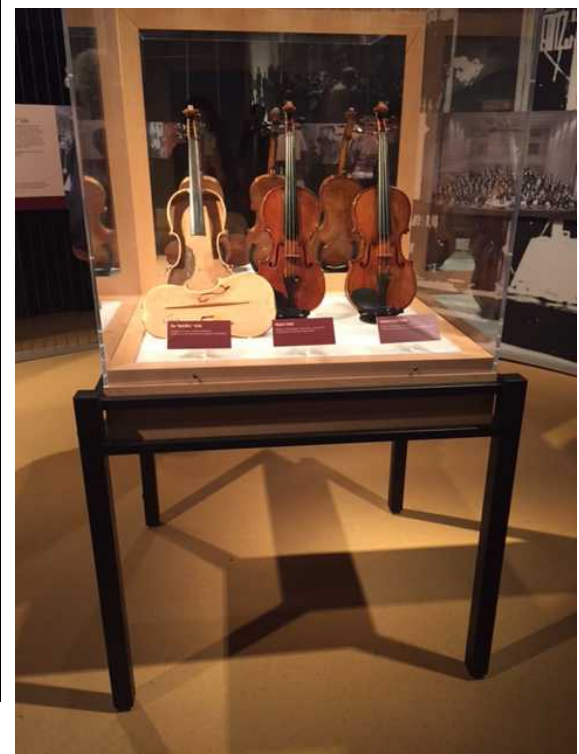
Monday 21, NO Monday Night Hebrew.

Sunday 27, NO Religious School.

Monday 28, NO Monday Night Hebrew. Enjoy the holiday with your family!

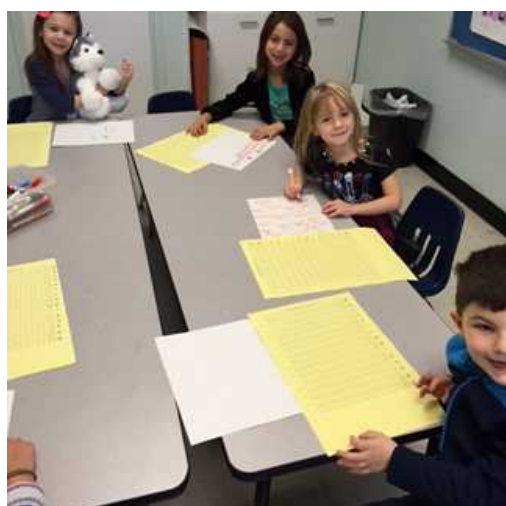
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Pictures from Religious School October Activities

(pictures courtesy of Debbie Chessin, Jan Miyake, and Susan Wagner)



West Side Congregations' Trip to Israel this Summer!

June 19-30, 2016

In response to Rabbi Lader's invitations to the Elyria, Lorain, and Sandusky congregations to join our congregational trip, Rabbi Lauren Werber, rabbi of Elyria's Temple B'nai Abraham, asked if she might be able to join us! Yes!

Together, we will explore the land of Israel and the many varieties of arts and cultures of her people. Together, we will get to see firsthand how technology has placed Israel in the forefront and cutting edge of scientific and medical advances in the world. Together, we will get to meet a wide range of Israelis who will share their stories and perspectives. You'll have time to explore and meet and eat and shop on your own as well—and make new memories and connections of your own.



This is a great trip for first-timers - and multi-timers. If you have any questions about the trip, feel free to contact Rabbi Lader (eclader@aol.com).

Extended family and friends are also welcome to join us. Our goal is 30 travelers! We can do this!

We hope to have all registration forms in by the end of January, 2016.

Take a look, talk about it with your family and friends – Follow this link: www.israeltour.com/rlader and let's go to Israel!

CHAI Israel: Examining our Connections with Israel

our Adult Education series continues this month:

Sunday, Dec. 13th 6:30-8:00 p.m. Locating Ourselves on the Map of History



This series is based on the Adult Education Israel curriculum through Makom [Israel. In Real Life]



Each session begins with a potluck supper (try out new Israeli recipes!). No fee! RSVP to Rabbi Lader (eclader@aol.com) or call/text Charles Fisher (440-723-0891)

Mitzvah Opportunity

Be part of the Jewish community's response to help Syrian refugees.

In response to the growing refugee crisis unfolding in Europe and the Middle East, the Jewish Federation of Cleveland joins its national partner, Jewish Federations of North America and Federations across the country, in a coordinated effort to provide humanitarian aid to those in need.

To date, our national Jewish community has raised over half a million dollars for Syrian refugees.

YOU CAN HELP.

100% OF ALL CONTRIBUTIONS of all money raised will be sent directly to the Jewish Coalition for Syrian Refugees.

You may mail a check payable to the "Jewish Coalition for Syrian Refugees" to: JDC, P.O. Box 4124, New York, NY 10163.

When you come to temple, remember to bring non-perishable foods for our ongoing support of Project SCAN.

Hineini (Here I am!) Opportunity -- Volunteer(s) Needed -- Our ongoing food collection for Project SCAN is a wonderful Mitzvah Opportunity for us all; however, once the food comes to the temple, it cannot make it to the Project SCAN location on its own! Can you help us deliver our collection on a monthly basis? Please be in touch with Rabbi Lader (eclader@aol.com) to say "Hineini"! (Also a great project for your family!)

Lunch and Learn with Rabbi and Friends
Wednesday, December 9th, at Noon Potluck Luncheon at the home of Joel and Linda Keller
32723 Fallshaven Circle N. Ridgeville RSVP to
Joel or Linda 440-748-4704.



**Interested in Membership?
Contact the temple office
216-941-8882,
or email us at bethisrael@nls.net
for more information.**



Kvelling Korner!!

Mazel Tov

A hearty Mazel Tov to Dr. Roger and Judy Friedman on the birth of their second granddaughter! Ayla Rose Friedman was born on October 30, 2015. She weighed 7 lbs., 15 oz. and was 21-1/2" long. The happy parents are Matt & Kimberly Friedman of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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 14)*

Saturday, December 5	Grades 3-4 Shabbaton, 9:30 a.m., BI-TWT (p. 7)
Sunday, December 6	Susan Borison speaks on “Preparing Your Child for College” 10:30 a.m., BI-TWT, RSVP (p. 7)
Sunday, December 6	Congregational Meeting, 12:30 p.m., BI-TWT (p. 7)
Wednesday, December 9	Lunch with the Rabbi & Friends, noon potluck, Keller Residence, RSVP (p. 10)
Wednesday, December 9	Circle of Friends Chanukah celebration, 7:00 p.m., Atzenhoffer home, RSVP (p. 4)
Friday, December 11	Shabbat & Chanukah Service, 6:30 p.m., Potluck Supper, 7:15 p.m. BI-TWT, RSVP (p. 2)
Sunday, December 13	Religious School Chanukah Assembly, 9:45-10:30 a.m., BI-TWT (p. 7)
Sunday, December 13	Yad b' Yad, 10:00-11:00 a.m., BI-TWT (p. 7)
Sunday, December 13	Chai Israel, 6:30-8:00 p.m., BI-TWT, register with Charles Fisher (440) 723-0981 (p. 9)
Sundays, December 20, 27 Mondays, December 21, 28	No Religious School.

Celebrations

December Wedding Anniversaries

Mr. & Mrs. John Goodworth	December 3	38 th
Dr. & Mrs. Arnon Chait	December 10	32 nd
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Atzenhoffer	December 12	22 nd
Mr. Sandu & Dr. Adriana Leibovici	December 15	30 th
Dr. & Mrs. Robert Goldberg	December 19	16 th

December – Youth (up to age 25)

Lilly Leffler	December 3	1 st
Daniel Josselson	December 6	14 th
Megan Fleisher	December 7	14 th
Jillian Kaufman	December 7	24 th
Davia Kane	December 16	7 th
Trevor Levin	December 16	19 th
Gavriel HammarWeiss	December 23	1 st
Hannah Wiesen	December 30	9 th

December – Adults

Christina Keller	December 1	Dr. Bernard Eckstein	December 19
Dr. Mary Kay Greenberg	December 2	Rob Levit	December 19
Dr. Neil Greenberg	December 2	Kris Daukss	December 20
Tammy Root	December 2	Holly Neumann	December 20
Marilyn Bogart	December 3	Dr. Herb Caron	December 21
Rhoda Rak	December 6	Dee Lazarus	December 21
Diana Gold	December 7	Tracy Grauel	December 23
Donald Mansfeld	December 7	Lesley Watilo	December 24
Sandra Pankiw	December 7	Leonard Weiss	December 25
Brian Friedman	December 8	Dr. Theodore Provder	December 26
Melanie Shmois	December 9	Laurie Chait	December 27
Walter Wright	December 12	Garik Shmois	December 28
David Neumann	December 13	Evan Fleisher	December 29
Aimee Greenfield	December 18	Gloria Cutrona	December 30
Sandra Cohen	December 19	Linda Keller	December 31

Perpetual Yahrzeits

WEEK ENDING

DECEMBER 5

Mort Epstein
Samuel Donofrio Bruckman
Oscar Sattinger
Harry Barkan
Ruth Braun
Fred Pyritz
Selma C. Keller
Herbert L. Levy
Melvin Abrahamson
Marvin Sheflin

WEEK ENDING

DECEMBER 12

Judd Seldin
Ethel Bamberger
Sidney Schwartz
Bertl Loeb
Lillian Feigenbaum
Ancilla Elner
Willy Neufeld

WEEK ENDING

DECEMBER 19

Ruth Friedman
Trudy Isaac
Max Finkelstein
Irving Gilbert
Fred Wiesen
Sam Lewis
Al Gluck
Estelle Loeb
Bracha Alterovitz
Anibal Lopez Merced
Janet Slatkin
Robert Welch
Samuel Romain

WEEK ENDING

DECEMBER 26

Selma Bogatsky
Abraham Bruckman
Anna Goldberg
Leah Krisch
Henry Caro
Suzanne Friedman
Eleanor Neumann
Bessie Schochet
Goldie Slone
Arline Alpert
Irving Priesand
Anna Fenster
Philip Mason

WEEK ENDING

JANUARY 2

Reva Clymer
Lily Blumberg
Janet Goodworth
Barbara Margelefsky
Jack Palnik
Isidore Freundlich
Ralph Blecker
Esther Korey
Abe Levy
Francis Diamond
Hedwig Eckstein
Monica Hannah Tolkin

WEEK ENDING

JANUARY 9

Leah Bloom
Minnie Kimmelman
Mary Koshel
Samuel Lowy
Ilse Machol
Cecil Bruckman
Earl Priesand
Rabbi Herbert J. Wilner
Louis Beral
Esther Lott
Melvin Schochet
Donald Bogart
Edmund Button

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.

December 4

Service Leader: David Bamberger

December 5 – Celebrate Shabbat & Grades 3-4 Shabbaton

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

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

December 11 – Shared Shabbat and Family Chanukah Service – 6:30 p.m. followed by Latke Dinner

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

December 12

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

December 18

Service Leader: Shosh Ault

December 19

Service Leader: Luis Fernandez

December 25

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

December 26

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

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