



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...

Connecting with Klal Yisrael – The Jewish Community



Many years ago, I learned the following song with (and by) Rabbi Larry Milder:

“Wherever you go, there’s always someone Jewish; You’re never alone when you say you’re a Jew. And when you’re not home and you’re somewhere kind of... newish, The odds are, don’t look far, ‘cause they’re Jewish, too.”

[<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YHu87vWimTg>]

As we make our way into the summer months, it’s time for more travel, family vacations, and visiting new places. It used to be that when you came to a place you had never been before, you’d check into your motel and might look at the phone book for a Jewish name or a local synagogue. Now, we’re lucky if we find a phone book in the motel, let alone the room.

Most likely we will have our iPhones, iPads, or laptops with us... Through the Union for Reform Judaism, you can link to <http://congregations.urj.org/> and find a Reform congregation throughout the United States and Canada, the Bahamas, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. You can find Reform congregations in Israel and world-wide through the World Union for Progressive Judaism’s website: <http://wupj.org/>. Your trip can also be a great opportunity to visit a congregation that reflects another branch of Jewish practice; another opportunity to experience the many facets – and faces – of our Jewish people.

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And there are Jewish museums, neighborhoods, restaurants, music, dance, and theater – many opportunities to meet people and to taste the variety of flavors of Jewish life around the world.

As we embark on our travels this summer, or anytime, I share the Tefilat HaDerech – the Traveler's Prayer – with you; it is the traditional Jewish prayer for a safe journey, recited at the onset of a trip. Here is an interpretive translation, written and set to music by Debbie Friedman z"l:

May we be blessed as we go on our way... May we be guided in peace...

May we be blessed with health and joy... May this be our blessing, amen.

May we be sheltered by wings of peace... May we be kept in safety and in love...

May grace and compassion find their way to every soul... May this be our blessing, Amen

[[http://jewishlearningmatters.com/AC-Tefilat-Haderech-\(Traveler-s-Prayer\)-by-Debbie-Friedman-990.aspx](http://jewishlearningmatters.com/AC-Tefilat-Haderech-(Traveler-s-Prayer)-by-Debbie-Friedman-990.aspx)]

Wherever you travel, may you feel connections with our Jewish people, and may you be blessed as you go on your way.

All the best,

Rabbi Enid
eclader@aol.com

You are cordially invited to our

High School Graduation Service

Friday evening, June 5th, 7:30 p.m.

Led by our graduating Seniors:

*Melanie Kukura, daughter of
Michael Kukura & Laurie Levinson*

and Ilana Shapiro, daughter of David & Robin Shapiro

We will also celebrate June Birthdays and Anniversaries

Festive Oneg following the service

Shabbat b'Tevah – Shabbat in Nature

Saturday, June 6th at 10:00 a.m.

Meet Rabbi Lader at the entrance to the Rocky River Nature Center* for our Summer Shabbat Walk.

We will enjoy a walk and Shabbat Morning Service in the lovely forest setting. Picnic Kiddush to follow.

*<http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Facilities/Rocky-River-Nature-Center-5.aspx>

Celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries in July

at our Congregational Shared Shabbat

Friday, July 3rd

5:45 p.m. – Appetizers and Schmoozing 6:15 p.m. – Shared Shabbat Family-Friendly Service 7:15 p.m. – Shabbat Potluck Supper

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from the Sustainability Committee

Coming Improvements in Beth Israel’s Security

Last year members of the Sustainability Committee met with senior members of the Jewish Federation of Cleveland: Renee Chelm, Board Chair, Erica Rubin-Luria, V.P. for Organization & Community Development, Dayan Gross, Asst. V.P. for Community Development, and Bruce Goodman, Chair of the Community Planning Committee. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the special security needs of our temple and to request help from Federation in addressing them. A few months ago Jim Hartnett, Federation’s Director of Security, inspected our building and prepared a report recommending a number of security-related enhancements to the building. We are delighted to report that the Federation will help defray the cost of at least two of Hartnett’s recommended security upgrades:

- Replace all internal sanctuary, classroom, and library doors with new solid core doors with interior thumb turn locking capability in the event of a “lockdown” emergency situation.
- Install a second exterior entry door so that one door to the building cannot be unlocked and opened until the opposite door has been closed and locked in order to prevent unauthorized access to the building.

Other recommendations by Hartnett, such as enhanced perimeter security cameras, reinforced shatterproof safety glass in all the windows, and improved exterior lighting, are still under review.

Luis Fernandez

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A Support Group for Life’s Challenges

At some point in our lives, we all must face some of life’s greatest challenges, often because of loss, grief, transitions, and changes in health or relationships. The challenge comes in learning ways of coping and restoring balance and meaning in our lives. Rabbi Lader, knowing that a support group which met a few years ago was a helpful resource for its members, has asked us to explore the interest and need for such a group that would begin meeting in the fall, after the holidays.

The purpose of a support group, which is different from a therapy group, is to help its members who are struggling with significant changes, losses, and challenges. The give and take in the group encourages people to share their experiences and practical ideas about ways of coping. The emotional support of the group can also lessen the sense of isolation that often accompanies our feelings of pain and confusion. While other support groups exist in the community, the purpose of this one is to provide support within our Beth Israel community – within our Jewish home.

Our present plan is to meet twice a month, on the first and third Sundays at 12:30 PM for approximately an hour and a half at the temple. The group would be facilitated by the three of us, who are all Licensed Independent Social Workers (LISW). If this interests you, or if you have questions or ideas, please contact one of us. We would be happy to talk with you about it.

You can reach us either by phone or email:

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Pictures from 2015 Gala

Over 100 people attended Beth Israel's 2015 Gala presentation of West Side Story. Here are some pictures from the grand event! (photographs courtesy of Judith Weiss)



Beryl shows Riv her bling before the show



Izzy presents Lona an award



Rhoda with programs before the show



Crowd at the wine bar



"E. Side Parents" lament their kids' decision to move to W. Side



Poster Princesses in dressing room



Music Director David Rosen



"Realtor," Miss Stube



The Author speaks to audience



Looking for a parking space



The problem is...



Curtain Call



The Producers



"Rabbi Harry" leads Chorus

from Circle of Friends

Final Meeting of the 2015-16 Season

Circle of Friends, Beth Israel's women's group, will be meeting on Wednesday, June 17th, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the home of Linda Schwin. This will be our last meeting of this season until we start again in the fall. We enjoy ending the year with a potluck supper, so bring a favorite summer dish. We will have a short service to celebrate Rosh Chodesh Tamuz. Linda, who is a floral designer, has been persuaded to share some of her tips on how to make our home bouquets more appealing. We will also want to hear your feedback on this past year, and any ideas you have for next year.

Linda lives at 23128 Roberts Run, Bay Village, OH 44140. Phone: 216-272-3568. Please give Linda a call to let her know that you are coming and what you plan to bring. If you need a ride, please let Barbara Schwartz (216-228-5246, baschwartz@cox.net) know. We'll be looking forward to seeing everyone.

Barbara Schwartz and Susan Wagner



2/3 shabbaton from April 18th (photo courtesy of Alison Winokur)

Important Road Construction Information from Cleveland City Hall



On Wednesday, April 15, work will commence on the next phase of the Triskett Road Reconstruction Project between Lorain Avenue and Berea Road.

Work will be concentrated on the southern half of Triskett Road, while two-way traffic is maintained on the northern half. Access to sidewalks, driveways, building and service entrances will be permitted at all times. This phase of Triskett Road work is scheduled to be completed in July 2015. [THIS AFFECTS ON-STREET PARKING FOR TRISKETT ROAD. BE PREPARED TO PARK ON SIDE STREETS.]

Improvements to the Triskett Road Reconstruction Project include pavement rehabilitation, curb, sidewalk and driveway repairs, ADA compliant ramps, replacement of existing catch basins, additional catch basins and upgrades to the traffic signal system. The construction cost is \$6,665,000.

The Triskett Road Reconstruction Project is an ODOT administered construction project that reconstructs Warren Road from Lorain Road to Munn Road, and Triskett Road, from Lorain Road to West 117th Street.

The entire project is scheduled for completion in December 2015.

Drive safely...

A Beautiful Parting Gift

On Sunday, May 17th, our community received a parting gift from Lise Moulton, who is preparing to move to Portland, Oregon. Lise writes: “as a parting expression of my love of Beth Israel the West Temple--and of our blessed Rabbi Lader--I am donating a beautiful lithograph by an Israeli artist in honor of her.”

Thank you, Lise!



2014-15 Religious School Year Ends with Magic and Ice Cream

On May 17th, we celebrated the close of another inspiring year of Religious School. Following our traditional tefilah service, students dispersed to their classrooms to reflect on what they studied this year. Each class made a poster depicting their learning in relation to Torah, worship, and gemilut hassadim, which was then presented in an assembly. Rabbi also made sure to thank teachers of each class for volunteering their time this year. After the assembly, everyone was treated to a magic show, pizza, and an ice cream bar, thanks to the successful running of Queen Esther's Cafe by our 6/7/8 class. Many thanks to that class for sharing their profits with all the participants in Sunday School! *(photos courtesy of Judith Weiss)*



from the religious school...

Greetings from the Director of Religious Education

Dear Congregants,

I am delighted to become Director of Religious Education of Beth Israel – The West Temple beginning July 1st. For the past thirteen years I have been working as both a teacher and family educator for several congregations in the Cleveland area. I bring with me not only experience but a true passion for Jewish Religious and Family Education programming. I am looking forward to getting to know every member of the congregation at Beth Israel.

My family and I live in Solon, Ohio. My husband Dan and I have been married for 22 years. We have three children-Brian(21), Jordan (19), and Carly (15). Our family is rounded out by two standard poodles – Eddie and Lilly. My family shares a love and commitment to the Jewish community as well. They have all been actively involved in Jewish camps and other Jewish philanthropic organizations.

This summer, I will be running Camp Kee Tov from August 3rd–7th. (Please see the attached flier and registration forms.) The camp will be open to all Pre-K-4th graders. Please contact me if you have any questions about the camp.

My door is always open. Please feel free to contact me at any time. My email is newjerseydmc@aol.com and my cell is 216-337-6110.

Debbie Chessin

**Mark your summer calendars now for
Camp Kee Tov**

**August 3-7, 2015 at Bain Park Cabin in
Fairview Park.**

Campers: PreK-4th Grade, Madrikhim
Atidim/Future Counselors: 5th Grade and above

Click for [registration](#) and [flyer](#)

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, June 7th, 10:00 a.m.

Light breakfast will be served.

- Learn the latest about our temple's 21st Century Capital Improvement and Renovation Campaign
- See the architectural plans on display in Ratner Hall

Bring your laptop, tablet, or smartphone to the long-awaited launch of our all-new, updated, and re-designed

Beth Israel - The West Temple
WEBSITE!

Sunday, June 7

following the Semi-Annual Meeting.

Login and follow along as we show off the site on the big screen.

Next session of

**Chai Mitzvah
Our Adult education
program to “grow your
Judaism”**



Saturday evening, June 13th, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Potluck supper at
Beth Israel – The West Temple
Topic to be discussed:
Judaism and the Environment

Pictures from K/1 Shabbaton (photos courtesy of Lynda Kane & Susan Wagner)



Mitzvah Opportunities

People are hungry all year long... Please bring in non-perishable foods to support our ongoing collection for Project SCAN.

A big **Todah Rabah** to our High School students and parents and teachers who helped David Rosen (HS Special Projects Coordinator) and Laurie Levinson (our Social Action Committee co-chair) fill and deliver ten backpacks for homeless men and women. Along with contributions, funds from the students' Youth Group monies (proceeds from the Purim Carnival) were used to support this special project. Watch for a special visit from Carl Cook with words of thanks and appreciation.

Dear Members of Beth Israel and most especially the producers and cast of 'WEST SIDE STORY': the show was fun and full of surprises—at least, for me. Bravo, well done!

I was flattered by the beautiful flowers and the award presented to me on May 9, 2015.

I am truly blessed to be part of such a caring and giving place of worship.

Again, many thanks to all, Lona

Lona Gruber

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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 13](#))*

Friday, June 5	High School Graduation Service, BITWT, 7:30 p.m. (p. 2)
Saturday, June 6	Shabbat b'Tevah, 10:00 a.m., Rocky River Nature Center, picnic kiddush to follow (p. 2)
Sunday, June 7	Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting, BITWT, 10:00 a.m. (p. 9)
Saturday, June 13	Chai Mitzvah, BITWT, 6:00-7:30 p.m. (p. 9)
Wednesday, June 17	Circle of Friends, the home of Linda Schwin, 6:30 p.m., R.S.V.P. (p. 6).
Friday, July 3	Shared Shabbat, BITWT, 5:45 p.m. Nosh & Schmooze, 6:15 p.m. Family-friendly Shabbat Service, 7:15 p.m. Dairy Potluck. (p. 2)

Celebrations

June and July Anniversaries

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Basiewicz	June 2	19 th	Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Griffith	July 3	5 th
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Friedman	June 4	15 th	Dr. & Mrs. Neal Kaufman	July 3	32 nd
Dr. & Mrs. David Bamberger	June 8	50 th	Mr. & Mrs. Steven Wiesen	July 10	22 nd
Dr. & Mrs. Bernard Eckstein	June 19	57 th	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Fisher	July 21	2 nd
Mr. & Mrs. Shawn Payne	June 19	4 th	Mr. & Mrs. Jay Mattes	July 22	16 th
Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Feldman	June 22	35 th	Susan Hutner & Nick Swetye	July 23	4 th
Dr. & Mrs. Robert Dreshfield	June 24	59 th	Mr. & Mrs. Norman Lehrer	July 25	22 nd
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Sweet	June 30	53 rd	Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Greenfield	July 26	51 st
Mr. & Mrs. Julian Ross	July 2	22 nd	Dr. & Mrs. Roger Friedman	July 27	35 th
Drs. Neil & Mary Kay Greenberg	July 3	21 st			

June and July Birthdays – Youth (up to age 25)

Tyler Crossland	June 4	20	Lucy Keller	June 28	20
Alice Levy	June 4	5	Iris Wright	July 2	8
Gabi Levy	June 4	5	Trenae Finkelstein	July 8	25
Eva Rak	June 6	3	Linnea Finegold	July 12	10
Daniela Leibovici	June 10	22	Claire Barratt	July 17	17
Victoria Grauel	June 11	12	Harrison Kaufman	July 23	22
Rebecca Neumann	June 12	9	Benjamin Greenfield	July 25	12
Daniel Levit	June 17	22	Samuel Eckert	July 28	4
Haylee Mattes	June 19	15	David Levin	July 30	23
Lillian Shmois	June 19	6			

June and July Birthdays – Adults

George Thornton	June 3	Dr. Arnon Chait	July 2
Ilene Brehm	June 5	Nancy Abrahamson	July 7
Rabbi Alan Lettofsky	June 10	Dr. Natalie Barratt	July 7
James Howsmon	June 12	Frank Eilberg	July 8
Renee Kolesar	June 15	Leonard Abrams	July 13
Phyllis Sapell	June 16	Matt Barratt	July 13
Nick Swetye	June 17	Eileen Kollins	July 14
Lester Ackerman	June 18	Paul Schwin	July 15
Leona Ackerman	June 21	Linda Schwin	July 16
Barbara Schwartz	June 21	Vicky Abady	July 18
Ariella Payne	June 22	Sidney Feldman	July 18
Judith Weiss	June 24	Charlotte Feldman	July 22
Nathan Eckert	June 25	Dr. Irwin C. Lewis	July 26
Carol Finkelstein	June 26	Peter Sackett	July 28
Robin Kaufman	June 28	Dr. Roger Friedman	July 29
Tim Josselson	June 29	Louise Howsmon	July 31
Judith Fox	June 30	Sandu Leibovici	July 31
Dr. David Shapiro	June 30		

Perpetual Yahrzeits

WEEK ENDING JUNE 6

Miska Gluck
Barbara Spivack
David Brown
Leo Machol
Crystal Thornton

WEEK ENDING JUNE 13

Lily Hyman
Loretta Shapiro
Sara Tucker Gerhardt
Marjorie Grey Balick
Gustave Leon Levinson
David Eilberg
Paul Green
Hershel Bloom
Phillip Lettovsky
Aideen Zeitlin

WEEK ENDING JUNE 20

Rabbi Bernard J. Bamberger
Joseph Mallen
Benjamin Stern
Lillian Rosen
Alex Bruscano, Sr.
Eugene David
Jacob Eisenstein
Celia Weiss
Lester Samuel Sherrick
Paul Jay Hutner
Raymond Wissman
Myra Atzenhoffer

WEEK ENDING JUNE 27

David Sacher
Shirley Mittleman
Betty Covert
Patricia Maynard
Dorothy Weimar
Naum Brailowsky
Hugo Eckstein
Fred Goldberg

WEEK ENDING JULY 4

Arthur Friedman
Ivan Schwebel
Sara K. Margulis
Eleanor Kaplan
Betty J. Kukura
Viola Melnick
Irving Axelrod
Blanche David
Leona David
Dr. Isaac Fine
Fannie Friedman
Gertrude Paul
Fred Priesand
Victor Gordon

WEEK ENDING JULY 11

Louis Fendrich
Edith Mason
Bernard Epstein
Arnold Lewis
Sarah Askowitz
Marie Sacher
Roberta Provder

WEEK ENDING JULY 18

David Tanenbaum
Nancy Balick Ferst
Alan Rimm-Kaufman
Lillian Finkelstein
Betty Zabarsky
Lipman Blecker
Richard Grey
Max Krisch

WEEK ENDING JULY 25

Franklin McWilliams
Herbert Wise
Bernard Feldman
Lillian Goldberg
Sophie Lustig
Evelyn Rosenblum
Rose Cohen
Jovanka Skoro Dunn
Marsha Newman Willey
Sofia Bruckman
Alexander Weiss
Harry Ackerman
Edyss Paul
Shachni Paul
Evelyn Ross

WEEK ENDING AUGUST 1

Linda Goldman
Barbara Sherman Rolleston
David M. Levin
Anthony Bruscano
Eric Braun
Morris William Roberts
Marian Sattinger
Leah Sweet
Charlotte Kramer
Reva Barkan
Ellen H. Wolfe

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.

June 5 – Shared Shabbat & High School Graduation

7:30 p.m. Service
Festive Oneg Celebrating High School
Graduates will follow the Service

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

June 6 – Shabbat b'Tevah Rocky River Nature Center – 10:00 a.m.

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

June 12

Service Leader: Scott Machol

June 13

Service Leader: David Bamberger

June 19

Service Leader: Luis Fernandez

June 20

Service Leader: Luis Fernandez

June 26

Service Leader: Dr. Harry Lader

June 27

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

For Services in July, please watch for a
notice of service times and places.

Contributions – May 2015

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