



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...

Israel and "The Four-fold Song"



Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook (1865-1935) was the first Chief Rabbi of British Palestine and one of the great Jewish thinkers of the last century. In his essay entitled "The Four-fold Song" he writes of four different types of people. Coming on the heels of our Pesach seder and recounting the four children, Rav Kook offers us another way of understanding the different kinds of voices that make up the Jewish people. He begins with "... the one who sings the song of his own life, and in himself he finds everything, his full spiritual satisfaction." This person is perfectly at ease with himself and his place in the world. "There is another who sings the song of his people. He leaves the circle of his own individual self, because he finds it without sufficient breadth, without an idealistic basis. He aspires toward the heights, and he attaches himself with a gentle love to the whole community of Israel. Together with her, he sings her songs. He feels grieved in her afflictions and delights in her hopes. He contemplates noble and pure thoughts about her past and her future, and probes with love and wisdom her inner spiritual essence." Rabbi Hillel taught "Do not separate yourself from the community." Rav Kook describes the person who sings the song of her people and who feels a strong and vibrant connection with her people Israel. Rav Kook continues: "There is another who reaches toward more distant realms, and he goes beyond the boundary of Israel to sing the song of all human beings. His spirit extends to the wider vistas of the majesty of man, generally, and his noble essence. He aspires toward man's general goal and looks forward toward his higher perfection. From this source of life, he draws the subject of his meditation and study, his aspiration and visions." Then there is the person who

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moves beyond the Jewish people into the community of the world, seeing his place in the larger world and drawing his sustenance from its vast variety of resources.

The fourth type of person "... is one who rises toward wider horizons, until he links himself with all existence, with all God's creatures, with all worlds, and sings his song with them. It is of one such as this that tradition has said that whoever sings a portion of song each day is assured of having a share in the world to come." This person aligns herself with all of earthly creation and beyond. But, the four-fold song is sung by the "one who rises with all these songs in one ensemble, and they all join their voices. Together, they sing their songs with beauty, each one lends vitality and life to the other. They are sounds of joy and gladness, sounds of jubilation and celebration, sounds of ecstasy and holiness. The song of the self, the song of the people, the song of man, the song of the world, all merge in this person, at all times, in every hour. And this full comprehensiveness rises to become the song of holiness, the song of God, the song of Israel, in its full strength and beauty, in its full authenticity and greatness..." As we prepare to celebrate the 66th anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel – Yom HaAtzma'ut – we join our voices together to celebrate the ensemble that we are – Am Yisrael – the people of Israel – the Jewish people.

Kol tuv – All the best,

Rabbi Enid
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Shared Shabbat

Friday, May 2nd

Come celebrate Shabbat and May Birthdays and Anniversaries

5:45 p.m. – Appetizers and Schmoozing

6:15 p.m. – Shared Shabbat with Rabbi Lader



Baby-naming of Clara Grace Payne, daughter of Shawn and Ariella Payne

7:15 p.m. – Potluck Shabbat Supper

A very special evening... RSVP to the Temple Office 216-941-8882

Lunch with Rabbi Lader and Friends

Wednesday, May 28th, Noon

Simon's Restaurant & Deli

<http://www.simonsbrecksville.com/>

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Brunswick, OH 44141



Take I-77 South and exit at Rt. 21 East

RSVP to the Temple Office

(216-941-8882) Need a ride?

Let us know and we can meet at the temple and drive together...

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from the *Congregational Educator*...

Looking Forward to the 2014-15 Religious School Year



It seems like we should be reflecting on the school year as it nears its end, but I would be remiss to only look backwards and not forward at the ways what has been accomplished this year will inform plans for next year. So, I will charge right on forward, hopefully linking and coalescing the many lessons of 2013-14 with our plans for 2014-15.

Four children who, while they were four, participated periodically in the Pre-K class and the *PJ on the Go* programs, were enrolled in this year's religious school Kindergarten class. That speaks volumes about the importance of introducing young Jewish families to Jewish encounters in and outside the temple, and the potential of those experiences to lead to membership. It's been especially touching to see this year's Kindergartners' parents, all graduates of Beth Israel, reconnect, too. Another four children who have been attending this year's Yad B'Yad are now rising Kindergartners, so if they enroll in our religious school next year, we will have a K-1 class of 8 students. Riv Levin has decided to take a pause from Sunday morning teaching, and Jenn Cali, our current Kindergarten teacher has indicated she'd like to continue to grow her Jewish knowledge and teaching repertoire at higher grade levels. That means we'll be needing new Pre-School and K-1 instructors, but it testifies to something else that's critical to good Jewish education. When teaching makes teachers want to continue to learn, that's good for them, and for their students.

Of course, we have already started designing new ways to expand our reach to young unaffiliated families of pre-school aged children, and to provide for the younger siblings of those who age into our school. As part of our general solicitation for new instructors and facilitators, we are looking to current members and participants who make the best role models of the meaningful, social, spiritual, and educational exchanges that lay the foundation for so much future temple and general Jewish engagement.

Grant proposals are in the works that seek funding to expand on the *PJ on the Go* series too; those are the programs we lead off-site that bring young Jewish families together for additional opportunities to connect.

This year's Grade 1-2 instructors are also moving on, so we are looking for Hebrew and Judaic instructors to team-teach at that grade level. Grade 3-4 and 5-6 may see some shuffling as well, as we pursue creative constructs and paradigms that will allow the broadest possible range of topics to be presented in manageable units or series. We aspire to teach toward mastery, but also to identify achievable goals with measurable outcomes, ones that the entire congregation can witness and share.

We also want our learners to feel that what they became equipped to do in temple are things they can also do outside of temple. In our teen department, there are vast ways to expand the methods and modalities for instruction to those students, and especially, to enrich the ways these young adults can apply their learning, maybe even as teachers and co-facilitators of Jewish learning. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could increase the number and variety of encounters and personalities from whom our students could learn, and exponentially deepen the message of the daily prayer, "V'ahavta, - You shall teach them diligently to your children, when they lie down, when they rise up, when they're at home, or

BI-TWT Chairs Have Legs That Work!

Seriously...

If you have borrowed a few of the folding chairs that seem to have run off, would you please return them to the temple?



The Bulletin has a **combined June/July issue**. Please send information about any events for June *and* July by Thursday, May 15th.

**Congregational
Meeting**
Sunday, May 18th
Time TBA

Yom HaAtzma'ut

Inter-congregational Yom HaAtzma'ut Celebration

*Temple B'nai Abraham
Sunday, May 4th
9:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.*

Yom HaAtzma'ut Interactive Programming for all ages!

12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Israeli lunch, culture, and more - featuring our Temple Band (with Strings Attached)!

**RSVP to Naomi Chase
216-941-8882 or
bitwteducator@gmail.com**

[Click here for the flyer.](#)

**LAST DAY OF
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL:
MAY 18
(includes last Yad b'Yad)**

**Mitzvah Opportunities -
Ongoing non-perishable food
drive for Project SCAN and
personal items and toiletry
collection for Seniors.
Coming to temple soon? Don't
forget your donations.**

on their way," through integrated and substantive explorations of core subjects?

Throughout April, while we were busy dreaming of next year, we were still busy putting final touches on programs to occur this year! We hope you made it to our grade 5-6 Shabbaton on April 26 that featured the leadership of those students at the Celebrate Shabbat morning service and their reflections on Parashat Kedoshim (Holiness) followed by a kiddush lunch provided by their families. On Sunday morning, April 27, we welcomed Jeannette Lauritsen, former Beth Israel teacher and long time member, whose experience having fled Germany during the Holocaust was shared as part of our congregation's commemoration of Yom Hashoa V'hagvurah (Holocaust and Heroism) during religious school tefillah and was followed by an adult conversation. At Monday Night Hebrew, Grades 3-4 and 5-6 and their parents were led in fun exercises that examined the history of the Israeli national anthem. On May 4, we will all gather at Temple B'nai Abraham for Israel's Independence Day and an exploration of Israel's diversity, her symbolic representation of the eternal Jewish hope for peace and a homeland we can call our own. Join us for Confirmation on Shavuot (June 3) and for the Graduation of our High School seniors on June 5.

Let us know if there's a way you think you could serve the ambition of creating dynamic Jewish learning opportunities - big or small, one-session workshops or 6-week mini-series, for young people or adults, on-site or off - or any combination thereof, and thank you in advance for your support.

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Jeannette Lauritsen speaks to Religious School on April 27th.
(photo courtesy of Susan Wagner)

"Don't think twice--but is this alright?"

Beit She'an has been a sister city of the Cleveland Jewish Federation for the past fourteen years. In March, nine of us from Cleveland volunteered for two weeks to work in the community, agricultural, and tourist programs of the city.

One of the most memorable experiences was our work at the food pantry for the poor that was housed in a building that was formerly a bomb shelter. There were no windows, and most work took place below ground level. The rooms were small, dark, and cramped. All the workers were Israeli or American volunteers. We gathered dried foods, such as flour and sugar, and placed them in bags that would be distributed to poor people later that day. There were also fresh vegetables, such as beets, that were gathered into bags for distribution, while other Israeli volunteer workers prepared a hot meal. There was no place for the poor people to eat the hot meal, so it was provided in to-go style. Additionally there was no place for the poor to sit while they waited, and I wondered how this scene would play out in the hot Israeli summers. The manager of the food pantry said that his dream was to have an air conditioned building in which there would be ample room for the workers, and a dining room in which the poor people could eat with dignity and respect.



The manager's dream should be realized, as it would foster the self esteem which is a prerequisite to elevate from the cycle of poverty. But philanthropy and Israeli officials prioritize the importing of American volunteers to teach English to school children. What do you think, keeping in mind that the Israeli teachers are quite adept at teaching English?

Steve Wolotsky

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(photos courtesy of Steve Wolotsky)



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High School News: J-Serve

Well over a dozen of our students and parents came out to St. Herman's early Sunday morning (April 6) for J-Serve: the International Day of Jewish Youth Service. Our group helped the men's homeless shelter prepare food, serve lunch, tackle a huge cleaning project (we cleaned the entire outdoor pavilion and yard literally from top to bottom), and bring almost \$300 of our collected Tzedakah to buy much-needed supplies for the newly acquired Transitional House next door. Our dear friend Carl Cook of Project Save was just SO impressed with everyone! In fact, everyone at St Herman's was really impressed with the way our kids and parents dove right in. We got an incredible amount of work done, work that was really needed! One of the things I love about our congregation is how parents come out with their kids for some of our social action projects. This is FABulous!

David Rosen, High School Educator
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 (photos courtesy of David Rosen)

Since 2005 J-Serve has provided teens across the globe with the opportunity to fulfill the Jewish values of Gemilut Chasadim (acts of loving kindness), Tikkun Olam (repairing the world) and Tzedakah. J-Serve takes place in conjunction with Global Youth Service Day, which was established in 1988, and is the largest service event in the world, and the only day of service dedicated to children and youth, celebrated each year in more than 135 countries, with young people working together with schools, youth organizations, nonprofits, community and faith-based organizations, national service programs, government agencies, and adult mentors to address the world's most critical issues and change their communities.



Beth Israel has a Ball at the Purim Ball

Thank you to all for your patience! We are pleased to finally share pictures from our wonderful Purim Ball, which took place on Saturday, March 15th. This '60s style event made for a very colorful evening! --Ed. pictures courtesy of Judith Weiss and Beryl Palnik



The group "Blacklight Generation" provided the entertainment.



*Beryl and Sandy, event planners! (left)
Still hippies after all these years... (below)*



Purim Ball: more pictures



Prize Winners Charles and Lisa

Remember when



Costumed revelers

2014: The Eighth Annual Women's Seder



planning committee meets on April 7th to prepare.

Monday evening, April 21st, 35 women representing all generations gathered for Beth Israel's eighth Women's Seder. Sponsored by Circle of Friends, the women's Rosh Chodesh group, it was a warm and joyful evening celebrating our shared heritage as the "descendents of righteous women" with the hope that we will add to and pass on to future generations of righteous women those qualities and achievements that we have learned from them. As we have done for the past six years, we chose a *tzedakah* project that would benefit women, local, national, or international. This year we chose the ISHA project in Israel. ISHA is the Hebrew word for woman, and Clil Gross, our Israeli *Shlichah*, or emissary, joined us and spoke to us about the work that ISHA does. ISHA's purpose is to educate women about their health by reaching out to all of the various ethnic, religious, and cultural groups of Israeli society, and by training women to teach others in their own communities. We generously raised \$460. We had a very good group of planners this year: Rabbi Enid, Jessica Sackett, Rhoda Rosen, Shosh Ault, Jackie Daukss and Susan Hutner. The magic of the evening happens because of everyone's participation and involvement. Our thanks to everyone. *(pictures courtesy of Judith Weiss and Susan Wagner.)*

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Clil talks about Isha, this year's tzedakah project



With timbrels and the Sacred Shmattah



2014: The Eighth Annual Women's Seder (additional photos)

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Rhoda peeks through the hyacinths (note the cute planter, created by Linda Schwin!)



Victoria G. found the afikomen and claimed a prize.



Shulchan orech



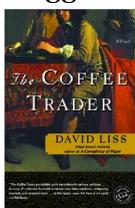
from the Library...

Librarian Lee Haas would like to express her appreciation to Laurie Chait, Scott Machol, and David Neumann. Laurie has come to the library regularly to remove catalog cards from books that have been discarded. Since there are several cards for many of the books, this is a time-consuming task. Laurie's service, as well as her cheerful company, is greatly valued.

Scott Machol recommends new books and provides computer and library advice and assistance every Sunday.

David Neumann provided greatly needed help in shifting all of the adult books after the collection was weeded. Thanks to his help, shelves that were empty now have books on them. And shelves that were packed with too many books now have room for additional books and book displays.

Lee Hass, Librarian
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Suggested reading:

The Coffee Trader by David Liss. This is a suspenseful novel set in 17th century Amsterdam, the site of the world's first commodities exchange. Miguel Lienzo, a Portuguese Jew, has lost his fortune after a sudden shift in the sugar trade. A seductive Dutchwoman offers him a risky chance to corner the market in a new commodity called "coffee."

The Dutchman's Dilemma by Maan Meyers. Another mystery set in the 17th century, this time in New York City (population 3,000). A heifer and a prized stallion are mysteriously slaughtered. These events then lead to the murder of a human. Soon rumors of Jewish witchcraft circulate around Manhattan. Former sheriff Pieter Tonneman gets involved to protect his Jewish wife Raquel.



The library also has a new biography of Rashi by Avraham Grossman. Look in the biography section.

For Young Adults:

The Winter Horses by Philip Kerr. Kalinka, an orphan, is alone on the Ukrainian steppe in the winter of 1941. She is fleeing from Nazi danger. She happens to see a couple of the rare, wild Przewalski horses who are also suffering from the war. The three of them support each other in their search for safety.

Light Years, a novel by Tammar Stein. Maya, an Israeli, is responsible for the firing of a Palestinian worker. The Palestinian retaliates by committing a suicide bombing that kills Maya's boyfriend and several other people. Maya leaves Israel and becomes a student at the University of Virginia. Nevertheless, she is constantly haunted by events in Israel as she struggles to reconcile her new life with her past.



Celebrations

May Anniversaries

Mr. & Mrs. Jed Pearlman	May 2	22 nd
Dr. Harry & Rabbi Enid Lader	May 4	39 th
Mr. & Mrs. David Neumann	May 19	12 th
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Tate	May 22	38 th
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Wright	May 22	10 th
Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Eckert	May 25	11 th

Mazel Tov to Kimberly & Aaron Griffith on the birth of their daughter, **Vivian Joy**, who was born on March 26, 2014 and weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz. Vivian has a big brother, Noah.

May Birthdays – Youth

Ethan Wiesen	May 7	13
Melanie Kukura	May 17	17
Ilana Shapiro	May 19	17
Gabriel Eckert	May 20	8
William Brashear	May 21	11
Charlotte Grauel	May 21	5
Daniel S.	May 28	16

May Birthdays – Adults

Dr. John Pendery	May 1	Sheila Eckstein	May 22
Diane Helbig	May 8	Mark Atzenhoffer	May 24
Shellie Sedlak	May 9	Jan Miyake	May 25
Louis J. Goldman	May 10	Nancy Eilberg	May 27
Lisa S.	May 10	Jill Fleisher	May 28
Phyllis Seltzer	May 17	Joshua Levy	May 30

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)*

Friday, May 2	Shared Shabbat, 5:45 p.m., Appetizers, 6:15 p.m. Service, 7:15 p.m. Potluck, RSVP (p. 2)
Sunday, May 4	Yom HaAtzma'ut Celebration at Temple B'nai Abraham, 9:30 a.m., RSVP (p. 4)
Saturday, May 10	Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Ross (p. 14)
Sunday, May 18	Last Day of Religious School
Sunday, May 18	Yad b'Yad
Sunday, May 18	Congregational Meeting, TBA @ BI-TWT (p. 3)
Wednesday, May 28	Lunch with the Rabbi and Friends, noon, Simon's Restaurant & Deli, RSVP (p. 2)

Perpetual Yahrzeits

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 Zimble

WEEK ENDING
MAY 17
Donna Lezberg
Joseph Cohen
Flora Eisenstein
Raquel Klipstein-Hauser
Malvina Gluck
Edward Lehrer
Morton Lenker

WEEK ENDING
MAY 24
Herman Mailman
Hilda Miller

WEEK ENDING
MAY 31
Toby Israel
Geoffrey Madeley
Conrad Brown
Simon James Eigen
Elizabeth Hoffman
Willis Wharton
Irwin S. Goldring
Flora Romain

WEEK ENDING
JUNE 7
Simon Brailowsky
William J. Gallagher
Maurice Coslow
Dorian Reminick
Myron Urdang
Henry Welch
Sidney Balick
Reid Scott Brecher
Rose Mallen
Lisa Mancher
Anna Priesand
Pincus Deren
Sylvia Fisher
Lillie Feldstein
Samuel Fox
Leopold Neumann
Henry Slone
John Goodworth, Sr.
Sidney Weber

The congregation extends its condolences to
Ruth Schochet on the passing of her brother

Bernard (“Bernie”) Kimmelman

on April 7, 2014.

We note the passing of

Howard Fox

father of Allan Fox, who died on April 14,
2014. Our sympathies go out to
Allan and Judy and their family.

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.

May 2

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

May 3

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

May 9

Service Leader: Scott Machol

May 10 – Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Ross

9:15 a.m. Torah Study
10:00 a.m. Morning Service
Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

May 16

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

May 17

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

May 23

Service Leader: TBA

May 24

Service Leader: David Neumann

May 30

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

May 31

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

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Rabbi Lader's Discretionary Fund

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Birth of Clara Grace Payne
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Birth of Vivian Joy Griffith
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Peter Sackett

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