



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...

“The Tapestry of Jewish time”



In her book, *The Tapestry of Jewish Time*, Rabbi Nina Beth Cardin teaches that “the holidays are a storehouse of Jewish memory.” The holidays of the Jewish year reach across thousands of years. Each journal entry adds to the richness of memory. Each page preserves the sights and the sounds, the struggles and the joys, our pain and our hopes. These are the stories and the feelings of our ancestors – and they are etched in our collective memory.

In the 20th century, we experienced one of our most grievous tragedies and celebrated some of our greatest joys. As a people, we sought to sanctify those moments. Since the establishment of the State of Israel, four new holidays have been added to the Jewish calendar by a decree of the Knesset, the parliament of the State of Israel, and by the ratification of Jews around the world. The first of those observances, both in its place on the calendar and in its historical occurrence is Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day). The next three revolve around the State of Israel: her birth and independence in 1948 – Yom HaAtzma’ut, the reunification of Jerusalem (in 1967) - Yom Yerushalayim, and the loss of thousands of lives in the defense of the Jewish homeland – Yom HaZikaron. In Israel, these holidays are observed as national holidays.

Yom HaShoah began as a day of communal mourning. In the face of the unthinkable, in the aftermath of the unimaginable – Jews found comfort in being with one another. To see Jews gathered in freedom is itself to declare victory over Hitler. To see Jews and gentiles gathered together to say “Never again” is yet another victory over racism and bigotry. This year we again join with

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Temple B'nai Abraham and Agudath B'nai Israel for a stirring **Holocaust Memorial Program on Wednesday, May 4th, at 7:00 p.m. at Agudath B'nai Israel (1715 Meister Road in Lorain).** During the program, a **Holocaust survivor will speak (the oldest Survivor in Lorain county); this is truly a unique opportunity to hear a firsthand account of this time in history.** Here at **Beth Israel – The West Temple, our commemoration of the State of Israel will be held on Sunday, May 15th beginning at 9:45 a.m.** Our **“Many Faces of Israel” program will begin with a light breakfast, an “ingathering from the four corners of the earth” of the Jewish people, parallel learning for adults and students, and a celebration of the many faces and cultures of Israel through student presentations of the art of stories. Our celebration will conclude with a multi-national Israeli lunch.** The program is free and open to the community. Please contact our Educator, Debbie Chessin (216-941-8882 or bitwteducator@gmail.com) for more information. Join us for these opportunities to weave our Jewish memories into the fabric of your lives.

Kol tuv – All the best,

Rabbi Enid

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Join us Friday, May 20th
as we celebrate

Shabbat and May Birthdays & Anniversaries

and say

Todah Rabbah

to our Volunteer Religious School Staff

6:00 p.m. – Appetizers & Schmoozing

6:30 p.m. – Welcome Shabbat in Service and Song with Rabbi Lader

7:15 p.m. – Shabbat Dinner

Our teachers will have the honor of leading parts of the service, and will receive a special todah rabbah – thank you – from students, parents, and congregants in attendance. It takes a village – our thanks go to the following Judaics teachers: Carol Ross (Pre-K/K), Robin Shapiro (1/2), Ariella Payne (3/4), David Neumann (5/6), Harry Lader & Barbara Schwartz (7/8), David Rosen (High School & WESTY/NFTY Youth Group)... and Hebrew teachers: Kari Basiewicz & Lisa Fisher (K-1/2), Allison Winokur & Debbie Chessin (3/4), Shosh Ault (5/6)... and Special Projects: Dee Lazarus (Classroom Crafts), Scott Machol (Hebrew Lab & Tutoring), Beryl Palnik (BIC – Beth Israel Chaverim – Jr. Youth Group), and Sarah Bedrossian (Hebrew Tutoring & B'nai Mitzvah Trope Tutor).

Rivienne Levin has led our monthly Yad B'Yad program for our families with infants and toddlers, and Ariella Payne and Kim Griffith have coordinated our PJ on the Go! and Oy-Oy-Yoga and Gymnastics programs out-and-about in the community with our Educator Debbie Chessin. Our Education Committee leaders have been wonderful about making sure all the administrative details of the year have gone smoothly: Carola Bamberger, Rhoda Rosen, and Robin Kaufman; and Natalie Barratt, Josh Levy, Ariella Payne, Shosh Ault, and Tina Keller have joined with them in meetings since last summer, to help us navigate our way through the year. Debbie

Chessin has joined us this past year as our community-funded Director of Religious School Education, and has developed and coordinated a year filled with rich curricular materials, engaging Shabbatonim and school-wide Family Education programming, Camp Kee Tov, and our very successful high school trip to New York and their late summer retreat.

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June/July Deadline: Monday, May 16th

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL PROGRAM



WEDNESDAY
MAY 4, 2016
7:00 P.M.

**FREE
EVENT**

'Yom Hashoah'

*The day of Remembrance
of the Holocaust and Heroism*

AGUDATH B'NAI ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

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from the educator's desk...**May**

We are nearing the end of the Religious School year and the calendar is full of enriching programming for both students and adults. We will be celebrating Israel's Independence Day and will showcase your children's artwork in the "Many Faces of Israel" program on May 15th. For families who have children in Pre-K through Grade 4, please sign up for Camp Kee Tov, which will run from August 1st to the 5th. See the flier and registration form for more information. [\[Jan, Make Active Links\]](#)

Sunday, May 1st, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

"There Once Was": Barbara Schwartz will lead a discussion about this documentary that deals with Hungarian Jewish communities.

Saturday, May 7th, 9:45 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

High School Shabbaton and Shabbat Service: The high school class will be joined by a group of students and parents from the Turkish Cultural Center and will have a roundtable discussion about various issues affecting both communities. The students from BI-TWT will lead a Shabbat service and then we will enjoy a festive Kiddush lunch together. Please contact Jill Josselson at josselson@yahoo.com to sign up to bring a dish.

Sunday, May 15th, 9:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Religious School and Congregational Celebration of Israel's Independence Day: Religious School parents and congregants please join our students as we celebrate Yom HaAtzma'ut (Israel's Independence Day) and explore the many faces of Israel. The students will be sharing their artwork, and there will be family and adult learning sessions. We will also enjoy music, art, and a multicultural feast.

Monday, May 16th, 6:30 p.m.

Last day of Hebrew for the school year.

Friday, May 20th, 6:00 p.m.

Shared Shabbat Service and Dinner in honor of our Religious School teachers: Please RSVP to 216-941-8882.

Sunday, May 22nd, 9:45 a.m.

Last Day of Religious School: Parents please join your children at 11:30 a.m. for a special end of the year program. The children will be sharing highlights of what they have learned this past year.

Sunday, May 22nd, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Yad b'Yad with Rivienne Levin.

LOOKING BACK Some of April's Highlights occur on the next pages.

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*This position is partially funded through the Fund for the Jewish Future of the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland.

Classroom News

(pictures & text courtesy of Debbie Chessin)

Highlights from April 2016:

Oy Yoy Yoga and

Tumbling: The children and their parents learned about the mitzvah of Shmirat HaGuf or caring for your body. The children and their parents enjoyed singing, games, and tumbling together.



Kindergarten: Mrs. Ross's class has been learning about the Passover story, and the children created a diorama of the "Parting of the Red Sea".

Grades 3 & 4: The students in the Hebrew class have been studying the V'ahavta. The students went on a V'ahavta Scavenger Hunt to gain a more personal meaning of the prayer.



Grades 3-6 Matzah Factory. The students learned about the significance of Matzah in the story of Passover. They all got to bake matzah for their seders at home.



Grades 7 & 8: These teens have been taking part in a Caring Community Project. The students spent a wonderful morning visiting a BI-TWT member who lives in a nursing home in the Cleveland area.





CAMP KEE TOV

**Beth Israel-The West Temple
Summer Day Camp - August 1-5, 2016
From 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
For Preschool-4th Grade**

"Let's Do A Mitzvah!"

Camp Schedule:

- Monday:** "Mitzvah of Bal Tashchit" - Caring for our planet and a visit to The Lake Erie Nature and Science Center
- Tuesday:** Tikkun Olam - "Shomrei Adamah" - Care for the earth
- Wednesday:** Visit to the Cleveland Zoo – "Tzaar Balei Chayim" - Care for our animals
- Thursday:** "All About Me" - Mitzvah of Shmirat HaGuf - Caring for oneself
- Friday:** "Mitzvah of Celebrating Shabbat"

Camp Activities:

Music, Arts & Crafts, Cooking, Hikes, Sports and field trips to The Lake Erie Nature and Science Center and the Cleveland Zoo.

**Primary Location: Bain Park Cabin - Fairview Park, Ohio
Cost: \$50 per child (includes activities)
Registration Deadline: July 20th, 2016**

**For more information please contact Debbie Chessin
at 216-337-6110 or bitwteducator@gmail.com**

News from Circle of Friends

Circle of Friends - Save the Date!

Circle of Friends, Beth Israel's women's Rosh Chodesh group will have its last meeting of the year and potluck supper on Tuesday, June 7th, 7-9 p.m. We will meet at the home of Renee Kolesar, 5252 Hampton Drive, North Olmsted, OH. Beryl Palnik will share her experiences in Beit Shean in February, and we will welcome your ideas for next year's programs.

Lunch 'n Learn with Rabbi Lader & Friends

Wednesday, May 18th, Noon

Deagan's

14810 Detroit Avenue
Lakewood, Ohio 44107
<http://deagans.com/>



RSVP to the temple office – 216-941-8882

The whole congregation is invited to join Allison Winokur and Neal Brashear in worship and celebration as their son

William Brashear

becomes a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday morning, May 28th when he leads the Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.

A Festive Kiddush will follow the Service.

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 18)*

Sunday, May 1	Film Showing of <i>There Was Once...</i> , 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., BI-TWT
Wednesday, May 4	Holocaust Memorial Program, 7:00 p.m., Agudath B'nai Israel (1715 Meister Road in Lorain) (p. 2 and p. 3)
Saturday, May 7	High School Shabbaton & Shabbat Service, 9:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., BI-TWT. Contact Jill Josselson at josselson@yahoo.com to sign up to bring a dish. (p. 4)
Sunday, May 15	Yom HaAtzma'ut Celebration, “Many Faces of Israel” Program, 9:45 a.m., BI-TWT (p. 2 and 4)
Monday, May 16	Last day of Hebrew School (p. 4)
Wednesday, May 18	Lunch 'n Learn with Rabbi Lader and Friends, noon, Deagan's, 14810 Detroit Avenue, RSVP (p. 7)
Friday, May 20	Shared Shabbat, 6:00 p.m., Appetizers and Schmoozing; 6:30 p.m., Family-friendly Shabbat Service; 7:15 p.m. Dairy Potluck Supper; BI-TWT, RSVP (p. 2)
Sunday, May 22	Last day of Religious School (p. 4)
Sunday, May 22	Yad b'Yad, 10:00–11:00 a.m., BI-TWT (p. 4)
Tuesday, June 7	Circle of Friends, 7:00 p.m., the home of Renee Kolesar, 5252 Hampton Drive, North Olmsted (p. 7)

Celebrations

May Birthdays (young people up to age 25)

Mara Atzenhoffer	May 1	21 st
Ethan Wiesen	May 7	15 th
Maya Rak	May 8	7 th
Melanie Kukura	May 17	19 th
Ilana Shapiro	May 19	19 th
Emily Volz	May 19	21 st
Gabriel Eckert	May 20	10 th
William Brashear	May 21	13 th
Charlotte Grauel	May 21	7 th

May – Wedding Anniversaries

David Bruckman & Kate Burnett-Bruckman	May 1	1 st
Dr. Harry & Rabbi Enid Lader	May 4	41 st
James & Jill Levin	May 5	20 th
David & Holly Neumann	May 19	14 th
Joseph & Valerie Tate	May 22	40 th
Walter & Judith Wright	May 22	12 th
Nathan & Dana Eckert	May 25	13 th

May – Adult Birthdays

Dr. John Pendery	May 1	Mark Atzenhoffer	May 24
Lynda Kane	May 9	Jan Miyake	May 25
Shellie Sedlak	May 9	Nancy Eilberg	May 27
Louis J. Goldman	May 10	Jill Stephens Fleisher	May 28
Dr. Abby Lader	May 13	Miles Kane	May 29
Phyllis Seltzer	May 17	Joshua Levy	May 30
Sheila Eckstein	May 22		

Perpetual Yahrzeits

WEEK ENDING

MAY 7

Harold Levit
Sandra Schwartz
Abraham Melnick
Faye Schwebel
Maury Feldmar
Isaac Conan Caron
Henry Stone

WEEK ENDING

MAY 14

Herbert Marshall Schwartz
Lucille Deren
Jerome Rosen

Our sympathies go to
George Thornton,
on the death of his
Stepmother,
Debbie Thornton
who died on
March 30, 2016.

WEEK ENDING

MAY 21

Edith Bauer Feldman
Michael Fendrich
Miriam Rosenblum
Esther Sacher
Linda Steerman
Ruth Goldman
Ben Kaplan
Eli Yale Scheinman
Helene Weber
Dorian Reminick
Edith Zimbler
Donna Lezberg

WEEK ENDING

MAY 28

Joseph Cohen
Flora Eisenstein
Raquel Klipstein-Hauser
Malvina Gluck
Edward Lehrer
Morton Lenker
Maurice Coslow
Myron Urdang
Henry Welch

WEEK ENDING

JUNE 4

Sidney Balick
Willis Wharton
Reid Scott Brecher
Rose Mallen
Lisa Mancher
Anna Priesand
Ethel Schildhaus
Pincus Deren
Sylvia Fisher
Herman Mailman
Hilda Miller
Geoffrey Madeley
Conrad Brown
Simon James Eigen

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 6

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

May 7 – High School Shabbaton

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

May 13

Service Leader: Scott Machol

May 14

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

May 20 – Shared Shabbat & Religious School Staff Recognition

6:00 p.m. Nosh & Schmooze
6:30 p.m. Family-friendly Service
7:15 p.m. Dairy Potluck Supper

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

May 21

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

May 27

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

May 28

Bar Mitzvah of William Brashear

9:45 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Morning Service

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

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