



# 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 Archaeologist's Desk...*

## Purim Torah Found in Edifice Complex!



Just this past week, the esteemed ancient publication *Archeology Today* published an article by the unrecknown scholar, Dr. Mor D. Chai. Dr. Chai wrote about his most recent find, a Purim Torah. Actually, he had thought the scroll was lost. The scroll had appeared in a number of artists' renderings of the reading

of the scroll for the festival of Purim, which had taken place at the local shrine of House of Israel. Dr. Chai and his assistants unearthed an edifice, and found that it was part of a multi-room complex located south of a large body of water that serves as the northern border of an area of land that is high in the middle and round at each end. The complex included a large space for gathering, a smaller space for gathering, a number of smaller rooms for smaller gatherings, and a room filled with shelving and labelled as if it had been the place where a collection of books could be found. Located off the smaller of the two assembly rooms, Dr. Chai unearthed what appeared to have been an oven dating from ancient times.

As he and his assistants made their way from room to room, Dr. Chai found a room filled with small toys and figurines; Chai's term for them was "chotchkes"—an ancient term used for small toys and figurines. Also uncovered were rolls of tickets and clothing of various sorts—some crowns, a scepter, a black beard, a yarmulke, slinky dresses, high heels, boots, and angel wings. Chai suggest these can only be clothing associated with the celebration of Purim; perhaps even telling the story of Purim. With a shpiel of delight, he looked for but could not find the special Purim Torah in which the story is found.

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He looked in the large space for gathering and noticed a special cabinet with golden shapes on its doors. Could the Purim Torah be in there? Chai looked, but to his chagrin, there were large Torah scrolls... but no Purim Torah! Oy! Where is that Purim Torah?

Chai did not give up. He continued to make his way through the rooms, looking in every possible hiding place. He happened into a room that held more items related to the Purim story. There was a container that held small metal boxes that, when turned, revolved around a small plastic gear-topped holder, making a grinding sound in the process. What a noise-maker it was! Chai felt certain that that sound could drown out words (or names) that were being spoken...

Then, his eyes landed on a translucent box that was filled with rolled up paper flags. Each flag was printed with pictures of Torahs and happy people dancing around. These were flags for Simchat Torah! And there, nestled among the flags... was... the ... Purim Torah. It was found... in the edifice complex! *Chag Purim Sameyach* – Wishes to you all for a joyous Purim celebration!

Rabbi Enid  
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*[Note: Purim Torah is the term for humorous and satirical learned comments customarily read, recited from memory or authored on or for the Jewish holiday of Purim. Purim Torah can be simple or elaborate.]*

## Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> Shared Shabbat, Temple Board Appreciation, and Pillar Member Appreciation



Come celebrate Shabbat, March Birthdays and Anniversaries, Pillar Members, and our Temple Board

7:30 p.m. – Erev Shabbat Service with Rabbi, our Pillar Members and our Temple Board

Festive Oneg sponsored by Robert and Kathy Berns, both of whom grew up in our congregation and will be sharing their stories and memories... as we dedicate their parents' yahrzeit plaques

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

Please join us for the  
**Passover Second Seder**  
led by Rabbi Enid C. Lader,  
for members of our congregation  
and friends on  
**Saturday, April 20, at 6:30 p.m.**  
This will be a catered meal. Watch for  
additional information in the "News  
You Can Use" as we get closer to the  
date.

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You are cordially invited to join  
**Rabbi Lader and Friends for**  
**The Art of Midrash –**  
**Queen Esther**

Lunch ‘n Learn with the Rabbi  
 Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, Noon

Beth Israel – The West Temple  
 Potluck Luncheon  
 with Hamentaschen Desserts

RSVP to the temple office – 216-941-8882

**2019 Pillar Members**

Luis Fernandez & Barbara Feldmar  
 David & Holly Neumann  
 Alfred & Sylvia Rimm  
 Peter and Jessica Sackett

**March Madness – Purim-style!**

Easy as 1-2!

**#1 -- Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**  
 Food! Fun! Frolic! Felicitous flippancy!



10:00 a.m. – Purim Schpiel – fun for all!



10:30-11:00 a.m. - Students & Teachers  
 in their classrooms; Parents and Adults  
 stay around to kibbitz with Rabbi Enid

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Purim Carnival\*  
 and Queen Esther’s Café\* &  
 Hamentaschen galore!



[\*Fund-raiser for community and social  
 projects for WESTY and BIC, our Senior and  
 Junior Youth Groups... with a few temple  
 fund-raising opportunities thrown in]  
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**#2 – Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.**

Join Rabbi Lader and Rabbi Lettofsky  
 for fun and laughs



Congregational Family Purim Service,  
 Megillah Reading, and Costume Parade




“A cast of thousands...”  
 Hamentaschen to follow!

Mary Anne & Richard Cavicchi Christian  
 Education Seminar

Sunday April 7, 2019  
 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
 Rocky River  
 United Methodist Church

**Three Faiths, One Spirit, Deepening  
 Shared Values, Interfaith Dialogue with**



*Dr. Alan Kolp*, Chair, Faith and Life Professor  
 at Baldwin Wallace University  
*Rabbi Enid Lader*,  
 Beth Israel - The West Temple, Cleveland  
*Dr. Carl Sharif El-Tobgui*, Professor of Arabic  
 and Islamic Studies at Brandeis University

Including dinner and  
 question & answer session

Also at 3:00 p.m. in  
 Rocky River UMC Church Sanctuary

**Case Western Reserve University Klezmer  
 Music Ensemble will perform**

**Attend one or both...**  
 Registration: <https://www.rumc.org/cavicchi-seminar-sign-up>

Questions contact:  
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**from the President's Corner...**

Often times, I find that reporting on events at Beth Israel leaves me exhilarated! We continue to meet our challenges with a fervor that makes me so proud of our congregation. *Simply put, nothing is beyond our reach.*

I'm pleased to report, as follows:


1. We raised over \$22,400.00 for our updated security measures; the windows are ordered; we should have them in place by Pesach. [We reached 90% of our goal of \$25,000.00 – thanks to everyone who contributed.]
2. We've received insurance proceeds to pay for 100% of the fire-related clean up.
3. We are very close to having the restoration portion of the insurance claim resolved. Once we receive the check, we can begin the process of rebuilding that corner of the second floor. We will continue to work towards re-opening of the adult library. Re-configuring the children's library area is also under discussion.
4. All of our prayer books (weekly and High Holy days) have been cleaned and returned; the adult library books have been cleaned and they will be returned once the adult library is open; most of the miscellaneous items from the library and library office have been cleaned and returned.
5. The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Design Review committee held two recent meetings with a third scheduled just before release of this March 2019 Bulletin. Thus, you may hear about our 2019 building plans via a different mode of communication. The Board of Trustees will consider the committee recommendations on March 10. Rest assured, we will be doing significant work on the building between July 1 and September 1.
6. On Board/Legacy Funding – we're still waiting to hear about our 2019-2020 grant proposal.
7. Larry Sheir is on board for this fall; a new accompanist will join us for our H.H. Day services.
8. Shabbat services continue to provide members, conversion candidates, and others simply interested in Judaism with a glorious ritual experience. Rabbi Lader, along with our lay leaders, are truly remarkable! Running out of chairs in Ratner Hall on Saturday mornings...what a problem to have!!!
9. Upcoming events include our Retreat weekend, our 2<sup>nd</sup> Night Seder, and The Gala. We have B'nai mitzvah weekends coming on April 6, May 25, June 1, June 15, and June 29.
10. I am very pleased to let everyone know that we are working on the placement of a Donor's Acknowledgement Wall along the back stairs landing to the second floor. Simply stated, we are playing catch up on this. Rest assured, we will get this project up and running very soon.

Please accept my sincere appreciation to everyone who plays a role in making all of this happen. And, as I have stated numerous times, Thank You for providing me with the opportunity to serve Beth Israel–The West Temple.

Peter Sackett, President, Board of Trustees  
[petersackettlaw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:petersackettlaw@sbcglobal.net)

PS – Scott Jasilionis brought home-made Challah to Saturday morning services twice in the last few weeks. While we (*regretfully*) forget to more frequently thank David Neumann for dropping off Challah from Blackbird Bakery, let this be an open request for others to bring fresh, home-made Challah to all of our Shabbat services!

If anyone would like to come to Myrna Pendery's house at 7515 Andover Lane in North Royalton on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. to "Bake for Oneg," please call Myrna at 440-582-2116. She has two ovens to accommodate whatever you stir up! Your baked goods will have your name on them, and your name will be listed in the Announcements for the week, "Oneg (or Kiddush) provided by (your name)."



*from the educator's desk...***Educator's Desk- March 2019**

This month on the 14<sup>th</sup> of the Hebrew calendar of Adar II (March 20), we will observe the holiday of Purim. The centerpiece of this communal celebration is marked by attending the reading of the Megillah (Book of Esther), which tells the story of this holiday. Under the rule of King Ahasuerus, Haman, the King's prime minister, plotted to exterminate all of the Jews in Persia. Haman's plan, however, was foiled by Queen Esther and her cousin, Mordechai. The reading of the Megillah is a rowdy and fun event that is marked by booing and noisemaking when Haman's name is read aloud.

This year the holiday festivities will begin at Beth Israel-The West Temple on Sunday, March 17 at 10 a.m., when our high school class will present a "goofy adaptation" of the story of Cinderella for our Purim Spiel. This will be followed by a costume parade, Purim carnival and delicious lunch served at the Queen Esther's café.

Our celebration of Purim will continue on Wednesday, March 20 at 7 p.m., when we enjoy a rousing rendition of the reading of the Megillah. Our celebration would not be complete, of course, without eating tasty hamentaschen following the service.

Debbie Chessin, Director of Education\*

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

**March Schedule:**

Friday, 1<sup>st</sup>- Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> - **Congregational Retreat-** Castaway Bay, Sandusky, Ohio

Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> - **No Religious School**

Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 p.m. **Hebrew School**

Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> – 9:45 a.m. **Religious School Grades K-3- Visit SCAN Food Pantry- 10:30 a.m.**

Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 p.m. **Hebrew School**

Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> – 9:45 a.m. **Religious School 10:00 a.m. Purim Spiel- followed by Costume Parade**

11-1:00 – **Purim Carnival and Queen Esther's Cafe**

Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 p.m. **Hebrew School**

Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 p.m.- **Megillah Reading and Purim Celebration**

Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> – 9:45 a.m. **Religious School**

Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 p.m.- **Hebrew School**

Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup>- Monday, April, 1<sup>st</sup>- **No Religious or Hebrew School- Spring Break**

**Highlights from February:** In February, our Grades 6/7 class enjoyed their class Shabbaton - "His Story, Her Story, Our Story." Grades K/1 enjoyed celebrating Tu B' Shevat mini gardens. The 2/3 class learned the shema through sign language, practiced the modeh ani, and danced the hora. Enjoy the pictures!

# Highlights from February

photos courtesy of Debbie Chessin



from Circle of Friends – the Women’s Rosh Chodesh Group of BI-TWT...

## News from Circle of Friends

The short, cold days of February have been a time for Circle of Friends to be creative, and this year we used creative writing as a means of igniting our inner sparks. Sandy Pankiw was our host when we met on Sunday afternoon February 10<sup>th</sup>. Our purpose was to focus on Shabbat with the plan that our writings could be incorporated into our service for our Women’s Shabbat on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Rabbi Lader had prepared a D’var Torah on “The Sabbath as a Journey,” and Carol Tufts, Ph.D., Associate Professor of English and Theater at Oberlin, and a member of Beth Israel, led our discussions on the themes for our writings. In reading and sharing our writings with each other, I think we were impressed with how diverse, thoughtful, and inspiring our writings were. We thank Sandy, Rabbi, and Carol for helping us find the courage to put our thoughts on paper and to share them with each other. It was a very gratifying experience.

Barbara Schwartz, Chair, Circle of Friends  
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## Welcome the Sabbath with Circle of Friends’ Women’s Shabbat!

Last June Circle of Friends decided that a little change can be a good thing, so instead of holding our Women’s Seder as we have for the past 12 years, we will be coming together to celebrate a very special Women’s Shabbat.

Rabbi Lader has taught that during Shabbat we encounter the many faces of God, including the divine feminine or *Shekhinah*. The *Shekhinah* is the feminine presence of God dwelling in all things, and we are partners with Her and with each other, learning to come together with care and respect, to give thanks in a Shabbat evening of peace, warmth and friendship. All the women of the congregation and our friends from the larger community around us are welcome to attend, and we encourage you to bring your daughters, mothers, aunts, cousins, friends, of all ages to join us.

**When:** Friday evening, March 29th from 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.

**Where:** The Lakewood Women’s Pavilion in Lakewood Park (There is plenty of parking around the pavilion, but you can also let us know if you need a ride.)

Our meal will be pot luck, and we ask that the food not contain dairy, pork or shellfish.

We would also invite you to bring a pair of Shabbat candlesticks, as we will be lighting candles together.

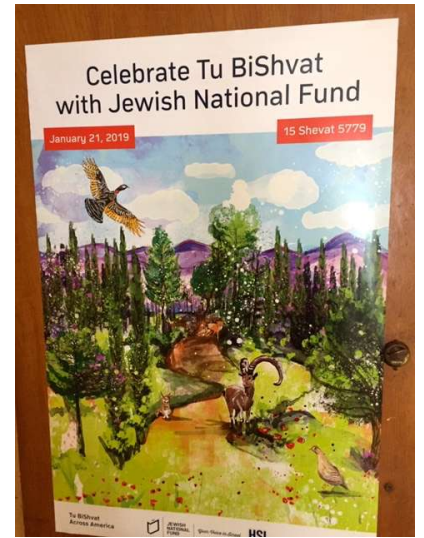
If you would like to help plan and coordinate our Women’s Shabbat, we have a meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 7th, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Barbara Schwartz, 12700 Lake Ave. #2506, Lakewood, OH, [baschwartz@cox.net](mailto:baschwartz@cox.net), H: 216-228-5246 or C: 216-973-2489.

If you cannot make it to the planning meeting, but want to help, please email or call. Watch for the flyer and plan to join us!

Shalom! Barbara Schwartz, Chair-Circle of Friends

## More January/February Pictures

Tu B'Shevat noontime lunch from January 21<sup>st</sup>, making seder plates in the kiln on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, Grades 6/7 Shabbaton on February 9<sup>th</sup>.  
Photos courtesy of Susan Wagner and Debbie Chessin.





## 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 12](#).)*

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Wednesday, March 20	Megillah Reading and Purim Celebration, 7:00 p.m., BI-TWT ( <a href="#">p. 3</a> , <a href="#">p. 5</a> ).
Thursday, March 21	“The Art of Midrash – Queen Esther,” Lunch 'n Learn with Rabbi and Friends, Noon, BI-TWT, RSVP ( <a href="#">p. 3</a> ).
Friday, March 29	Circle of Friends' Women's Shabbat, 5:30-9:30 p.m., Lakewood Women's Pavilion ( <a href="#">p. 7</a> ).
Sunday, March 31	No Religious School ( <a href="#">p. 5</a> ).
Monday, April 1	No Hebrew School ( <a href="#">p. 5</a> ).
Sunday, April 7	Case Western Reserve University Klezmer Music Ensemble, 3:00 p.m., Rocky River United Methodist Church, <a href="#">online registration</a> ( <a href="#">p. 3</a> ).
Sunday, April 7	“Three Faiths, One Spirit, Deepening Shared Values, Interfaith Dialogue,” 4:00-7:30 p.m., Rocky River United Methodist Church <a href="#">online registration</a> ( <a href="#">p. 3</a> ).
Saturday, April 20	Second Seder, 6:30 p.m., BI-TWT ( <a href="#">p. 2</a> ).

Going into the hospital?  
 Extended time in rehab?  
 Need help with meals?  
 Need a ride to appointments?  
 Need a friendly visitor?

Our Caring Committee is ready to help.

Please contact the temple office or Rabbi Lader.  
[216-941-8882](tel:216-941-8882).



## Celebrations

### March Birthdays (young people up to age 25)

Hannah Ross	March 10	18 <sup>th</sup>	Isabella Brashear	March 26	13 <sup>th</sup>
Ava Watts	March 12	12 <sup>th</sup>	Vivian Griffith	March 26	5 <sup>th</sup>
Avital Shmois	March 15	13 <sup>th</sup>	Talon Basiewicz	March 27	16 <sup>th</sup>
Stella Melott	March 21	7 <sup>th</sup>	Jonathon Levin	March 29	24 <sup>th</sup>
Sam Friedman	March 24	11 <sup>th</sup>	Lana Skory	March 29	16 <sup>th</sup>
Hannah Cutrona	March 25	20 <sup>th</sup>	Alex Watts	March 30	10 <sup>th</sup>

### March – Wedding Anniversaries

Jeremy & Rhoda Rak      March 18      13th Anniversary

### March – Adult Birthdays

Zach Robock	March 4	David Maynard	March 22
Lawrence Goodman	March 9	Rosalind Roberts	March 24
Stephen Finegold	March 13	Sidney Donahoe-Goldberg	March 29
Dr. Robert Dreshfield	March 15	Patricia Lehrer	March 29
Richard Keller	March 16	Jan Morse	March 30
Holli Hammarquist	March 20	Joy Mattes	March 31

Rabbi Enid and Harry are very pleased to share that they have a new grandson!



Evan Riley Wald was born on  
Monday, February 18th -  
weighing 6 lbs. 6 oz. and 19" long.

Proud parents, Abby and David Wald, and big brother Holden are all doing very well.

## Perpetual Yahrzeits

WEEK ENDING

MARCH 2

Daniel Barnes  
Tino Fernandez  
Sonia Keller  
Morris Krissoff  
Ida M. Wissman  
Steven Hill  
Frank L. Seitz, Jr.  
Pepi Weiner  
Rodgers Gerhardt  
Pauline Miller

WEEK ENDING

MARCH 9

Rose Eigen  
Lillian Slone Wieder  
Carol Schwartz  
James D. Kahn

WEEK ENDING

MARCH 16

Dr. Barry Friedman  
Benjamin Gruber  
Florence R. Stern  
Estelle Edman Grey  
Louis Schwartzenfeld  
Marvin M. Goldberg  
Zelda Greenfield  
Seymour Himmel

WEEK ENDING

MARCH 23

Estelle Scheinman Keen  
Vivian Tamarkin

WEEK ENDING

MARCH 30

Otto Eckstein  
Leon Altfeld  
S. Herbert Gruber  
Aron Altchouler  
Clara Altchouler  
Harold Paul Conrady  
Debbie Thornton  
Paula Williams

WEEK ENDING

APRIL 6

Boris Bruckman  
Joshua Fernandez  
David Slone  
Shirley Krissoff  
Benjamin Friedman  
Mary C. Friedman  
Ada Ludwig Moyer  
Hermine M. Stern  
Myron F. Kramer  
Katie Blecker

The congregation mourns the passing of

**Betty Butensky**

Mother of Ilene Brehm

who died on January 28, 2019.

May her memory be for a blessing.

## Service Schedule

### **Friday Evenings**

Services at 7:30 p.m.  
(except where noted)

### **Saturday Mornings**

Torah Study 9:30 a.m.  
Service 11:00 a.m.  
Kiddush: 12:15 p.m.  
Call the *Temple Office* for more information.

### **March 1 – Congregational Retreat**

No Services

### **March 2 – Congregational Retreat**

No Services

### **March 8**

Service Leader: TBA

### **March 9**

Service Leader: Luis Fernandez

### **March 15 – Shared Shabbat & Appreciation of Temple Board and Pillar Members**

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

### **March 16**

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

### **March 22**

Service Leader: TBA

### **March 23**

Service Leader: Luis Fernandez

### **March 29**

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

### **March 30**

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

## Contributions – January and February 2019

### General Fund

*We gratefully acknowledge donations from*

-Jay Krasnow  
-Lisa Kollins  
-Ken D. Carver  
-Pat Outlaw

*In Memory Of*

Betty Butensky  
-Susan & Tom Wagner

### 21st Century Renovation & Capital Campaign Fund

*In Memory Of*

Janet Feigenbaum  
-Judy & Roger Friedman

### Children's Library Fund

*We gratefully acknowledge a donation from*  
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Goodman

### Religious School Fund

*In Memory Of*

Betty Butensky  
-Shosh Ault

### Security Campaign Fund

*We acknowledge a donation from*

-Linda Kramer

*In Memory Of*

Morris Roberts  
-Rosalind Roberts

### Matching Fund Campaign Rabbi Lader's 2018 Difference Makers Cleveland Jewish News Honor

-Saragene Davis



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for more information.**