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TEMPLE BETH OR



Rabbi's Remarks

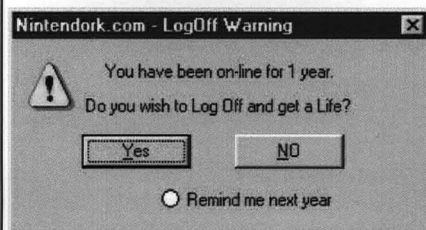
Ai-ai-ai! These days it seems the "I"s have it: Iphones, ipads, itunes. One of the special pleasures of Jewish summer camp is that it has policies against campers using technology at camp. Cell phones, iPods, and smart phones are not allowed in cabins. This is often difficult for campers at first. However, almost every child agrees, at the end of the summer, that it was a refreshing change to get unplugged, to spend some time away from texting, IM-ing and Face Book interactions. Instead camp allowed them to focus on the here and now!

While at the Henry S. Jacobs Camp in Mississippi this summer, I was dismayed to have absolutely NO cell-service. However, after a day or two, I found that it was actually a relief to stop checking my email or phone messages every few minutes! It allowed me to focus on where I was and with whom I was spending my time. I wasn't distracted by what was going on in another time or place.

Marjorie Ingall, or the "East Village Mamele," writes a parenting column in the Forward newspaper and argues in favor of keeping kids unplugged at summer camp: "Kids need unplugging.... In the summer—the last vestige of carefree childhood in a high-pressure, high-connectivity world—kids should be forced to interact face-to-face with each other, with their counselors.... It's one of the last great communal spaces for kids."

Time magazine reported that 3 out of 4 camps make kids leave their elec-

tronics at home. And as much resistance comes from the parents as from



the campers! Camp expert Christopher Thurber reports that parents grill camp directors about why they can't watch their kids' activities from a web cam or reach them by Blackberry. That is why services like Campminder and Bunk1.com were created, to let camps post news and pictures allowing parents to see that their kids are safe and happy. However, most camps are resistant to having children interact daily with their parents (except through old fashioned letters). Part of the purpose of camp is to allow children some space away from home and parental pressures. How else are they going to learn to become independent and rely upon themselves and/or their wonderful counselors? The dynamic of camp is to teach our children to get along with others and to solve their own problems without having recourse to their parents' intercessions at every turn. This benefit is diminished when kids can text home regularly about their frustrations, and their parents then try to intercede through the camp director.

It is always difficult to decide where we draw the line on how "unplugged" kids should be. After all, if we were allowed to bring our 8 track tapes to camp back in our day, why can't our

kids bring their Apple iPod to listen to during rest hour? And if they can bring an iPod, then what about the Apple iTouch with WiFi capability, which just happens to have e-mail capability? If they can bring a book, why not their Electronic Reader, say like the new Apple iPad, which, of course, can also be utilized to text friends back home? iPads can also allow them to watch each pitch of the Reds' game in real time, rather than going out and playing ball with their own unit's team.

Our children are experts in being wired. They own the latest of gadgets and don't know how to adjust to non-connectivity. Asking them to be stripped of their cell phones is like asking them to go to camp naked! It takes some adjusting, but there is much to be gained from experiencing a summer unplugged. The only truth we know is that iPhones, iPads, iTunes can become i-sores. What we hope for at Jewish summer camp is that our kids put them aside for truly meaningful interactions...what the great Jewish philosopher Martin Buber called "I-Thou" relationships.

Shalom,

Rabbi Judy Chessin



Yahrzeits AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Temple's many funds provide a meaningful way to mark the life cycle events we all experience. From a birth to a graduation, from the recovery from an illness to a promotion or marriage, we all experience joy and sadness throughout our lives.

To express your caring and concern, please send your minimum \$10.00 donation per tribute card and the exact wording as you want it to appear on the card to Temple Beth Or.

If you would like your donation noted in The Light for that month, please send it before the 10th of the month.

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Yahrzeits

Aug 6

Dorothy Elhardt (8/05)

Daniel DeMarco (8/06)

Edith Holroyd (8/07)

John D. Auldridge, Sr. (08)

Harry Levenson (8/09)

Genevieve Guttstein (8/10)

Aug 13

Fanny K. Alcus (8/11)

Samuel Silverman (8/11)

Rosalie Snyder (08/13)

Stella Klein (8/14)

Morris Fishman (8/15)

Sylvan Holstine (8/15)

Arthur Layman (8/17)

Aug 21

Arthur Halsband (8/18)

Sally Schultz (8/18)

Otto Farnbacher (8/19)

Edythe Kaplan (8/19)

Hannah Scheiner (8/19)

Issac Zidel (8/19)

Laverne Hoffman (8/20)

Dora Solganik (8/21)

Natalie Schwartz (8/22)

Beatrice Schiffman (8/23)

Rosalie Snyder (8/23)

Blanche Holstine (8/24)

Aaron Horwitz (8/24)

Marlene Spalter (8/25)

August 26

Sarah Berman (8/25)

Lionel Levant (8/25)

Delores Schiffel (8/25)

Herbert Wagshul (8/25)

Shimon Goldstein (8/28)

Perry Ross (8/28)

Marjorie Haffner (8/29)

Rosalie Weckstein (8/29)

Sylvia R. Moss (8/30)

Edward Nieman (8/31)

Contributions

Assistant Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
used at the Asst. Rabbi's Discretion

In honor of Rabbi Burstein

Thelma and Stanley Karp

Campership Fund

*assists in sending a child to an overnight
Jewish camp*

In Yahrzeit memory of Morris Sureck

Dena and Larry Briskin

Education Fund

supports the Religious School programming

In honor of the birth of Helene and Hank

Adler's granddaughter, Eliana Lillian

Marsha and Stephen Goldberg

General Fund

supports the daily operations of the Temple

In honor of the birth of Helene and Hank

Adler's granddaughter, Eliana Lillian

In honor of the marriage of Rachel Weiss

and Christopher Dillon

Caryl and Scott Segalewitz

Music Fund

supports the Temple's music programming

Speedy recovery of Michael Dorin

Rose Marie Mauch

The Temple Beth Or congregation wishes to extend our most heartfelt sympathy to Alan and Cathy Michelson and family on the recent passing of Alan's mother, Beatrice Michelson and to Irwin and Cantor Joyce Dumtschin and family on the recent passing of Irwin's mother, Edna Dumtschin.

A hearty *Mazel Tov* to Cheryl and Sanford Gerber on the recent marriage of their daughter, Lindsay Gerber to Zach Horn.

A hearty *Mazel Tov* to Esther and Jay Weiss and to Thelma and Stan Karp on the recent marriage of their daughter and granddaughter, Rachel Weiss to Christopher Dillon.

The Temple Beth Or congregation wishes a speedy recovery to Marshall Kaplan.

EVENTS

NAVIGATING THE HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES

Sunday, August 22 at 10:30 a.m.



Do you find yourself feeling lost during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services, trying to forge your way through unfamiliar texts, attempting to track down where we are on the page, or feeling like an observer instead of a participant because you don't know Hebrew? And what about those strange melodies you haven't heard all year? Join Cantor Dumtschin for a quick and painless overview of the structure of the service and a head start on congregational melodies. Take a sneak peek at our congregational supplement that gives you everything you need to know – in English transliteration. Amaze your family and friends with your new-found knowledge!



TBO PARENTS

This is a special event you may wish to attend. Arlene Graham's daughter-in-law, Amy Ignatow, will review her wonderful book *"The Popularity Papers"* on Saturday, August 21, at the Green and on Sunday, August 22, at Joseph Beth Book Store in Cincinnati. This book warranted a full page highly positive review in the *New York Times Book Review* last month. This is a sweet and very funny novel about two eleven year old girls who decide to research how to be popular. The story ends with a message that is valuable for people of any age.



TBO BOOKLOVERS

Our next gathering will be Aug. 15, at 10:30. We are discussing the book *Drawing in Dust*. Come join the fun!

Future reads will be:
Sara's Key
The Faith Club
The Little Bee
The Red Leather Journal



THE PICNIC PEOPLE CELEBRATE

On June 25th TBO members and friends gathered to worship in our outdoor sanctuary and to enjoy a wonderful picnic. Many thanks are due to those who grilled meat, those who served and cleaned up, and those who brought delicious side dishes. The final touch for the picnic was a special 25th anniversary cake from Elle's bakery provided by the Wecksteins. Magnificent!

August Birthday & Anniversary Mazel Tavs to...

Birthdays

Aug 1
Stephanie Gordon

Aug 2
Cathy Michelson

Aug 4
Bruce Williams

Aug 7
Matthew Diamond

Aug 8
Kathy Havemann
Marti Jacobs
Anita Wilson

Aug 9
Levi Miller

Aug 11
Jesse G. Herrick
Susan Lehrer
David Orlins

Aug 13
Jeffrey Swillinger

Aug 14
Caryn Williams

Aug 15
Mason Kuhr

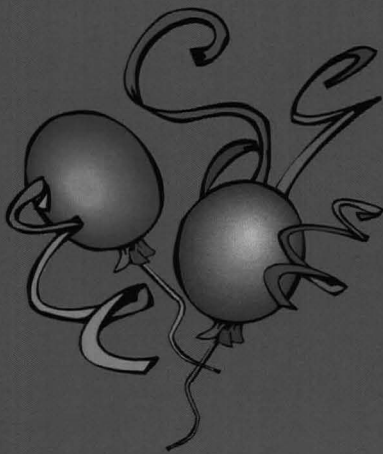
Aug 16
Rob Diamond

Aug 18
Robert Rosengarten

Aug 19
Madison Koch

Aug 20
George Bock
Aug 21
Harold Fishman
Alan Michelson

Aug 22
Larry Briskin
Frank Ferlet



Aug 23
Sharon Lindquist-Skelley

Aug 24
Leo Finkelstein
Stuart A. Merl
John Reger
Ben Rubinoff

Aug 25
Helene Adler
Gary Holstine
Lia Pinkus

Aug 26
Miriam De La Cruz

Aug 27
Alex Briskin
Anna Kate Self

Aug 28
Stacey Lazarow
Joe Mader
Steven Taylor

Aug 29
Stephen Greer

Aug 30
Korinne Bressler

Anniversaries

Aug 2
Jude and Steven Cohen

Aug 3
Susan and Ron Nelson
Annie and Craig Self

Aug 4
Marsha and Stephen Goldberg
Sandy and Bob Lachman
Sharon and Joseph Nalepka

Aug 5
Cheryl and Sanford Gerber
Bev and Jay Gutmann
Aug 8
Karen and Matthew Lindsay

Aug 9
Shirley and Les Breman

Aug 10
Eva and Fred Izenzon

Aug 11
Andrea and Gary Abrams
Carol and Richard Moyer

Aug 13
Daniele Norman and David Seitz
Aug 19
Claudia and William Fried

Toni and Jeffrey Miller
Aug 20
Laurie and Marc Friedman

Aug 21
Janet and Barry Block
Marni and Richard Flagel
Aug 23
Ellen and Samuel Lauber

Sharon Lindquist Skelley and Tom Skelley
Aug 25
Sharon and Israel Guterman

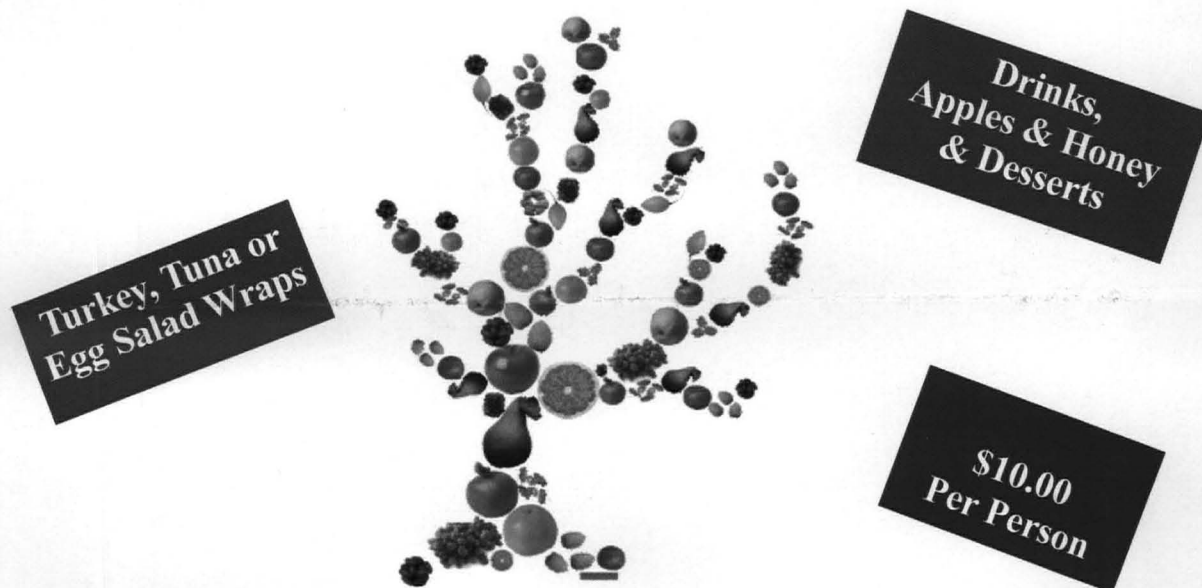
Aug 27
Jessica and Brian Simpson

Aug 30
Becky and Arnold Guttstein
Aug 31
Shelley and Marvin Miller



You Are Cordially Invited To Continue Your

Rosh Hashanah observance with a boxed lunch in our new Levin Social Hall on Thursday, September 9, 1 p.m. At 2 p.m. Rabbi Chessin will lead the congregation in a special family Rosh Hashanah observance.



Your check is your reservation. Complete this portion and return by Friday, September 3, 2010. Make your check payable to: Temple Beth Or and mail to: 5275 Marshall Road, Dayton, Ohio 45429.

Name _____ Phone # _____

Menu: Choice of turkey, tuna or egg salad wrap including drinks and dessert—cost is \$10 per person.

Turkey Wrap _____ Tuna Wrap _____ Egg Salad Wrap _____

Number of Meals @ \$10 each _____ Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____



TEMPLE BETH OR

High Holy Days Donations

Greeting



Memorial Book



Prayer Books

Your Name _____ Telephone _____

Greeting: *(Wish family, friends, and congregants a Happy New Year)*

Name as it is to appear: _____

Examples: Adam and Eve Shap; Adam and Eve Shap and Family; Adam, Eve, Cain and Abel Shap

Donation: \$ _____ (Suggested Minimum Donation \$10.00)



Memorial Book: *(Memorialize Your Loved Ones)*

☐ Same As Last Year

☐ Same As Last Year With Changes Below

☐ New Listing

In Memory Of:

Remembered By:

List Additional Names on the Back

Donation: \$ _____ (Suggested Minimum Donation \$10.00 per name)



Prayer Books: (Cost \$36.00 each)

The bookplate(s) to be inscribed as follows:

In (honor) (memory) of: _____

Donated by: _____

Donation: \$ _____ for _____ prayer book(s)

Temple Beth Or must receive this form and donations by **August 20, 2010.**

Note: Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown on September 8, 2010.

Thank you very much.

PARTY TIME!

We can't think of a better way to have fun, enjoy each other and contribute to the General Fund of TBO.

Party Time let's you plan and host the type of party that you would want to attend! Host one by yourself or go in with other friends to plan a party.

Your party could be in your home or at the venue of your choice. It can be "adults only" or family-oriented. You can limit it to 10 people or have no cap on attendance. The possibilities are endless and totally up to your imagination!

Here are some examples:

**Skateworld
Bowling Party
Board/Card Game Night
Super Bowl Party
Halloween Costume Party
Academy Awards Party
Tacky Party
Kentucky Derby Party
Chaos Room (Interactive games)
Walks in Parks**

How does this help the General Fund? The host(s) provides the party at his or her expense. The attendees pay an "admission price" to attend the parties of their choice, and 100% of the attendance fee gets donated to the temple.

We anticipate a spectrum of exciting opportunities— parties for every taste and every budget, all planned by YOU!

We look forward to hearing from you to volunteer and have first dibs on ideas and dates. Please contact:

**Rachel Haug Gilbert 672-8936
Jane Pearl 436-9531 or jane_pearl@sbcglobal.net**

POSTCARDS FROM FLAT MATT

Hi Mom and Temple Family,

First of all, yes I do need more cash and yes, I am wearing sun screen.



I just spent the holy day of *Tisha B'Av* in Jerusalem. It was really amazing. It was on July 20, and the 9th of the Hebrew month of Av. Jews mark this day as the anniversary of the destruction of both the first and second Temples, and they spend the day fasting, praying and crying. It is one of the saddest days on the Jewish calendar and some congregations go to the courtyard by the Wall and spend the night and the next day reading from the book of Lamentations.

People kept singing "By the waters of Babylon." BTW, you guys always told me Don Mclean wrote that, but it is really from Psalms 137:1!



What was really amazing was to think that the Babylonians destroyed the first Temple in 586 B.C.E. That is like 2,600 years ago. After it was rebuilt, the Romans came and destroyed it again nearly 2,000 years ago. And here I am today, in the 61st year of Israel's life as a sovereign nation, back in Jerusalem at the very site of that ancient Temple. It bums me out that people are always trying to attack Jews in Israel, but it also makes me proud that our people keep fighting for Jerusalem and we always seem to rebuild. Some Rabbi dude told me that when the Messiah comes, Tisha B'av will become a happy occasion. I hope I

get to see that happen!

Love,

Flat Matt*



(*Flat Matt is a laminated picture of one of Temple Beth Or's Bar Mitzvah students. When our Temple group traveled to Israel we took the picture with us. However, Flat Matt's picture was left behind. Now he writes us of his adventures every month. Make sure and find Flat Matt in his pictures sent from Israel.)

HIGH HOLIDAYS

Why is Rosh Hashanah so EARLY this year?

Actually, Jewish holidays occur on the same day every year: the same day on the Jewish calendar! Rosh Hashanah is the 1st day of the Hebrew month Tishri, which this year falls on September 8,9. The Jewish calendar has a different number of days than the calendar we use because the Jewish calendar is based upon the cycle of the moon, rather than the sun. The Jewish calendar loses about 11 days relative to the solar calendar every year, but makes up for it by adding a month every two or three years. We will add the leap month of Adar this Spring. However, in mean time the High Holy Days fall in early September so be ready, because Hanukkah falls on December 1!

ONEG SHANAH

On Rosh Hashanah eve, Wednesday, September 8, we will have our first *Oneg Shanah* (celebration of the New Year) in our brand new Levin Hall! The reception is sponsored by the congregation, and we are asking our members to bring food items (cake, cookies, fruit, cheese platters, drinks, etc) which can be brought to the Temple prior to the service. Please notify Leslie (434-3500 or tbo@bizwoh.rr.com) to indicate what you are bringing. Many thanks. Let us ring in 5771 together!

Rosh Hashanah Luncheon

Once again we will offer a boxed lunch to families who would like to dine together for Rosh Hashanah lunch! We will offer turkey, tuna or egg salad wraps with apples and honey, drinks and desserts for \$10.00 a box. Reservations are required. Please fill out the form within the Light and send it in by September 1 to Temple Beth Or.

High Holy Day Service Schedule

Wednesday, September 8

Erev Rosh Hashanah 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 9

Morning Service 10:00 a.m.

Family and Youth Interaction (FYI) Service in Levin Hall 10:00 a.m.

Lunch 12:30 p.m. (Reservations required)

Family Service 2:00 p.m.

Tashlich 3:00 p.m. (at Grant Park in Washington Township)

Friday, September 10

Shabbat Shuvah 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 11

Shabbat Shuva 10:00 a.m.

Friday, September 17

Kol Nidre 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 18

Yom Kippur Morning Service 10:00 a.m.

Family and Youth Interaction Service in Levin Hall 10:00 a.m.

Healing Service 12:30 p.m.

Reflections with Dr. Michael Cook, HUC-JIR

"Jews, Christians and Israel: 2010" 1:30 p.m.

Family Service 3:00 p.m.

Yizkor Service 4:30 p.m.

Ne'ilah into Break the Fast 5:30 p.m.



August 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.	4 Men's Circle at TBO 7 p.m.	5	6 Lay Led Services 6:30 p.m.	7
8	9 Religious Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	10 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.	11	12	13 Lay Led Services 6:30 p.m.	14
15 TBO Book Lovers 10:30 a.m.	16 TBO Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	17 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.	18	19	20 Lay Led Services 6:30 p.m.	21
22 Navigating the High Holiday Services 10:30 a.m. Tanach Study 10:30 a.m.	23	24 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.	25	26	27 Lay Led Services 6:30 p.m.	28
29	30	31 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.				



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Worship Services

All Shabbat services during August will be held on Fridays at 6:30 p.m. There will be no Saturday morning services.

Temple members will be leading these unique services. Come in shorts, relax, and worship in a casual setting.

