



Beth Israel - The West Temple

Bulletin

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday, Apr. 3, 1992

Shabbat Evening, 8 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Mel
Drimmer on Black/Jewish
Relations

Friday, Apr. 10

Shared Shabbat Evening,
7:30 p.m. Kinderclass
Shabbaton

Saturday, Apr. 18

First Day of Passover
Services, 10:30 a.m.

Friday, Apr. 24

Shabbat Evening, 8 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Rabbi Jef-
frey Schein, "What is Re-
constructionist Judaism?"

Saturday, Apr. 25

Shabbat Morning 10:30 a.m.
Bar Mitzvah of DANIEL
GREY WAGNER

Friday, May 1

Shabbat Evening, 8 p.m.
Yom HaShoah, Guest Speak-
er: Braanda Schwartz.

From the Rabbi

Israel has been on my mind lately. I suppose that the presidential race brings it up. And, of course, Israel is never far from the headlines. But what first brought Israel to mind lately was the group of parents I saw gathered in temple, listening to a presentation about the Israel Incentive Savings Plan, an innovative community program dedicated to helping our children visit Israel.

I was thrilled by the attention this group of parents gave to the subject. There are many reasons not to do so. Money is tight, it is hard to think of saving for the future when bills are due now. Secondly, the press from Israel is hard to decipher. Is it a safe place to visit? Does it reflect our ideals? Do I want to send my children there? Thirdly, many people examine their own feelings about Israel and come away unsure.

Twenty-five years ago, Israel was a much easier "sell." American Jews knew, often firsthand, the importance of the state to them and to all of world Jewry. Troubling issues of security, terrorism and morality did not plague our thoughts.

Time has erased much of the ease. But I would argue that time has not erased the basic importance of the state to us. We are witness to the ingathering of Jews from the former Soviet Union, from Ethiopia and from Yemen. Because we feel safe is not a reason to marvel at the continuing miracle of a Jewish homeland. Because we might never need to live there is no reason not to support the state. Our comfort and ease are the precise reasons we have to support Israel with our money and our presence.

I urge all Beth Israel's congregants to think about Israel anew. If your knowledge is sparse, increase it! If your argument is with "politics as usual," find a way to make your voice heard in a loving, constructive manner (you can start with

your ARZA bulletin board in Ratner Hall). If you are worried about security and American political influence in Israel, get involved! There are organizations and information galore. While they disagree in tone and outlook, the entire Zionist spectrum is dedicated to Israel's survival and flourishing.

What that group of parents wanted for their children is, I believe, an authentic Jewish experience. That should be nothing less than what we want for ourselves as well. As we gather at our Passover tables and recite the closing line of the Seder, "Next year in Jerusalem," may that be our goal and our vision. May we be inspired to think, work and recommit ourselves to that precious land.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Martin & Susan Asztalos 4/7
Lou & Linda Goldman 4/6
Mark & Anne Greenberg 4/26
Dan & Carole Litt 4/3
Willy & Phyllis Sapell 4/10
Robert & Shellie Sedlak 4/15

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#### BIRTHDAYS

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| Korrin Budic 4/18    | Jason Kerzner 4/30 |
| Joel Feldman 4/8     | Deborah Mason 4/12 |
| Samuel Jacobson 4/14 | Tina Rubin 4/5     |
| Alex Kaplan 4/16     | Jonathan Sweet 4/3 |
| Andrea Kerzner 4/30  | Daniel Wagner 4/29 |

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RITUAL COMMITTEE

Have you been curious to know what Aliyah, Hagbah, and Galilah mean? This month of Pesach seems appropriate to begin the series.

Aliyah is the honor of ascent to the Bima and represents a spiritual enactment of those people who assembled to receive the Torah from Moses. Those wearing tallit take an edge and touch where the Torah reader will begin and place the edge to lips. Once the reading from the Torah begins, tradition teaches to take hold of the Torah handle, Eitz Chayim (tree of life), in keeping with the practice of always taking hold of the object over which a blessing is recited.

The Ritual Committee wishes you a happy and healthy Pesach. Ritual and the Oneg bakers thank Oneg hosts remembering to donate \$5.00 for baking supplies.

We honor and thank the following for the month of April.

Stephanie Gordon
Ritual Chair

C=Candles, A=Aliyah, H=Hagbah, G=Galilah, O=Oneg

4/3 Service Leader: Leonard Singer; C: Lenore Singer; O: Robert & Linda Budic; Eileen & Robert Kaplan.

4/10 Service Leader: Judd Seldin; C: Mindy Bedrossian; O: Wendy & John Carte; Thomas & Ruth Hudson.

4/17 Service Leader: Stephanie Gordon; Torah Reader: Arnon Chait; A: Alice Mark; H: Jeffrey Spiegler; G: Dorothy Kassel; O: Gene & Cindy Altus; Ken & Laurie Kranyak.

4/24 Service Leader: David Bamberger; C: Susan Wagner; O: David & Shaye Komitau; Mark & Anne Greenberg.

4/25 Service Leader: Rabbi Steven Leapman

TEMPLE TIDBITS

Rabbi Sally Priesand, a graduate of Beth Israel's religious school and the first woman rabbi ordained in modern times, is celebrating the twentieth anniversary of her ordination. Mazal Tov goes both to Sally and her mother, Rose....And Mazal Tov to Mel and Ruth Schochet on another grandchild, Elisheva Rachel, born to son Steve and Karen in Jerusalem on Feb. 28....David Bamberger was a witty and knowledgeable narrator for Tri-C's Showtime at High Noon at the Ohio Theatre, talking about "Italian Opera, Mozart to Puccini" in Feb. He left everyone eager to hear more....Mazal Tov to Judy and Al Kayloe on the coming marriage of daughter Rachel Beth to Mario Marotta of Salerno, Italy. They met when she was a U. of Michigan student studying International Finance in Florence, Italy. They will move to Pittsburgh after the August wedding where she will work for the Pittsburgh National Bank in the International Finance department....Bernice Miller is back from an exciting trip to a place where few, even of the brave and adventuresome, have gone. She went to Antarctica and has a stamped postcard with a statement testifying she was there and also went around Cape Horn where the Atlantic and Pacific meet. She visited the American and Chilean stations and even went swimming there! A hard to believe fact, though the explanation is acceptable—the water is heated by a volcano!

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Please Note

On the bulletin board in Ratner Hall is a brochure from Jewish Family Service Association listing the many and varied Family Life Workshops available to help with the variety of problems that arise in family relationships.

President's Message

Coming upon our Passover celebration, we have a lot to be proud of at Beth Israel—

Our temple Youth Group's Mystery Dinner was no mystery—the group worked all day and into the night to make a wonderful evening for all who attended. Thank you, Gail Kerzner and "The Group."

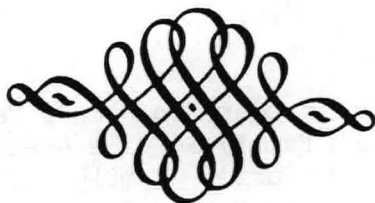
Also our Scholar-in-Residence, Dr. Susannah Heschel, was thought provoking and open to dialoguing with us all.

We have new faces on the Board—Paula Jacobson is now our Secretary; Roger Abady, Member-at-Large; and Rick Keller will be assisting Arnon Chait with Building and Grounds.

Last month, some of us attended a conference on "Spirituality in the Reform Movement." I'd like to say there were bite size answers to the search but I came away knowing that just the search for meaning is meaningful. "Better to travel hopefully than to arrive." Being a seeker on the road to a more spiritual life can be found, perhaps, not only in social action but in prayer. Reform Jews are known for their horizontal reach for meaning in helping those around us. This conference suggested that a vertical reach, through prayer and study, is an option we should partake more of.

I hope the Passover holiday will be meaningful for you and your family.

Shellie Sedlak



Susan and Thomas Wagner cordially invite the entire congregation to rejoice in worship with them as their son

DANIEL GREY

is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on
Saturday, April 25, 10:30 a.m.
A Kiddush in Daniel's honor will follow services



MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

Jeffrey Spiegler is an engineer with Sverdrup Technology working at NASA Lewis Research Center. He got his degree from Case Western Reserve University and has lived in Lakewood for five years. He enjoys photography, computers, and reading.

Juliana Cumberworth and her husband Tony both grew up in the greater Cleveland area. They have two children—Jennifer, five years and Frederick, five months old. Juliana works with the Department of Defense and plays double bass with the Ohio Chamber Orchestra. She did her undergraduate work at Baldwin Wallace College and got a Master's Degree from the U. of Cincinnati Conservatory. Tony is a painter for Jenkins Painting and is doing graduate work in History at Cleveland State U. He enjoys playing piano in his spare time and Juliana enjoys gardening.

MEET ANOTHER TEACHER

I was born and raised in Westbury, L.I., New York, where my parents still live in my original home. After graduating from Case Western Reserve University, I worked in Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court where I met my husband, Tom. Our three children—Becky, 10th grade; Danny, 7th grade; and Abby, 4th grade—all attend our fine religious school and are in the Lakewood public schools.

In addition to teaching 2nd and 3rd grades at Beth Israel (for my 9th year), I teach remedial reading and math at a Lakewood school every morning. At night, I attend Cleveland State University in pursuit of a Masters degree in Education.

I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching at Beth Israel. I must say that this year's class is particularly delightful.

Susan Wagner



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DEADLINE FOR MAY ISSUE: APR. 10

JEWISH LIFE CYCLE QUIZ
(Answers next month)

1. What does the word "be'rit" from Be'rit Milah (circumcision) mean?
2. Who was the first child circumcised in Jewish history?
3. Why are Jewish children brought into the covenant on the eighth day of life?
4. What is an aufruf?
5. What is the Hebrew word for the wedding ceremony?
6. What do the bride and groom stand under?
7. What language is a traditional Ketubah written in?
8. What is a Jewish divorce decree called?
9. What is "bikkur cholim"?
10. On what day is a Jew forbidden to mourn?
11. What is the period of time following the funeral called in which the mourner remains at home? (Hint: It is traditionally 7 days long, but many Reform Jews observe it for three days.)

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If you can join us for Cleveland Opera's presentation of "The Sound of Music" on Sunday, May 17, at 2 p.m., please call me at 777-8425 by Apr. 6, so that we can get good seats at a group rate. Tickets are available for \$12, \$22.40, and \$32.

I would like to thank all those people who helped make the "cruise" night a success. Much appreciation goes to: Tina & Rick Keller, Susan Zenick, Paula Jacobson, Beryl Palnik, Vicky Abady, Bob Sedlak, Shellie Sedlak, Barb Girson, Roger Friedman, Lori Shymske and Saragene Davis.

Many thanks also to all those who attended and to those who helped clean up.

Judy Friedman

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS



April brings hints of Spring and the Kinder-Class Shabbaton (Shabbat Family Dinner at 6:30 p.m. and Shared Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m. on Apr. 10). Our School will be celebrating Pesach on all levels Sunday, Apr. 12, as the Primary classes will fill Ratner Hall and the Sanctuary with a Pesach puppet show, matzah making, charoset chopping, and the sound of music; the upper grades will be conducting their own model Sedorim. We will be on our Spring break from Apr. 19 through 26, and classes will resume on Apr. 28 for Hebrew, and on May 3, for our Sunday sessions.

Our Purim celebrations would not be complete without special thanks to Gail Kerzner and our youth group for an entertaining Purim Carnival; to the 8/9 graders for assisting Rabbi Stone in the Megillah reading; to Charlotte Feldman and our 6/7 graders for a new view on the Book of Esther; and to Barbara Schecter and her "Holy Rollers" for a great batch of hamentaschen.

And Todah Rabbah to Ruth Schochet for filling in for Sandy Cohen last month, providing Pesach recipes, goodies, and wonderful suggestions for our Pesach Parent Education session!

Enid Lader

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LIBRARY ALERT



Please bring in your overdue Temple Library books, cassettes, and other materials, to save your Library committee time and energy used in sending out notices.



YAHREZEITEN

Civil dates correspond to Hebrew calendar.

Friday, Apr. 3, 1992

Katie Blecker 4/4

Evelyn Gaylon 4/5

Sarah Lewis 4/7

Kenneth Bogart 4/7

Samuel Mull 4/8

Friday, Apr. 10

Merle Schwartz 4/12

Max Briskman 4/14

Saturday, Apr. 18

Harold Feldman 4/18

Charlie Gluck 4/19

Irwin Newman 4/19

Anna Mark 4/22

Emma Caron 4/22

Ada Kassel 4/22

Saturday, Apr. 18 (cont.)

Kate David 4/22

Harold Altus 4/22

Friday, Apr. 24

Sandra Schwartz 4/26

Faye Schwebel 4/28

Henry Stone 5/1

Friday, May 1

Sally Figler 5/2

Jane Bloomberg 5/2

Morris Altshuler 5/2

Eduard Block 5/4

Irving Leibowitz 5/4

Jerome Rosen 5/8

Lucille Deren 5/8

CONTRIBUTIONS

General

Don and Marilyn Bogart in honor of Mort and Marion Epstein's 50th wedding anniversary.

Library

Sam and Dalia Alterovitz in memory of mother, Brachah Alterovitz.

Mel and Ruth Schochet in honor of new granddaughter, Elisheva Rachel.

Ralph B. and Curtis A. Miller Art Fund

Harold and Ruth Friedman in honor of Bernice Miller's milestone birthday.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Esther Zeman

David Mikuls

PASSOVER

SECOND NIGHT

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL SEDER

Saturday, Apr. 18, at 6 p.m.
at

Beth Israel--The West Temple



Members: \$14.50; Children (5-9 yrs.), \$10.50

Non-members: \$18.00; Children (5-9), \$12.50

No charge for children under 5.

All reservations MUST be received at the temple by
Apr. 10, with a check made out to Beth Israel.

Please call Paula Jacobson, 871-5604, for details.



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LEHRHAUS SPRING 92

April 27
May 4, 11, 18, 26
June 1

at Anshe Chesed—Fairmount Temple, 23737 Fairmount Boulevard

An exciting variety of courses is being offered during the spring semester of the Congregation/Community Institute of Adult Jewish Studies. Participants can select one course for the six-week semester. Classes begin at 7:45 p.m. and conclude at 9:30 p.m. except the first week when the kickoff begins at 7:30 and classes end at 9:45 p.m. There is a break, 8:15 to 8:30 p.m., for coffee, dessert and socializing.

COURSE LIST/DESCRIPTIONS

Dealing With Missionaries: Know What To Answer—Rabbi Moshe Adler—A “messianic” Jew is out to convince you that Christianity is the ultimate form of Judaism. Why is he doing it? How do you deal with his “proofs?” What are the real issues?

Trope: Learning to Chant the Haftorah—Nili Sharon Adler—Study the signs for chanting the Haftorah, leading to learning how to chant entire passages. A basic reading knowledge of Hebrew is required. The course is both for beginners and for those who want to refresh their skills.

Learn To Lead A Service—Hazzan Edward Berkovits and Hazzan Stephen Stein—In just six weeks, you can learn to lead the weekday evening service in your congregation or in a private home.

The Sights and Sounds of Jews—Rabbi Fred Eisenberg—Examines movies and television and radio programs in which Jewish people are portrayed. Uncover the media Jew as seen by Jews and others.

Judaism, Ethics and the Real World—Rabbi David Gelfand—Confronting morality in today's world. Joining Rabbi Gelfand will be Hon. Louis Stokes, Chrmn. U.S. House Ethics Committee, “Government”; Ohio Atty. General Lee Fisher, “Judiciary”; Joel Hyatt, Hyatt Legal Services, “Law”; Max Friedman, Friedman Buick & Will Sukenik, Properties Development, “Business”; and leading medical authorities “Medicine, Health Care & Bio-Medical Ethics”.

Abraham Joshua Heschel: The Man and The Message—Dr. Susannah Heschel—The course synthesizes the basic teachings of Dr. A.J. Heschel through a study of his writings; *runs for three weeks, and then you can join any other class already in progress.*

The Experience of G-d in The Bible—Dr. Roger C. Klein—Through close readings of biblical texts, examine how G-d is experienced by Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Jeremiah, Job and ordinary Israelite people. This course demonstrates how the Bible skillfully seeks to evoke the experience of divine nearness while protecting divine majesty and holiness; and conversely, how the Bible deals with the frequent sense that G-d is absent from our lives.

The Other Monotheistic Religion: Introduction to Islam—Rabbi Alan Lettotsky—The course presents an overview of Islam including the life of Muhammed, the Koran, the *hadith*, various sects and *sufism* (mysticism).

Turning Points that Revolutionized the Jewish World—Dr. Alan Levenson—Has any people experienced more dramatic upheavals than the Jews? Explore modern Jewish history through a look at its turning points including the excommunication of the Hasidic movement and David Ben Gurion's proclamation of Israeli independence.

What Happens After I Die?—Rabbi Michael Oppenheimer—Confronting this most profound of all human predicaments, our personal search is guided by the answers of classical Jewish texts and contemporary Jewish thinkers from all streams within the Jewish community. Be prepared to contemplate the mystery of the unknown. Text: “What Happens After I Die?”

Sex on a Higher Plane or That's the Spirit—Rabbi Daniel Roberts—a course for *young singles* to discuss the ethics of sexual relationships; co-taught by Rabbi Roberts and local psychologists and social workers.

More Jews of the World—Rabbi Milton Rube—In this class, study the customs, history and lore of various familiar and esoteric Jewish communities—Sephardic and Sshkenazic; Jews in Arab lands, Western Europe, and North and South America.

Jews and Their Non-Jewish Neighbors—Rabbi Stanley Schachter—The course presents a survey of the historical relationships between Jews and non-Jews as well as the impact of minority status and religious conflicts

Raising Jewish Children—Deborah Schein—The focus of this course is a look at how our children learn that they are Jewish. Topics include holidays and their celebration, home observance, mitzvot and tzedakah from the perspective of raising Jewish children, ages 5 to 10.

Back to Basics For Soviet Immigrants—Mark Shukhman—This is a course taught in Russian for recently arrived Soviet emigres, exploring Jewish observance of holidays, significant Jewish concepts and life cycle events. Co-sponsored by Anshe Chesed—Fairmount Temple and AVICHI Foundation. Special fee: \$8.

Wisdom of the Talmud: Love, Sex and Compassion—Dr. Zvi Yehuda—Situations in modern Jewish life are examined through the timeless source of Talmudic wisdom. Issues to be explored include Jewish ethics of romantic love, halakha and the impact of modernity on man-woman relationships and family cohesiveness and the Jewish concept of compassion.

A Taste of Ulpan—Miriam Schaffer—This new course offering provides an introduction to speaking Hebrew for those with no knowledge of the language. In six weeks, begin to participate in basic Hebrew conversation.

Learning to Read and Understand Hebrew Prayer

(Level I)—*Esther Ruben*

(Level II)—*Orna Schafer*

These courses have been developed to teach basic Hebrew prayer book reading. Level I is for those with no previous knowledge of Hebrew. Levels II is designed for those who wish to refresh and extend their skills.

LEHRHAUS SPRING 1992



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Monday evenings—7:45-9:30 pm
April 27, May 4, 11, 18, 26 (Tuesday),
June 1



SPRING CONVOCATION
 Monday, April 27
 7:30-8:30 p.m.
RABBI MOSHE WALDOKS
 Author of *The Big Book of Jewish Humor*
 Break following convocation.
 First Class—8:45-9:45 p.m.

REGISTRATION FORM

Fees for the series are \$18 for members of participating congregations; \$25 for all others. Registration forms and checks should be mailed to:

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 first-served basis; early registration helps
 to guarantee your first selection.*



**For more information
 call Patty Kaplan at the College**

464-4050

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 SHABBAT SERVICES, 8 pm	4
SCHOOL (9:55 am-12:15 pm) 5	6	7 HEBREW CLASSES 5:30 & 6:30 pm	8 BOARD MEETING 7:30 pm	9	10 SHARED SHABBAT SERVICES, 7:30 pm KINDERCLASS SHABBATON	11
SCHOOL 12	13	14 HEBREW CLASSES	15	16	17 NO SERVICES	18 SHABBAT SERVICES, 10:30 am First Day of Passover Second Seder, 6 pm
NO SCHOOL 19	20	21 NO HEBREW	22	23	24 SHABBAT SERVICES, 8 pm	25 SHABBAT SERVICES, 10:30 am BAR MITZVAH DANIEL G. WAGNER
NO SCHOOL 26	27 LEHRHAUS BEGINS	28 HEBREW CLASSES	29	30		