

Beth Israel - The West Temple

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday, Mar. 3 Shabbat Evening Service 8 p.m. Pekudei; Ex. 38:21-40:38 Saturday, Mar. 4, Tot Shabbat, 10:30 a.m.

Friday, Mar. 10 Shared Shabbat Service 8 p.m. Va Yikra; Lev. 1:1-5:26-Deut. 25:17-19 Saturday, Mar. 11

Shabbat Morning Learners' Shabbat Morning Learners' Minyan, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Mar. 15 Purim Family Service 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Mar. 16 Megillah Study Session 11 a.m.

Friday, Mar. 17 Shabbat Evening Service 8 p.m. Tzav; Lev. 6:1-8:36

Friday, Mar. 24 Shabbat Evening Service 8 p.m. Shemini; Lev. 9:1-11:47-Num. 19:1-22

Saturday, Mar. 25 Minyan, 10:30 a.m.

Friday, Mar. 31 Shabbat Evening Service 8 p.m. Tazria; Lev. 12:1-13:59-Ex. 12:1-20

President's Message

I would like you to know that many things are happening here at the temple, but, as has been pointed out to us, all members haven't been informed of Board activities or plans. Starting next month our Board secretary, Ruth Hudson, will be submitting to the Bulletin a brief summary of what we've been working on. Please feel free to call me or any Board member if you have any questions or suggestions. We're always happy to hear from you.

One area that I feel we need to reorganize or regroup is Social Action. For quite some time we have been doing an ongoing food collection and we did a wonderful job over the High Holidays. I believe, though, that we need one or more chairpersons to delve into the wider aspects of social action to determine what our interests are.

I hope to hear from those of you who wish to volunteer and become involved in a very important aspect of living our lives Jewishly.

When you see Rick Keller thank him for having our staircases resurfaced and also for the forth-coming roof repair over the library and foyer. Many things need to be done in the building and we are prioritizing by attending to safety issues first.

Have a happy Purim!

Judy Friedman

SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, Mar. 5, 12:15 p.m.

Please plan to attend this brief meeting. We need your support and would appreciate all your questions and concerns—this is the forum to have them answered.



TIME FOR FUN, TIME FOR CHEER. TIME FOR COSTUMES... PURIM'S HERE!

Wednesday, Mar. 15, 1995

PURIM FAMILY SERVICE AT 7:30 P.M. PURIM SCHPIEL AND COSTUME PARADE

Sunday, Mar. 17

PURIM CARNIVAL AND LUNCHEON WITH HAMANTASCHEN Beginning at 11:45 a.m.

ALL CONGREGANTS ARE INVITED!

LUNCH (WITHOUT THE RABBI?)

We used to have lunch with the rabbi at various locations to get together informally for an hour of conversation. Well, we may not have a rabbi, but we can still have lunch! It's a friendly way to get to know members of the temple who live in your area. So, to start:

MOUNTAIN JACK'S 6935 Pearl Rd., Middleburg Hts. Thursday, Mar. 23 12 Noon

RSVP to Val Tate, 888-7688

For other locations in the future, and/or dinners, please call Val with your suggestions.

RITUAL COMMITTEE



The three honors of the Torah are aliyah, hagbah and galilah. We continue this month with hagbah, a custom that traces back to the seventh century. Talmudic scholars view hagbah as a dramatic spiritual moment for the lifter to touch the Torah and for the congrtegation to see the Torah script and proclaim, "This is the Torah that Moses placed before the children of Israel..." (OH 134:2) in To Pray as a Jew, by Rabbi H.H. Donin.

Because of the weight and fragility of the parchment, most lifters do not show the open Torah. Once the scroll is upright, it is shown to the congregation, as the lifter turns in all directions.

On Mar. 31, we thank Scott Machol, guest Service Leader and Alice Mark, guest Torah reader. Thank you also to Ruth Schochet who will now be assisting Sylvia Cooper by sending participant schedules for Shabbat services. Find substitutes when conflicts occur since the Service Leader counts on your presence. We thank Oneg hosts for their \$5.00 donation for baked goods.

We honor these congregants for March. Check in with the service leader before the service. Thank you. May your participation be a spiritual blessing.

Stephanie Gordon, Ritual Chair

SL=Service Leader; U=Usher; C=Candles; A=Aliyah; H=Hagbah; G=Galilah; C=Oneq

3/3- SL: Shosh Ault; U: Rachael Folkman; C: Heidi Camper; A: Jack Grobman; H: Sidney Feldman; G: Ruth Schochet; O: Daniel Klein & Nancy Rubel and Jeffrey & Darla Klein.

3/10-SL: Enid Lader; U: David Kohn; C: Tina Keller; A: Larry Saidman; H: Rick Keller; G: Mindy Bedrossian; O: Judith Klein and Maryellen Kohn.

3/17-SL: Shosh Ault; U: Lillian Davis; C: Edith Benes; A: Bernard Eckstein; H: Stanley Beekman; G: Debra Sutter; O: Laurie & Ken Kranyak and Norman and Pat Lehrer.

Ritual Committee (cont.)

- 3/24-SL: Enid Lader; U: Kelly Sudik; C: Carol Mason A: Roger Friedman; H: Irv Lewis; G: Linda Buchsbaum; O: Janice & Larry Leopold and Laurie Levinson & Michael Kukura.
- 3/31-SL: Scott Machol; Torah Reader: Alice Mark; U:
 Daniel Cooper; C: Juliana Cumberworth; Cantor:
 Maureen Schoen; A: Cecil Bruckman; H: Kenneth
 Cooper; G: Marion Epstein; O: Dennis & Pam
 Ehren and Ann Holland.

THE TORAH COVER PROJECT A Congregational Event!!

Bonnie Yales, the artist who designed our canvas for the Torah covers, will be coming to the temple on Tuesday, Apr. 25 and Wednesday, Apr. 26.

On Apr. 25, Ms. Yales will be meeting with the members of the Torah Cover Committee to teach different needle-point techniques. If you're interested in serving on the committee, please call me.

On Apr. 26, Bonnie will be speaking to the congregation, to show us how we all can have a hand in this project.

Please save these dates!

DeDe MacNamee-Gold, Chair Torah Cover Project Committee

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Rose Gluck and her family on the death of her brother,

JOSEPH SALAMON

SHABBAT FOR EVERYONE AT BETH ISRAEL

Along with our weekly Shabbat evening services, the temple has something for our youngest to our oldest members.



Tot Shabbat—for families with infants and toddlers who are not enrolled in Religious School. A hands—on Shabbat and holiday experience with prayers, songs, stories, movement, crafts and Kiddush.

Saturday, Mar. 4, 10:30 a.m. RSVP, temple office.



Shabbat Learners' Minyan—our focus this year is the prayer book. Join us as we study together the prayers and blessings of the Shabbat morning service in an informal and congenial atmosphere in Ratner Hall.

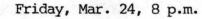
Mar. 11 & 25, 10:30 a.m.



Shared Shabbat—a family service filled with prayer, song and Torah. Join us as we celebrate Shabbat and birthdays and wedding anniversaries of the month.

Friday, Mar. 10, 8 p.m.

Fourth Friday—Shabbat evening service held in Ratner Hall. No stairs! Wheelchair accessible!





MARCH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Earl & Gloria Brightman
- 18 Lori & David Shymske
- 20 Len & Lenore Singer

ADULT EDUCATION

Finding God Series continues Sunday morning, Mar. 12. Join us as we learn about Milton Steinberg. You may be interested to know that most of our sessions have been taped and are available in the library.

Torah Study continues on select Tuesday evenings, in the library, at 7:30 p.m. Check the enclosed calendar for dates.

At the Shabbat Service on Friday, Mar. 24, our guest speaker will be Alan Levenson, who spent last summer doing research in Germany. His lecture will focus on Pro-Jewish (Philo-Semitism) writings.

Pesach seems right around the corner....

"Why Is This Night Different From All Other Nights?

This is the simple and practical question posed at the beginning of the Passover Haggadah. It is the curtain raiser for recounting the story of exile and redemption in Jewish history.

Passover is the great Jewish festival which we entrusted, not to public worship at the synagogue, but to the intimacy of the family meal. And, in this setting, the Haggadah provides the score to orchestrate our celebration.

Come, learn and join the discussion led by Lou Rosenblum on the Haggadah—its themes, meanings and uses—and how it can be augmented to enhance the Seder for young and old.

We will meet on Mondays, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on Mar. 27 and Apr. 3.

MARCH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 25 Mort & Marion Epstein
- 27 Harold & Ruth Friedman
- 27 Robert & Kati Roth

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

Two groups of our High School students recently participated in a couple of community service projects as part of the Tzedakah component of the High School's Winter Alternative Program. Teacher David Rosen, with Maryellen Kohn assisting, helped coordinate the projects and served as chaperones.

In January, the first group volunteered to make non-perishable food basket centerpieces for the Jewish Family Service Association program, "Families Helping Families." These baskets were used at a Bar Mitzvah luncheon, and then donated to needy Jewish families.

In February, the second group of students spent a memorable Sunday morning assisting residents of a group home in making and filling Sh'lach Manot baskets, which the residents will be giving to a friend or relative for Purim.

For a Tzedakah project, the Grades 7/8 Class went to the Zelma George Center and gave an Unbirthday Party to the thirty residents. We went after Sunday School and had a great time. We brought Bigfoot pizzas, candy, cake, pop, and gifts to the Center. All things went according to schedule and the party made everyone smile. It helped us to learn about the homeless and gave us experience of seeing a homeless shelter.

Thanks to all the adults that helped us: Enid Lader, Susan Wagner, Carol Folkman, Lori Shymske, and Charlotte Feldman.

(Submitted by Peggy Thomas, Lillian Davis, Kelly and Mark Sudik, Eric Schwin, Rachael Folkman, David Kohn, Abby Wagner, Dan Cooper, and Joe Machol.)

STUDENT BIRTHDAYS

Jillian Altus 3/12 Douglas Eilberg 3/15 Lindsay Feldman 3/20 Eric Schwin 3/14



The annual community Seder will be held at the temple on the second night of Passover, Saturday, Apr. 15. Watch for flyer.

Call Paula Jacobson (899-8037) for further information or with offers to help.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS DISCUSSION GROUP

Sunday, Mar. 5, 10:30 a.m.

Please review the two articles to be covered:

1. "Do the Arabs Fit the Third World Myth?" Midstream, Jan. 1995, pp. 4-5.

 "On Responsibility and Punishment" (a critique of B.F. Skinner's views and their effect on public policy and crime control.) Atlantic Monthly, Feb. 1995, pp. 88-94.

Copies of these articles are available in our library—ask a librarian. For information or comments, call Herb Caron, 886-6270.

BEHIND THE MASKS

Thursday, Mar. 16, 11 a.m.

YOU'VE SEEN THE PLAY, BUT HAVE YOU READ THE BOOK? For a closer look at the personalities and leadership styles in the Book of Esther, come for the study and discussion session, followed by a Brown Bag Lunch. Hamentaschen and beverages will be provided.

RSVP to temple office, 941-8882.



FAMILY VIEWING-JEWISH VIDEO VISIONS

Through March and April you will have the opportunity to check out videos from the collection on loan from the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland's Ratner Media Center. A variety of subject areas awaits your family viewing:

<u>Music</u> - "Sing Me a Story with Rabbi Joe Black" Great for families with elementary age child—fun songs and memorable stories.

Food - "Gefilte Fish" 3 generations of gefil-

te fish makers. Where do you fit in?

Dance - "Step by Step with Simcha Dancing" Get the whole family ready for your next joyous occasion.

Holidays - "Animated Book of Esther" and "The Animated Haggadah" The stories of Purim and Pesach come to life.

<u>Drama</u> - "Schindler's List" If you haven't seen it, we have it!

"Europa, Europa" and "School Ties" Two very different stories, both with the focus on adolescence.

This is just a sampling of the videos in the collection, which can all be checked out through the temple library for one week. Your prompt rewinding and return assures others the opportunity to view the items in the collection.



MAKING YOUR SEDER A FAMILY AFFAIR

Sunday, Mar. 26, 10-11:15 a.m.

Join Enid Lader and explore ways to include family and friends in your Seder—from preparation to Chad Gad Yah!

YAHRZEITEN



Friday, Mar. 3, 1995 Esther Grobman 3/4 Alex Kimmelman 3/7 Louis Schwartzenfeld

Friday, Mar. 10 Ben Gruber 3/12 Benny Salamon 3/16 Esther Brodkin 3/16

Friday, Mar. 17 Otto Eckstein 3/19 Friday, Mar. 24
Annie Epstein 3/25
Boris Bruckman 3/26
David Slone 3/26
S. Herbert Gruber 3/26
Leroy Welch 3/27
Ada L. Moyer 3/30

Friday, Mar. 31
Katie Blecker 4/1
Evelyn Gaylon 4/2
Gerald A. Schoen 4/3
Sarah Lewis 4/4
Kenneth Bogart 4/4
Samuel Mull 4/5

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Paul & Frances Knapp in memory of beloved son Michael who recently passed away.

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According to the Midrash, Esther is like the moon who brought light to Israel at a time of great darkness.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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SCHOOL 5 9:55-12:15 pm Ad. Ed. 10:30 am Gen. Membership Weeting 12:15 pm	6	HEBREW 7 Gr. 3/4, 5:30 pm Gr. 5/6, 6:35 pm ADULT HEB. 6:30 pm TORAH STUDY 7:30 pm TEACHER ED 7:30 pm	BOARD MEETING 7:30 pm	9	SHARED SHABBAT 10 SERVICE 8 pm SHABBATON GR. 1/2 BULLETIN DEADLINE	SHABBAT LEARNERS' MINYAN 10:30 am
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SCHOOL 26 9:55-12:15 pm Parent Ed. 10-11:15 am	Adult Ed. Passover, 7:30 pm	HEBREW 28 Gr. 3/4, 5:30 pm Gr. 5/6, 6:35 pm ADULT HEB. 6:30 pm TORAH STUDY 7:30 pm		30	SHABBAT SERVICE 31 8 pm FAMILY RETREAT Mohican State Park	



RECENT LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

General

The Family Treasury of Jewish Holidays, by Malka Drucker. This book brings to life the most important celebrations of our religion. It includes stories, recipes, songs, and crafts.

A Time to Prepare, edited by Rabbi Richard F. Address. A practical guide for individuals and families in determining one's wishes for extraordinary medical treatment and financial arrangements.

The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, by Karen Zeinert. The author paints the picture of this turning point in Jewish history with bold, honest strokes.

Passover-Survival Kit, by Shimon Apisdorf. This book, both valuable and entertaining, will add to the significance and enjoyment of the holiday in any Jewish home.

God Was in this Place and I, I Did Not Know: Finding Self, Spirituality and Ultimate Meaning, by Lawrence Kushner. A brilliant fabric of classic rabbinic interpretations, medieval commentary, Hasidic insights, and literary criticism which warms us and sustains us.

Escape from Sobibor, by Richard Rashke. In this Nazi death camp, men, women, and children were sent to suffer and to die. As at Auschwitz and Buchenwald, the victims fought back against their tormenters, often with their bare hands. But at Sibobor there was one crucial difference—they won. This is a gripping true story of the camp.

What is Jewish Literature? edited with an introduction by Hana Wirth-Nesher. A thoughtful, passionately explored analysis of what defines Jewish literature: an international discourse, presenting literary scholars from different countries, who write in different languages and within different frames of reference. It is an enduring contribution to the literary resource for anyone who strives to appreciate, evaluate, and understand the varied riches of Jewish writing.

Ministry of Lies: The Truth Behind the Nation of Islam's "The Secret Relationship between Blacks and Jews," by Harold Blackman. This is a scholarly response to Louis Farrakhan's inflammatory diatribe against Jews in his book of recycled myths, hate-mongering falsehood, and exaggeration. There is an afterword by Dr. Ephraim Isaac, Institute of Semitic Studies, Princeton.

Young People

The Shadow Children, by Steven Schnur. A true story of what happened to the children of Mont Brulant, France, during World War II, and the guilt felt by Etienne, who comes to visit her grandfather there.

Miriam Mendilow, Mother of Jerusalem, by Barry & Phyllis Citron. With resourcefulness and determination, this remarkable woman started "Lifeline for the Old," a project that began as a bookbinding workshop and grew into an extensive network of craft workshops, medical clinics, and other programs designed to assist the elderly. This inspiring biography tells the remarkable story of a woman who touched countless lives in Jerusalem and around the world. We also have a video in our library of "Lifeline for the Old."

Behind the Border, by Nina Kossman. In a baker's dozen of funny, charming, poignant vignettes, the author gives a child's eye-view of the way of life in Soviet Russian society that many Americans may find hard to imagine—and one that nobody who reads this book will be able to forget. Grades 4-6.

- To Cross a Line, by Karen Ray. This is about 17-year old Egon Katz of Bremen, Germany, who during Hitler's reign, had an accident while riding his scooter that led Egon on a harrowing journey across his homeland, hoping for an escape to freedom in Denmark. Can he elude the Nazi Blackshirt? This story is based on a true incident.
- Escape from Egypt, a novel by Sonia Levitin. The author's exciting retelling of the Egypt, Excdus and desert wandering of the Jews is well written in the style of "If you were there at the time of the Excdus." Grade 7
- Hiding to Survive: Stories of Jewish Children Rescued from the Holocaust, by Maxine B. Rosenberg. Fourteen men and women tell how their childhood lives were turned upside down under the Nazi regime. They talk about the horrors they witnessed, their will to survive, and the courage of their rescuers who had little to gain and everything to lose by taking them in.
- Tell Them We Remember: The Story of the Holocaust, by Susan D. Bachrach, U.S. Holocaust Museum. With this pictorial book, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum reaches beyond its walls to show children how the lives of innocent people throughout Europe were affected by the tragedy of the Holocaust. It should be read by every student in America and studied in public schools also. It is a text for the 21st century and a key to our survival.
- The Grey Striped Shirt: How Grandma and Granpa survived the Holocaust, by Jacqueline Jules. When Frannie finds a grey striped shirt in the closet, she asks questions which lead her granparents to tell her about their experiences of the Holocaust. Grades 7 and 8.
- The Middle Gate: A Hungarian Boyhood, by Joseph Patai. This book reveals the inner world of a Jewish child for whom Jewish texts were not merely curriculum, but entry into an enchanting world of miracles and heroes. It offers a rare glimpse into those childhood influences that have helped perpetuate the Jewish way of life through the ages. It offers a vivid portrayal of the tension that existed between gentile and Jewish communities in Eastern Europe.

Young Children

- Eve and Her Sisters: Women of the Old Testament, by Yona Z. McDonough. A magnificently illustrated, simply told book of biblical vignettes to enjoy. Ages 5 and up.
- In America, written and illustrated by Marissa Moss. The author makes vivid for children the flow of family life from childhood to childhood, continent to continent, that is part of the America they all share.
- Tikvah Means Hope, by Patricia Polacco. This poignant, heartfelt story with vibrant artwork creates a celebraion of life, friendship, and most of all, hope. Ages 4-8.
- The Book of Tens, by Mark Podwal. Ten appears and reappears frequently in the Bible. In this beautifully illustrated book the author vividly retells some of these tales, legends, and miracles that document the importance of this number in story and ritual. To be read by parents and children alike.
- King Solomon and the Bee, by Dalia Hardofrenberg. King Solomon was the wisest and smartest king of his days. Not only could he speak every language in the world, he could also talk to the animals. This is a simple adaptation of a traditional story, a surprising and charming tale of how one small bee keeps its mighty promise after the king forgave him for stinging him on the nose.

- Hilde and Eli: Children of the Holocaust, by David A. Adler. A true story of two such children—Hilde Rosenzweig of Frankfurt, Germany, and Eli Lax of Zarich, Czechoslavakia. A nice introduction for third graders.
- The Miracle of the Potato Latkes, by Malka Penn. Tanta Golda makes the best latkes in all of Russia to share with her friends at Hanukkah, and even when a poor harvest leaves her with no potatoes, she is certain that "God will provide."
- Day of Delight: A Jewish Sabbath in Ethiopia, by Maxine R. Schur. The author offers an evocative look at a unique people—the Ethiopian Jews or Beta Israel. In lyrical language she provides a vivid portrait of a way of life that has all but vanished.
- Don't Forget, by Patricia Lakin. In this life-affirming story, set against the backdrop of a postwar Jewish neighborhood, Sarah learns that it's the past that should never be forgotten.
- My First Book of Jewish Holidays, by Maida Silverman. Here is the perfect introduction for very young children to ten major Jewish holidays. Words and pictures invite young readers to explore the rich traditions of their most precious heritage. Pre-School-Grade 2.

Audio Visual Material - Audio Cassettes

"Finding God," Discussion Series, recorded at Beth Israel

Maimonides, with Michael Nutkiewicz.

God in Rabbinic Literature, with Chester Gordon

Spinoza on Jews, Antisemitism, and the Hebrew Commonwealth with Alan Levenson.

"Where Dreams are Born," Jewish lullabies with Margie Rosenthal and Irene Safyan.

"Shlomo Gronich and the Sheba Choir." This cassette was produced by the Joint Israel Appeal.

"The International Jewish Songbook Sampler." 23 songs from the book The International Jewish Songbook.

"The Real Complete Jewish Party" Vol. III, Ballroom Dancing music performed by David and the High Spirit. Great ballroom party songs blending Yiddish, Hebrew, English and Latin beats.

"The Great Jewish Party" Vol. IV, David and the High Spirit. Over 40 great party hits.

Teacher Material

The Jewish Law Review, Vol. I - The Mishnah on damages by Rabbi Morley Feinstein. Also an answer guide for the same.

The Jewish Law Review, Vol. II - The Mishnah's laws of lost and found by Hillel Gamoran; also an answer guide for same.

Teachers Guide, by Joel L. Grishaver for the following:

What is Midrash? An Instant Lesson

What is Rashi? An Instant Lesson

What is Talmud? An Instant Lesson

A Teacher's Guide to America: The Jewish Experience, by Sondra Leiman.

The International Jewish Songbook, compiled, arranged and annotated by Velvel Pasternak. 178 popular and enduring songs arranged in six categories—— Israel, Yiddish, Sephardic and Oriental, Sabbath and Holidays, Chassidic and Liturgical, Songs in English on Jewish Themes, with a companion 75 minute cassette.

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OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO OUR WOMEN (AND OUR MEN, TOO)

Now available in the library is Bridges: A Journal for Feminists and Our Friends, a showcase for creative work by Jewish feminists as well as writing of particular relevance to Jewish feminism by non-Jewish women and men. Bridges provides a forum for articles, commentary and discussions of politics and culture; scholarly essays written in accessible style; oral histories interviews, diaries and letters; poetry (especially work in Yiddish with Hebrew and English translation); rituals; music; visual art, graphics and photography.