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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

Caring Community

"The person who lends a friend a hand, it is counted to him as if he saved the entire world." (Midrash Tahnuma)

At various times in our lives, we have all had experiences in which a kind telephone call, a visit from a friend, or a warm meal has changed our outlook. The congregational leadership has decided to act in the best traditions of Judaism to form and operate a Caring Committee. But, as we all know, committees need people to step up and fulfill the work of the committee.

The Caring Committee is intended to become the sensitive, caring heart of the congregation that will mobilize resources to aid members of the congregational family. The Committee will become the nerve center that will help to keep me and the congregational leadership aware of the diverse needs of members. The Committee will help to insure that none of the members of the synagogue just drop out of sight as might occur if a member becomes too ill or is unable to travel to participate in the life of the synagogue. This Committee will carry on the holy work of the community.

In thinking about serving on the Caring Committee, you may wonder about the requirements for membership. The first requirement is to have a heart that cares for our fellow Jews and congregation members.

The second requirement will be the ability to communicate with others, primarily by telephone. If you can fulfill these requirements (I do not believe there are any members of the congregation who could not fulfill them) and you are interested in enriching the lives of others (and your own as well), then please give me a call.

The active participation of all temple members is the key element in making this Committee succeed. To transform synagogue into a community that truly and concretely expresses its care requires that all the members be connected to the caring heart, the Caring Committee. It will then become the responsibility of each member of the community to contact the Committee whenever the needs of other members of the community are discovered. Please do not be shy about contacting the Caring Committee. Keeping the Caring Committee informed is an extension of the holy work of caring for each other.

Rabbi Ariel Walsh

A MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

Tax statements for contributions to the temple for the 1996 tax year will be sent out by the last week in January. We will send out statements for checks we received in the amount of \$250 or greater. Your cancelled checks can be used as documentation for charitable deductions less than \$250. If there are any questions concerning your latest dues statements, please contact me at 226-3722. The third quarter dues statements will be mailed the weekend of February 11.

Art Gold - Treasurer

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President's Message

Although we're just at the beginning of February, believe it or not, it's time to think of summer camp for our children. Of course our thoughts include all the usual recreation and activity that summer camp can offer, but you might want to consider two options which offer a focus on Jewish ideals and traditions.

I have spoken to Rabbi Ron Klotz, the director of the UAHC-based Goldman Union Camp Institute (GUCI) in Zionsville, Indiana, (near Indianapolis). He tells me that there is a two week camp for students entering third or fourth grade in the fall. For children in grades four through ten there are two camp options — four or eight weeks. Many of our members have sent their children to GUCI over the years and were quite pleased with the experience. As an added incentive, there may be some grant money available to interested families.

Another option is the JCC's Camp Wise, located in Burton, Ohio — a bit closer to home. According to Karin Hess, the director, Camp Wise also offers a two-week session for first time campers entering grades three through five. There are three, four, and seven week sessions for students entering grades three through nine. JCC members enjoy a reduced fee and there is a sibling discount of \$100. Several Beth Israel members attended Camp Wise as children and some went on to become camp counselors.

Both of these camps are eager to send representatives to Beth Israel to speak with parents and campers about their programs. If you are interested in a presentation, let me know as soon as possible. Camp brochures and application forms are available at the temple office. Deadlines for applications are right around the corner, so don't hesitate.

Judy Friedman — President

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DEADLINE FOR MARCH ISSUE: FEB. 10, 1997

ADULT EDUCATION NEWS Hebrew for Adults? Cast Your Vote!

Are you interested in Adult Hebrew classes here at Beth Israel? If so, please answer the following brief survey. You can phone in your answers at 582-2116 or leave a message on the answering machine.

1) Are you interested in learning Hebrew primarily for (choose one):

- a. conversation purposes
- b. to follow the Shabbat and other services better

2) How much time are you willing to devote to lessons (one hour? more? less?)? How many times per week? Per month?

3) When would you be available for lessons?

- a. Sunday
- b. Weekday
- c. Weekday evening

4) Are you willing to pay for lessons?

CLEVELAND COLLEGE OF JEWISH STUDIES COMES WEST

Beth Israel - The West Temple is pleased to host four study sessions with Professor Alan Levenson. The sessions will be held on SUNDAY mornings from 10:30 to noon beginning Feb. 23 and continuing March 2, 9, and 16. Discussions begin with Zionism and how early Zionist dreams helped shape the Israel of today. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity!

REMINDER: There is no Sunday school on Feb 16, so there will not be an adult-ed session.

JEWISH OR NOT...CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS

A Taste of Judaism: Are You Curious? is a free, three-session class that explores Jewish perspectives on spirituality, values, and community. Beginning Wednesday, February 12, the adult education course will be taught in eight locations in the Cleveland area, including here at Beth Israel-The West Temple, Mentor, Elyria, Solon, Cleveland Hts., Chagrin Falls, Beachwood, and downtown. The evening classes will be held from 7:30 to 9. Taught by Cleveland area rabbis, the classes are designed for those with little or no previous knowledge of Judaism including: non-Jews, interfaith couples, children of interfaith couples, in-laws of Jews, unaffiliated Jews, and anyone interested in learning more about Judaism. There is no fee, but registration is required. Call Ava Hodous at 216-371-0446.

Myrna Pendery — Adult Education Chair

YAHREZEITEN

Civil dates correspond to Hebrew calendar.

Saturday, February 1

- 2/2 Charles Rubin
Elias Schochet
Ruth Schoen
Nita Zisser
- 2/3 Jacquelynne Rubinstein
- 2/4 Jeana Mandel
Esther Rubin
Mildred L. Sherrick
Alfred Zisser
- 2/5 Sidney Berns
- 2/6 Sarah Brecher
Ester Reingold
Morris Schwartzfeld
- 2/7 Shepsel Grinberg

Saturday, February 8

- 2/10 Clair Gedo
Harry Miller
- 2/11 Naomi Sharman Ault

Saturday February 15

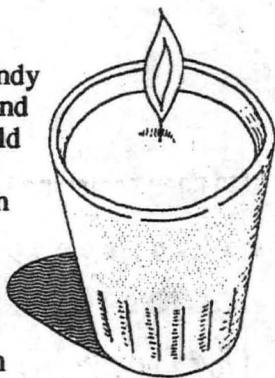
- 2/15 Rachel Diane Landy
- 2/16 Catherine Diamond
- 2/17 Nanette Dreshfield
- 2/18 Bertha Brown
- 2/20 Rose Zimmerman
- 2/21 Samuel Gartner

Saturday February 22

- 2/22 David Lieblein
- 2/23 Charles K. Seldin
Sarah Stein
- 2/27 Aron Altchouler
Harry Goldstein
Bernice Singer

Saturday March 1

- 3/3 Pepi Weiner
- 3/4 Richard Sherman
- 3/6 Louis Sacher
Lillian Wieder



The sympathy of the congregation
is extended to:

The family of Paula Jacobson
on the recent death of her mother,
DORIS SELKOWITZ.

The family of Dr. George Rolleston
on the recent death of his stepfather,
JOSEPH KAPUSTA.

STUDENT BIRTHDAY

- 2 Jonathan Stout
- 13 Matthew Friedman
- 21 Stacy Apar
- 22 Joshua Spiro
- 25 Mitchell Palnik

Wedding Anniversaries

- 7 Diane & Robert Thomas
- 15 Ronald & Frieda Thomas

A LETTER OF THANKS

To My Family at Beth Israel,
Thank you for all of your love and prayers and the
many kindnesses — the multitude of cards and phone
calls filled with well-wishes and heartfelt words of
love. My table and refrigerator have been filled with
meals for my family and I have been chauffeured
everywhere I needed to go.

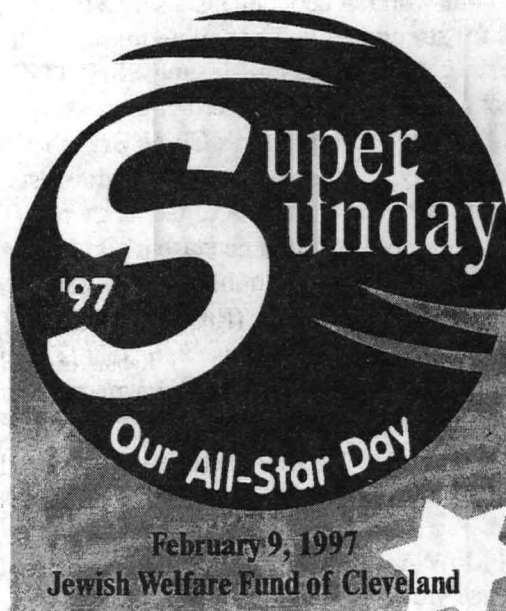
I will be back on my feet soon and ready to ask
everyone to help with our 1997-98 directory and with
ideas for fund raising!

Thank you and Happy New Year,
Saragene Davis

Refuah Sh'leimah

The Congregation sends its hopes for a speedy
recovery to:

Edith Benes, Don Bogart, Marilyn Bogart, Blanche
Caron, Saragene Davis, Janet Feigenbaum, Lenore



NEWS YOU CAN USE

SUPER SUNDAY '97

This annual day-long dialathon in support of the Jewish Welfare Fund campaign is set for February 9. Over 500 community volunteers are expected to participate in the 9a.m. - 8p.m. event. Super Sunday provides a spirited kickoff to the public phase of the community drive (which continues through May 15) by reaching close to one-third of all JWF contributors in one day. Last year the Cleveland Jewish community raised \$24.5 million in response to pressing human service needs in Cleveland, Israel, and around the world.

ISRAEL SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

All members of the Jewish community between the ages of 18 and 25 are invited to enter the Second Annual Writing Competition sponsored by the Cleveland/Wexner Special Purpose Fund. The winner will receive a \$2,000 scholarship to be used toward an approved cultural or educational program in Israel. Entries are due February 28, 1997 and the winner will be announced on or about the following March 15. Application forms and essay topic information are available by calling Mr. Richard Diamond at 216-514-1000. Good luck to all!!

SHVITZ! - MY YIDDISHEH WORKOUT

What's freylach, builds muscle tone, and has people humming oy vey iz mir to the tune of "By Mir Bist Du Sheyn"? SHVITZ! My Yiddisheh Workout, that's what! This 30-minute exercise videotape, produced entirely in Yiddish (with English subtitles), is a follow-along exercise routine that the viewer can do at home without special equipment.

The half-hour workout sequence is a series of simple exercises for strengthening and toning muscles, all set to klezmer music and Yiddish songs. SHVITZ! is the brainchild of several committed young Yiddishists from The Workmen's Circle Branch 105 in New York City. "I made this tape for Yiddishists like myself. There are quite a lot of us out there. If people think the idea is funny because it's in Yiddish, let it be funny. They can laugh their way to good health!" says producer Roland (Ruvn) Millman, himself a gym junkie. But serious exercise it is. The routine, designed by a professional workout trainer, includes variations for beginners and seniors, including seated versions of the floor exercises. Advanced exercise buffs can follow the more strenuous workout.

SHVITZ! My Yiddisheh Workout, is the one and only exercise video in Yiddish. So, nu, why are you

shlepping to the gym? Shvitz at home, in Yiddish! SHVITZ! is available for \$19.95 plus shipping from The Workmen's Circle Book Center, 45 Sholem Aleichem Place (East 33rd Street), New York NY 10016, (212) 889-6800/(800) 922-2558 ext. 285. E-mail: book@circle.org.

PEOPLE AND OTHER PERISHABLES

Baycrafters' Gallery House provides a charming setting for Paintings of the West Side Market — an exhibit of paintings by local artist Mary Deutschman. Her work vividly captures the lively, colorful, and eclectic market scene — the perfect antidote to another gray winter day. The Gallery House is open 1-5 p.m. daily and the exhibit continues through the month of February. The Gallery House is located at 28795 Lake Rd., Bay Village, within Cleveland Metroparks Huntington Reservation.

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INVITATION TO A...

Mystery Dinner

At Beth Israel - The West Temple
Saturday, February 22 at 6 p.m.

Formal Attire • Adults Only

\$20 per person • \$35 per couple

RSVP before February 14.

To make your reservations call
Lillian Davis — 216-243-4761

A fundraising project of Beth Israel Temple
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RITUAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Some of you have said that you find it hard to observe Shabbat on the West Side, away from family and amongst a non-Jewish community. To learn the art of observing Shabbat is a personal discovery. Rabbi Abraham Heschel writes, "...the higher goals of spiritual living is not to amass a wealth of information, but to face sacred moments." Lighting Shabbat candles on Friday night is a reminder of the coming of Shabbat; lighting the Havdallah candle at sundown is a reminder of its end.

When we awaken on Shabbat morning, we make a personal choice to enter into fellowship with the consecrated day. One simple way to get started is to recite a brachot (blessing): "Baruch atah adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam" reminds us of our many blessings and expresses our thanks. To continue your Shabbat morning involvement, we on the Ritual Committee invite you to come to Torah Services at 10:45 a.m. here at temple. You will find yourself in a welcoming atmosphere, giving and receiving support for your Shabbat commitment.

We are especially grateful to the B'nai Mitzvah families for making Saturday morning a family Oneg.

WORSHIP IN PROGRESS

Eight of the ten Erev Shabbat services found in the original *Gates of Prayer* were written for and in an individual congregation. The conference of rabbis (CCAR) gathered these into its prayerbook, representing various points of view. In the summer, the congregation began to experiment with writing its own prayerbook (siddur). The input of each member of the congregation is needed. A suggestion box has been posted in the foyer, and everyone can feel free to communicate suggestions directly to members of the Ritual Committee and the rabbi. Your thoughts, comments, and opinions are vital to the process of writing our own prayerbook.

Stephanie Gordon — Ritual Chair

CONTRIBUTIONS

General Fund

Carolyn & Howard Wesoky in honor of Lenore Singer's continued and complete recovery.

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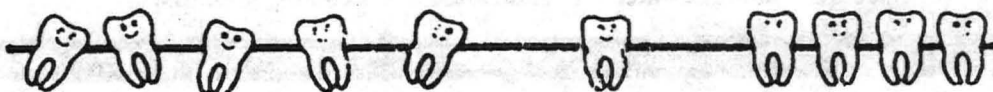
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NEW LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

by Ruth Friedman

ADULT NONFICTION

AUSCHWITZ: 1270 TO THE PRESENT by Deborah Dwork and Robert Jan van Pelt. A work of impeccable scholarship and narration, this book is a definitive history of the site that has come to epitomize evil. To quote Robert I. Gildman, chairman of the education committee of the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous, this is "an amazing piece of research." **BIBLICAL WOMEN UNBOUND: COUNTER-TALES** by Norma Rosen. In this book the author fills in the missing blanks of rabbinic storytelling, placing biblical women where they belong — at the center of the action. Touchin, witty, gorgeously written, *Biblical Women Unbound* should be read alongside the Bible, and reread again for sheer joy.

GENESIS: TRANSLATION AND COMMENTARY by Robert Alter. Alter's brilliant translation recovers the meanings, literary strategies, and eloquence of the ancient Hebrew and conveys them in striking literary English. The result is a Genesis with the continuity of theme and motif of a wholly conceived and fully realized book. The translation is enhanced by the author's insightful, informed commentary.

IN THE YEAR 1096: THE FIRST CRUSADE & THE JEWS by Robert Chazan. This book sets forth a lucid, intelligent, sober, wide-ranging, popular survey of the significance of the First Crusade based on a thorough command of the scholarly literature. Robert Chazan is one of the major figures in this field.



BOOKS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

THE KIDS' CATALOG OF JEWISH HOLIDAYS by David A. Adler. This easy-to-use introduction of each of the Jewish holidays is an entertaining collection of material from around the world, with stories, poems, recipes, songs, crafts, puzzles, cartoons, and more!

MOE BERG: THE SPY BEHIND HOME PLATE by Vivian Grey. This book is a biography of Moe Berg, one of the few Jews to play baseball in the major leagues. Fluent in nine languages, an Ivy League scholar, and an attorney, he was a top spy during World War II. With his help, the United States won the race against Germany to build the dreaded atomic bomb. A fascinating book.

BOOKS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

ESTHER'S STORY by Diane Wolkstein, illus. Written in the form of a diary, distinguished folklorist Diane Wolkstein's unforgettable portrait brings to life the story of Esther, revealing the transformation of a shy orphan girl into a compassionate queen who is willing to risk the wrath of a king in order to save her people.



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY RETREAT WEEKEND

May 2-3, 1997

at the Manor House in Punderson State Park

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stories, dance, Torah, and prayer in a beautiful natural setting.*

Spaces are limited...watch for registration forms coming in March.

FREE INTERFAITH CHORAL CONCERT

On Sunday, February 23 at 3 p.m. an unusual inter-faith event will take place in Cleveland. The Choral Arts Society of Cleveland will perform Ernest Bloch's "Avodath Hakodesh - Sacred Service" at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, home church of the Cleveland Catholic Diocese, located at 9th St. and Superior Ave. downtown.

The concert is an opportunity to hear magnificent music by an outstanding Jewish composer and one-time Clevelander. The event is free and open to the public. The performance, under the direction of Betsey Burleigh, features Cantor Robert Toren, soloist and Rabbi Frederick Eisenberg and Father Michael Ausperk as narrators. Partial financial support is being provided by the Cathedral and the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland. For further information, contact Nancy Lightman, Communications Director of the Choral Arts Society of Cleveland, at 963-0747.

B'NAI MITZVAH 1997

As spring approaches, our B'nai Mitzvah will ascend the bima to lead us in the Shabbat Morning Service, read from the Torah and Haftarah, and share with us their insights on their Torah portions. We hope you will join us as we welcome the following students over the Spring and Summer months:

Rachel Kaplan • April 19

Eric Eilberg • June 14

Jonathan Stout • June 21

Sarah Chait • June 28

Yosef Gerstein • July 19

Maggie Malyn • August 23

Robin Gerson • August 30

KOL HAKAVOD...

To members of our High School class/BITSY Youth Group who lead a beautiful Shabbat Evening Service on January 10: Stacy Apar, Jennie Bagstad, Melanie Carr, Lillian Davis, Anne Kohn, Leah Lader, Joe Machol, Eric Schwin, Abby Wagner, and Dan Wagner. The service was compiled by Leah Lader in concert with Rabbi Walsh.

Rabbi Walsh gave the sermon that evening and spoke on reasons for coming to services. As he reminded us that while service attendance gives us opportunities to visit with friends or seek solace and healing, our presence also affords us the chance to welcome God's presence in our lives. As we proudly watched our children lead the service, we realized God's presence and truly felt blessed.

Enid C. Lader — Family Education Director

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WANTED: BAKED GOODS FOR SHABBAT ONEGS

The next time you are baking, do a mitzvah for the temple and double your recipe. The only requirement: what you bake must freeze well and not have icing. Cookies, cookies, cookies are a great choice, or cakes such as nut breads, banana breads, pound cakes, etc. Bring your contributions to the temple wrapped and dated, then put them in the freezer. Questions? Call Cindy Altus, 331-0786.

Service & Participation Schedule

U=Ushers, C=Candlelighter, A=Aliyah, H=Hagbah,
G=Galilah, O=Oneg Hosts

Saturday, February 1 — Yitro, Ex. 18:1-20:23
9:30 a.m. Torah Study; 10:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat; 10:45
a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

U: Rachel Kaplan, Mitchell Palnik, A: Barry Schechter,
H: Kenneth Cooper, G: Martha Bruckman

Friday, February 7, 8 p.m. — Erev Shabbat Service
U: Yotam Zohar, Maggie Malyn, C: Linda Budic, O:
Edward & Carol Folkman, Harold & Ruth Friedman

Saturday, February 8 — Mishpatim, Ex. 21:1-24:18
9:30 a.m. Torah Study; 10:45 a.m. Shabbat Morning
Service

U: Robyn Girson, Sarah Robertson, A: Alfred
Reingold, H: Barry Schoen, G: Lona Gruber

Friday, February 14, 8 p.m. — Erev Shabbat Service
U: Katie Thomas, Nadav Zohar, C: Eleanor
Dreshfield, U: Judith & Alan Fox, Roger & Judy
Friedman

Saturday, February 15 — Terumah, Ex. 25:1-27:19
9:30 a.m. Torah Study; 10:45 a.m. Shabbat Morning
Service

U: Eric Eilberg, Hannah Malyn, A: Shosh Ault, H:
Dennis Ehren, G: Evy Rosenblum

Friday, February 21, 8 p.m. — Erev Shabbat Service
U: Sarah Chait, Yotam Zohar, C: Marion Epstein, O:
Barbara & Frank Gardner, Fred & Thelma Goldberg

Saturday, February 22 — Tezaveh, Ex. 27:20-30:10
9:30 a.m. Torah Study; 10:45 a.m. Shabbat Morning
Service

U: Jonathan Stout, Zachary Ehren, A: Lisa Feldman,
H: Ray Feliciano, G: Dee Lazarus

Friday, February 28, 8 p.m. — Erev Shabbat Service
U: Robyn Girson, Rachel Kaplan, C: Saragene Davis,
O: Howard & Barbara Girson, Bernard & Barbara
Gordon

Saturday, March 1 — Ki Tisa, Ex. 30:11-34:35
9:30 a.m. Torah Study; 10:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat; 10:45
a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

U: Yotam Zohar, Natalie Davis, A: Judd Seldin, H:
Scott Lazarus, G: Tamara Rand

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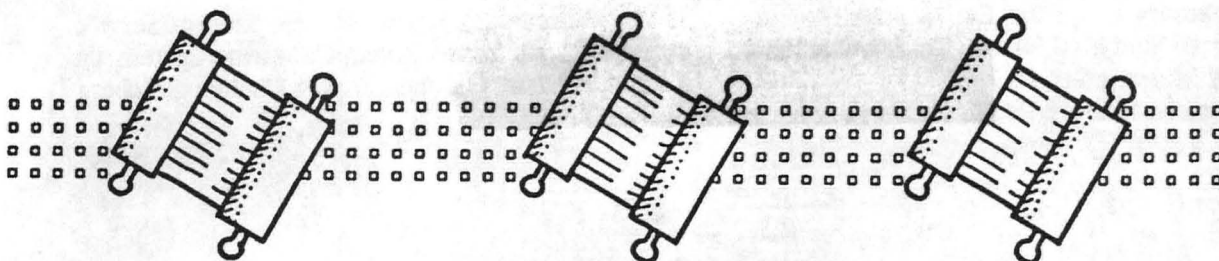
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9 9:55 AM School Super Sunday '97	10 <u>Bulletin Deadline</u>	11 6:00 PM Hebrew	12 7:30 PM A Taste of Judaism 7:30 PM Board Meeting	13	14 8:00 PM Shared Erev Shabbat Service	15 9:30 AM Torah Study 10:45 AM Shabbat Morning Service
16 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	17 Presidents' Day	18 6:00 PM Hebrew	19 7:30 PM A Taste of Judaism	20	21 8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service	22 9:30 AM Torah Study 10:45 AM Shabbat Morning Service 6:00 PM Mystery Dinner
23 9:55 AM School 10:30 AM CCJS Adult Ed 3:00 PM Avodath Hakodesh - Choral Concert	24	25 6:00 PM Hebrew	26 7:30 PM A Taste of Judaism	27	28 8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service	 איחוד ליהדות מתקרמת באמריקה

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Beth Israel - The West Temple, 14308 Triskett, Cleveland OH 44111,
Attn: Laurie Kranyak, Membership Chair.

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