

Beth Israel — The West Temple

BULLETIN

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DR. SILVERSTEIN TO RECEIVE GUGGENHEIM MEDAL

By Harold Friedman

Dr. Abe Silverstein, the founder and first president of Beth Israel-The West Temple and a giant in the fields of aeronautics and aerospace engineering, will be honored at the Lewis Research Center on Thursday, August 14. Representatives from the Guggenheim Medal Fund and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics will come to Cleveland to present Dr. Silverstein with the prestigious international Guggenheim Medal. This medal honors those who have made significant contributions to the advancement of flight. Dr. Silverstein joins distinguished company such as previous winners Orville Wright, William Boeing, Donald Douglas, and Charles Lindbergh.

The nominating panel includes representatives from the U.S., Canada, and six European countries. The citation praises Dr. Silverstein's "technical contributions and visionary leadership in advancing the technology of aircraft and propulsion performance, and foresight in establishing the Mercury and Gemini manned space flight activities."

Members of Beth Israel — past and present — join in honoring Dr. Silverstein for his pioneering work and wish him well in the ensuing years.

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President's Message

"Friends are needed for both joy and for sorrow."

— Yiddish Proverb

This quote brought to mind recent discussions regarding the formation of a Caring Community here at Beth Israel. Based on the comments from those who participated in the Congregational Education meetings, being there for our fellow congregants and friends is of utmost importance in all of our minds.

I believe the concept of a Caring Community is an achievable goal. Being a small and close-knit congregation is in our favor. We need your help, though, to make it work.

- 1. We need you to inform us as soon as you know of someone who is in need. The needs can vary widely from a trip to the grocery store, a hot meal, a visit in the hospital, a ride to and from a doctor's appointment, or just a friendly ear and voice on the phone.
- 2. We need you to volunteer to represent your suburb. If we have two representatives from each Beth Israel suburb, they can make the necessary contacts to assure that the needs of congregants in each community are met.
- 3. We need you to serve as co-chair of the Caring Community. The two co- chairpersons will work together to organize this important effort. They will maintain contact with the community representatives and the temple office to keep the lines of communication open and active.

Let us take the title "Caring Community" our motto and let us be a model to other congregations.

B'Shalom, Judy Friedman — President

FUN AND FUNDRAISING

HEAR YE, HEAR YE! Time to mark your calendars for the coming New Year....

"What?" you might say. "New Year already?"

Yes, it is now late in the summer season so we must mark our calendars with the events of the coming school year and plan for all the social events of the season (including, but not limited to Bar/Bat Mitzvah's)!!

The fall of course will bring the Days of Awe when we will all reflect on the past year and its meaning. We will also look to our future and what the New Year will have in store for us. This year's class of 6th-7th graders will start a journey of life cycle events that will keep many of us very busy over the next two years. There will be old and new events social, intellectual, and educational - during the days and nights of Temple life. As the monthly calendars arrive with each issue of the monthly Bulletin, I hope you will have the following dates and events marked and reserved to attend:

Saturday evening., March 7, 1998

A Purim Ball - come one, come all!! (More details soon!!)

Saturday, June 13, 1998

The Gala — featuring another inspired Feldman-Rosen Production — always an event not to be missed.

Both of these important events will offer opportunities for fun, relaxation, surprises, all while raising needed funds for Beth Israel-The West Temple.

In addition, I look forward to seeing and talking to everyone during the coming months, as members of my committee or I call each member family to get updated information for the new Temple Directory (my personal bible). Our goal is to publish the new

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version of the directory by December 1997. Anyone interested in advertising in this year's directory, is encouraged to contact me as soon as possible. It is a wonderful way to let our congregation know of your business or service while supporting our temple through advertising revenue.

And, last, but not least, we still have many T-shirts with the new temple logo - the tree of life available in all sizes for only \$10. Have a safe and wonderful summer. See you soon....

Saragene Davis-First Vice President, 243-4761

CONTRIBUTIONS

General Fund

Rabbi Walsh & Jane West Walsh in honor of the Confirmation Class of 1997: Jennifer Bagstad, Stacy Apar, Ted Cooper, David Sedlak, & Dan Wagner

Dr. Theodore & Roberta Provder in memory of Sandra Schwartz

Susan Button in memory of Lillie Feldstein William & Bonnie Ivancic, in appreciation, for prayer books

In memory of Abraham Apar Judy & Roger Friedman Liberty Mutual Insurance

Israel Scholarship Fund

The Walsh Family in honor of all the B'nai Mitzvah who have been called to the Torah since last June and through the year 5757: Abby Lader, Sarah Lazarus, Corey Apar, John Kranyak, Aaron Bloom, Rachel Kaplan, Stephany Goodworth, Eric Eilberg, Jonathan Stout, Sarah Chait, Robyn Girson, Maggie Malyn.

Library

Rhea & Judd Seldin in honor of Lillian Mulberg's 75th birthday

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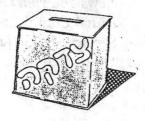
Rhoda & Dick Rosen in honor of Jonathan Stout's Bar Mitzvah and in honor of the high school graduates and confirmands

Maxine Slone in memory of Henry O. Slone and Paul

Maria & Richard Bloom in memory of Abraham Apar

Rabbinic Discretionary Fund

Timcal America, Inc. in memory of Abraham Apar



YAHRZEITEN

Civil dates correspond to Hebrew calendar, unless followed by ****.

Saturday, August 2
7/27 Marie Sacher
7/30 David Tanenbaum
8/2 Celia Lubitz Siegel
Lipman Blecker
Gus Miller

Saturday, August 9

3 Esther Zeman

5 Max Krisch

6 Herbert Wise

7 Lillian Goldberg Sophie Lustig

8 Janet Goldberg Collin William B. Guitteau Charlotte Kramer

9 Sofia Bruckman

Saturday, August 16

11 Isadore West

12 Harry Ackerman Edyss Paul Schachni Paul

14 Philip Friedman

Saturday, August 23

21 Stella Kichler Jacob Paul Sadie Stromberg

Saturday, August 30

25 Eva Hamberg Lena Reznek Rose Miller ****

28 Lilly Ackerman Leo Dworkin

Saturday, September 6

8/31 Janet Katz
Caroline Dela Motte

Caroline Dela Motte Mary Wise

9/1 Morton Albert

9/3 Raymond Heeley

9/5 Harry Grobman Louis Zabarsky

Saturday, September 13

7 David Lezberg Rachel Solov

9 Deborah Rubin

11 Barney Resnick

12 Edmundo Klein

13 Helen Gold

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

The family of William Apar on the death of his father ABRAHAM APAR

The family of Heidi Camper on the death of her father, DR. HAROLD CHERKIN

Student Birthdays · August

4 Natalie Davis

14 Leslie Pendery

20 Katherine Thomas

25 Jennifer Bagstad

28 David Telesman

29 Sarah Lazarus Edward Rand

31 Adam Horvath

Daniel Horvath

Wedding Anniversaries · August

8 Stephen & Sandy Cohen

9 Reid & Jan Morse

14 Ilene & Robert Brehm

15 David & Shaye Komitau
Richard & Maria Bloom
David & Laura Green Stout
James & Lila Robinson

17 Larry & Jan Leopold

27 Tom & Susan Wagner

Refuah Sh'leimah

The Congregation sends its hopes for a speedy recovery to: Howard Winokur, Esther Sherman, Edith Benes, Mike Benes, Hannah Cooper, Saragene Davis, Diane Farer, Janet Feigenbaum, Laura Green Stout, Robert Kohn, Esther Korey, Sandra Pine

The entire congregation is invited to join in worship and celebration as the following B'nai Mitzvah are called to the Torah:

Maggie Malyn August 23, 10:00 a.m.

Robyn Girson August 30, 10:30 a.m.



The families of the B'nai Mitzvah cordially invite all to a festive kiddush in their honor immediately following the service.

RITUAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Shabbat. "It is a day that ennobles the soul and makes the body wise." — Abraham Joshua Heschel

Shabbat services are Friday evening at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 10:45 a.m. Torah Study begins at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday. The exceptions this month are Saturday, August 23 when Torah study begins at 9 a.m. and services at 10 a.m., and Saturday, August 30, when services begin at 10:30 a.m.

ORCHIDS to Enid Lader, Shosh Ault, Lou Rosenblum, and Karen Rouh who led Torah services in absence of Rabbi Walsh. Once again Temple members have shown their resourcefulness.

A special thank you to guest Torah Study leader, Marsha Newman Willey, from Fairmount Temple. Marsha hopes to start her rabbinical studies at Hebrew Union College in New York in July, 1998.

QUARTERLY CALENDAR

You should receive your copy of the Shabbat Service Schedule for September through December at the same time as this Bulletin. Please phone the office if you have not received your schedule.

ORCHIDS to my committee members who spent hours making the schedule a reality. Thank you Scott Machol for converting Yahrzeit dates, a monumental task since we did not have a current list. Thank you Karen Rouh for spending five hours with me on Sunday scheduling honors, Oneg hosts, B'nai Mitzvah ushers, and cross checking to make family

accommodations. Thank you Ruth Schochet for sending the Oneg list so promptly. Thank you Raymond Feliciano and Scott Machol for folding schedules and labeling envelopes to prepare for the mailing. A procedure sheet for your information has been mailed with the schedule.

HIGH HOLIDAY NOTES

Shofar. Want to learn to blow the shofar? Our own Gerson Carr is willing to teach if you are willing to learn. Phone the office or Gerson Carr soon. The High Holidays are just two months away.

Guests. Tickets will be required for High Holiday guests. Tickets will be color coded for 6:30 p.m. and for 8:30 p.m., services.

Ushers. Michael Palnik has once again graciously accepted the task of coordinating ushers for the High Holiday services. Mike will eagerly welcome all volunteers. In the past we've had only men serve as ushers. How about some women volunteers? Gates of Awe. High Holiday prayer books are always in short supply even though we've received a handful of prayer books given in memory and in honor of congregants. You can order your copies through the Judaica Shop. Each prayer book costs \$22. Call Vicky Abady to place your orders.

Selichot Services. Mark Saturday evening, September 27 on your calendar. Selichot helps us get into the mood of repentance and reflection. Rabbi Walsh and his wife, Jane, will share their spiritual journey.

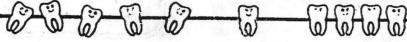
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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

First Year Recap

Just recently, I celebrated my first anniversary as your rabbi. Looking back over our first year together, I'd like to share with you some of the highlights.

At the beginning of last summer, Judy Friedman and I had lunch together to discuss upcoming events and schedules. As we talked, she described the summer schedule of services to be held on alternate Friday evenings. I asked her, "What am I supposed to do on the other Friday evenings?" Judy immediately picked up on my meaning because she said, "Well, I guess we are going to have services every Friday night and Shabbat morning also." She was right. Since last June, we have had at least a minyan — and generally many more — at every service. The members of Beth Israel are to be congratulated for your faithfulness in coming to services.

Aside from increasing the frequency of services, one of my goals was to increase the participation and understanding of those who are in attendance. After considerable thought and discussion, Enid Lader and I launched an experiment. We put together a Friday evening service that would encourage greater singing participation by the congregation. We enlisted the help of several members, especially Gerson Carr, to put together draft copies of the new service. This was very successful. Many people expressed their enjoyment of the magnificently increased singing. We have continued to listen to and to incorporate the input of the members as the Friday evening prayer book continues to evolve. It is our hope that we will eventually develop a congregational prayer book that reflects our diversity, creativity, and spiritual depth.

With the success of the new Friday evening prayer book, we continued the experiment with a new Shabbat morning prayer book. We again wanted to foster participation by the congregation, as well as to provide an easy-to-follow and relatively traditional service for Bar/Bat Mitzvah students. This has worked well, much to the credit of the members of Beth Israel. At a recent Bat Mitzvah, I received a number of positive comments by non-members, concerning the level of participation in the service.

Also on Shabbat mornings, the Torah study sessions before services have found a regular group of active participants. To those folks I am especially grateful as they provide a diverse group with which to study. I encourage all to join and participate at any time — no previous experience necessary.

As part of Beth Israel's focus on study and ongoing education, the congregation formed an Educational

Committee in order to develop and implement a unified educational plan for the membership. During the month of June, 1997, Enid Lader, Eileen Korey Kaplan, Judy Friedman, and I facilitated a series of five Community Education meetings designed to listen to the educational needs and desires of all the members. These meetings have given the Educational Committee many new insights and ideas for the future.

Another goal of my first year has been to reach out to the wider community. To this end, I have spoken approximately once per month about my personal spiritual journey to a variety of Jewish groups. I have also spoken a number of times to schools and churches about Judaism. I have also taught basic Judaism on Ohio's state-wide high school instructional television network. In the spring, I taught a course as part of the Midrasha entitled "Early Christianity from a Jewish Point of View."

In the fall and spring of this year, our congregation participated in the Taste of Judaism program, which was sponsored by the UAHC and the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland. The program offered a free series of classes aimed at familiarizing Jews and non-Jews with the tenets of Judaism. The program at Beth Israel attracted 120 participants, which indicates a high level of interest in the general community. Due to our participation in this program, we have found a substantial number of West Side Jews who are not affiliated with any synagogue.

In general, the congregation has gained a substantial number of new members during the past year. Our new members bring many talents and abilities that will enrich the life of Beth Israel. Most of the new members have been attracted by the unique sense of warmth and menschlichkeit of our synagogue.

This first year at Beth Israel has been an important learning experience for me. I have learned a great deal about being a rabbi and want to thank the members of the congregation who have taught me. The list of people who should be thanked is very long, and I am bound to leave out someone, so I would prefer to thank the congregation as a whole and each member who has helped me along the way. I look forward to an even better and more fulfilling year of growth and learning — together.

Rabbi Ariel Walsh

EDUCATION NEWS

Registration packets for our Religious School have been mailed and are due back in the school office by August 8th. If your child is entering Kindergarten this fall and is not on our mailing list, or if you are a new member with children in grades K -12, please call the temple office so that we can send you a registration packet.

There will be a Hebrew Party on Sunday, August 31, from 10 a.m. to noon. This is a special program for this fall's 4th through 7th grade Hebrew students; a chance to get back in Hebrew-shape before school begins. Join us for the Alef-Bet Bake-Off and Letter Review, Scribal Arts, Hebrew Yoga Exercises, and more...

Enid Lader and Rhoda Rosen will attend the CAJE Conference for Jewish Educators at Stanford University this month (from the 14th through the 21st). This will be a wonderful opportunity for Enid and Rhoda to share programs from our school, as well as get new ideas to bring back and share. Funding for their participation in this conference is made possible with grants from the Congregational Enrichment Fund and special Educator Conference Grants from the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland.

Our June neighborhood education meetings were very successful and provided much food for thought in planning future educational programs. Be on the lookout for a three-part series on the History of Israel, special sessions on Bio-Ethics, Ethical Wills, and the "Sandwich Generation." Parent Talk sessions the first Sunday morning of each month and the return of Book Discussion Groups on the literature of Israel. And that's just for starters!

Enid C. Lader — Director Congregational & Family Education

HIGH HOLY DAY CHOIR REHEARSALS — CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Rehearsals for our High Holy Day Choir will begin on Sunday, August 24th at 7:30 p.m. If you would like to join us, please call Enid Lader (941-8882 or 228-9735) or Beryl Palnik (899-9088).

NEWS YOU CAN USE

A NEW FACE IN THE TEMPLE OFFICE

When you call or visit the temple office, you'll meet our new part-time office manager, Judy Clough. Judy started her duties in July under the tutelage of Lenore Singer. We welcome Judy to her new post and wish her all the best.

Our previous office manager, Gerson Carr, is pursuing new challenges and opportunities. We thank him for all his hard work and dedication — especially his very thorough research into the new copy equipment that resulted in lowered copy costs and excellent reproduction of all the temple publications and communications, including the Bulletin and the new prayer books. Best wishes, Gerson!

MAZAL TOV, ENID

At commencement exercises on Thursday, June 5, the Cleveland College of Jewish Studies presented the National Family Educator Certificate to Enid Lader. The certificate represents "significant course work in the are of family education beyond the master's level." Enid has worked to expand her skills in the area of research and evaluation. As a result, she will bring greater sophistication to her work as a family educator here at Beth Israel and beyond.

THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS

The Harvest for Hunger recently sent a letter of thanks and congratulations to Beth Israel in response to the generous contribution raised by our Religious School students. The funds donated to the Harvest for Hunger are used to purchase nutritious food at reduced prices. The goal of the Harvest for Hunger organization is to raise \$1.85 million worth of food for the needy of Cuyahoga County. Approximately one pound of food can be purchased for each dollar raised and fifty percent of the recipients at area hunger centers are children.

LEND A HELPING HAND

B'nai Israel Synagogue, a 40-family UAHC congregation in Grand Forks, ND, suffered major damage in the flooding this past spring, which reached to the ceiling of the congregation's basement. All the interior walls, the electricity, plumbing and heating needs to be replaced, as well as the library, social hall and kitchen. You can help B'nai Israel by sending donations to the UAHC Disaster Relief Fund, 838 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10021.

MAZEL TOV! To Laurie Levinson & Michael Kukura on the birth of a baby girl, Melanie Levinson Kukura - Miryam Giborah.

Service & Participation Schedule

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

Friday, August 1 - Erev Shabbat Service, 8 p.m. U: Mitchell Malnik, Hannah Malyn, C: Phyllis Sapell, O: Jack & Carol Telesman, Ronald & Frieda Thomas

Saturday, August 2 - Matot-Masee, Num.30:2-36:13 9:30 a.m. Torah Study, 10:45 a.m. Torah Service. U: Nadav Zohar, Natalie Davis, A: Wendy Zohar, H: Scott Machol, G: Martha Bruckman, O: Natalie Davis Family

Friday, August 8, Erev Shabbat Service, 8 p.m. U: Robyn Girson, Katy Thomas, C: Shaye Komitau, O: Diane & Robert Thomas, Susan & Thomas Wagner

Saturday, August 9, Shabbat Chazon Devarim, Deut. 1:1-3:22

9:30 a.m. Torah Study, 10:45 a.m. Torah Service. U: Maggie Malyn, Jacob Bedrossian, A: Marion Epstein, H: Laurence Saidman, G: Linda Buchsbaum, O: Jacob Bedrossian Family

Friday, August 15 - Erev Shabbat Service, 8 p.m. U: Adam Gold, Jessica Goodworth, C: Barbara

Schecter, O: Allison Winokur, Robert & Vicky Abady

Saturday, August 16, Shabbat Nachama Vaetchanan, Deut. 3:23-7;11

9:30 a.m. Torah Study, 10:45 a.m. Torah Service. U: Yotam Zohar, Robyn Girson, A: Ruth Schochet, H: Raymond Feliciano, G: Maureen Schoen, O: Yotam Zohar Family

Friday, August 22, Erev Shabbat Service, 8 p.m. U: Sarah Bedrossian, Sarah Rolleston, C: Malyn Family, O:Wendy Zohar, Lester & Leona Ackerman

Saturday, August 23, Ekev, Deut. 7:12-11:25 9:00 a.m. Torah Study, 10:00 a.m. Torah Service. Maggie Malyn Bat Mitzvah.

Friday, August 29, Erev Shabbat Service, 8 p.m. U: Daniel Horvath, Zachary Ehren, C: Barbara Girson, O: Samuel & Dalia Alterovitz, William & Adrienne Apar

Saturday, August 30, Re'e, Deut. 11:26-16:17 9:30 a.m. Torah Study, 10:30 a.m. Torah Service. Robyn Brooke Girson Bat Mitzvah.

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JUDAIC TREASURES OF THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS AT CCJS

The Cleveland College of Jewish Studies is proud to have been chosen as one of only five venues in the United States to host "From the Ends of the Earth: Judaic Treasures From the Library of Congress" which runs from August 27 through October 26, 1997 at the college, 26500 Shaker Blvd. in Beachwood.

Our national library is dedicated to collecting, preserving, and presenting to the world evidence of the civilizations and cultures represented in America. For the first time in its history, the Library has organized a traveling exhibit of selected items from its collection, making items accessible to the general public. Included will be astronomical charts used by Christopher Columbus to help navigate his journey to the New World, samples of incubula (books printed before 1500), presidential correspondence, elegantly illuminated manuscripts, original musical scores by Leonard Bernstein, Aaron Copland, and Arnold Schoenberg, as well as Irving Berlin's hand-written words for "God Bless America." A manuscript of Albert Einstein's first work on the theory of relativity is featured, as is the poem "The New Colossus," by Emma Lazarus, which is found on the Statue of Liberty.

We share our pride in the fact that these varied items are part of the United States national treasure and that American civil law and ideals had their bases in Jewish thought. Indeed, among the first books in the Library of Congress were Thomas Jefferson's personal copies of the Talmud and of The Genuine Works of Flavius Josephus, the Jewish historian. Take advantage of the unique opportunity to view these and more than 165 masterpieces selected from several of the Library's divisions. From Bibles to maps, from medical treatises to modern art, from Maimonides to Gershwin, you'll find it in this wonderful exhibit.

Exhibit days and hours are:

Sunday -Tuesday, Thursday
Wednesday
11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
11:30 a.m.-8 p.m.
11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
Closed

Admission is: Regular Adult, \$5; Children 9-12, \$2; Senior, Group and College Student, \$3.50.

Locally, the exhibit has been made possible through funding from The Cleveland Foundation, The True Mart Fund, The Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland and its affiliated sources, the Ohio Humanities Council, and other private funding.



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