



*Beth Israel – The West Temple*

# BULLETIN

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## RABBI LETTOFSKY OFFERED ONE-YEAR CONTRACT

The Board has approved an agreement with Rabbi Alan Lettofsky to be our rabbi (part time) for the next year.

As of Bulletin deadline, the final signatures are not in place but should be shortly, and you will receive a separate announcement in the mail.

We are delighted to welcome Rabbi Lettofsky and his wife, Jean, to Beth Israel and believe that the agreement will work well for our congregation. We feel confident from your feedback that this is indeed welcome news.

**MARK THAT DATE:** We have added two Havdalah picnics to the summer calendar, July 10 and Aug. 28. The Board will be having a retreat with Rabbi Elliott Kleinman, regional director of the UAHC Northeast Lakes Council, in August.

We are nothing if not flexible, and you should have received your letter about the change in the evening's program for our June 26 gala. Our committee is undaunted by such changes, because it knows you will come to enjoy a great evening and that you will donate your tapped and untapped talents for our auction.

We are also continuing to review accessibility plans for the building and other ways to improve it for our members for our 45th celebration.

**END OF THE YEAR:** We recently dedicated our new Torah covers and honored all who helped to create them. We also confirmed eight young members who are a blessing to all of us, in a beautiful Shavuot service. Sunday school ended with class presentations about the educational fruits of their labors, and a special lunch to honor the volunteers who have worked so hard all year long.

These are not conclusions, just pauses to reflect. Maryellen and I have come to appreciate the vitality of temple life and all the people who make it happen.

**CONFERENCE REPORT:** One of the advantages of co-presidents is that we can be in two places at the same time. Last month, Maryellen talked about her experiences at the congregational retreat. That same weekend, I was at the UAHC Conference for Small Congregations in Chicago.

It's hard to say what I enjoyed most about the weekend - the interesting speakers, the informative workshops, beautiful Shabbat services and the resources made available by the UAHC. What stands out most was the chance to meet a warm and friendly group of Jews from all over the U.S. and Canada. They came from tiny congregations (12) to more than 200 and every size in between, some very new and some well-established. Some lived very far from other Jews and some in urban areas. We all shared our problems, worked on solutions and came away feeling less isolated in our search to keep our congregations vital.

Maryellen Kohn and  
Barbara Schwartz,  
co-presidents

#### CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

The women and friends of the congregation are invited to come together for an evening of prayer, song and convivial conversation. Our Circle of Friends will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday June 15. Our hostess will be Maria Bloom, 13115 Trade Winds Drive, Strongsville.

"Where Do We Go From Here?" will be the topic for our conversation. Come with ideas, suggestions for guest speakers or just your opinion. All are welcome.

Call Rhoda Rosen, (440) 234-9575 or Maria at (440) 572-1268 to RSVP.

## Education Notes

Ah, the days of summer:  
Time for family and friends,  
Indians games at Jacobs Field,  
fishing in our local lakes and  
rivers, vacation trips here and  
there, doing Jewish  
things..."What! Doing Jewish  
things over the summer? I  
thought we didn't have to go to  
Sunday School and Hebrew?  
Services? Oh, come on!"

So, why not?

Summer is the perfect time

to enjoy a relaxed Shabbat dinner; try out some new recipes or learn a new melody for a favorite temple tune...How many ways can you sing "Adon Olam"?

Enjoy services in our air-conditioned Ratner Hall.

Going on a trip? Check out the local congregation where you are visiting. It's quite a thrill to sit with your family in another congregation and go through the service, some melodies being familiar and some new.

Take a local trip to the East Side and visit Unger's Kosher Meat Market, Lax & Mandel's Bakery, Frank's or Jacob's Hebrew book stores or Merkaz Judaica, Tabor's Kosher Meat Market. Stop in for an Israeli-style lunch at Yakov's or Abba's at Cedar Center, deli-style meals at Corky & Lenny's or Jack's Deli, upscale kosher dining at Contempo Cuisine.

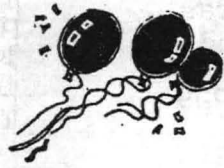
And don't forget our temple

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**BETH ISRAEL GALA**  
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*("Forbidden Feldman" has been postponed until spring 2000)*

library for summer reading and  
videos you didn't get to enjoy  
during the year.

Have a great summer!

**Enid Lader, director**  
**Congregational & Family**  
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**TORAH STUDY**

A perfect time to join us for  
Torah Study on Shabbat mornings  
at 10 a.m. (note the new time).  
June's portions are filled with  
spying, revolution, rebellion,  
earth-openings and a talking  
mule!

June 5, Beha'alotecha, Num.  
8:1-12:16 -- The Levites are  
inaugurated in their priestly  
duties; trumpet calls defined;  
complaints; not enough to eat,  
not enough meat, Miriam and  
Aaron speak unkindly about

Moses' wife...and consequences.

June 12, Sh'lach L'cha, Num.  
13:1-15:41 -- Exploring the  
Promised Land...Are we ready?  
Not quite.

June 19, Korach, Num. 16:1-  
18:32 -- Korach's rebellion and  
punishment; the Test of Staffs.

June 26, Chukat/Balak, Num.  
19:1-22:1/22:2-25:9 -- This is a  
double portion that includes  
Miriam's death, a thirsty people  
and a very human Moses, and the  
story of Balak and Balam. "How  
goodly are your tents, O Jacob;  
your dwelling places, O Israel."

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## TEMPLE TIDBITS

**MAZEL TOV** to Theodore and Roberta Provder on the birth of their first grandchild, Hannah Faye Caplin, on April 26. Hannah weighed in at 8 pounds 14 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. Parents are Phyllis and Dan Caplin. Roberta was in the delivery room with Dan and cut the umbilical cord. Hannah has dark brown hair and a sweet disposition, according to proud zaide Ted.

**MAZEL TOV** also to Shosh and Ed Ault on the birth of new granddaughter, Brianna Rose Schonhiutt, 7 pounds 14 ounces and 19 inches long. Brianna was born May 4 to proud parents Renee and Adam Schonhiutt. Brianna is lucky to have big brother, Shane Jordan Gontarz, to help out.

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**LIBRARY REMINDER:** Reminders are being sent to Library users

to return books and other materials that may be overdue. Any item lost or not returned within a year should be replaced or its cost covered at current prices. The Library budget is limited so please return overdue items or make arrangements with librarians to replace them.

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**HAVDALAH PICNIC** and an evening at the theater to see Rhoda Rosen in "On Golden Pond" will be Saturday July 10. Plan to attend one or both parts of this double-header. Details will follow in the mail.

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to Lou and Evy Rosenblum on their 50th Wedding Anniversary June 19.

And to Fred and Thelma Goldberg, who will celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary on June 28.

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The entire congregation is invited  
to join in celebration and worship as

**JESSICA SCHECTER**

daughter of Barry and Barbara Schecter  
is called to the Torah  
as a Bat Mitzvah  
10 a.m. Saturday June 12



A kiddush will follow in Ratner Hall after the service.

**NEW LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS**

By Bob Roth

**FOR CHILDREN**

**HELLO, HELLO, ARE YOU THERE GOD?** by Molly Cone. Ages 3-7. How do we explain to young children such concepts as learning, belonging and God? How do we teach them to value themselves and the tradition of which they are a part? How do we instill in them a sense of Jewish identity? Through the magic of storytelling, Cone accomplishes all these tasks and more.

**MATZO BALL MOON**, by Leslie Newman. Ages 4-9. Matzo balls always play an important part in the seder meal at Passover. In this book, matzo balls also play a very important part in the story.

**DREAMS IN THE GOLDEN COUNTRY:** The diary of Zipporah Feldman, a Jewish Immigrant Girl, by Kathryn Lasky. Grades 5-8. Character, voice and spirit educate with charm in this entertaining Lower East Side fiction offered as a diary.

Narrator Zipporah Feldman is a spunky pre-teen girl. And through her entries, the book zips along. Nothing escapes her gaze or humorous tongue. As a result, no detail of early 20th century greenhorn existence escapes the reader. Cultural minutiae that readers would sleep through become a succession of vital secrets not to be missed. Despite poverty, Zippy registers a colorful life in an upwardly mobile, happy family.

**BE NOT FAR FROM ME**, by Eric A. Kimmel. Grades 5-8. This collection of stories reveals the tumultuous relationship between people and God that started 4,000 years ago and continues to this day. It begins with Abraham, who was the first to believe in one God and therefore the first to receive His blessing, and spans more than 1,500 years. Master storyteller Eric Kimmel draws from the Bible and the Midrash to create vivid portrayals of favorite heroes such as David, Samson, Deborah and Elijah and of lesser-known ones such as Miriam, Hosea, Jeremiah and Ezekiel.

THE GIRL WHO LIVED WITH BEARS, by Barbara Diamond. A folktale of the Pacific Northwest, teaching about the delicate balance between people and animals in the natural world and the respect people should have for this world.

#### FOR ADULTS

THE JEW OF NEW YORK, by Ben Katchor. For teens and adults. This hard cover cartoon book, which will appeal to readers of all ages, is pure New York humor. This latest Katchor book, uses the sense of the absurd to explore various religious and theatrical subcultures of the 1830s, simpletons, con men and all. Katchor's drawings evoke a nostalgia for the way the city appeared to us as children: towering, dark and mysterious. His stories follow suit, noting the detail that a child would, particularly if that child was raised in (or raised on stories of) New York's Jewish Lower East Side.

THE GREAT JEWISH CITIES OF CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE, A Travel Guide and Resource Book to Prague, Warsaw, Cracow and Budapest, by Eli Valley. This is the most comprehensive guidebook covering all aspects of Jewish history and contemporary life in these four cities. This remarkable book includes detailed histories of the Jewish residents, walking tours of Jewish districts past and present, intensive descriptions of Jewish sites, fascinating accounts of local Jewish legend and lore. The book is a practical source book essential for the Jewish traveler, containing information ranging from kosher restaurants to prayer times and service

descriptions of active synagogues. This book includes maps, community office locations, and information on mikvehs and buildings of all sorts including locations, histories, customs unique to specific congregations, etc. A traveler's must read.

ISRAEL: A HISTORY, by Martin Gilbert. The eminent British historian has written a comprehensive history of Israel during its first 50 years, starting with its founders and the beginnings of the Zionist movement. The chronological arrangement takes the reader from the 1880s to 1997. Along the way, Gilbert covers the early Zionist Congresses, the British Mandate, World War II, the War of Independence and all the other wars and conflicts between Israel and the Arab states. The Entebbe raid, the Madrid talks and Oslo Accords, Yitzhak Rabin's assassination and funeral, the peace process. 72 photographs.

ONE-HUNDRED YEARS OF ART IN ISRAEL, by Gideon Ofrat. Israel's premier curator and art historian brings the rich legacy of Israeli art to a Western audience for the first time, from 19th century Jewish folk art in Ottoman Palestine to the post modern patterns of Israeli art today. This collection of 350 illustrations (200 in full color) with Ofrat's commentary provide an engrossing and invaluable guide to Israeli art.

TO EVERY THING THERE IS A SEASON, by Leo and Diane Dillon. The Dillons, highly acclaimed and award-winning illustrators of many children's books, are the creators of this interesting treatment of biblical verse. Beginning with the famous first eight verses of chapter 3 of Ecclesiastes ("To every thing



there is a season..." and ending with verse 4 of chapter 1 ("One generation passes away, and another generation comes, but the earth abides forever"), as found in the King James version of the Bible, each double-spread page is stunningly illustrated with an interpretive painting, rendered in a different style.

## VIDEO

**ALEF...BET...BLAST OFF!** For ages 3-10. This magical series of eight video episodes introduces children to traditional Jewish values and their relevance for today's modern world. Our first video, "One Big Family," introduces us to David and Rachel, the main two puppet characters, and some of their friends.

**MIRACLE DAYS.** Ages 2-11. This video provides a wonderful way to introduce children to the Jewish holidays. Dance with the Torah, build a sukkah, party on Purim, bake matzoh and celebrate all of the holidays together.

**JINJA'S ISRAELI SAFARI.** No age limit. Jinja, Israel's most lovable lion cub, takes us on an exciting trip through Tel Aviv's Safari Park, introducing us to new songs along the way.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

### General Fund

Theodore Provder in memory of Roberta Provder's mother, Sandra Schwartz.

Theodore & Roberta Provder to celebrate the birth of their first grandchild, Hannah Faye Caplin.

Richard Feigenbaum in loving remembrance of wife, Janet, on her birthday May 20.

Mark & Lolita Spiro in memory of Janet Feigenbaum.

Doris Rieff in memory of Martin Rieff.

Marilyn & Don Bogart in honor of the confirmands.

### Library Fund

Ruth Friedman in memory of Paula Wilson.

Marilyn & Don Bogart in honor of 50th wedding anniversary of Evy & Lou Rosenblum.

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Ruth & Harold Friedman in honor of the 1999 class of confirmands.

Miriam Rosenblum, Sheldon Benjamin and Malka & Rafi in honor of 50th wedding anniversary of Evy & Lou Rosenblum.

Barbara Schwartz in honor of the confirmands.

### Tree of Life Fund

Laurie & Arnon Chait in honor of the b'nai mitzvah of Sarah and Daniel.

### Blanche & Eugene J. David Memorial Fund

Alfred M. Reingold in memory of Irving Reingold.

### Teacher/Adult Enrichment Fund

Pat Outlaw in honor of the birth of Shosh & Ed Ault's granddaughter, Brianna Rose Schonhiutt.



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# Yahrzeiten

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## Saturday, June 5 - 21 Sivan

5/30 Mel Drimmer  
5/31 David Brown  
6/1 Leo Machol  
6/3 Sam Goldberg\*\*\*  
Abraham Apar  
6/4 Loretta Shapiro  
Soll Wexler  
6/5 Florence Folkman  
6/6 Bertha Goldberg\*\*\*

## Saturday, June 12 - 28 Sivan

6/7 David Eilberg  
Paul Green  
6/9 Charles Metzel\*\*\*  
Dr. Harold Cherkin  
Hershel Bloom  
6/11 Beverley Weinberg  
6/12 Rickie Ulmer  
Rosa Wise

## Saturday, June 19 - 5 Tamuz

6/13 Alex Bruscano S.  
Eugene David  
Jacob Eisenstein  
6/15 Rabbi Bernard Bamberger  
6/16 Edith Benes  
6/17 Lester Sherrick\*\*\*  
6/18 Florence Friedman

## Saturday, June 26 - 12 Tamuz

6/20 Rose Metzel\*\*\*  
6/24 Hugo Eckstein  
Rachel Pless  
6/25 Joseph Epstein  
Theodore Wolfe

## Saturday, July 3 - 19 Tamuz

6/27 Irving Knapp  
6/28 Eleanor Kaplan  
Viola Melnick  
6/29 Leona David  
Blanche David  
6/30 Dr. Isaac Fine  
Gertrude Paul  
Fred Priesand  
7/1 Lena Singer  
7/3 Louis Fendrich  
Marcel Fodor  
Martin Gold

## JUNE

### Student Birthdays

5 Rebecca Cooper  
Justin Morse  
15 Mark Feldman

### Wedding Anniversaries

1 Stuart & Kelly Bandel  
7 George & Barbara Rolleston  
8 I. Lowell & Marilyn  
Grossman  
David & Carola Bamberger  
10 William & Adrienne Apar  
19 Louis & Evy Rosenblum  
Bernard & Sheila Eckstein  
22 Judd & Rhea Seldin  
Sid & Lisa Feldman  
24 Robert & Eleanor Dreshfield  
28 Fred & Thelma Goldberg  
29 Richard & Rhoda Rosen  
Philip & Carol Mason  
30 Richard & Donna Sweet

The Congregation extends condolences  
to the family of Bernard Eckstein  
on the death of his aunt,

PAULA WILSON

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to the family of Barbara Rolleston  
on the death of her father,

SAM SHERMAN

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to the family of Linda Schwin  
on the death of her father,

HERMAN MAILMAN



# June 1999

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

|    |    |    |                               |    |  |   |
|----|----|----|-------------------------------|----|--|---|
|    |    | 1  | 2                             | 3  | 4<br>8:00 PM Erev<br>Shabbat Service   | 5<br>10:00 AM Torah<br>Study<br>10:45 AM Torah<br>Service                                       |
| 6  | 7  | 8  | 9<br>7:30 PM Board<br>Meeting | 10 | 11<br>8:00 PM Erev<br>Shabbat Service  | 12<br>10:00 AM Torah<br>Service<br>Bat Mitzvah of<br>Jessica Schecter                           |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16                            | 17 | 18<br>8:00 PM Shared<br>Shabbat Service  | 19<br>10:00 AM Torah<br>Study<br>10:45 AM Torah<br>Service                                      |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23                            | 24 | 25<br>8:00 PM Erev<br>Shabbat Service<br><i>Fourth Friday in<br/>Ratner Hall</i> | 26<br>10:00 AM Torah<br>Study<br>10:45 AM Torah<br>Service<br><br>8:00 PM<br><i>Gala Social</i> |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30                            |    |  |   |

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## Service Schedule

Friday, June 4, Erev Shabbat 8:00  
p.m. Service Leader: Rabbi Alan  
Lettofsky.

Saturday, June 5, Torah Study  
10:00 a.m., Torah Service 10:45  
a.m., Service Leader: Shosh Ault.

Friday, June 11, Erev Shabbat  
8:00 p.m. Service Leader: Enid  
Lader.

Saturday June 12, NO Torah Study,  
Bat Mitzvah of Jessica Schecter  
10:00 a.m.

Friday, June 18, Shared Shabbat  
8:00 p.m., Service Leader: Myrna  
& Joel Pendery.

Saturday, June 19, Torah Study  
10:00 a.m., Torah Service 10:45  
a.m., Service Leader: Enid Lader.

Friday, June 25, Erev Shabbat  
8:00 p.m. Service Leader: Lou  
Rosenblum.

Saturday, June 26, Torah Study  
10:00 a.m., Torah Service 10:45  
a.m. Service Leader: Shosh Ault.



JUST A REMINDER:

SUMMER SERVICES ARE HELD IN  
RATNER HALL, WHICH IS AIR  
CONDITIONED.