



Beth Israel — The West Temple

BULLETIN

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IN/OUTREACH

Hope all of you are enjoying a wonderful, restful, sunny summer. all of us look forward to the change of pace that summer brings.

For the Board of Trustees, summer brings the opportunity to take a deep breath and ... approve a new budget, plan for the start of school, pull together all the elements of the High Holy Days, set the calendar of events for 2000-2001 and tend to day-to-day business as usual, among other things.

The summer does afford us one day to take a break and recharge our batteries for the work ahead. On Aug. 27, the third annual Board Retreat will be at the Bayway Youth Cabin in Bay Village. This summer the theme of the retreat will be In/Outreach.

What is In/Outreach? Something of our own invention!

When thinking about an issue or concern that touches on each of the board members and their committees, In/Outreach seemed ideal. It means knowing who you want to reach -- whether they are members of the congregation or unaffiliated Jews in our area -- finding out what they need and how to reach them, then setting goals and establishing

programs and activities that serve their needs. Whether you are a member of the board, an active committee member, an occasional volunteer or someone who cares about the future of Beth Israel, In/Outreach is important.

To help us learn more about our constituents, within Beth Israel and in the surrounding area, we are grateful to Marcia Elbrand, who heads the Outreach department of the regional office of the UAHC. Marcia has given generously of her time to help research and plan the retreat and will join us at the cabin.

We hope the ideas, information and plans that are generated will energize and guide all members to a full and fruitful year ahead.

Board Update: We now have a full roster of members on the Board of Trustees. We welcome the participation of Ted Provder as chair of the Building and Grounds Committee and Vinnie Coleman as Ritual Chair.

Both Ted and Vinnie are new to their roles and will be working closely with the retiring chairs -- Rick Keller of Building and

Grounds and Scott Machol of Ritual. We are very grateful to all of these very generous, energetic and committed members for their willingness to actively participate in the maintenance, management and growth of Beth Israel -- both physical and spiritual. Please give them your thanks -- and your full support whenever they call on you.

Community Mikvah: By vote of the Board of Trustees, Beth Israel will become a member of the Charlotte Goldberg Community Mikvah at The Park Synagogue, 3300 Mayfield Road, Cleveland Heights.

This beautiful new facility was established to serve all congregations. As a member, we will have a representative on the mikvah committee, and use of the mikvah will be available to all members of our congregation at very reasonable fees. Details are available at the office.

If you would like to represent our congregation on the mikvah committee, please call us. The committee will meet two to three times a year.

Shalom,

Maryellen Cudney and
Barbara Schwartz
Co-Presidents

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EDUCATION NOTES

Welcoming Guests Is Alive & Well in Ponca City, Oklahoma

So here I am, two weeks before my trip to the Whizin Family Education Institute in California. I had planned to stop in Oklahoma to visit relatives I had not seen since high school... a long time. The fateful call came from my cousin telling me that a medical procedure has come up and it would be best if I didn't come for my visit. Well, I found out that it isn't easy to change tickets with less than two weeks to spare for a Cleveland-Los Angeles flight.

What to do? My plans were to be there over Shabbat; maybe there was a small congregation that just might enjoy a guest cantorial soloist for a Friday night or Shabbat morning service? I called our UAHC - Northeast Lakes regional office and spoke to Merry Singer Lugasy, explaining my situation. "Oh, that's so nice!" she exclaimed and gave me the number of the UAHC - Southwest region office.

I then spoke to Judith in Houston, Texas, telling her my offer... "Oh, that's so nice!" she exclaimed and then gave me contact numbers for four small congregations in the area of Oklahoma City.

I called the first one - JB and Bobbie Smith in Ponca City. Bobbie answered the phone and I introduced myself and told her my situation and offer. "Oh,

that's so nice!" she exclaimed, but went on to tell me that the congregation meets only once a month during the summer. Their June service was that Friday night (a week early), but she would ask to see if people would be willing to "make the trip" two weeks in a row. She got back to me on Monday, five days before my scheduled trip, and told me to "come on over", the temple members said they'd love to have me and would come together again for Erev Shabbat services. I could stay with them and we would enjoy Shabbat together.

I was so pleased. Friday came and with guitar in hand I flew off to Oklahoma. My plane landed in Oklahoma City and I rented a car. My first stop was the Oklahoma State Memorial to those who had perished and to those who had survived the terrorist bombing of the government building. It was quite a moving sight.

With tears in my eyes, I drove north about 100 miles to Ponca City. I can tell you that I was greeted so warmly by Bobbie and JB, who had come to Ponca City for a five year stint with Continental Oil and stayed forty years, building a ranch and raising three daughters... and horses and cattle... and a lovely congregation - Temple Emanuel. Perry Gethner is their lay leader, and comes in from Stillwater, some 60 miles away, to lead services and help prepare children for their bar or bat mitzvah. It is presently a congregation with a membership

of 8 families and 8 single persons.

After a pre-Shabbat Chinese dinner, we went to Temple Emanuel, a beautiful building with a lovely sanctuary and meeting/social space on either side. The lobby holds a wonderful collection of Judaic objects - silver Torah crowns, brass gregger, an elegant Torah pointer (yad), and more. JB explained the architect's idea creating curved walls for the sanctuary. He imagined during creation, God's hands held with palms together as if shaping an object () - and that is how he wanted people to feel when they sat in the sanctuary. It was quite special.

That evening there were at least 25-30 people at services, some had driven for over an hour to get there. I lead services that night, sharing some new melodies and offering a different insight here and there. Perry gave the D'var Torah. A homemade oneg followed. It was wonderful to be with fellow Jews - welcoming Shabbat - as I felt truly welcomed... in Ponca City, Oklahoma.

Enid C. Lader, Director
Congregational & Family
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Community Funded Position

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION
PACKETS HAVE BEEN MAILED** and are due back as soon as possible. If you would like to register your children (pre-K through grade 12) and need a packet,

please call the temple office
(440-941-8882) or our school
administrator, Rhoda Rosen (440-
234-9575).



Families with babies and
toddlers are invited to join the
fun on **Saturday, August 5th, at
4:00 p.m. for Tot Shabbat.** We
will enjoy a lovely afternoon
with singing and dancing, a
special story and craft
activity, followed by a potluck
supper at the home of Lisa
Fullerton, 339 Huntmere in Bay
Village. RSVP to Lisa (440-835-
1359) to let her know how many
are coming and what dish you can
bring.

Aveenu Malkay-ay-ay-nu...

It is time for rehearsals to
begin for our High Holy Day
Choir. We welcome (and
encourage) new voices and
thoughtful participation. If you
are interested, please call Enid
Lader or Beryl Palnik (440-899-
9088). Our first rehearsal will
be Sunday evening, August 20th,
at 7:30 p.m.

SHABBAT MORNING TORAH STUDY

continues during the month of
August as we begin the book of
Deuteronomy - *Devarim*. The
fifth book of Moses is indeed
his final speech to the children
of Israel as they prepare to
enter the Promised Land. Join
in the discussion each Shabbat
morning at 10:00 a.m., followed
by Shabbat Morning Service at
10:45 a.m.

Aug. 5 - Devarim

Deut. 1:1-3:22 - The Israelites
now stand ready to enter Canaan.
Moses begins to recount the
events of their journey from
Sinai to the Promised Land,
reminding them of their behavior
in various instances and how
that influenced their 40 years
of wandering. The portion
closes with Moses naming Joshua
as his successor.

Aug. 12 - Ve'etchanan

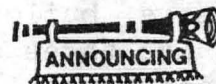
Deut. 3:23-7:11 - Moses
continues his discourse with
descriptions of various statutes
and commandments, including:
cities of refuge, a repetition
of the Ten Commandments, the
first paragraph of the Shema.

Aug. 19 - Ekev

Deut. 7:12-11:25 - The
foundation for the Blessing
After Meals - *Birkhat haMazon* -
is found in 8:10, "When you have
eaten your fill, give thanks to
the Lord your God for the good
land which God has given you."
What is the significance of
this?

Aug. 26 - Re'eh

Deut. 11:26-16:17 - "See, I have
set before you blessing and
curse..." (11:26) We are offered
free choice, but the path chosen
has inherent consequences.



Temple Tidbits

He's a Champ: Young bridge
guru John Kranyak, 16, is making
a name in national bridge
circles.

John, the son of Laurie & Ken
Kranyak, and his four teammates
were touted by *New York Times*

bridge columnist Alan Truscott for "the best performance ever by a junior team." The young men, all 21 or younger, played against world-class bridge players at the International Team Trials in Memphis in June. They were vying for a chance to represent the U.S. at the world championships in The Netherlands. They almost pulled it off.

In his June 10 column, Truscott wrote, "It was the first time a junior team had mounted a serious challenge on an occasion of such importance, and all five players can be expected to win major titles in the future."

Way to go, John!

Thanks: The Temple would like to thank **Bob Roth**, who took time out from his library duties to spiff up the Yahrzeit Board. Bob replaced and painted all the screws holding the plaques in place. Many of the plaques were hanging by only one screw. He

also painted each silver screw black to blend with the rest of the board. Makes the whole board look like new.

Havdalah Picnic: From **Lynn Atzenhoffer**, the social chair, comes thanks to all who helped make the Havdalah picnic July 8 such a success.

A very special thank you is extended to hosts **Myrna & John Pendery**, to the young adults who put on such a nice service and to **Barbara Schechter** for ordering the chicken.

There were 39 people, all of whom seemed to have an enjoyable time.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the next Havdalah picnic Aug. 26. For more information, check the insert in this edition of The Bulletin.

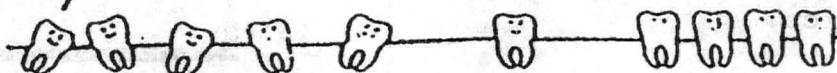
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*We wish a hearty "Mazel Tov"
to Braanda Schwartz
in honor of her 90th Birthday!*



Yiddish Club: Yiddish Club will meet 7:30 p.m. Aug. 31 at the Temple.

Whew! And Thanks: Your July Bulletin was brought to you because the following people dedicated a portion of their day to help out. First of all, our usual Bulletin honchos, Doris Rieff and Shirley Iuliano, were on vacation.

Maryellen Cudney, Temple co-president, stepped up to the plate. She used the digital copier and never lost her cool as she coped with the catcher tray falling down and sheets spewing out all over at high speed, several paper jams and general persnickiness. After Bob Roth and Les & Leona Ackerman assembled the Bulletin (it was Leona's birthday too), Maryellen took the finished product to the post office. What a great crew! Kudos to all!

**CENSUS 2000,
DIRECTORY ADS
DUE NOW!!**

Thanks to all who returned the Beth Israel Census 2000 forms and advertising orders for the new Directory. For those of you who forgot -- WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

It couldn't be easier. You know the answers to these questions. We can't put the Directory together without your detailed information. Fill it out today and fax or mail to the temple office.

Thanks.

KEEP THAT SOCIAL CALENDAR OPEN

Here are some of the community/social events in the works for the coming year. If anyone is interested in planning, helping or commenting, contact Social Chair, Lynn Atzenhoffer at (440) 937-5588.

Aug. 26: Havdalah Picnic with the Elyria temple.

Sept. 17: Fun and games after Religious School.

Nov. 18: Game Night.

Dec. 22: Chanukah Dinner and Shabbat evening.

Jan. 27: Western Night.

Feb. 8: Tu B'Shevat Seder Luncheon.

March 3: Pre-Purim Ball.

March 23: Shabbat Across America Dinner and Services.

May 6: Lag B'Omer Picnic. Fun and Games after Religious School.

**The New
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of Cleveland
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The Pardes School is a coeducational high school that engages students in an integrated, comprehensive college preparatory curriculum of general and Judaic studies. Pardes values the different interpretations of Jewish tradition and prepares students for leadership roles in contemporary society.

**We welcome inquiries from
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Currently accepting applications for the 2000-01 school year, from students entering grades 9-11

To visit, call 216-514-2244
www.pardesclv.org

New Library Acquisitions

By Bob Roth



FOR ADULTS

Broken Tablets...Restoring The Ten Commandments and Ourselves
edited by Rabbi Rachel Mikva.

Even people who claim not to be "religious" maintain that they do observe The Ten Commandments. We assume these Biblical proclamations shape the moral basis of our society, and all good people can subscribe to them. Upon closer examination, we see that these few words touch every aspect of our lives and present a profound challenge to us all.

The Oxford Book of Jewish Stories, edited by Ilan Stavans.

In this remarkably wide-ranging anthology, Stavans has collected the work of more than 50 notable Jewish authors from around the globe, weaving these diverse viewpoints and voices into a rich portrait of Jewish literary tradition.

This book takes us from the mid-1800s right up to the present, encompassing the full spectrum of Jewish writing around the world. The variety of tales captured here is stunning.

The Book of Jewish Values...A Day-by-Day Guide to Ethical Living by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin.

Rabbi Telushkin has combed the Bible, the Talmud and the whole spectrum of Judaism's sacred writings to give us a manual on how to lead a decent, kind and honest life in a morally complicated world. The rabbi speaks to the major ethical issues of our time, issues that have, of course, been around

since the beginning. He offers one or two pages a day of pithy, wise and easily accessible teachings designed to be put into immediate practice.

FOR CHILDREN

Raisel's Riddle by Erica Silverman. For ages 9-15.

"What's more precious than rubies, more lasting than gold?"

Raisel knows. She learned it from her grandfather, a poor scholar who taught her to read and recite from the ancient texts. When the old man dies, Raisel finds work in the home of a distinguished rabbi. But the jealous cook makes Raisel toil from sunup to sundown.

Silverman's lively retelling of the Cinderella story portrays a heroine for whom knowledge is as essential to happiness as love.

Joseph Had a Little Overcoat by Simms Taback. For ages 6-9

Joseph had a little overcoat, but it was full of holes -- just like this book. When Joseph's coat got too old and shabby, he made it into a jacket. But what did he make it into after that?

As you turn the pages, die-cut holes are cleverly used to show what Joseph will make next.

With All My Heart, With All My Mind...Thirteen stories about growing up Jewish, edited by Sandy Asher.

These stories demonstrate growing up Jewish adds its own twists and turns to the challenge. As we approach the end of the millennium, what does "growing up Jewish" mean? How can young people reconcile

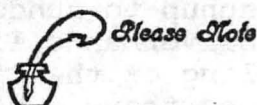
modern world?

Each story is followed by an interview with the author.

Two Suns in the Sky by Miriam Bat-Ami.

Fifteen-year-old Chris Cook feels trapped in Oswego, N.Y. When a shelter for war refugees opens nearby, she shares her town's excitement. Yet her father orders her to stay away. The refugees, he thinks, are "someone else's dirt." But Chris defies her father and sneaks down to the shelter, where she sees Adam Bornstein.

Adam is a Yugoslavian Jew whose escape from the Nazis led from Zagreb to Rome. With his mother and sister, he joins nearly 1,000 other refugees and comes to America. There he finds another fence to cross. And he finds Chris.



MISSING BOOKS

Have you borrowed any of these books? They were taken from the Temple Library without the usual sign-out procedure.

Please drop them in the Book Return Box.

The Berlitz self-teacher: Hebrew, by the Berlitz School.

The Fifty Years War: Israel and the Arabs, by A. Bregman.
Ask Another Question, by M. Chaikin.

Who's Who in Jewish History, by J. Comay.

The Survivor, by T. Des Pres.
Jews, God and History, by M. Dimont.

Holiday Blessings, by A. Friedman.

Festival of Esther, by M. Silverman.

Elijah the Slave, by I.B. Singer.

Sarah Somebody, by F. Slobodkin.

These Lights are Holy. Cassette
Where Dreams are Born, Jewish Lullabies. Cassette.
Hear the Cry. Video.
School Ties. Video.
Golden Anniversary to Israel. Compact Disc.

August

Student Birthdays

4 Natalie David
14 Leslie Pendery
20 Katie Thomas
29 Edward Rand



Wedding Anniversaries

14 Robert & Ilene Brehm
15 David & Shaye Komitau
Richard & Maria Bloom
James & Lila Robinson
27 Tom & Susan Wagner

CONTRIBUTIONS

We Gratefully Acknowledge the
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GENERAL FUND

In Honor Of

Evan & Diane Wise - 25th Wedding Anniversary

Sylvia Wise

In thankful honor of Bernice Miller, Alice Mark, Rhoda Rosen and the others whose help has been so important to me.

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In Memory Of

Rose Mallen, mother of Shosh Ault

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In Memory Of

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Lona Gruber



Yahrzeiten

Civil dates correspond to Hebre
calendar, unless followed by **

Saturday, Aug. 5 - 4 Av
7/31 Celia Lubitz Siegel
Lipman Blecker
8/1 Gus Miller
Esther Zeman
8/4 Herbert Wise
8/5 Lillian Goldberg
Sophie Lustig

Saturday, Aug. 12 - 11 Av
8/6 William Guitteau
Charlotte Kramer
Marsha Newman Willey
8/7 Sophia Bruckman
8/9 Isadore Wise
8/10 Harry Ackerman
Edyss Paul
Shachni Paul
8/11 Linda Goldman
8/12 Philip Friedman

Saturday, Aug. 19 - 18 Av
8/14 Marian Sattinger
8/19 Stella Kickler
Jacob Paul
Sadie Stromberg

Saturday, Aug. 26 - 25 Av
8/21 Frank David
8/23 Eva Hamberg
8/25 Rose Miller***
8/26 Lilly Ackerman

Saturday, Sept. 2 - 2 Elul
8/29 Janet Katz
Caroline Dela Motte
8/30 Morton Albert
Janet Levin

CORRECTION


The Temple extends condolences
to Karl Lubitz on the death of
his brother, Irving. An
announcement in the July
Bulletin listed an incorrect
family member.

SHABBAT PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE AUGUST 2000

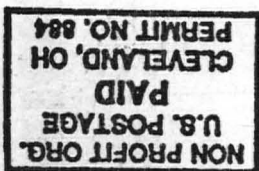
DATE	SERVICE LEADER	USHERS	CANDLES	HAGBAH	ALIYAH	GALILAH	ONEG HOSTS
Fri. 8/4	Enid Lader	Drew Eilberg	Shaye Komitau				David & Shaye Komitau
Sat. 8/5	David Bamberger	Alex Pankiw		George Rolleston	Karl Lubitz	Valerie Tate	The Pankiw Family
Fri. 8/11	Shosh Ault	Sam Jacobson	Linda Kramer				Maryellen Cudney Linda Kramer
Sat. 8/12	Shosh Ault	Dennis Gold		David Stout	Susan Wagner	Laura Green-Stout	The Gold Family
Fri. 8/18	Enid Lader	Sarah Brehm	Lisa Feldman				Ken & Laurie Kranyak Harry & Enid Lader
Sat. 8/19	Shosh Ault	Shaina Friedman		Mark Atzenhoffer	Judy Friedman	Martha Bruckman	The Friedman Family
Fri. 8/25	Enid Lader	Paige Goodworth	Paula Jacobson				Charles & Rivienne Levin Laurie Levinson & Michael Kukura
Sat. 8/26	Enid Lader	Joshua Grossman		Dennis Ehren	Robin Kaufman	Dee Lazarus	Jeff & Michelle Grossman

AUGUST 2000

TAMMUZ--AV 5760

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 8:00 p.m. Erev Shared Shabbat Service	5 10:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:45 a.m. Torah Service 4:00 p.m. TOT Shabbat
6	7	8	9	10 TISHA B'AV	11 8:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service	12 10:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:45 a.m. Torah Service
13	14	15	16	17	18 8:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service	19 10:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:45 a.m. Torah Service
20	21	22	23	24	25 8:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service	26 10:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:45 a.m. Torah Service HAVDALAH PICNIC
27 BOARD RETREAT	28	29	30	31 7:30 p.m. Yiddish Club		

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SERVICE SCHEDULE

Fri., Aug. 4, Erev Shabbat Service
8:00 p.m., (Enid Lader)

Sat., Aug. 5, Torah Study 10:00 a.m.,
Shabbat Torah Service 10:45 a.m.,
(David Bamberger)
TOT Shabbat 4:00 p.m. (Enid Lader)

Fri., Aug. 11, Erev Shabbat Service
8:00 p.m. (Shosh Ault)

Sat., Aug. 12, Torah Study 10:00 a.m.,
Shabbat Torah Service 10:45 a.m.
(Shosh Ault)

Fri., Aug. 18, Erev Shabbat Service,
8:00 p.m. (Enid Lader)

Sat., Aug. 19, Torah Study 10:00 a.m.,
Shabbat Torah Service 10:45 a.m.
(Shosh Ault)

Fri., Aug. 25, Erev Shabbat Service 8:00 p.m.,
(Enid Lader)

Sat., Aug. 26, Shabbat Torah Study 10:00 a.m.,
Shabbat Torah Service 10:30 a.m.,
(Enid Lader)

Join us for an end of the summer Havdalah Picnic with B'nai Abraham



August 26, 2000
7:00 p.m.

Location to be announced (it will be on the west side)

Main course will be provided

Please bring a side dish to pass

You may wish to bring chairs and blankets

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Beth Israel – The West Temple is the first synagogue on the west side of Cleveland to offer this special study opportunity, beginning October, 2000.

- No academic prerequisites, just the desire to learn.
- Previous knowledge of Hebrew is not required.
- Classes meet at Beth Israel – The West Temple.
- Enjoy learning in an open and positive atmosphere.
- Students prepare assigned readings in English (frequently from translations of primary Jewish sources like Bible and Mishnah) before each class session.
- Taught by members of the Cleveland College of Jewish Studies faculty, beginning with our own Rabbi Alan Lettofsky.

Designed for the motivated adult learner, the course explores Bible, Talmud, Jewish medieval and modern history and thought. A key element of *Me'ah* is the continuous search for the integration of scholarly information with a deeper personal understanding of Judaism.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR AN APPLICATION, CONTACT:

Enid C. Lader, Beth Israel – The West Temple's *Me'ah* Coordinator at 216.941.8882

There is a tuition fee which reflects a subsidy grant from the Fund for the Jewish Future of the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland.