



# Beth Israel – The West Temple BULLETIN

November 2002 –Cheshvan/Kislev 5763

## *President's Message*

## Long-Range Planning - Update

### **OUR MISSION...**

To be a center  
of worship and  
vital community life  
where Jews  
and their families  
from Cleveland's  
western communities  
learn Jewish traditions  
and values,  
develop their  
Jewish identity,  
and assure the  
continuity of  
Jewish life.

The Long-Range Planning Committee continues to move ahead on two fronts: Gathering feedback and guidance from temple members and exploring a partnership with the Lorain congregation, Agudath B'nai Israel (ABI).

A sub-committee of the Long-Range Planning Committee is meeting twice monthly with a similar committee from ABI. Max Stark, our strategic planning consultant, facilitates the meetings. The goal of these meetings is to determine if it is feasible for the two congregations to formulate future plans together. We plan to complete the feasibility discussions with ABI before our General Congregational Meeting in January.

While those meetings go forward, the members of the Long-Range Planning Committee continue to gather feedback from every member of the congregation. About 50 members attended the congregational meeting in June where they provided excellent feedback and direction to the committee. The notes from that meeting were compiled and sent out to each member household at the end of the summer.

Within the next few weeks, you will receive an update to that report. Please review it, and then expect a follow-up call from a member of the Long-Range Planning Committee. One of us will call to answer any questions you may have and to invite you to a neighborhood meeting where you can voice your opinions and participate in small group discussion with other temple members. If you are unable to attend one of the scheduled meetings, we will arrange a time to meet with you at your convenience. **Our goal is to get feedback from every member of Beth Israel – 100% participation.**

A committee acting alone cannot decide our future. This kind of change will only be successful when it is the result of all of us working, thinking, and deciding *together*. Watch your mail and prepare to fully participate in the next step of this decision-making process.

Shalom,  
Maryellen Cudney  
*President, Board of Trustees*

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## It's Hanukkah Shopping Time! BETH ISRAEL JUDAICA SHOP

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Sunday, Nov. 3**

Hanukkah Book Fair, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Sunday-Monday, Nov. 3-4**

The 29th Agnon Fine Art and Craft Exhibition,  
Agnon School, Beachwood.

**Sunday, Nov. 10**

Communal Affairs Committee, 10:15-11 a.m.

**Wednesday, Nov. 13**

Board Meeting, Ratner Hall, 7:30-10 p.m.

**Saturday, Nov. 16**

10:30 a.m. 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of  
Lynn Atzenhoffer's Bat Mitzvah

**Sunday-Monday, Nov. 24-25**  
Israeli Marketplace, Mandel JCC

**Sunday Nov. 24 - Thursday Nov. 28**  
Rally for Israel Trip

**Friday, Nov. 29**

Hanukkah - First Candle

## TEMPLE TIDBITS

**MAZAL TOV** to Sheila and Bernard Eckstein on their move to a new home in Oberlin. You can reach them at 68 Kendal Drive, Oberlin Ohio 44074-1903. Their home phone number is 1-440-774-1859.

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# EDUCATION NOTES

## *"High School Program Reaches New Heights"*

Many congregational schools lose a number of their students after they become Bar or Bat Mitzvah. We are very privileged to have a large number of our students continue on through Confirmation and High School graduation. The challenge is to keep up the excitement and momentum that preparing for Bar and Bat Mitzvah creates "after the Torah is returned to the ark."

Two years ago we met with high school students and parents to examine our high school program and to help develop learning opportunities that were dynamic, relevant, and kept in mind the social needs for students of this age.

In response to these meetings, **Tina Keller** and **Brian Friedman** joined **Lisa Feldman** and **Ken Cooper** to expand our high school staff and to offer new direction and develop new leadership opportunities for our students. Last year was the first step in "recharging" the high school. The students focused on learning about who they were as Jews and how they "fit in" in the larger world. Much was learned, and much more was needed to be done.

This year, under Tina's guidance and very hard work, the focus is on "Jewish Dimensions of Social Justice." The plan has been to learn and to do; study a topic one week and go off and volunteer the next. For example, the students built the congregational sukkah one week, and worked for Habitat for Humanity the next... They learned about the American Civil Liberties Union from lawyer and temple member, **James Levin**, and heard firsthand from **Mort Epstein** about his work on behalf of civil rights and visited his show at the ACLU Building in Cleveland.

Our students are active, involved, and taking on new responsibilities as they learn and do. We are very proud of them, their supportive parents, and the dedication of their teachers. *Chazak, Chazak!*

– Be strong, be strong! And may you continue to go from strength to strength.

Enid C. Lader, *Director*  
Congregational & Family Education  
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### PARENT TALK

On Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, from 10:10 – 11:10 a.m. in Vicky's Café, we will continue our discussion on Jewish parenting. Rabbi Lettofsky will lead a discussion of "The Blessing of Time: Teaching Your Child the Value of the Present Moment", Chapter 9, from *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee*.

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### BEEP, BEEP!

It's Ms. Shegas and the Magic Shul Bus... Coming to our Chanukah Family Education program for Kinder-Class, Pre-K/K, and 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grades Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. Parallel learning with Rabbi Lettofsky and classroom teachers, family craft project, and songs and stories with Ms. Shegas. You won't want to miss the fun!

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### CHANUKAH BOOK FAIR

Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
In partnership with Merkaz Judaica Bookstore, we're happy to offer books, videos, CD's, and more... for your Chanukah shopping or for your own home library. Proceeds go to our Religious School.

The congregation extends condolences to  
Richard Feigenbaum and family  
on the death of his brother,  
**Martin Feigenbaum**  
September 14, 2002.

The congregation extends its sympathy to  
James Levin and family  
on the death of his aunt  
**Maxine Goodman Levin**  
September 17, 2002.



## TALKING TORAH

*SHABBAT MORNING TORAH STUDY at 10:00 a.m. continues in November as the scroll turns! It's never too late to join the discussion.*

**Nov. 2** – Chayei Sarah – Gen. 23:1-25:18

Although entitled, "The Life of Sarah", chapter 23 of this week's parasha deals with Sarah's death and the negotiations for her burial place. The portion continues with the dramatic love story of Isaac and Rebecca...

**Nov. 9** – Toledot – Gen. 25:19-28:9

The birth and rivalry of Esau and Jacob are detailed. The story is one of family conflict and how problems are resolved... or are they?

**Nov. 16** – VaYeitze – Gen. 28:10-32:3

**[Note: Torah study begins at 9:45 a.m. on this date]** Jacob, leaving his family, finds God in an unexpected place... and finds love and hardship with his uncle's family.

**Nov. 23** – VaYishlach – Gen 32:4-36:43

Jacob wrestles with a mysterious assailant and gets a new name – Yisrael. We are later known as the "Children of Israel" – each of us wrestling with God.

**Nov. 30** – VaYeshev – Gen. 37:1-40:23

We now turn to the story of Joseph, his dreams, his siblings rivalries, and the beginnings of our sojourn into Egypt.

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*The congregation is cordially invited to join in prayer and celebration on the*  
**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of**  
**Lynn Atzenhoffer's**  
**Bat Mitzvah**

*10:30 a.m., Saturday, November 16.*  
*A festive kiddush will follow services.*

## RALLY FOR ISRAEL ... IN ISRAEL!

Join fellow Clevelanders and Jews from around the world for a rally in Israel on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> to show the World and Israel that we are with them in their struggle for survival.

**The subsidized price for the trip is \$650, plus \$76 tax.** This special price is available to everyone, so be sure to request it when you call for your reservation. The price includes: Round trip airfare, 3 days and 2 nights at a deluxe Jerusalem hotel, buses and licensed guides, breakfast and two days of rally activity including tours and tree planting.

The trip departs the United States on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> and returns Thursday, November 28, 2002. A four day extension is available through Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> for an additional \$275, which includes hotel, tax, tips, breakfast and two days of touring.

**If 10 or more people from Cleveland participate in the rally, a flight can be arranged to leave directly from Cleveland.**

For reservations, phone: 216-464-3888, or 888-563-0099 toll-free. For more detailed information about the Rally in Israel, please log onto the Jewish National Fund's Web site at [www.jnf.org](http://www.jnf.org) and click on Rally for Israel.

## Israeli Marketplace ... *In Cleveland!*

You can support Israel's economy without leaving Northeast Ohio. Just visit the Israeli Marketplace, November 24-25, at the Mandel JCC.

Thousands of Israeli products are being shipped to Cleveland in time for your holiday shopping. If you are interested in volunteering at the Israeli Marketplace, please call (216) 566-9200 x504 or email [crc@jcfcleve.org](mailto:crc@jcfcleve.org).



# THE BOOK CORNER

BY R.S. ROTH

## *Hungering for America: Italian, Irish, and Jewish Foodways in the Age of Migration*

*By Hasia R. Diner*

Millions of immigrants were drawn to American shores, not by the mythic streets paved with gold, but rather by its tables heaped with food. How they experienced the realities of America's abundant food...its meat and white bread, butter and cheese, fruits and vegetables, coffee and beer...reflected their earlier deprivations and shaped their ethnic practices in the new land. "Hungering for America" tells the story of three distinctive groups and their unique culinary dramas.

## *The People Next Door: Holocaust Resources* (Booklet, Video Tape and CD-ROM)

The materials in this educational package present the stories of people who experienced the horrors of the Nazi rise to power and the Holocaust of the 1930's and 40's. They are people who may be your neighbors, friends and co-workers. Though each of them had a unique path that brought them to South Bend, Indiana after World War II, all of them survived the Holocaust. That experience binds them together, having faced loss and deprivation, tragedy and crisis, brutality and torture in a way few of us can comprehend.

## *Left Luggage*

(Video Tape. 100 minutes)

Depicting a family in Belgium during the 1970's, with a rebellious philosophy student struggling to come of age. Her relationship with her parents, both concentration camp survivors, is strained and she finds herself unable to accept her Jewish identity. A family friend finds her a job as a nanny for a Hassidic family with five children. She has little knowledge and sympathy for their many strict rules and immediately clashes with Mr. Kalman. She finds herself drawn to their youngest son, who doesn't speak. Joining forces with Mrs. Kalman, she learns to accept and respect a culture steeped in traditions, and finds the true value of love.

## *A Taste of Passover...and a Taste of Chanukah* (Video Tapes, each 60 minutes)

A celebration of each Holiday! Lots of wonderful music, some demonstrations of food preparations, Klezmer music and gospel choir singing

## *A Joyful Noise...Claiming the Songs of My Fathers*

*By Deborah Weisgall*

In "A Joyful Noise", Deborah Weisgall – poet, novelist, and art writer – tells the moving story of the turbulent coming-of-age in the shadow of two remarkable men who lived life as if they were the characters in an opera. The daughter of a mercurial composer and the granddaughter of a legendary cantor, Deborah as a child longs to be entrusted with their precious music and carry it on herself. But, she is a girl! Read on and enjoy.

## *In my Hands*

*By Irene Gut Opdyke*

This book began as one non-Jew's challenge to any who would deny the Holocaust. Much like "The Diary of Anne Frank", it has become a profound document of an individual's heroism in the face of the greatest evil mankind has known.

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## GOLDMAN UNION CAMP INSTITUTE FOR THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE!!!

There is simply no other experience like it! Campers participate in a full range of sports, arts, and Jewish programs; all offered within the exciting and motivating atmosphere of a Reform Jewish community of young people. Entering 3<sup>rd</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> grade children from synagogues across the Midwest are currently being enrolled for the coming summer program at our regional U.A.H.C. camp, the Goldman Union Camp Institute.

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**Birthday of Enid Lader**

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## **November 1-2 27 Cheshvan**

- 10/29 Ralph Forman  
Isaac Singer (Leonard S. Singer)
- 10/30 Max Eisenstot (Valerie & Joseph Tate)  
David Max Klipstein-Hauser (Martha Bruckman)
- 10/31 Milton Hyman (Philip and Carole Mason)  
Bertha Miller (Mort Epstein)
- 11/2 Anna Lezberg (Sally Lezberg)  
Rose Lieblein (Seymour Lieblein)
- 11/3 Anna Jaffe (Michael & Beryl Palnik)  
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## **November 8-9, 4 Kislev**

- 11/4 Philip Hertzberg (Fred & Thelma Goldberg)  
Florence Wetschler (Mort Epstein)
- 11/8 Joseph Jacobson  
Herbert D. Seldin (Judd Seldin)
- 11/9 Charlotte Gorland (Sol Gorland)

## **November 15-16, 11 Kislev**

- 11/10 James Curran (Dee Lazarus)  
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- 11/11 Sarah Pallik (Harold & Ruth Friedman)
- 11/12 Michael Button (Susan Button-Winsa)  
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- 11/14 Nathan Alterovitz (Samuel Alterovitz)  
Rose Wexler (Leonard Singer)
- 11/15 Meyer Jaffe (Michael & Beryl Palnik)

## **November 22-23, 18 Kislev**

- 11/19 Fannie Melnick (Braanda & Barbara Schwartz)
- 11/23 Oscar Sattinger (Sidney & Lisa Feldman)

## **November 29-30, 25 Kislev**

- 11/24 Riva Posternak (Regina Olbinsky and Jack Garforth)
- 11/25 Fred Pyritz
- 11/27 Lisa Reminick (Patricia Outlaw)
- 11/28 Sam Berman (Jerome & Judith Weiss)

## **December 6-7, 2 Tevet**

- 12/3 Lillian Feigenbaum (Richard Feigenbaum)  
Anna Fodor (Louis Fodor)
- 12/6 Trudy Isaac (Charles & Rivienne Levin)
- 12/7 Max Finkelstein (Phyllis Seltzer)  
Irving Gilbert



*"Seek peace and pursue it"*

*Psalm 34:15*

**"בקש שלום ורדפהו"**





## NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

### Wedding Anniversaries

- 6 Lester & Leona Ackerman (59 years)  
19 Edward & Shosh Ault (42 years)

### Birthdays

- 2 Aaron Schechter  
5 Max Griswold  
12 Laura Folkman  
16 Emily Levinson-Kukura  
18 Carolyn Lenhart  
27 Joshua Grossman  
Hannah Griswold  
30 Eli Atzenhoffer

### **29<sup>th</sup> Annual AGNON FINE ART & CRAFT SHOW – Fresh Ideas in Fine Art**

This fall, The Agnon Fine Art and Craft Exhibition will have a festive new look, new displays, and new excitement to invigorate the longest running invitational art show in Northeast Ohio.

Now in its 29<sup>th</sup> year, the Agnon Art Show offers attendees a chance to see and purchase more than 2,000 works from 100 diverse regional, national, and even international artisans, displayed in two 5000+ square foot gallery settings at the Agnon School, 26500 Shaker Blvd. in Beachwood.

The show brings together a wide variety of items and prices available for purchase including jewelry, art, furniture, sculpture, ceramics and glass, and work in watercolor, oil and acrylic.

The exhibition opens with a gala premier on Saturday evening, Nov. 2. The show is open to all Nov. 3, 9:30-5 and Nov. 4, 10-4.

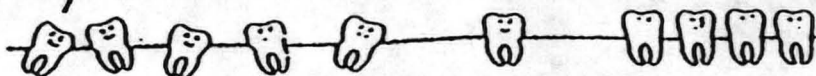
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# NOVEMBER 2002

## CHESHVAN/KISLEV 5763

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 26 Cheshvan  7:30 p.m. Family Shared Shabbat Service	2 27 Cheshvan <i>Chaye Sarah</i>  10 a.m. Torah Study 10:45 a.m. Torah Service
3 28 Cheshvan  10 a.m. Chanukah Book Fair 11:15 Read Hebrew America 9:30-5 Agnon Art Show	4 29 Cheshvan  10-4 Agnon Art Show	5 30 Cheshvan	6 1 Kislev	7 2 Kislev	8 3 Kislev  8 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service	9 4 Kislev <i>Toldot</i>  10 a.m. Torah Study 10:45 a.m. Torah Service
10 5 Kislev  10:15 Communal Act. Committee Mtg. 11:15 Read Hebrew America  Staff Meeting	11 6 Kislev	12 7 Kislev	13 8 Kislev  7:30 Board Meeting	14 9 Kislev	15 10 Kislev  8 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service  <i>Bulletin Deadline</i>	16 11 Kislev <i>Vayetze</i>  9:30 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. Lynn Atzenhoffer's Bat Mitzvah
17 12 Kislev  10 a.m. Parent Talk 11:15 - Read Hebrew America	18 13 Kislev	19 14 Kislev	20 15 Kislev	21 16 Kislev	22 17 Kislev  8 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service	23 18 Kislev <i>Vayishlach</i>  10 a.m. Torah Study 10:45 a.m. Torah Service
24 19 Kislev  Ms. Shegas Chanukah  <i>Israeli Marketplace @ Mandel JCC</i>	25 20 Kislev  <i>Israeli Marketplace @ Mandel JCC</i>	26 21 Kislev	27 22 Kislev	28 23 Kislev  <b>THANKSGIVING</b>	29 24 Kislev  8 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service  <b>EREV CHANUKAH</b> <i>First Candle</i>	30 25 Kislev <i>Vayeshev</i>  10 a.m. Torah Study 10:45 a.m. Torah Service  <b>CHANUKAH</b>

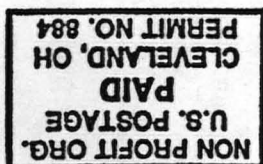
# SHABBAT HONORS SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 2002 CHESHVAN--KISLEV 5763

DATE	SERVICE LEADER	USHERS	CANDLES	HAGBAH	ALIYAH	GALILAH	ONEG HOSTS
Fri. Nov. 1	Rabbi Lettofsky	Sarah Kukura Lee Grossman	Michelle Grossman				Jeff & Michelle Grossman Lona Gruber
Sat. Nov. 2	Shosh Ault	Doug Eilberg David Levin		Phil Mason	Irv Lezberg	Martha Bruckman	The Levin Family
Fri. Nov. 8	Shosh Ault	Rachel Pankiw Daniel Murnan	Beryl Palnik				Michael & Leslie Guria Daniel Herschman
Sat. Nov. 9	David Bamberger	Justin Morse Brianne Ellis		Zach Ehren	Fred Goldberg	Roberta Provder	Gail Burlee
Fri. Nov. 15	Enid Lader	Andrew Brehm Rebecca Jacobson	Susan Button- Winsa				Diane & Frank Helbig Paula Jacobson
Sat. Nov. 16	Rabbi Lettofsky		LYNN	ATZEN- HOFFER	BAT MITZVAH	ANNIVER- SARY	The Atzenhoffer Family
Fri. Nov. 22	Shosh Ault	Mallory Kaufman Max Griswold	Barbara Schwartz				Rick & Brooke Jacobs Shirley Levin
Sat. Nov. 23	Raymond Feliciano	Joseph Spiro Kelly Lenhart		Mark Spiro	Aaron Schecter	Lisa Feldman	The Lenhart Family
Fri. Nov. 29	Rabbi Lettofsky	Alyssa Moss Rebecca Cutrona	Regina Olbinsky				Jeffrey & Paula Janofsky
Sat. Nov. 30	Enid Lader	Eddie Rand Daniel Rand		Michael Rand	Tamara Rand	Pat Outlaw	The Rand Family



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## SERVICE SCHEDULE -- NOVEMBER, 2002

### Fri., Nov. 1 (Rabbi Lettovsky)

Family Shared Shabbat Service  
7:30 p.m.

### Sat., Nov. 2 (Shosh Ault)

Torah Study 10:00 a.m.  
Torah Service 10:45 a.m.

### Fri., Nov. 8 (Shosh Ault)

Erev Shabbat Service 8:00 p.m.

### Sat., Nov. 9 (David Bamberger)

Torah Study 10:00 a.m.  
Torah Service 10:45 a.m.

### Fri., Nov. 15 (Enid Lader)

Erev Shabbat Service 8:00 p.m.

### Sat., Nov. 16 (Rabbi Lettovsky)

Torah Study 9:30 a.m.  
Torah Service 10:30 a.m.

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lynn Atzenhoffer's  
Bat Mitzvah

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Erev Shabbat Service 8:00 p.m.

### Sat., Nov. 23 (Raymond Feliciano)

Torah Study 10:00 a.m.  
Torah Service 10:45 a.m.

### Fri., Nov. 29 (Rabbi Lettovsky)

EREV CHANUKAH - First Candle  
Service 8:00 p.m.

### Sat., Nov. 30 (Enid Lader)

Torah Study 10:00 a.m.  
Torah Service 10:45 a.m.

**Communal Corner**  
**Report of the Communal Activities Committee**  
**by**  
**Barbara & Barbara**  
**Rolleston Schecter**



**Mark your calendar:** The Communal Affairs Committee will hold an organizational meeting for those temple members interested in helping plan future activities and projects. We will meet on **Sunday, November 10**, from 10:15-11:00 at temple. Please join us! If you are interested in becoming involved but cannot attend the organizational meeting, **please call us** (Barbara Schecter @ 440-235-1912 or Barbara Rolleston @ 440-243-1243). Thank you!!!

There are endless opportunities for temple members to reach out and lend a helping hand to those in need. Each month we'd like to highlight a few activities that might interest members of our congregation. If any of the activities below are ones that you, by yourself or along with members of your family or friends, would like to consider participating in, **please call us** and we will give you more details and help make the arrangements:

- ✓ **Adopt a Family** - Beth Israel is working with Jewish Family Service to identify one or more families to adopt for the holidays and beyond. For starters, pick a Star of David from the basket under the "Tree of Giving" in the high school hallway. Each star identifies, on an attached tear-off sheet, a particular need of the adopted family that you can help fulfill. Tear off one half of the sheet for your records, and leave one in the basket for us, indicating what you agreed to do for the adopted family and when. If you do not regularly come to temple but would like to help our adopted family, please call one of us and we will send you a star that allows you to help make someone's dreams come true!
- ✓ **Adopt-a-Platoon Project** - Send a card or letter once a month (or more frequently) to a U.S. soldier deployed in Bosnia, Macedonia, Kuwait, or Kosovo. Help make sure that he/she gets mail regularly!
- ✓ **Help prepare food or serve food to the needy by assisting at:**
  - ❖ Cleveland Community Kitchen—prepare meals for area soup kitchens, between the hours of 8:00 and 4:00 PM, M-F. Assistance near the end of each month is especially helpful.

❖ **Hunger Center**—prepare and serve dinner at University Settlement evenings between 5:00 and 7:30 PM

- ✓ **Visit Jewish residents of West side nursing homes:** We will help identify nursing homes near you in which Jewish residents reside. Brighten their day with friendly conversation. As interest develops, we'd like to organize a group who might meet to create crafts/gifts for the elderly, or to help meet some of their other needs.
- ✓ **Help the economy in Israel** by volunteering at the Israeli Marketplace, an Israeli Product Fair at the Mandel JCC. You can help with set up, breakdown, and shopping assistance. Our high school class is busy creating beautiful beaded bracelets to sell at this fair. Assistance is needed at various times each day throughout the fair, **November 23-25**.

**REPEAT—Mark your calendar:** The Communal Affairs Committee will hold an organizational meeting for those temple members interested in helping plan future activities and projects. We will meet on **Sunday, November 10**, from 10:15-11:00 at temple. Please join us! If you are interested in becoming involved but cannot attend the organizational meeting, **please call us** (Barbara Schechter @ 440-235-1912 or Barbara Rolleston @ 440-243-1243). Thank you!!!



# Hanukkah

## Al ha-Nisim - For the Miracles

*During Hanukkah the following reading is added to the Amidah which is a central prayer of our worship service. This addition is a brief history and explanation of the holiday of Hanukkah.*

"We give thanks for the redeeming wonders and the mighty deeds by which at this season our people was saved in days of old.

"In the days of the Hasmoneans, a tyrant arose against our ancestors, determined to make them forget Your Torah, and to turn them away from obedience to Your will. But You were at their side in time of trouble. You gave them strength to struggle and to triumph, that they might serve You in freedom.

"Through the power of Your spirit the weak defeated the strong, the few prevailed over the many, and the righteous were triumphant. Then Your children returned to Your house, to purify the sanctuary and kindle the lights. And they dedicated these days to give thanks and praise to Your great name." (*Gates of Prayer*)

### A few explanations:

The Hasmoneans were another name for the Maccabees, led by Mattathias and his son Judah. The tyrant was Antiochus Epiphanes IV of Syria. The weak were the Maccabees and their followers whose numbers were much smaller than the mighty Syrian armies sent to battle them. The house the Maccabees returned to was the *Beyt Ha-mikdash* - the Temple in Jerusalem which they cleansed and rededicated for service to God. Hanukkah means dedication.

## Holiday Schedule

Hanukkah  
25 Kislev - 2 Tevet

Kindle the first candle  
of Hanukkah  
at sundown  
on November 29<sup>th</sup>



The last night of  
Hanukkah is  
December 6<sup>th</sup>

## The Mitzvot and Traditions of Hanukkah

- It is a mitzvah to celebrate Hanukkah for eight days beginning at sundown on the 9th of December.
- It is a mitzvah to celebrate Hanukkah by lighting the menorah at sundown on each of the eight nights.
- It is a tradition to display the Hanukkah menorah — called a hanukiah — in a window facing out to the street, thus publicizing the miracle of Hanukkah.
- It is a tradition to eat foods made with oil to recall the miracle of the oil.

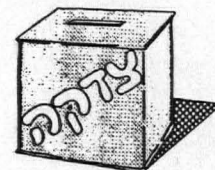


## Teach Your Children Well

The Talmud teaches that one who is consistent in observing the kindling of the Hanukkah lights will have children who are Torah scholars (*Shabbat 23b*). This teaching reminds us that parents are the first and best role models for their children. By consistently observing Jewish traditions such as the lighting of Hanukkah candles, celebrating Shabbat, and giving tzedakah we demonstrate to our children our commitment to Judaism. The rabbis of the Talmud knew that children will live what they learn and love what they learn with the involvement and participation of their parents.

This Hanukkah may we kindle the candles and nurture the next generation of Torah scholars.

## Crafts



## Hanukkah Gelt or Tzedakah Bank

Many craft stores carry a variety of unpainted ceramic banks. Take a family field trip to choose a *gelt* (a Yiddish word for coins) or a *tzedakah* bank for each child in the family; the adults might like to participate also! Paint with acrylic craft paint which comes in a variety of colors and cleans up with water!

≧ *But the paints are permanent on clothing so push up those sleeves!* ≧ Let dry two hours to overnight and if desired apply clear glossy acrylic for a shiny finish!

# Gathering Around the Holiday Table

## The Hanukkah Blessings

- Candles are added to the hanukkiyah from right to left but are kindled from left to right. The newest candle is lit first.
- Light the Shamash- the helper candle set higher or lower than all the rest of the candles - first using it to kindle the rest of the Hanukkah lights; say or sing:

*Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, Eh-lo-hei-nu  
meh-lech ha-o-lam a-sheh  
ki-d'sha-nu b'mitz-vo-tav v'tzi-va-nu  
l'had-lik ner shel Hanukkah.*

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe: You make us holy with Your Mitzvot, and command us to kindle the Hanukkah lights.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו  
מלך העולם אשר  
קדשנו במצותיו וצונו  
להדליק נר של חנוכה.

*Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, Eh-lo-hei-nu  
meh-lech ha-o-lam, sheh-a-sa ni-sim  
la-a-vo-tei-nu/l'i-mo-tei-nu  
ba-ya-mim ha-heim ba-z'man ha-zeh.*

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe: You showed wonders to our fathers/mothers in days of old, at this season.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו  
מלך העולם שעשה נסים  
לאבותינו/לאמותינו  
בימים ההם בזמן הזה.

On the first night only we add:

*Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, Eh-lo-hei-nu  
meh-lech ha-o-lam, she-heh-cheh-ya-nu,  
v'ki-y'ma-nu, v'higi-anu,  
la-z'man ha-zeh.*

We praise You, Eternal One, Sovereign God of the universe, for giving us life; for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו  
מלך העולם שהחיינו  
וקיימנו והגיענו  
לזמן הזה.

*On the Shabbat of Hanukkah, kindle the Hanukkah lights first and then the Shabbat candles.*

*If you celebrate Havdalah at the conclusion of Shabbat, this is observed first and then the Hanukkah candles are kindled.*

## Dreidel

Begin play by having each of the players ante up into a common pot, using plastic chips, pennies or peanuts in the shell. Each player takes turns spinning the dreidel and wins or loses depending on what letter shows when the spinning stops!

נ Nun - take nothing    ה Hey- take half

ג Gimmel - take all    ש Shin- put in



## Books

Spend an evening of Hanukkah sipping hot cocoa, eating soofganiyot - jelly doughnuts - which are the standard Israeli Hanukkah treat - and reading a pile of Hanukkah books with family and friends!

Check with your local or on-line bookseller, public library and/or your temple library for these and other Hanukkah titles:

*The Jar of Fools: Eight Hanukkah Stories from Chelm*  
by Eric A. Kimmel

*Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins*  
by Eric A. Kimmel

*Latkes and Applesauce: A Hanukkah Story*  
by Fran Manushkin

*Come light your Menorah with your  
Beth Israel—The West Temple Family*

*Dinner & Shabbat Services*



*December 6, 2002*

*Dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by  
Shared Shabbat Family Service at 7:30 p.m.*

*Chicken & Potato Latkes will be served*

*Please bring a non dairy dish to pass and your  
Menorah*



*Price: \$4.00 per person Maximum \$15.00 per family*

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To help us better prepare for the dinner, please send your reservations to  
Lynn Atzenhoffer, 3395 Spruce Court, Avon OH 44011 along with your  
check payable to Beth Israel—The West Temple.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Adult # \_\_\_\_\_

Children # \_\_\_\_\_

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Item you wish to pass \_\_\_\_\_ for 10 people.

If you have any questions please call Lynn at 440-937-5588



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# Jewish National Fund

will hold its annual  
**Green Sunday Phone-A-Thon**  
on November 17, 2002



*Please take the call and give generously. The funds raised on Green Sunday will help JNF provide Israel with vital security and water resources.*

**W E N E E D V O L U N T E E R S !**

**WHEN:** November 17, 2002, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

**WHAT:** Volunteers needed to make phone calls in 2 hour shifts

**WHERE:** Mandel Jewish Community Center,  
26001 South Woodland, Cleveland, OH 44122

*Featuring food and fun for all volunteers!*

If you are interested in helping, please contact:

**Sarah Mehler at (216) 464-8642**

**or [smehler@jnf.org](mailto:smehler@jnf.org)**



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# the Israeli Marketplace

**November 24-25, 2002**

**Mandel Jewish Community Center**

- All across the United States, communities are creating opportunities for people to buy Israeli products in their home cities.
- The Israeli Marketplace is a venue for members of the Cleveland Jewish community to support Israel's economy without leaving northeast Ohio.
- Under special arrangement, thousands of Israeli products are being brought to Cleveland and will be available for purchase at the Israeli Marketplace.

***We look forward to seeing you at the Israeli Marketplace!***



***Please consider volunteering at the Israeli Marketplace. Your time and effort are essential to the success of this event. Please fill out this form and return it to:***

Charles A. Ratner, Board Chair

Ben Light, Community Relations Associate  
The Jewish Community Federation, 1750 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115  
Fax: (216) 861-1230, E-mail: [crc@jcfcleve.org](mailto:crc@jcfcleve.org)

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**I AM ABLE TO  
VOLUNTEER ON**  
(Please select all times  
you are available):

**SUNDAY 11/24**

- ☐ 9 a.m.-12 p.m.  
☐ 12 p.m.-2 p.m.  
☐ 2 p.m.-4 p.m.  
☐ 4 p.m.-6 p.m.

**MONDAY 11/25**

- ☐ 9 a.m.-11 a.m.  
☐ 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
☐ 1 p.m.-3 p.m.  
☐ 3 p.m.-5 p.m.  
☐ 5 p.m.-7 p.m.  
☐ 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

**I'D LIKE TO HELP WITH:**

- ☐ Ticket sales  
☐ Volunteer check-in  
☐ Cashier  
☐ Selling products

Are you able to work more than one shift? (Please circle one) YES / NO

**You will receive confirmation by November 4, 2002.**

If you have any questions, please call (216) 566-9200, ext. 504

The Israeli Marketplace is made possible by the Jewish Community Federation and the Stand Up For Israel Committee along with dozens of community agencies and organizations. Co-chairs Edith Greenberg and Richard O. Kaplan