



Beth Israel – The West Temple BULLETIN

January 2004 –Tevet/Shevat 5764

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.*

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President's Message: Long-Range Planning Recommendation Receives Unanimous Support ☆

The Long-Range Planning (LRP) Committee presented its recommendation at the Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, December 16. The committee's recommendation – "that Beth Israel embark on the construction and development of a Center for Jewish Life further west from the current location" – received a unanimous vote of support and approval by the Board.

The LRP Committee's recommendation took the form of a 14-page report, presented to the Board by George Rolleston, committee co-chair, and Max Stark, strategic planning consultant to the committee. A lengthy and thorough review of the document was followed by an extensive question-and-answer period. Once the Board was satisfied that all of its questions had been addressed, the members voted to support the recommendation and bring it to the congregation for discussion and a vote.

All members of Beth Israel will receive a copy of the report and recommendation this month by mail, in order to read it in preparation for the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 25, 2004 at 12:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. At that time, all who attend will have an opportunity to hear and see a presentation on the LRP recommendation and engage in discussion. Following the meeting, there will be additional opportunities for members to participate in Q & A sessions, in order to feel fully prepared to make an informed choice when we vote on the recommendation in February.

The LRP Committee has done outstanding work to develop a viable recommendation for our future. The Board has acted on your behalf to review the recommendation and bring it before you. Now it is up to you. As members, it is your obligation to make yourself fully aware of all the background and facts, to ask questions, to participate in the meetings and discussion opportunities that are provided, and to vote with the best interests of Beth Israel's future – and the future of Jewish life in the western communities – in mind. The members of the Board and the LRP Committee are all available to listen, provide feedback, and support each of you as we move toward this important decision.

SUPER SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Please plan to join me in support of the Super Sunday fundraising efforts for the Jewish Community Federation on February 8. There are opportunities to volunteer throughout the day. It's easy, fun and gratifying. Sign up sheets are available in the office.

BULLETIN EDITOR NEEDED

We need to replace our wonderful Bulletin editor, Lisa Dvorin. Lisa and David are expecting – that she will be a little too busy to manage Bulletin duties and the new addition to their family. She is ready and willing to coach a new editor for this fun and rewarding volunteer opportunity. Please call Lisa (440-250-9889) to get the details of what's involved. She'll have you in the swing in no time. You need computer and e-mail access and a few hours each month to pull together the temple news.

Shalom,
Maryellen Cudney
President – Board of Trustees

Education Notes ☆

*When the weather outside is frightful,
And driving is not delightful...
And you really don't want to go...
In the snow, in the snow, in the snow...*

It's that time of year again to remind you that we have a Snow Tree in place if the weather makes travelling unsafe and/or difficult. On Sunday mornings, you should receive a call between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. if classes have been cancelled. And on Tuesdays, you should receive a call by 5:00 p.m. if Hebrew is cancelled. On Tuesdays, if public school has been cancelled, you will still receive a call if we are canceling Hebrew – sometimes, public schools cancel, but the weather and the streets clear by the time Hebrew is ready to begin. Because we are so spread out, sometimes it is clear in one neighborhood, but another is inundated! If we do not cancel school, but driving for you is dangerous/difficult, just call the temple office and let us know you and your children will not be coming, which is our usual policy for calling in absences. Your safety is important.

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

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Mark your calendar for these important happenings in January...

January 4
Religious School resumes

January 6
Tuesday Hebrew resumes

January 9
Shared Shabbat Family Service

January 11
Parent Talk with Rabbi Lettofsky
10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. in Vicky's Café
Continuing the conversation with inter-faith families and couples: *"We Got Through the Holidays... Now What?"*

January 16 - 18
High School Seniors' Trip to New York City

January 25
Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting (12:30)

January 31
Havdalah 5:00 p.m.
Lake Erie Nature & Science Center
(28728 Wolf Road, Bay Village)

Back By Popular Demand... Taste of Judaism

Explore Jewish Spirituality, Ethics, &
Community (Taught by Enid Lader)

3 Evening Classes at 7:30 p.m.
January 22, 29, and February 5
at Beth Israel – The West Temple

Class Free – Registration Required
For Information & Registration,
Call Ava Hodous, Project Director
216-371-6139 (www.jecc.org)

Torah Talk ☆

Torah Study continues each Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. this month as we make our way to the end of the book of Genesis and begin the Exodus story.

Jan. 2 – Va-Yigash – Gen. 44:18-47:27

The Joseph story has now reached its climax; Joseph can no longer conceal his identity. With Pharaoh's invitation, he sends his brothers back to their father with instructions to return to Egypt with the whole *mishpachah*! Father and son are reunited.

Jan. 9 – Va-Yechi – Gen. 47:28-50:26

This brings us to the end of the book of Genesis, as Jacob gives his final blessings to his sons and dies. Joseph buries his father in the family cave at Makhpelah. Joseph lives 110 years, dies, is embalmed and buried in

Egypt. But before he died, he told his family that God will remember them and take them out of Egypt, and they should remember him, and take his bones out as well.

Jan. 16 – Shemot – Ex. 1:1-6:1

As Exodus opens, a new king arises in Egypt who has no link to the Jewish past, who did not know Joseph... and this portion ends with Moses encountering God at the burning bush... and Pharaoh in his royal court.

Jan. 23 – Va-Era – Ex. 6:2-9:35

Moses and Aaron perform signs in Pharaoh's presence, but to no avail. The plagues begin.

Jan. 30 – Bo – Ex. 10:1-13:6

The plagues continue... The feast of matzot is described and, with the final plagues, the exodus begins.

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The Book Corner ☆

By R.S. Roth

ANCIENT ISRAELITES AND THEIR NEIGHBORS

By Marian Broida

Ages 9 and up

Children will discover ancient Israelite culture along with cultures of their neighbors, the Philistines and Phoenicians, in a way that will provide insight on current events. More than 35 hands-on projects help young explorers connect with these ancient cultures and see how profoundly they have influenced our own.

CARING FOR THE SOUL:

R'fuat HaNefesh; A Mental Health Resource and Study Guide

Edited by Richard P. Address

This book was created as a response to the need to raise awareness of and reduce the stigma within congregations regarding individuals and families who are dealing with mental health issues. These issues reside within every congregation of every denomination. The study guide is meant to be used by lay and professional leadership within congregations to create a variety of educational programs.

WHO WAS THE WOMAN WHO WORE THE HAT?

By Nancy Patz

Ages 10 - Adult

This quiet jewel is an unusual Holocaust reflection--subtle, powerful, historical, and personal. Nancy Patz ponders one subject, one person, and pours humanity over memory as she underlines the Shoah's senseless cruelty.

THE COFFEE TRADER

A Novel by David Liss

The seventeenth-century Amsterdam that the author depicts is a wonderfully dark city of secrets, roiling with deceitful maneuverings and caffeine-fueled perils. *The Coffee Trader* is vivid, utterly absorbing, and more than a little relevant to our current age of financial skulduggery.

FATELESS

A Novel by Imre Kertesz

Fateless is the first English translation of a moving and disturbing novel about a Hungarian Jewish boy's experiences in German concentration camps and his attempts to reconcile himself to those experiences after the war.

A POET'S BIBLE: Rediscovering the Voices of the Original Text

By David Rosenberg

The following paragraph is from "The Introduction": "The Bible, arguably the most important work of art in the Western literary canon, is an uneasy subject in the classroom. Why are our great poetic stories taught in the dullest of ways? I believe that the fault can be traced to a failure of imagination in academic life. Imagination can be stifled by dogma, but it can also be flattened by theories that handle merely the skeletons of texts. The Bible is a luminous guidebook to our past yet it is put out of reach by colorless professors. And the broad range of poets who gave voice to the original words have been rendered voiceless by prosaic translations. Once, the poets lent us what one critic has called, in the context of soul music, the 'spiritual magnitude of the individual voice.' It is time to rediscover the original text."

January Celebrations ☆

Birthdays

(1/2) Sarah Kukura - 14th
(1/8) Frank Levin - 5th
(1/11) Alex Drippon - 14th
(1/12) Andrew Brehm - 14th
(1/13) Jordan Rolleston - 16th
(1/14) Jessica Schecter - 18th
(1/15) Dan Chait - 18th
(1/19) Kevin Kramer - 10th

(1/21) Rafi Fronzaglia - 4th
(1/21) Sarah Greenberg - 5th
(1/28) Brianne Ellis - 13th

Anniversaries

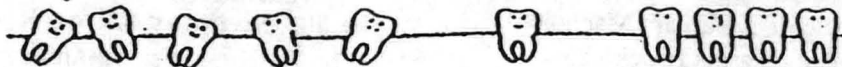
(1/6) Mr. Stephen Finegold and
Mrs. Natalie Peterson - 8th
(1/8) Dr. Robert Kaplan and
Mrs. Eileen Korey Kaplan - 26th

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Yahrzeiten ☆

January 2-3, 9 Tevet

- 1/1 Samuel Romain
- 1/2 Selma Bogatsky (Donald & Marilyn Bogart)
- 1/2 Abraham Bruckman (Martha Bruckman)
- 1/2 Anna Goldberg (Michael & Beryl Palnik)
- 1/2 Leah Krisch (Stephen & Sandra Cohen)
- 1/3 Louis Beral (David & Carola Bamberger)

January 9-10, 16 Tevet

- 1/4 Bessie Schochet (Ruth Schochet)
- 1/4 Doris Selkowitz (Paula Jacobson)
- 1/4 Goldie Slone (Maxine Slone)
- 1/6 Irving Priesand (Rose Priesand)
- 1/7 Ronald Berman (Jeffrey & Michelle Grossman)
- 1/8 Sally Ann Berman (Jerome & Judith Weiss)
- 1/9 Reva Clymer
- 1/9 Sally Hurwitz (Ken Robinson)
- 1/10 Janet Goodworth (John & Ellen Goodworth)

January 16-17, 23 Tevet

- 1/11 Jack Palnik (Michael & Beryl Palnik)
- 1/13 Ralph Blecker (Richard & Rhoda Rosen)
- 1/13 Jerry Wolfe (Saragene Davis)
- 1/14 Selma Jacobson (Nathan Jacobson)
- 1/14 Carl Katz (Keith & Sandy Kramer)
- 1/14 Esther Korey (Robert Kaplan & Eileen Korey Kaplan)
- 1/15 Francis Diamond (Dee Lazarus)
- 1/15 Hedwig Eckstein (Bernard & Sheila Eckstein)
- 1/16 Minnie Kimmelman (Ruth Schochet)
- 1/16 Mary Koshel (John & Ellen Goodworth)
- 1/16 Samuel Lowy (Edward & Shosh Ault)
- 1/16 Ilse Machol (Scott & Barbara Machol)
- 1/17 Cecil Bruckman (Martha Bruckman, David & Mimi Bruckman)
- 1/17 Earl Priesand (Rose Priesand)

January 23-24, 1 Shevat

- 1/18 Rabbi Herbert J. Wilner (James & Charlotte Feldman)
- 1/19 Melvin Schochet (Ruth Schochet)
- 1/19 Annette Weiss (Jerome & Judith Weiss)
- 1/22 Edmund Button (Susan Button-Winsa)
- 1/23 Eric Pinsky

January 30-31, 8 Shevat

- 1/25 Joseph Kapusta (George & Barbara Rolleston)
- 1/28 Paul Rubin
- 1/30 Mary Brehm (Robert Brehm)
- 1/31 Ernest Korach (Louis Fodor)

Condolences ☆

The congregation joins together in extending sympathy to David Bamberger and his family on the death of his mother, Ethel K. Bamberger, on December 8, 2003.

The congregations mourns the passing of former member Sol Wise, husband of Sylvia Wise (deceased). Mr. Wise died December 14, 2003.

Contributions ☆

We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions:

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A donation from Renee Kolesar.

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The 80th Birthday of Lou Rosenblum

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**The Library gratefully acknowledges a
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Rabbi Alan & Jean Lettofsky

TREE OF LIFE FUND

In Memory Of

Nita Goldberg
Nellie Palnik
Beryl, Michael & Mitchell Palnik
Janet Feigenbaum
Richard Feigenbaum

New Members ☆

*Please join us in welcoming the following new
members to our congregation:*

Alfred and Sylvia Rimm
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Mark & Kathlen Jaffee
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Mazel Tov... ☆

To Raymond Feliciano who graduated from
American Flyers at Burke Lakefront Airport
on December 9 and is now a commercial
pilot.

Upcoming Events ☆

See Education Notes (Page 2) for additional
events.

Circle of Friends

Thursday, January 8 (7:30 p.m.)

The women and friends of the congregation
are invited to gather for an evening of prayer,
song, and convivial conversation as we

celebrate *Rosh Chodesh Tevet* – the new month of Tevet. Our own Dr. Laura [Green Stout] will facilitate a discussion on the theme of the evening “A Preview of the Proposal of the Long-Range Planning Committee – We need you there!” We’ll be meeting at the home of Robin Kaufman, 2168 Lands End Lane, Westlake. RSVP to Robin Kaufman (440) 899-1111.



Special Havdalah Program

Saturday, January 31

(5:00 p.m.)

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center

(28728 Wolf Road

Bay Village)

Join us for a very special Havdalah program open to the congregation & friends!

- 5:00 p.m. – Tour of the Center
“through Jewish eyes”
- 5:45 p.m. – Pot-Luck Supper
- 6:30 p.m. – Special Planetarium Program
Music, Telescopes, Havdalah ...

[See insert for cost and RSVP form]

Congregation Notes ☆

Services in Ratner Hall one weekend a month

Services will be held downstairs in Ratner Hall one Friday and Saturday each month. Check the calendar each month for the date. In January, it will be January 30 and 31.

Can you spare some change?

Once again we are collecting change for the SCAN Food Pantry. Please take a tub home,

fill it with your extra change, and return it to the temple office. We will get the money to the folks at SCAN. It's an easy, worthwhile way to give something back to the community. Just 15 cents = 1 lb. of food. Imagine the difference we can make. Thank you in advance for your participation!

Also, if you would like to join the Communal Activities Committee and help us develop and implement great ideas like these, call Diane Helbig at 216-521-9162.

Community Notes ☆

Volunteers needed for Super Sunday 2004!

Super Sunday is the spirited dialathon kick-off of the Federation's annual campaign, which feeds the hungry, cares for the elderly, helps the disadvantaged, and ensures our Jewish future here in Cleveland as well as in Israel and around the world.

This year Super Sunday will be held at the Jewish Community Center Mandel Building (26001 South Woodland Road, Beachwood) on February 8 from 8:45 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

More than 1,000 community members are expected to participate in the event--please be one of them!

For more information, call the Jewish Community Federation (216-566-9200 ext. 505) or e-mail campaign@jcfccleve.org.

Announcements from Union for Reform Judaism (formerly the Union of American Hebrew Congregations)

Make Time for Ten Minutes of Torah!

“If we make time to answer our cell phones a

dozen times a day and to check our email five times an hour, surely we can find 10 minutes to contemplate sacred words that nourish the soul," Rabbi Eric Yoffie, president of the Union for Reform Judaism, said during his Biennial sermon.

Why not answer the call and sign up for *Ten Minutes of Torah*. You'll receive a daily e-mail (Monday through Friday) on a topic of Jewish interest, including social action, Jewish ethics, and news of the Jewish world. To sign up, go to www.urj.org/torah/ten and register for this exciting new opportunity for Jewish study.

Words of Healing

New from the UAHHC Press and the Women of Reform Judaism, *The Mitzvah of Healing* is a collection of essays, traditional texts, personal stories, and meditations that look at healing from a Jewish perspective.

Addressing difficult questions such as how to nourish the soul while the body is aching and how to help heal those who are suffering, the book exposes you to the breadth of Jewish healing. To order, see www.uahcpress.com, or contact the Press toll-free at 888-489-8242, Press@urj.org.

Outreach at 25

Is your face the face of Reform Judaism? In celebration of the 25th anniversary of Outreach, the Union for Reform Judaism has sent every congregation a poster featuring nine photos displaying the diversity of the Movement today. Where do you fit on the poster? (Visit www.urj.org/outreach/25/faceofrj.shtml for more information).

Outreach was born December 2, 1978, when Rabbi Alexander Schindler revolutionized American Judaism with his controversial Outreach Initiative. Calling for synagogues to welcome non-Jewish spouses of interfaith marriages and encourage them to choose Judaism for their families, the initiative

reversed a 500-year-old tradition of discouraging converts and helped welcome thousands of interfaith and non-practicing families into Judaism.

This initiative dramatically changed the face of North American Judaism and congregations everywhere, bringing new strength and vitality to our Movement. Congratulations, everyone!

Hineini

During his sermon at the Minnesota Biennial, Rabbi Eric Yoffie, president of the Union for Reform Judaism, called on Reform congregations to help support Reform Jewish life in Israel and the former Soviet Union. "Reform Jews are ready: ready for a single vision and a shared future; ready to advance the cause of Israel and our people; ready to affirm the unity of the Jewish people across time and space," he said. With these words, the **Hineini Initiative** was launched, and congregations are now signing up to "adopt" a Reform/Progressive congregation in Israel or Eastern Europe, sponsor Reform rabbis at HUC-JIR in Jerusalem, or help build Israeli Progressive synagogues.

The goal is for every household to contribute \$18 a year to support Jewish life elsewhere. Details are online at www.urj.org/hineini.

Tu BiShevat

What better time to celebrate the rebirth of the earth than the dead of winter?

This February 7 is Tu BiShevat, originally the day when taxes on fruit trees were collected, but now an ecological celebration, a time to celebrate the earth and to educate ourselves on how we can take better care of our planet. This February 7, celebrate Tu BiShevat with your family with the activities, recipes, and other ideas prepared by the Union for Reform Judaism that can be found online at www.urj.org/educate/parent.

Calling all Bikers

This March 21-25, the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism is sponsoring its first annual bike ride in Israel -a five-day, 220-mile trek from Nahariya, Israel's northernmost seashore town, to Jerusalem. "Riding4Reform" will take participants through many of Israel's vibrant Reform communities, including Carmiel, where a new Reform congregation is reaching out to Argentinean *olim*; Tel Aviv, home of Beit Daniel Congregation, and the new city of Modi'in, where Congregation Yozma continues to grow, before ending at Beit Shmuel-Mercaz Shimshon in Jerusalem, the center of the worldwide Progressive Movement.

Riders are welcome-but you can also participate by adopting a rider, thus helping raise funds for the educational programs in Israel. For more information, visit the Web site at www.riding4reform.org, or contacting the IMPJ at riding4reform@impj.org.il.

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Ritual News ☆

Starting in January, we will begin conducting a Conservative Service once a month. We will announce the date as soon as it is decided. Watch your e-mail for details.


Editor's Notes ☆

If you have any information that you would like included in the January 2004 Bulletin, please e-mail me by Monday, January 12 at thebulletin@excite.com.

Thank you,
Lisa Dvorin

JANUARY 2004

TEVET / SHEVAT 5764

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 7 Tevet New Year's Day 	2 8 Tevet 8:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service	3 9 Tevet 10:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:45 a.m. Shabbat Service
4 10 Tevet Religious School Resumes	5 11 Tevet	6 12 Tevet Hebrew Resumes	7 13 Tevet	8 14 Tevet 7:30 p.m. Circle of Friends	9 15 Tevet 7:30 p.m. Family Shared Shabbat Service	10 16 Tevet 10:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:45 a.m. Shabbat Service
11 17 Tevet 10:15 a.m. Parent Talk Staff Meeting	12 18 Tevet Bulletin Deadline	13 19 Tevet	14 20 Tevet Board Meeting	15 21 Tevet	16 22 Tevet 8:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service	17 23 Tevet 10:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:45 a.m. Shabbat Service
18 24 Tevet	19 25 Tevet	20 26 Tevet	21 27 Tevet	22 28 Tevet 7:30 p.m. Taste of Judaism	23 29 Tevet 8:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service	24 1 Shevat 10:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:45 a.m. Torah Service
25 2 Shevat 12:30 p.m. Semi- Annual Congregational Meeting	26 3 Shevat	27 4 Shevat	28 5 Shevat	29 6 Shevat 7:30 p.m. Taste of Judaism	30 7 Shevat 8:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service	31 8 Shevat 10:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:45 a.m. Torah Service 5:00 p.m. Havdalah at the Lake Erie Nature and Science Center

SHABBAT HONORS SCHEDULE

January 2004

DATE	SERVICE LEADER	USHERS	CANDLES	HAGBAH	ALIYAH	GALILAH	ONEG HOSTS
Fri. 1/2	Enid Lader	Daniel Rand Tamara Rand	Carola Bamberger				Paul & Linda Schwin Shellie Sedlak
Sat. 1/3	Enid Lader	Rebecca Jacobson Paula Jacobson		Ken Robinson	Paula Jacobson	Rebecca Jacobson	Jacobson Family
Fri. 1/9	Rabbi Lettofsky	Sarah Fox Allan Fox	Eileen Korey-Kaplan	FAMILY	SHARED	SHABBAT	Barbara Schwartz David & Robin Shapiro
Sat. 1/10	Raymond Feliciano	Robin Kaufman Jillian Kaufman		Nathan Jacobson	Rhoda Rosen	Saragene Davis	Kaufman Family
Fri. 1/16	Shosh Ault	Max Griswold Ona Griswold	Martha Bruckman				Sally Vinikoff Laura Stout & David Green
Sat. 1/17	Luis Fernandez	Lee Grossman Michelle Grossman		Jessica Schechter	Ruth Schochet	Charlotte Feldman	Grossman Family
Fri. 1/23	Rabbi Lettofsky	Jackie Crossland Robert Crossland	Diana Strongosky				Stephen & Diana Strongosky Richard & Donna Sweet
Sat. 1/24	David Bamberger	Andrew Brehm Ilene Brehm		Robert Brehm	George Rolleston	Sarah Brehm	Brehm Family
Fri. 1/30	Enid Lader	Rebecca Cutrona Gloria Cutrona	Gloria Cutrona				Ronald & Frieda Thomas Susan & Tom Wagner
Sat. 1/31	Rabbi Lettofsky	Ben & Jacob Schreibman Geraldine Schreibman		Matt Friedman	Judy Friedman	Lona Gruber	Schreibman Family

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SERVICE SCHEDULE -- JANUARY, 2004

Friday, January 2

Erev Shabbat Service 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 3

Torah Study 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service 10:45 a.m.

Friday, January 9

Family Shared Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 10

Torah Study 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service 10:45 a.m.

Friday, January 16

Erev Shabbat Service
8:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 17

Torah Study 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service 10:45 a.m.

Friday, January 23

Erev Shabbat Service 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 24

Torah Study 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service 10:45 a.m.

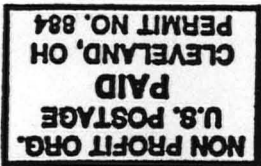
Friday, January 30

Erev Shabbat Service 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 31

Torah Study 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Service 10:45 a.m.



Do you see three stars?

Join us for a very special
Havdalah program
open to the congregation & friends



**Saturday, January 31st at the
Lake Erie Nature & Science Center**

28728 Wolf Road, Bay Village

- 5:00 p.m. - Tour of the Center "through Jewish eyes"
- 5:45 p.m. - Potluck Supper
(Bring a Dairy or Parve Dish to Share; we'll provide the drinks and dessert)
- 6:30 p.m. - Special Planetarium Program
Music, Telescopes, Havdalah service...

Cost: Students in Religious School - Free; Member Adults: \$5/person
Non-Members: \$6/person, \$18/family

Mail in your RSVP Form Today! Reservations must be received by January 25th

- ☐ **Yes! We will attend the Havdalah Program at the Lake Erie Nature & Science Center**

Students in Religious School - Free; Member Adults: \$5/person
Non-Members: \$6/person, \$18/family

Names of those attending:

Enclosed is our check for \$ _____
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and mailed to:

Beth Israel - The West Temple
14308 Triskett Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44111

...THE EGYPTIANS EMBITTERED THE LIVES OF OUR PEOPLE, AS IT IS WRITTEN: "WITH HARD LABOR AT MORTAR AND BRICK AND IN ALL SORTS OF WORK IN THE FIELD..."



LET MISS CHOCOLATE REMIND YOU OF THE SWEETNESS OF FREEDOM!

During the month of January, our religious school families will be selling Bartons' For Passover candy to raise funds for Beth Israel-The West Temple School. Everyone is invited to participate. If you do not have a child in the Religious School, just place your order by completing the order form on the reverse side of this flyer. Unable to get to Beth Israel to pick up your order? Let us know and we'll make arrangements to have someone deliver your order to your home. There are students in all the communities that Beth Israel serves. But remember, your order must be received at the temple office no later than February 2, 2004!!! If you have any questions, please, call Dee Lazarus at 216-251-3690-no answer, leave a message and she'll get back to you as soon as possible.

Just look at your choices...

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| <p>A Parve Bar (2.5 oz Parve)
Pure bittersweet chocolate, \$2.25</p> <p>B Chocolate Covered Macaroons (8 oz Parve)
Moist coconut macaroons, dipped in dark chocolate, \$9.00</p> <p>C Chocolate Covered Marshmallows (7 oz Parve)
The finest marshmallow centers surrounded by deep, dark chocolate. Preservative free, \$10.00</p> <p>D Chocolate Macaroons (10 oz Parve)
Traditional for Passover, chocolate macaroons \$6.50</p> <p>E Vanilla Macaroons (10 oz Parve)
Traditional for Pesach, Vanilla macaroons, \$6.50</p> <p>F Fruit Drops (8 oz Parve)
Hard candy in four fruit flavors, \$7.00</p> <p>G Fruit Slices (12 oz Parve)
Fruit glazed jellies, \$12.50</p> | <p>H Dark Chocolate Matzo (10 oz Parve)
Three sheets of bittersweet chocolate in matzo shape, filled with filberts, \$12.50</p> <p>I Passover Assortment (6 oz Parve)
Bittersweet Bartonettes miniature assortment filled with nut, fruit cordials and truffle, \$12.00</p> <p>J Seder Mints (6 oz Parve)
Bittersweet chocolate mint squares, \$10.00</p> <p>K Raspberry Chocolate Jellies (9 oz Parve)
Delicious jellies of real raspberries in bittersweet chocolate, \$10.00</p> <p>L Almond Bark (5 oz Parve)
Whole roasted almonds, covered with rich, bittersweet chocolate, \$9.00</p> <p>M Milk & Dark Chocolate Assortment (16 oz Dairy)
Deluxe gift assortment for Passover Seder. Assorted nuts and fillings covered in either rich milk or dark chocolate, \$21.00</p> |
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And the list continues...

N Almond Butter Crunch (5.5 oz Dairy)
Toffee crunch center, rolled in almond crunch,
\$10.50

O Almond Kisses (10 oz Tin, Dairy)
Original recipe, two whole-roasted almonds
wrapped in creamy chocolate caramel, **\$14.50**

P Cashew Butter Crunch (6 oz Dairy)
The highest quality cashew pieces are covered
with a golden coating of buttery rich glaze...
better than brittle! Preservative Free. **\$8.50**

Q Chocolate Caramel Daisies (6 oz Dairy)
Creamy caramel filled milk chocolate daisy, a
delightful Passover treat, **\$10.00**

R Milk Chocolate Matzo (10 oz Dairy)
Three sheets of milk chocolate in matzo shape,
filled with filberts, **\$12.50**

S Bridge Mix (6 oz Dairy)
Raisins and assorted nuts coated in rich milk &
dark chocolate, **\$9.00**

T Lollycones (2.5 oz Dairy)
Nine milk chocolate pops on safety sticks, **\$5.00**

Q Caramel Nut Clusters (5.5 oz Dairy)
Caramel and almonds covered in milk chocolate,
\$10.50

V Milk Bar (2.5 oz Dairy)
Pure milk chocolate, **\$2.25**

To place your order complete the following:

Name: _____ Pick Up: _____

Address: _____ Please, Deliver _____

Telephone No. _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Orders must be received at Beth Israel-The West Temple no later than February 2, 2004.

Please, make checks payable to Beth Israel-The West Temple School

ITEM	TOTAL SOLD	PRICE	MONEY COLLECTED
A. PARVE BAR	A.	\$2.25	
B. CHOCOLATE COV. MACAROONS	B.	\$9.00	
C. CHOC. COV. MARSHMALLOWS	C.	\$10.00	
D. CHOCOLATE MACAROONS	D.	\$6.50	
E. VANILLA MACAROONS	E.	\$6.50	
F. FRUIT DROPS	F.	\$7.00	
G. FRUIT SLICES	G.	\$12.50	
H. DARK CHOCOLATE MATZO	H.	\$12.50	
I. PASSOVER ASSORTMENT	I.	\$12.00	
J. SEDER MINTS	J.	\$10.00	
K. RASPBERRY CHOC. JELLIES	K.	\$10.00	
L. ALMOND BARK	L.	\$9.00	
M. MILK & DARK CHOC. ASST.	M.	\$21.00	
N. ALMOND BUTTER CRUNCH	N.	\$10.50	
O. ALMOND KISSES	O.	\$14.50	
P. CASHW BUTTER CRUNCH	P.	\$8.50	
Q. CARAMEL DAISIES	Q.	\$10.00	
R. MILK CHOCOLATE MATZO	R.	\$12.50	
S. BRIDGE MIX	S.	\$9.00	
T. LOLLYCONES	T.	\$5.00	
U. CARAMEL NUT CLUSTERS	U.	\$10.50	
V. MILK BAR	V.	\$2.25	
TOTAL			

Dear Beth Israel Members,

Many of you were privileged to attend a moving and inspiring presentation by Holocaust survivor, Eva Kor at Beth Israel last year. Ms. Kor's Holocaust museum, CANDLES, was destroyed by arson last Tuesday. Here is a link to the museum website that provides up to date information:

http://www.candles-museum.com/museum_fire.htm#action10

An article also appeared in the Plain Dealer on November 27.

Eva Kor and her twin sister were victims of the notorious experiments performed by the Nazis under the direction of Dr. Mengele. When she spoke to us, everyone was moved, not by her accounts of these atrocities, but by her spirit, her resilience, and her ability to forgive, move on, and seek peace. The CANDLES Museum was the outgrowth of her spirit of determination to preserve history and overcome hate. Now it's been destroyed -- by hate -- but she is determined to rebuild.

As a congregation, we can contribute to the fund to rebuild Ms. Kor's museum -- an important symbol of survival and hope as well as a valuable educational resource. This tragedy provides us with the opportunity to take a step back, think about what is really important, and support this small but significant effort to keep the message of Jewish survival alive for future generations -- certainly a timely message as Chanukah approaches.

If you can make a donation, please make your check payable to Beth Israel - The West Temple and write CANDLES FUND on the face of the check. Mail your donation to:

Beth Israel - The West Temple
Attn. CANDLES FUND
14308 Triskett
Cleveland, OH 44111

We will convert all donations into one cashier's check payable to the fund to rebuild CANDLES and send it to the bank in Terre Haute that has been designated to receive these donations.

Whether you can make a donation or not, please take a moment to write a note of sympathy and encouragement to Eva Kor. She is a woman of rare courage and spirit and will appreciate every expression of support that we can provide. Mail your note to the same address, above, so we can send the notes to her along with the donation from our whole congregation.

Shalom,
Maryellen Cudney
President, Board of Trustees

TRANSCRIPT FROM WTHI NEWS 11/18/03

A little piece of history is lost. Fire ripped through the CANDLES Holocaust Museum in Terre Haute, just after midnight on Tuesday.

Investigators call the fire suspicious saying there is evidence of arson.

Police are treating the case as a hate crime after finding "Remember Timmy McVeigh" written on the wall. Investigators told Action 10 News that the building is nearly a total loss.

Right now, they're looking at samples to determine the nature of the accelerant that started the fire. They are also working with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms because of the circumstances and the fact that this is possibly a hate crime.

Eva Kor founded the museum over eight years ago. She's saddened by the fire and wonders why someone set this place ablaze. "It couldn't be as bad and it's not as bad as being and living dead

on the floor for two weeks while I fought for my life in Auschwitz." Auschwitz is just one of the memories spread throughout the museum now destroyed by fire.

Eva has a message for whoever did this. "They are cowards, they're absolute cowards." While police continue looking for those suspects, Eva plans to keep sharing her memories. "There are two choices in life when we face tragedy. Give in to despair or triumph over it." Triumphant over despair is just what the museum is doing by looking to the future of moving on and starting over. A process that may take some time.

In the meantime, Eva Kor and Mary Wright will continue to spread the message of how hatred only leads to disaster and as Eva said, "Hatred is ultimately self destructive."