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Rabbi Brown

Mazal tov to Julia DiBaggio and all of Team Mann!

BI-TWT member Julia DiBaggio and Team Mann won the *gold medal* for the mixed curling event in the Pan American Master's Games!

They competed against teams representing the US, Canada, and Nigeria. Go Julia!

Team Mann from Cleveland, OH, clinches the gold in the mixed curling event at the Pan Am Masters Games, with a record of 6-1. They competed against teams representing the US, Canada, and Nigeria.

Picture left to right
Julia DiBaggio, Michael Mann,
Nick Visnich, Mary Daca



President's Desk



Shalom, Friends. I am excited to write to you as President of Beth Israel-The West Temple. The year ahead promises to be one full of programming, learning, celebration, and reflection – I can't wait. Some highlights in the year to come include:

- The Congregational Picnic on August 25
- 6 b'nai mitzvah celebrations
- In-person High Holiday services
- Havdalah with menorah lighting and latkes
- A women's retreat in March
- Rabbi Brown's formal installation as our Rabbi in May
- A formal dedication of the Sanctuary and the completion of the 21st Century Fund renovations
- Fundraising events ranging from "filling the truck" to shalach manot baskets
- Shabbat services and dinners

It promises to be a busy year and I hope to see you at as many of these events as fit into your schedules.

While I am excited to serve as President, I have to confess to being nervous as well. Our past leaders have successfully navigated Rabbinic transitions, building renovations, and pandemic restrictions. What lies ahead? Hopefully nothing so challenging. But whatever we face, we will do so together as a strong, vibrant community, always willing to support and uplift one another.

My email is always open. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns. president@thewesttemple.org.

Best,
Josh Levy

Educator's Desk



It is hard to believe that the summer is flying by! Before the school year begins, BI-TWT has several special programs and events for our families and members, and friends of our congregation.

July 29-August 2 we look forward to once again offering Camp Kee Tov for children who are in PK-Grade 4. This year we will be meeting at the Bain Park Cabin and will be taking special field trips to the Cleveland Metropark Zoo, Cleveland Botanical Gardens, and the Great Lakes Science Center.



Updates for the 2024-25 School Year

The school year will begin **Sunday, September 15**. Classes will be held every **Sunday from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm** for students in grades K-12. The classes will be divided as follows: **K/1 Grades 2&3**

Grades 4& 5 Grades 6 & 7 Grades 8-12(HS)

This year Tefillah and programming will be structured differently on the Sundays when Rabbi Brown comes to the temple. **Grades K-12 students will begin the morning promptly at 10:00-10:15 am** with a short Havdalah service. Following this service, students in grades K-12 will have classes.

Rabbi Brown will also be leading adult education classes from 10:15-11:15 am. The topics will include: a discussion of High Holidays, Jewish text study and the Talmud, and Interfaith Family Relationships. There will also be a book club discussion- the titles will be announced shortly. The younger grades will meet with Rabbi Brown from 11:15 -11:30 am for a short song session. Grades 4-7 will have a Tefillah that focuses on both the morning prayers and Torah service. Parents are always welcome and encouraged to attend both the Havdalah at the beginning of the morning and Tefillah with their children. The times for Tefillah will be announced each week in the Chai There!

Students in Grades 4-7 will have separate Hebrew language instruction on Sunday morning. In addition, Monday Hebrew for Grades 4-7 will offer several options for families.

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We appreciate the support from each one of our families for the Beth Israel-The West Temple Religious School. We look forward to another outstanding year full of engaging learning and growing!

Please stay safe and healthy! Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Debbie Chessin, Director of Education*

*This position is partially funded through the Fund for the Jewish Future of the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland.

August/September Schedule:

Monday, July 29 – Friday, August 2 - "Camp Kee Tov" BI-TWT's Summer Day Camp for
Preschool-4th Grade.

Sunday, September 15 – 10am-12 pm -First Day of Religious School

Monday, September 16- First night of in person or online Hebrew-6:30-7 pm

Sunday, September 22- Religious School- 10am-12 pm

Sunday, September 22- Congregational Picnic- Clague Park Cabin- Westlake, Ohio- 4-6:30
pm

Monday, September 23- Hebrew- 6:30 pm

Sunday, September 29- 10am-12 pm- Religious School

- **Clean Out Your Closet for Beth Israel-The West Temple- FUNDrive-** see the attached
flier for
details-<https://fundrive.savers.com/e/bethisraelthewesttemplefundrive062124>

Monday, September 30- Hebrew- 6:30 pm

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Dear Parents:

We hope that you have been having a wonderful summer! I, along with our new Rabbi Rachel Brown, and all our amazing and dedicated staff look forward to teaching your children this year.

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Sincerely,
Debbie Chessin

Tidbits for the coming year:

- We will have our Congregational Picnic this year Sunday, September 22 from 4-7 pm. More details to follow!
- *Family Shabbatons with the class* -- This year students in Grades K-12 will participate in grade level Shabbaton programs and participate in the Shabbat morning services with their families. This year the theme will be “Exploring the Stories from the Torah”.
- A special family Sukkot celebration and pizza in the hut will take place on the morning of Sunday, October 20. This will be followed by fun holiday observances for Simchat Torah, Grades 1 & 2 Consecration and a special congregational dinner Friday, October 25 Stay tuned for more details.
- Finally, Chanukah, Purim and Passover programs and celebrations are also being planned. These will be great opportunities for our students to invite their friends to see how compelling and exciting Judaism is at Beth Israel-The West Temple.
- We will also be having *Winter University- January 19 and our first ever Women’s and Girl’s Retreat- Finding our Simcha-March 8-9, 2025.*
- We are delighted that last year’s superstar teachers are returning: Shosh Ault, Scott Machol, David Neumann, Ariella Epstein, Lisa Fisher,, Allison Winokur. Beryl Palnik (Grades 6/7 BIC), Jeff Heller will once again be teaching the 8-12 grade High School class. The High School class will periodically be joined by guest educators who will bring additional knowledge and distinctive insights to our classrooms
- We look forward to sharing this wonderful year with you.

Debbie Chessin
Director of Education

Education Committee: Shosh Ault, Debbie Chessin, Robin Kaufman, Tina Keller, Kim Griffith, Holly Neumann

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FAMILY INFORMATION - Parents/Guardians

Please fill in one section below for each parent, stepparent, or guardian.

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone: Home: (_____) _____ []*

Work: (_____) _____ []*

Cell: (_____) _____ []*

* PLEASE PLACE CHECK MARK TO INDICATE PREFERRED NUMBER

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone: Home: (_____) _____ []*

Work: (_____) _____ []*

Cell: (_____) _____ []*

* PLEASE PLACE CHECK MARK TO INDICATE PREFERRED NUMBER

STUDENT(S) INFORMATION

Name: _____

Hebrew Name: _____

Birthdate: ____/____/____ **Grade:** _____
As of 2024

Name: _____

Hebrew Name: _____

Birthdate: ____/____/____ **Grade:** _____
As of 2024

Name: _____

Hebrew Name: _____

Birthdate: ____/____/____ **Grade:** _____
As of 2024

Please write "Same" where address or phone number is the same as that of Parent/Guardian.

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone:(_____) _____

Fall 2024

Yasher Koach, Walter!



July 1st marked the official beginning of the current board term, and the board would like to begin this term with a heartfelt thank you to our exiting President Walter Wright.

Walter had the unique pleasure of serving as our president in “interesting times.” All times in the life of a congregation are interesting, but these have been a little extra.

He entered the Presidency knowing he would serve through the major renovations at the end of the 21st Century Project. Shortly after starting in the role, he was surprised by Rabbi Lader's announcement of her retirement but he pulled together a search committee and hired Rabbi Brown. These alone are tall orders but COVID rewrote the way we gather, the way we worship, the ways we connect. He led through COVID, both its rise and the return to a somewhat shakier normalcy, and he has continued to lead through the heightened fear and sadness surrounding October 7 and its aftermath.

We celebrated our historical marker and dedicated the brick plaza.

Walter has been a tireless booster and has made a personal mission to develop and engage a new crop of members and leaders. He's an exceptional cheerleader and a thoughtful and insightful resource.

We wish him all the best as he moves into Past President status and are grateful for all he has done for us as President, happily noting that while he's leaving the office, the Wright Family isn't leaving us!



FUNDrive® Coordinator

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Our Goal: \$1000
385 Tall Kitchen Bags (avg. 13 lbs.)
75 Medium boxes (household goods)
Fundraiser Dates:
06/15/2024 - 09/29/2024

Clean out your closets for Beth Israel - The West Temple!

Please save your gently used clothes and household goods
Bring donations in bags and boxes to Beth Israel during Sunday
School, Sunday September 29, 2024.
The more you bring the more we make to support our Beth Israel -
The West Temple operating expenses.

We Are Collecting Clothes

men's, women's, & children's clothes, coats, shoes, scarves,
handbags, wallets, fashion accessories, belts, backpacks, etc.

Household Textiles

bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, linen,
tablecloths, curtains, pillows, etc.

Small Household Goods

kitchen items (such as pots/pans, dishes, silverware, glasses,
serving pieces and hand-held appliances), home decorative
items, knick-knacks, toys, games, and small electronics

Books & Media

paperback, hard cover - all genres
**media needs to be boxed separately*
**no encyclopedias or text books*

Please use bags for clothes and textiles and tightly pack boxes of small
household goods. Separate books from household goods and media. All items
must be clean and in sellable condition.

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Jewish Federation Board member and co-chair Geralda Simko hosts a meeting to welcome the upcoming Young Leadership Division candidates! The program nourishes and builds up the next generation of Jewish leaders in Cleveland. A special yasher koach to Beth Israel–The West Temple member **Sam Yeaman** on his nomination and acceptance into YLD. Our synagogue will always have a seat at the table because our members are passionate and make the time. Now more than ever young Jews are determined to come together and support our community. If you are interested in becoming more involved please reach out to Geralda: ygeralda@gmail.com



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☆ Celebrations ☆

August Wedding Anniversaries

Garik & Melanie Shmois	August 7	20 th
Stephen & Sandra Cohen	August 8	60 th
Brian & Aimee Greenfield	August 10	28 th
Robert & Ilene Brehm	August 14	41 st
Miles & Lynda Kane	August 17	27 th
Evan & Jill Fleisher	August 19	29 th
Joel & Linda Keller	August 26	55 th
Tom & Susan Wagner	August 27	52 nd
Mario & Rachel Marotta	August 30	32 nd

August Birthdays – Young People

Benjamin Robock	August 16	7 th
Ariya Greenhouse	August 17	15 th
Henry McAleer	August 22	17 th
Avigail Fisher	August 28	7 th

August Birthdays – Adults

Erin Butler	August 2
Lisa Ann Goldberg	August 7
Janina Levin	August 7
Maria Cruz	August 8
Craig Sumner	August 8
Barbara Feldmar	August 9
Katya Melott	August 9
Allison Winokur	August 11
Susan Button-Winsa	August 12
Stephen Cohen	August 14
Luis Fernandez	August 14
Ken Goodman	August 15
Dr. Harry Lader	August 17
Margery Ordog	August 18
Jack Kreuzscher	August 19
Jessica Sackett	August 24
Dr. Sam Alterovitz	August 25
Edward Rand	August 29
Jason Decker	August 31



PERPETUAL YAHRZEITS

August 2024

WEEK ENDING

August 3

Sydel Pearl Coslow
Marie Sacher
Roberta Provder
David Tanenbaum
Nancy Balick Ferst
Alan Rimm-Kaufman
Betty Zabarsky

WEEK ENDING

August 10

Richard Grey
Max Krisch
Herbert Wise
Bernard Feldman
Sophie Lustig
Evelyn Rosenblum
Jovanka Skoro Dunn
Marsha Newman Willey
Sophia Bruckman

WEEK ENDING

August 17

Ardeth Dreshfield
Alexander Weiss
William Kaufman
Edyss Paul
Shachni Paul
Linda Goldman
Barbara Sherman Rolleston
David M. Levin
Anthony Bruscano
Morris William Roberts
Karla Rosenbaum
Marian Sattinger



WEEK ENDING

August 24

Leah Sweet
Charlotte Kramer
Lawrence A. Kramer
Reva Barkan
Ellen H. Wolfe
Hela Klipstein-Hauser
Jacob Paul
Sadie Stromberg
Richard Diamond
Frank David
Isidore Warshawsky

WEEK ENDING

August 31

Rose Miller
Mabel Goodworth
Braanda H. Schwartz
Murray Greenfield
Roland Ridgway
Carol Rimm
LaVerne D. Roberts

The congregation expresses its condolences to Abby Labus, whose Father-in-law, Thomas Labus, passed away in July, 2024.

We also note the death of Evan Wright, brother of Walter Wright, who died on July 12, 2024, in Los Angeles.

Service Schedule August

Friday Evenings

All Friday services on ZOOM,
unless otherwise noted.

August 2

7:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat
On ZOOM
Rabbi Lader

August 9

7:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat
On ZOOM
Luis Fernandez

August 16

7:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat
On ZOOM
Rabbi Lader

August 23

7:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat
On ZOOM
Ken Dunn

August 30

7:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat
ON ZOOM
Rabbi Brown

Saturday Mornings

All Saturday services in person,
unless otherwise noted.

August 3

9:30am Torah Study
11:00am Shabbat Service
Rabbi Lader

August 10

9:30am Torah Study
11:00am Shabbat Service
Luis Fernandez

August 17

9:30am Torah Study
11:00am Shabbat Service
TBD

August 24

9:30am Torah Study
11:00am Shabbat Service
Luis & Scott Machol

August 31

9:30am Torah Study
11:00 am Shabbat Service
Rabbi Brown

CONTRIBUTIONS

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Thank you!