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President's Desk

Shalom, friends. I've been thinking about wealth quite a bit recently. Look up "wealth" in a dictionary and you're likely to find definitions that fall into two categories: money and resources. For me, they're interrelated.

Beth Israel-The West Temple is a community with a great wealth of resources. Our Religious School is thriving – the amazing teachers help our students learn about the Jewish holidays, the aleph bet, Jewish history and culture, the prayers of the Shabbat service, and the value of community service. Weekly Torah study and Shabbat services are well attended. Members of our congregation are versed in music, beekeeping, construction, and they bring this knowledge to the community.

President's Desk

But we are not necessarily a wealthy community from a financial perspective. Yes, we have the funds needed to have Shabbat services, run a Religious School, and to keep the lights on. But our annual budget is tight so every penny that we receive from membership dues or donations matters. When we lose a family, there is a financial impact. When we have unexpected expenses, we have to find money to pay for them.

As we move into the Hebrew month of Elul (beginning on September 4) and begin to prepare for the High Holy Days, please consider how you can contribute to the wealth of our community. Please make sure that your dues are current. Please consider an additional donation of any amount that you are able. Please let us know if you have a special skill that you'd like to share with the community. We want to make sure that Beth Israel-The West Temple remains a wealthy congregation – in every sense of the word – for our current and future members.

Finally, please be on the lookout for information about High Holy Day services. You'll receive a paper mailing with the full schedule and registration information in the near future. We can't wait to see you as we celebrate together.

Question? Concerns? Want to talk? Please reach out to me:

president@thewesttemple.org.

Josh Levy

Educator's Desk



Welcome Back! I hope that everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing summer break. I, along with Rabbi Brown and your children's teachers look forward to another incredible school year!

Religious School begins on Sunday, September 15 at 10:00 am. We will kick off the new school year by having a special Havdalah service promptly at 10:00 am for all students, teachers and their families. If you have not already, please send in your registration and tuition by September 14.

This year our welcome back Congregational Picnic will be Sunday September 22 from 4-6:30 pm at the Clague Rd. Cabin in Westlake. Look for more information in the News You Can Use.

In October, we will begin our celebration of Rosh Hashanah, and ten days later, we will conclude the Days of Awe with Yom Kippur. Rosh Hashanah is more than the Jewish New Year. It opens a time to reflect on the quality of our relationships with friends and family, and then compare ourselves to the way we were the previous year. These High Holy Days – the Days of Awe – give us a chance to make amends, and then make a commitment to improving ourselves in the upcoming year.

As parents, it is a perfect opportunity to use the days preceding Rosh Hashanah (and on to Yom Kippur) to go through a process of both introspection and self-evaluation as a family. Thinking and talking about behaviors that affect our relationships with others with your own children may be hard. However, this may be a meaningful way to have open and honest conversations with your children, and to let them know that we all struggle with problems. The most important step is to recognize that if we transgress, we all have the ability to learn from our mistakes, apologize and make an effort to do better in the future.

Talk to your kids about: How can they improve their relationships with friends and family?

Connect to your children's lives by asking:

- What are ways we can be nicer to each other in our family?
- Do you treat your friends the way you would like to be treated?
- How does it feel to tell someone you are sorry for the way that you have treated him or her?

As we are about to begin the new school year and the new Jewish Year, I wish everyone a Shanah Tovah!

Debbi Chessin

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September Schedule:

Sunday, 15th – First day of Religious School- 10:00-12 pm

Monday, 16th – First Night of Hebrew - 6:30pm

Sunday, 22nd- Religious School- 10-12 pm

Sunday, 22nd- Congregational Picnic- 4-6:30 pm- Clague Rd Cabin, Westlake

Monday, 23rd- Hebrew- 6:30 pm

Saturday, 28th- 11-12pm -Welcome Back Young Families Picnic at S Mastick Rd Picnic area.

Sunday, 29th- Religious School- 10-12 pm

- Grades K/1- Family Consecration Program- 10:30-12
- Fill the Truck- Fun-drive- 10-12 pm

Monday, 30th- Hebrew- 6:30 pm

**Save the date:
Congregation Retreat March 1-3
Castaway Bay Resorts- “Creating
Sanctuary” with guest artist and
storyteller Elizabeth Yaari
More details to come!**

Beth Israel –The West Temple Religious School

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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.

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 Sunday's 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 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 focusses 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.

Students in Grades in Grades 4 & 5 will meet in person at the temple from 6:30-7 pm. There will also be an online option for grades 4 & 5 during the week for those unable to attend in person.

Students in Grades 6& 7 will again meet online with Morah Shosh Ault, Monday evenings from 6:30-7 pm. She will also arrange a day and time for in person Hebrew for those students preparing for their Bar or Bat Mitzvahs and/or unable to meet Monday evening.

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!

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:(_____) _____

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Please help us by providing details below which will be kept confidential.

One form per registered child must be completed

Medical Emergency Permission – 2024/25

I, the undersigned, give permission for my child, _____,

to receive emergency treatment deemed necessary in the event that I cannot be reached.

Signature: _____ Name, please print

Relationship to child

Primary Person to Contact in Case of Emergency - other than parent or guardian

Name: _____ Relationship:

Phone: (_____) _____

Doctor/Pediatrician: _____ Phone:

(_____) _____

Hospital Preference – if

possible: _____

Secondary Person to Contact in Case of Emergency – other than parent or guardian

Name: _____ Relationship:

Phone: (_____) _____

Parent/Guardian Medical Insurance Information

Employer:

Insurance Company: _____ Plan and Group

Numbers: _____

Allergies: (include food, animal, and drug allergies):

Chronic Health Issues:

Medications Regularly Taken:

Special information you would like the teacher to know about your child:

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BETH ISRAEL - THE WEST TEMPLE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

SCHOOL FEES FORM – 2024/25

NAME OF PARENT(S) or GUARDIAN(S): _____

NAME(S) OF CHILD(REN) BEING ENROLLED:

REGISTRATION FEES:

One child enrolled \$210.00

Two children enrolled \$315.00

Three or more children enrolled \$400.00

Security Fee: \$100.00

Total Registration Enclosed: \$ _____

The above Registration Fee covers all costs associated with Religious School - including materials, special programs and Shabbatons.

Please register by August 31, 2024 \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Send checks and forms to: Beth Israel - The West Temple
14308 Triskett Rd., Cleveland, OH 44111

Payments may also be made via Venmo @bitwt

Each year we take photos of our programs and your children. Your enrollment of your children gives us permission to use photos on our website and for local newspapers, unless you specify otherwise below:

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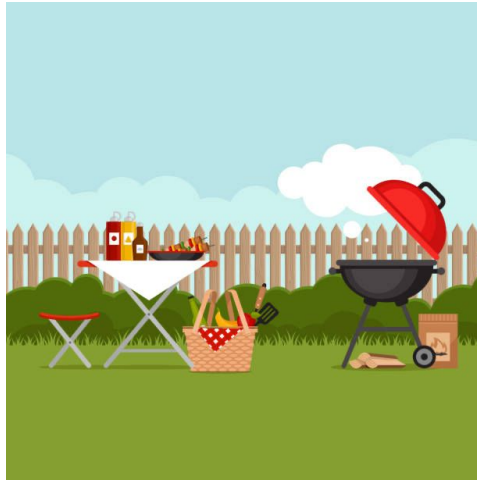
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PLEASE NOTE: Registration can only be submitted by members of the congregation in good standing. Dues must be paid according to arrangements made with the Temple Treasurer before registration can be accepted. Any questions may be directed to the Temple Treasurer, Robin Kaufman at Cell: 216-387-6630.

First day of Religious School is Sunday, September 15, 2024

Fall 2024

You're invited to our picnic!



Join us for FOOD, FUN, and FRIENDSHIP at the annual
BETH ISRAEL-THE WEST TEMPLE CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd , 2024

Clague Park Cabin at Clague Park in Westlake, Ohio
(Corner of Clague Rd. & Hilliard Rd. Via Roman Rd. Entrance is on Hilliard)

4:00-7:00 PM--Dinner served at 4:30 PM

Fried chicken, hot dogs, chips & munchies, beverages provided
Kids activities!

*** Each family/single guest with last name A-L please bring a picnic side dish

(potato salad, pasta salad, cole slaw, fruit salad, etc.)

*** Each family/single guest with the last name L-Z please bring a dessert to share.

COST: \$10 per person Ages 5 and under are free!
((\$30 cap per family)

Pay by cash/check at the door, or Temple Venmo account @bitwt

RSVP BY THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th ,2024 to berylpalnik@yahoo.com

The Picnic Committee of Beryl Palnik, Jenny Sedlak, Karen McAleer, & Debbie Chessin,
LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

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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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Highlights from August:

Camp Kee Tov was held at the beginning of August. The theme this year was "Camp Kee Tov on the Go." The children enjoyed going to the zoo, botanical garden, science center and the Bain Park Cabin. Enjoy the pictures!





☆ Celebrations ☆

September Wedding Anniversaries

David & Gloria Cutrona	Sept. 2	34 th
William & Cheryl Greenhouse	Sept. 2	16 th
Joshua Levy & Jan Miyake	Sept. 2	23 rd
Laurie Levinson & Michael Kukura	Sept. 4	36 th
Peter & Jessica Sackett	Sept. 6	37 th
Justin & Melissa Morse	Sept. 7	5 th
John & Myrna Pendery	Sept. 9	46 th
Art & Diana Gold	Sept. 11	42 nd
Frank & Nancy Eilberg	Sept. 26	43 rd

September Birthdays – Young People

Hannah Flynn-Wilson	Sept. 3	8 th
Joshua Decker	Sept. 5	16 th
Rachel Cruz	Sept. 11	15 th
George McAleer	Sept. 11	15 th
Mia Resto	Sept. 14	16 th
Caleb Sweet	Sept. 15	13 th
Margot Lazar	Sept. 18	9 th

September Birthdays – Adults

Joshua Lazar	Sept. 3
Shosh Ault	Sept. 4
Amber Heller	Sept. 8
Michael Kukura	Sept. 11
Abigail Eshbaugh	Sept. 12
Jami Lercher	Sept. 17
Hope Wondowsky	Sept. 18
Pat Outlaw	Sept. 19
Aaron Griffith	Sept. 21
John Goodworth	Sept. 22
Rabbi Rachel Brown	Sept. 23
Rabbi Enid Lader	Sept. 24
Linda Kramer	Sept. 25
Michael Kaput	Sept. 26



PERPETUAL YAHRZEITS

August 2024

WEEK ENDING

September 7

Janet Katz
Jack Keller
Janet G. Levin
Dora Neufeld
Mark Ludwig
Louis Zabarsky
Phyllis Keller

WEEK ENDING

September 14

Jerry Goodworth
Paul Palnik
Ruth Grey
Deborah Rubin
Sami Klein
Edmundo Klein
Helen Gold
Rose Lettofsky

WEEK ENDING

September 21

Frank K. Levin
Carmella Hendricks
Carol Helsey
Annette Briskman
Alex Bruscano, Jr.
Rose Kreuzscher
Blanche Pyritz
Sylvia Nakrin
Judith Wolf



WEEK ENDING

September 28

Margaret Button
Gabriel Rubin
Robert Roth
Mary Freundlich
Herman Mark

WEEK ENDING

October 5

Isador Kantor
Harry Mittleman
Margaret Lenker
John G. Ludwig
Shirley Newman
Minnie Jacobson
Laura Green Stout
Thelma Goldberg
Lydia Faye Levinson
Albert Abady
Lea Leibovici
George Moseley

The congregation mourns the passing of
**Mary Lou McGuire, who died on August
13, 2024.**

May her memory be for a blessing.



**Our September service schedule will come out in
the weekly newsletters.**

CONTRIBUTIONS

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Thank you!