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**President's Desk**

Josh Levy

Shalom chaverim. I hope that everyone is doing well and has/had a Happy Thanksgiving. It's a much-needed time to breathe for me, both at work and at Temple.

October and November were incredibly busy. We had Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Simchat Torah and Consecration and dancing with the Torahs. November saw us celebrate two b'nai mitzvah – congratulations Charlotte and Noah. As I look back and reflect on all that we did in such a short time, I'm exhausted! We may be a small congregation but we are strong in spirit.

As I relax and look forward, I can't wait to celebrate Chanukah at Temple with everyone.

## President's Desk

Please join us on Friday, December 27, for our annual Chanukah celebration and latke party. You'll see more information in your email accounts.

Speaking of email, I hope you've all noticed the new format for News You Can Use. Thank you Geralda for implementing this. It looks really great.

As I look forward past Chanukah, I want to remind everyone about the Congregational Meeting on January 19. We hope you can join us for a bagel brunch, conversation with friends, and updates from the Board. We will also be voting on one change to our Constitution.

Thank you for all that you do to support Beth Israel. We couldn't do it without each and every one of you.

Please be in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

**Josh Levy**

president@thewesttemple.org



## Educator's Desk

Debbie Chessin

As we conclude 2024-we wish everyone a Happy Chanukah and holiday season with their family and friends!



On Friday, December 27 at 6:00 pm we will have our Congregational Shabbat, Menorah lighting service and Chanukah dinner at Beth Israel-The West Temple.

6:00 PM Chanukah Dinner

7:00 PM Menorah Lighting and Shabbat Service.



Delicious fried chicken, latkes, side dishes and beverages provided. Each guest/family **please bring a dessert to share (Donuts, cookies, non-dairy family favorites)**

COST \$10.00 per person (no charge for age 5 and under)

Pay by cash or check at arrival, or on the Temple Venmo account-@bitwt

**RSVP's MUST be made by Wednesday, December 23** to

Beryl Palnik berylpalnik@yahoo.com

Children can enjoy a Chanukah activity and craft center.

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**SAVE THE DATES!!**

**Get Ready for Mitzvah Day and Winter Yom Israel- January 2024!**



On **Sunday, January 12**, students in grades PK-12 will participate in a Mitzvah Day- we will be assembling bagged lunches for the Lutheran Men's Homeless Shelter. We kindly ask that each grade level donate the following items for the lunches.

Grades K/1- Each family donates two loaves of bread.

Grades 2&3- Each family donates one jar peanut butter and one jar of jelly.

Grade 4&5- Each family donates two packages of cookies.

Grades 6&7 Each family donates- one box of individual pretzels or chips.

HS- Each family donates one bag of clementines.

Winter University- will take place Sunday, January 19- we will have fun workshops and activities for learners of all ages! Workshops will include Israeli cooking, art, Israeli dancing, Hebrew and much more! Look for the Sign Up Genius to register.

**Debbie Chessin, Director of Education\***

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

## December Schedule

**Sunday, December 1-** No Religious School – Thanksgiving Holiday weekend.

**Monday, December 2-** Hebrew- 6:30 pm

**Sunday, December 8-** Religious School-10-12 pm

**Monday, December 9-** 10:30-11:30 am–Kinder Kraft and Kooking Chanukah Celebration- Making a Menorah- at BI-TWT., RSVP to Debbie Chessin at [bitwteducator@gmail.com](mailto:bitwteducator@gmail.com)

- Hebrew-6:30 pm

**Monday, December 10-** Hebrew- 6:30 pm

**Sunday, December 15-** Religious School- 10-12pm

**Monday, December 16-** Hebrew School- 6:30 pm

**Sunday, December 22 - January 1-** No Religious or Hebrew School- Winter Break

**Sunday, December 25-** First night of Chanukah

**Friday, December 27-** Congregational Chanukah Dinner and Shabbat Service- Dinner is 6:00pm and the Menorah lighting and Shabbat service is at 7 pm.

# MAZAL TOV, GABE!



Dear Beth Israel-The West Temple Family,

We would love for you to join us as our son, **Gabe Brown-Ross**, is called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on **December 21, 2024**

The celebration will begin with a Friday night service and festive oneg at Temple Beth Shalom in Hudson on **Friday night, at 6:00 PM.**

Dress is whatever you would normally wear to synagogue.

Gabe will be called to the Torah during services on **Shabbat/Saturday morning, starting at 9 AM** (Plan to arrive by 9:45 AM), followed by lunch at Congregation Shaarey Tikvah. Dress is whatever you would normally wear to synagogue.

**Friday night: Temple Beth Shalom's address is:**

**50 Division St.**

**Hudson, OH 44236**

**Shabbat/Saturday morning and night: Congregation Shaarey Tikvah's address is:**

**26811 Fairmount Blvd.**

**Beachwood, OH 44122**

**Please RSVP to us by December 4, 2024**

To RSVP, please use the link shared in our weekly newsletter. Email me if you have any questions at [rabbibrown@thewesttemple.org](mailto:rabbibrown@thewesttemple.org)

With joy, gratitude, abundant blessings, and love,

**Rabbi Rachel Brown and Rabbi Michael Ross**

Pictures from November: Grades 4-12 enjoyed the women suffragettes show. Students in the high school class participated in a community wide Civil Rights trip to the south.



☆ Celebrations ☆

**December Wedding Anniversaries**

John & Ellen Goodworth	December 3	47 <sup>th</sup>
Dr. Arnon & Laurie Chait	December 10	41 <sup>st</sup>
Sandu & Dr. Adriana Leibovici	December 15	39 <sup>th</sup>
Dr. Robert & Lisa Goldberg	December 19	25 <sup>th</sup>

**December Birthdays – Young People**

Mara Wald	December 3	4 <sup>th</sup>
Samuel Decker	December 8	12 <sup>th</sup>
Gabriel Brown-Ross	December 15	13 <sup>th</sup>
Davia Kane	December 16	16 <sup>th</sup>
Zachary Eshbaugh	December 20	9 <sup>th</sup>



**December Birthdays – Adults**

Tina Keller	December 1	Aimee Greenfield	December 18
Dr. Mary Kay Greenberg	December 2	Sandra Cohen	December 19
Dr. Neil Greenberg	December 2	Holly Neumann	December 20
Tammy White	December 2	Dee Lazarus	December 21
Adam Rosen	December 5	Tracy Grauel	December 23
Dan Chessin	December 6	Lesley Watilo	December 24
Diana Gold	December 7	Leonard Weiss	December 25
Donald Mansfeld	December 7	Dr. Theodore Provder	December 26
Melanie Shmois	December 9	Laurie Chait	December 27
Dr. James Wilson	December 9	Todd McAleer	December 27
Walter Wright	December 12	Garik Shmois	December 28
David Neumann	December 13	Evan Fleisher	December 29
Sid Ordog	December 14	Shimson Balanson	December 30
Anna Batyreva	December 15	Gloria Cutrona	December 30
Sarah Bedrossian	December 17	Linda Keller	December 31
Sylvia Alotta	December 18		



# PERPETUAL YAHRZEITS

December 2024

## WEEK ENDING

### December 7

Michael Lee Horvitz  
Anna Skoro Pasternak  
Joseph Jacobson  
Judith Anne Tisch Lieber  
Helen Wilner  
Charlotte Gorland  
James Curran  
Marion Weidenfeld

## WEEK ENDING

### December 14

Michael Button  
Hella Klipstein E.  
Helen Klein  
Nathan Alterovitz  
Bernard Eckstein  
Meyer Jaffe  
Charles J. Cramer  
Edward Ault  
Reuben Copen  
Regina Curran

## WEEK ENDING 21

### December

Fannie Melnick  
Leslie Dus  
Mort Epstein  
Samuel Donofrio Bruckman  
Oscar Sattinger  
Harry Barkan  
Miriam Jaslove  
Fred Pyritz

## WEEK ENDING

### December 28

Selma C. Keller  
Herbert L. Levy  
Marvin Sheflin  
Rosellen Weiss  
Joseph Lisbon  
Judd Seldin  
Sidney Martin  
Stuart Schwartz  
Bertl Loeb

## WEEK ENDING

### January 4

Lillian Feigenbaum  
Dorothy B. Copen  
Willy Neufeld  
Harvey Sherman  
Ruth Friedman  
Trudy Isaac  
Irving Gilbert  
Al Gluck  
Estelle Loeb



## Service Schedule December

### Friday Evenings

All Friday services on ZOOM,  
unless otherwise noted.

### December 6

7:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat  
On ZOOM  
Rabbi Brown

### December 13

7:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat  
On ZOOM  
Rabbi Lader

### December 20

7:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat  
On ZOOM  
Luis Fernandez

### December 27

7:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat  
ON ZOOM  
Rabbi Brown

### Saturday Mornings

All Saturday services in person,  
unless otherwise noted.

### December 7

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

### December 14

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

### December 21

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

### December 28

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

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