



Beth Israel – The West Temple

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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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from the Rabbi's Desk...



And we take a little bit of wine from our cup with the mention of each plague...

Blood... Frogs... lice... Wild animals...
Pestilence... Boils... Hail... Locusts... Darkness...
Death of the Firstborn...

With the mention of each plague, we dip our finger (or a spoon) into our wineglass, and take out a drop of wine/juice, symbolizing the diminishing of our own joy as we recall how others suffered during the ten plagues of our Passover story so that we could be free.

In our own day, we are urged to see these plagues in a modern-day light (adapted from "Next Year In A Just World: A Global Justice Haggadah" from the American Jewish World Service):

As the Egyptian's water turned to blood – Today, we comfort and mourn those whose blood has been spilled.

As frogs and more frogs leapt forth throughout Egypt – Today we protest the proliferation of violence.

As the Egyptians were afflicted by lice – Today we seek to stop infestations of hatred and fear.

As wild animals ran through the streets, taking no account of who got in their way – Today we appeal to all people to act with humanity.

As pestilence and contagion spread through the land – Today we work to overcome the sickness of racism and bigotry.

As the Egyptian people were covered with boils – Today we tend to those who suffer from disease.

As the hail stormed down upon the land - Today we strive to lend our hands to help those surviving storms and natural disasters.

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As the deafening sound of the locusts filled the land with dread – Today, let us use our voices for positive change.

As thick darkness covered the land – Today, we are called upon to bring light to those who live in the shadows.

And... as death was visited upon the firstborn – Today, let us inspire the next generation to carry on the struggle for a better world.

The COVID19 virus has brought all too close the enormous challenges of what it means to control the outbreak of pestilence and contagion. It is so important that we maintain our calm, keep up with the facts, emphasize good hygiene, and maintain our calm... Did I mention how important it is to maintain our calm? Our Passover celebrations this year might need to be adjusted. Certainly, our temple programming has been, and will continue to be, adjusted. Your patience and support are greatly appreciated.

We pray that this season of our Freedom – Z'man Hiruteinu – will be one of joy. And we also pray that the Holy One send healing to all those that are afflicted, and may this disease soon vanish from the earth.

Chag Sameach to you all,

Rabbi Enid

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Virtual Shared Shabbat Friday, April 3rd at 7:30 p.m.



Join Rabbi Lader for a family-friendly Erev Shabbat Service as we welcome Shabbat and celebrate April Birthdays and Anniversaries

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Dial in: 646 876 9923
Meeting ID: 791 108 358

Renew your Shabbat experience!
Shabbat b'Tevah – Shabbat in Nature
Spring Shabbat Morning Service –
A Walk in the Park
Saturday, April 11th at 10:00 a.m.



Meet Rabbi Lader at the Rocky River Nature Center and walk through the Shabbat Morning service.

Wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather.

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May Deadline: Wednesday, April 15th

REVISED PASSOVER SEDER PLANS

At this time, we are adjusting how we will be holding our Congregational Second Seder and the Women's Seder. **We will NOT be gathering at temple, but will be offering our seders by zoom.** Rabbi Lader will be leading our Second Seder on April 9th and Barbara Schwartz and Rabbi Lader will co-lead our Women's Seder on April 15th. The haggadot for each seder will be sent out ahead of time, so we'll all be on the same page! These are certainly challenging times, but we want to respond in thoughtful, prudent, and creative ways as best we can, to maintain our sense of community. [Checks for the Second Seder that have been sent into our temple office, will be returned.]

BI-TWT Second Seder

April 9, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Dial in: 646 876 9923

Meeting ID: 260 190 466



Circle of Friends Women's Seder

April 15, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Dial in: 646 876 9923

Meeting ID: 338 673 199



If you or someone you know in our congregation would appreciate a Seder-in-a-box, please let Rabbi Lader know, and we will deliver our seder boxes (carefully) before Passover. Our hope is that each box will include: Passover matzah, matzah ball soup, an easy-to-read Haggadah, and Passover sweets... If you or someone you know in our congregation would like a box, please call the temple office to let Rabbi Lader know as soon as possible – 216-941-8882.

Service for the Concluding day of Pesach

Thursday Morning, April 16th

Join Rabbi Lader for our service for the concluding day of Pesach, including Yizkor, on Thursday, April 16th, at 10:00 a.m.

Location details TBA

from Circle of Friends – BI-TWT's Rosh Chodesh Women's Group



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Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: Talking Trash with Carin Miller, Education Specialist with the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District

Many members of Beth Israel have expressed an interest in things we can do as individuals and as a congregation to improve our environment and have an impact on climate change. Changing rules about recycling has also led to a great deal of confusion about what are the best practices to: Recycle More, Recycle Better!



Based on her experience, Renee Kolesar of Circle of Friends strongly recommended inviting Carin Miller, Education Specialist with the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District. Carin came and spoke at Beth Israel on Thursday evening, February 27th, in an event that was open to all members, sharing a wealth of information, helpful handouts, additional resources, and then stayed to answer the many questions our members had for her. Members from Circle of Friends, the Green Team, Social Action helped to sponsor and support this event.

The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District (CCSWD) is located in Garfield Heights and can be reached at 216-443-3749 or at their website: CuyahogaRecycles.org. There you can access information about your own specific community (those living outside of Cuyahoga County will need to contact their county's site.) CCSWD provides a hotline, education resources for students, adults, and businesses, and would be willing to come to Beth Israel to work with our students and also to do a "garbage audit" to help us understand what we can do to reduce our waste and recycle better. There is also a link to "what do I do with this", and a book about where to donate useable, but no longer needed items, called *Pass It On*. It is available as a PDF download to use online or to print, or a printed copy can be ordered. You can also sign up for their very interesting emailed newsletter: Trash Talk. (continued on p. 5.)



In Carin's presentation she explained that we no longer have the option to send our trash to China and other countries for recycling, and our own facilities have become overloaded as well. Some of the change has been due to people "wish-cycling" or trying to recycle items that damage the machines and/or contaminate the product with food, toxic substances, etc. The numbers on the bottom of plastics do not matter any longer. Carin explained that we have 11 landfills located in rural areas in Ohio. Trash that goes into the landfill does not decompose, but stays there. Plastics that are not properly recycled or disposed of end up contaminating our water supply, including our rivers, lakes and oceans. In Ohio we have several MRFs or Materials Recovery Facilities, where recyclables are sorted by machines and technology, supervised by people who could easily be injured if the wrong item ends up being a projectile when rejected by the machine. Reducing our waste means giving thought to what we purchase (could it be rented, borrowed or shared) is there an alternative that can be recycled (e.g. a metal vs. a plastic container), and reducing single use plastics and bags. They have information on composting, and disposing of electronics, paper, medications, and hazardous waste. We encourage you to go online to find out much more. We hope to follow-up at Beth Israel with more training.

Again, the website is: www.CuyahogaRecycles.org

Barbara Schwartz, Chair

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MITZVAH OPPORTUNITY

Our Passover seder includes the famous invitation: Let all who are hungry, come and eat. As we are coping with the challenges presented by the coronavirus, let us keep in mind those who face (and will come to face) economic challenges every day.

We encourage you to make a tzedakah contribution to the SCAN Hunger Center, to help them support all those who are hungry.

**Please make out your check to: SCAN Hunger Center
Send to: SCAN Hunger Center
c/o 1156 White Tail Run
Columbia Station, OH 44028**



You are cordially invited to join Rabbi Lader and Friends for



**Lunch 'n Learn
with the Rabbi and Friends
Tuesday, April 29th
Noon**

Location details TBA

2020 Pillar Members

Luis Fernandez & Barbara Feldmar

David & Holly Neumann

Alfred & Sylvia Rimm

Peter and Jessica Sackett

from the educator's desk...



March 2020

We all know about **Passover**, that holiday when we Jews bring out the Matzah, talk about the exodus of the Jews from Egypt and enjoy a delicious Seder meal with family and friends. As it happens, though, there are a few other things you might want to know about Passover! Here are some facts about the holiday that you probably never knew:

1. **Passover is an oldie.**
 Judaism celebrates a *lot* of holidays. Believe it or not, Passover is the oldest! The very first Passover was celebrated in Egypt itself more than 3,300 years ago and became the first holiday the Jews ever celebrated. The Jews of the time were commanded to bring the first Paschal offering, continuously brought on Passover until the destruction of the second Temple. Today, the holiday is still celebrated across the world.
2. **The world's biggest matzah ball was *really* big.**
 You thought your mother made them well? Well, she's up against some competition. **The world largest matzah ball was made in the heart of New York City in 2009.** Chef Anthony Sylvestry was able to make a matzah ball that weighed 267 pounds and measured nearly two feet wide!
3. **Sometimes there are seven foods on the seder plate.**
 The traditional seder plate is a circular plate with six spots on it, each to hold a different symbolic food to be eaten during the Passover meal. In recent years, a new tradition has begun to form. For example, – a seder plate with seven spots instead of six. For example, an orange was added in 1980s to signify support of and solidarity with gay Jews and other marginalized peoples. The orange is said to signify fruitfulness, and the act of spitting out the seeds represents “spitting out” hate and discrimination in our society. Recently in some communities a tomato has also been added to the plate as a symbol of modern-day slavery, in support of human rights for migrant workers.
4. **Nepal is home to the world's largest Passover seder. The world's largest Passover seder, has more than 1,000 participants, is held yearly in Kathmandu, Nepal.**
 Why Nepal? The country is overflowing with young Israeli travelers who have recently finished their army service, and when it comes time for Passover, some want to be reminded of their mom's chicken soup or experience the familiar crunch of matzah. Other attendees simply hear of this massive event and feel compelled to travel to Nepal to experience the holiday in such a unique way. Rabbis fly in to lead the seder, and teams

of participants show up in advance to help prepare for the guests. Now that's a lot of company!

Whether you are planning to make giant matzah balls, eat orange slices, or invite 1,000 guests to your seder (well, maybe next year!), I wish you a happy and meaningful Passover! Chag Sameach to everyone.

Photos from March: In March, our HS students put on another brilliant Purim Spiel, and adults and children enjoyed the costume parade, Purim Carnival.... and Queen Esther's Café, sponsored by BIC (Beth Israel Chaverim – our junior youth group). Enjoy the pictures!

Debbie Chessin*

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

THIS IS OUR SCHEDULE FOR APRIL – ALL PROGRAMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS WE MAKE OUR WAY THROUGH THIS TIME OF THE CORONAVIRUS

- 4th 9:30-12:30 p.m. -Grades 7-12 Shabbaton- “Our Responsibility to Help Others”
- 5th 11:00 a.m., Tefilah via Zoom
- 6th 6:30 p.m. - Hebrew School
- 8th Erev Pesach – 1st Seder
- 9th Congregational Seder - 2nd night of Passover , via Zoom
- 12th NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Passover Break
- 13th NO HEBREW SCHOOL, Passover Break
- 19th 9:45 a.m. Religious School
 10:00- Anne Frank Presentation for Grades 7-12
- 20th 6:30 p.m. Hebrew School
- 26th 9:45 a.m. Religious School-ALL SCHOOL and Congregational Beach Clean up at Upper Edgewater Park
- 27th 6:30 p.m. - Hebrew School

SAVE THE DATE!!! Camp Kee Tov on the Go will be making its return August 3-7th. Some of the highlights will be the Metroparks Zoo, Cleveland Science Center, Cleveland Aquarium, creek walk, cooking and much more!!

Religious School Pictures from March

(photographs courtesy of Debbie Chessin and Renee Kolesar)



Pictures from Megillah Reading and Classes 7/8 Activity

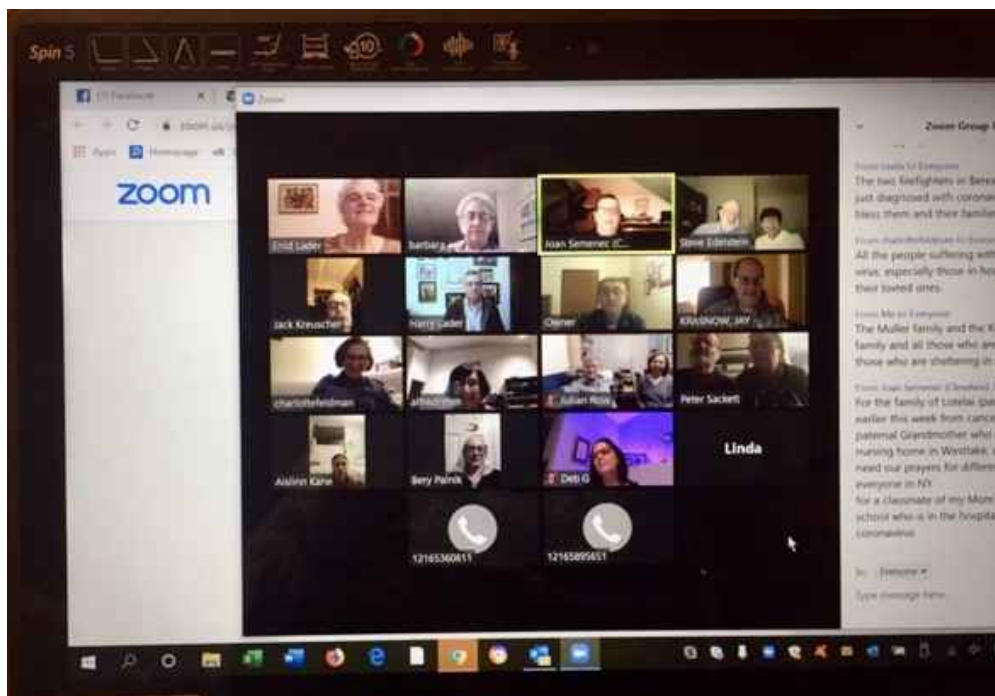
(photos courtesy of Rabbi Lader, Jan Miyake, and Romy Larson)



Calendar of Events

(Please call the Temple Office for more information or to RSVP; 216.941.8882); information on Shabbat services can be found on p. 12)

- Friday, April 3 Virtual Shared Shabbat, 7:30 p.m. [Join Zoom Meeting](#),
Dial in: 646 876 9923, Meeting ID: 791 108 358 (p. 2, p. 12).
- Saturday, April 4 Grades 7-12 Shabbaton, 9:30-12:30 p.m., contact Debbie Chessin for
Zoom information (p. 6).
- Sunday, April 5 Religious School Tefilah, 11:00 a.m., contact Debbie Chessin for
Zoom information (p. 6).
- Wednesday, April 8 Erev Pesach (First Seder).
- Thursday, April 9 Second Seder led by Rabbi Lader, 6:30 p.m., [Join Zoom Meeting](#),
Dial in: 646 876 9923, Meeting ID: 260 190 466 (p. 3, p. 12).
- Saturday, April 11 Shabbat b'Tevah – Shabbat in Nature, A Spring Shabbat Morning Service,
10:00 a.m., Rocky River Nature Center (p. 2, p. 12).
- Sunday, April 12 No Sunday School, Passover Break (p. 6).
- Monday, April 13 No Hebrew School, Passover Break (p. 6).
- Wednesday, April 15 Circle of Friends Women's Seder, 6:00 p.m., [Join Zoom Meeting](#),
Dial in: 646 876 9923, Meeting ID: 338 673 199 (p. 3, p. 12).
- Thursday, April 16 Service for the Concluding Day of Pesach, 10:00 a.m., location TBA
(p. 3, p. 12).
- Tuesday, April 29 Lunch 'n Learn with the Rabbi, noon, location TBA, RSVP (p. 5).



*Friday, March 27th Erev Shabbat Services
(photo courtesy of Barbara Schwartz)*

Celebrations

April Birthdays (young people up to age 25)

Lila Wright	April 16	15 th	Isaac Donahoe-Goldberg	April 28	7 th
Elle Heller	April 21	12 th	Rebecca Josselson	April 30	22 nd

April – Wedding Anniversaries

Adam Rosen & Erin Huber	April 8	3 rd
Bryan & Lily Harder	April 24	10 th
Louis & Julia Lazar	April 27	8 th

April – Adult Birthdays

Blythe Houghton	April 1	Thomas Wagner	April 16
Laurie Levinson Kukura	April 3	Judy Wright	April 16
Jennifer Cali	April 8	Susan Hutner	April 18
Blanche Caron	April 8	Carol Ross	April 18
Amy Cooper	April 11	Steven Strongosky	April 18
Dr. Adriana Leibovici	April 13	Martie Travis	April 19
Dr. Alfred Rimm	April 13	Beryl Palnik	April 22
Roger Abady	April 15	Jay Mattes	April 23
Alan Finkelstein	April 15	Barbara Machol	April 29
Dr. Sylvia Rimm	April 16	Lily Harder	April 30

#MayaStrong

One of our BI-TWT families is battling a rare and aggressive form of osteosarcoma (bone cancer). Their daughter, Maya, has started chemo, and they are accepting help in many different forms.

Take them a Meal – [click here](#).

Seamless gift cards - so they can order food when needed. – [click here](#). Please email gift cards to rhodarak@yahoo.com.

Gas cards - there is a lot (weekly) driving back and forth to Rainbow downtown. Getgo (buy at Giant Eagle), Sheetz, Speedway. Please email gift cards to rhodarak@yahoo.com.

Buy a T-shirt: contact Melissa Sherwood (440-781-2284).



Perpetual Yahrzeits

WEEK ENDING

APRIL 4

Kenneth Bogart
Sarah Lewis
Mimi Caro
Harold Paul Conrady
Debbie Thornton
Robert Ethan Horvitz
Lucille Velardo
Hyman Lader
David McGary

WEEK ENDING

APRIL 11

Martha Bruckman
Max Briskman
Joseph Butensky
Dr. Harold Feldman
Samuel Mesiboff
Edna Smilgoff
Charlie Gluck
Irwin L. Newman
Rachel Ellen Thornton

WEEK ENDING

APRIL 18

Douglas Byron Schwartz
Emma Deborah Caron
Dina Grinberg
Anna Mark
Carl M. Cohen
Rose Seldin
Dorothy Cohen
Jennie C. Rabin
Rose Priesand
Sandra Schwartz
Abraham Melnick

WEEK ENDING

APRIL 25

Faye Schwebel
Maury Feldmar
Isaac Conan Caron
Henry Stone
Ada Ruth Wagner
Chaja Gertelman

WEEK ENDING

MAY 2

Fay Lader
Herbert Marshall Schwartz
Lucille Deren
Edith Bauer Feldman
Esther Sacher
Linda Steerman

WEEK ENDING

MAY 9

Ben Kaplan
Helene Weber
Edith Zimbler
Donna Lezberg
Eli Yale Scheinman
Joseph Cohen
Flora Eisenstein
Raquel Klipstein-Hauser
Malvina Gluck

We are sorry to inform you of the death of Cheryl Horvitz,
who passed away on March 10, 2020.

The congregation extends its condolences to
her mother, Sonia Horvitz,
and Larry Horvitz, her brother,
as well as his family.

May her memory be for a blessing.

Shabbat Service Schedule

Friday Evenings

Services at 7:30 p.m.

(except where noted)

Watch your email for Zoom links

Saturday Mornings

Torah Study 9:30 a.m.

Service 11:00 a.m.

Watch your email for Zoom links

Call the *Temple Office* for more information.

April 3 – Shared Shabbat

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

April 4 – Grades 7-12 Shabbaton

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

April 10

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

April 11 – Shabbat in the Park

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

April 17

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

April 18

Service Leader: Luis Fernandez

April 24

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

April 25

Service Leader: Rabbi Lader

Going into the hospital?
Extended time in rehab?
Need help with meals?
Need a ride to appointments?
Need a friendly visitor?

Our Caring Committee is ready to help.

Please contact the temple office or Rabbi Lader.

216-941-8882.



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for more information.**