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The Monthly Newsletter of



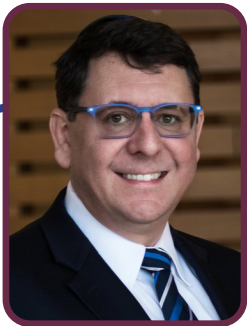
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## BLOOD DRIVE

**Beth Torah**  
**Tuesday, July 11th**  
**2:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

*Free Shirt* (while supplies last)



## Remarks

Rabbi Javier Cattapan, Senior Rabbi

### Jewish Learning: Setting Priorities in our Lives

In the Weiner Religious School, we try to inculcate the idea in the next generation that Jewish learning is something we value at every age. Under the leadership of our new full-time principal, *Menahel* Morgan Fasbinder, our teaching staff aspires to be an example of Jewish learning and living.

But it is not enough that the WRS is a place of Jewish learning. Each of our members can be an example of what it means to a lifelong Jewish learner. The great Talmudic sage, Hillel, teaches, "Do not say, "When I am free I will study," for perhaps you will never be free." In his translation of *Pirke Avot* (Ethics of the Sages), Rabbi Rami Shapiro adds: "Do not hope to find time to study; time is never found, *only* made." In other words, your Jewish learning is a priority in your life, or it is not. Our *Talmud Torah* committee and I have been planning innovative and interesting approaches to Jewish learning (See page 3 for adult ed offerings) What is missing in our adult education offerings is YOU. I am asking you to take a look at your busy schedule and take steps to incorporate Jewish learning into the life of your family. If you make it a priority, we are here to help, inspire, and challenge you with our many Adult Education offerings.

I believe that even we, rabbis and teachers, must continue to learn. Earlier this year, I spent part of my Sabbatical learning new things. I invite you to join me on another evening of learning about Judaism in Germany, its history and its future. On Friday, July 21st, we will hold a *Beit Midrash* on the topic of memorials in Berlin. I will share pictures and observations about the many ways in which the atrocities of Nazism are remembered in the German capital (the Holocaust will be discussed, parental discretion advised).

The bottom line is that I want you to be present at as many of our learning opportunities as possible. We offer a variety of topics at different times and locations during the week. We hope that we have something for everyone, but if we are missing something, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or our *Talmud Torah* committee. We are here to listen. Please, join us.

## Summer Havdalah

Join us for our Summer Havdalah!

**July 8 - Muzzle Tov Havdalah**  
7:00 p.m. at CBT (outdoors)

**August 12 - Poolside Havdalah**  
5:30 p.m. at the J

## Summer Beit Midrash

Rabbi Cattapan invites us to join him for the second of two special editions of our Beit Midrash centered on the past and present of two Jewish communities of Germany: Rhineland and Berlin

**July 21: Walking Memorial  
Lanes in Berlin**

## Summer Bar Mitzvah

**July 22 - Nathan Weiner**

## Summer Kids Schmooze

**July 6 - Summer at the movies**  
10:00 a.m. at B&B Theatre

**July 19 - Summer Skate Party**  
6:00 p.m. at Skate City

**July 26 - Summer Ice Cream Social**  
5:00 p.m. at Golden Scoop

## Community Events:

**July 9 - Good Faith Network  
End-of-Year Celebration**

**Aug. 20 - Day of Discovery**

**Aug. 27 - Service of Spiritual Renewal  
for the High Holy Days**

# President's Corner

Happy July Everyone,

It's hard to believe we are starting the second half of 2023 and the start of the new fiscal year at CBT.

July brings us fireworks, vacations (me), really hot weather, and at Beth Torah, a new budget, a new board, and a new year of challenges and opportunities.

Planning is already under way for Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and the start of the WRS under new principal Morgan Fasbinder. Our small group program will be back again and introduced in the fall. CBT Troop 48 will be recruiting their next class of future Eagle Scouts and we have a full year of adult education, creative services, and programming. There is something for everyone.

Our Rabbi search committee has begun the all-important task of finding our next spiritual leader. Over the summer months we will be organizing and assigning work groups, creating a job description, and reaching out to the entire congregation for feedback on what we are looking for in our next Rabbi and the future of Beth Torah. The actual search process with interviews will begin after the High Holy Days.

On Sunday, July 16 our favorite affordable housing nonprofit, Tikkun-KC, will be holding a workday opportunity at our next project house located at 3839 Indiana (KCMO). This will be our 6th and final home renovation of our Indiana Avenue Corridor Redevelopment Project. We took a once blighted block and filled it with new first time homeowners! Stay tuned for our next project in the 5400 block of 27th Terrace coming in the fall. Please contact the CBT office if you are interested in joining one of our work groups.

If painting or swinging a sledgehammer and demolishing defenseless walls and cabinets is not your thing, consider volunteering for one of the many committees at Beth Torah. For instance, our gardening group needs help to tend to the new flower beds around the campus. There are also opportunities with BOW, Talmud/Torah, Membership, Social Justice / Action, Building and Grounds, and Finance. For more information call the Beth Torah Office.

Get involved. Be a part of the new Beth Torah.

Larry Myer

President, Board of Trustees



## Music & More



Two-and-a-half months, my friends. That is all that stands between us and the High Holy Days. In my world, that means it's time to take time in between all of the other tasks—conferences and *Shabbatot*, vacations and *havdalot*—and turn my thoughts toward preparation. I find myself humming High Holy Day melodies, making dates for planning sessions, and wondering where I put those books I was going to refer to this year.

It may be too soon to talk about preparing our hearts and souls, but I invite you to pull your minds away from summer long enough to consider joining the music team for the 5784 High Holy Days. Are you interested in singing in the choir or playing with the band? [Email me](#) by July 9 to let me know!

### **BUT WHAT DOES IT MEAN?**

We have so many new members and family at Beth Torah! But it's been a while since we went over all of our Shabbat service and event designations, so we thought we'd start doing a vocabulary roundup!

**Beit Midrash** – *Beit* literally means “house,” and *midrash* means “learning.” So *Beit Midrash* is House of Learning. Our *beit* Shabbats are Friday evenings that include Shabbat dinner and an educational component. These programs can cover any number of topics: from Jews in the Civil War to Jewish Communities of the Rhineland; from organ donation to voting; from unpacking a part of our liturgy and prayers to focusing on our poetry and music. We hope you join us for services, dinner, and a program that will leave you with a deeper understanding of a Jewish topic.

**Sichat Shabbat** – Shabbat Conversation. *Sichat* literally means to chat. These are our Saturday morning study sessions. We hold them in the Sader-Shimkin Library & Chapel before Shabbat Morning Worship.

Shalom, Lezlie



# CONGREGATION BETH TORAH

## Adult Education

### Lunch With the Rabbi

Second Thursday of the month | 12:30pm

Bring your own lunch, schmooze with Rabbi Cattapan and enjoy a relaxing learning experience.

**June - December 2023:**  
The Righteous Among  
the Nations: Stories  
of Compassion and  
Heroism during the  
Holocaust

**January - May 2024:**  
Selection of themes  
from *Modern Jews  
Engage the New  
Testament* by Rabbi  
Michael J. Cook, PhD.

### Sichat Shabbat/Shabbat Conversation

Sat. morning when services are held | 9:00-10:15am

Lively discussions led by Rabbi Cattapan or a special guest facilitator on a variety of topics — all opinions are welcome! The Summer 2023 schedule is as follows:

**July 1**  
Building Closed

**July 8**  
Led by Jim Applebaum  
Topic: Machrio L'Chaf  
Zechut: Judge others  
favorably

**July 15**  
Building Closed

**July 22**  
Led by Jill Maidhof  
Topic: Forgiveness

**July 29**  
Building Closed

**August 5**  
Led by Rabbi Cattapan  
Topic: Modern Jewish  
Thinkers

**August 12**  
Building Closed

**August 19**  
Led by Rabbi Cattapan  
Topic: Modern Jewish  
Thinkers

**August 26**  
Building Closed

**September 2**  
Led by Rabbi Cattapan  
Topic: Modern Jewish  
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### Israel Forum

CBT Sanctuary  
Sunday, July 23 | 4:30-6:00pm

How do Israeli politics work? Is it true that Israel has no constitution? What's the historical relationship between the legislative and judicial branches of the government? Why are so many Israelis protesting in the streets? Rabbi Javier Cattapan and Rabbi Scott White will provide background and context for the political situation in Israel before taking questions from the audience.



### A Fresh Look at Israel & the Mideast

October 2023 - July 2024  
10-month experience facilitated by Rabbi Scott White  
4th Tuesday of the month | 5:30-7:00pm

At 75, Israel is strong enough and secure enough for an objective assessment of its handling of ongoing conflict with Arabs, inside its borders and out. Bring your own dinner and we'll break bread and schmooze about the news for 30 minutes then immerse ourselves in the history of the 100-year conflict.



### Sunday Adult Education

2nd Sunday of the month  
When religious school is in session | 10:30-11:30am

#### WATCH FOR DETAILS:

**Afternoon Study on Yom Kippur**  
More information about your choices will be provided.

**Two Jews, Three Opinions**  
Monthly schedule to be announced.  
Add your voice to round table discussions inspired by headlines and breaking news.

**Hands on Workshop: November**  
A little Jewish learning, a little Jewish making

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## Beit Midrash: Walking Memorial Lanes in Berlin 7/21/23



[Click here](#) or scan the QR code above to [RSVP for the Beit Midrash dinner!](#)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
25	26	27	28
2	3	4	5
Building Closed (Summer Schedule)		Offices Closed for Independence Day <span style="background-color: #008000; color: white; display: inline-block; width: 100%; text-align: center;">Independence Day</span>	
9	10	11	12
● 2pm Good Faith Network End of Year Celebration		● 2pm CBT Summer Blood Drive	● 7pm HHD Choir Rehearsals
16	17	18	19
Building Closed (Summer Schedule) ● 10am Tikkun-KC Work Day			● 6pm CBT Summer Skate Party ● 7pm HHD Choir Rehearsals
23	24	25	26
● 4:30pm Israel Forum			● 5pm CBT Summer Ice Cream Social @ Golden So ● 7pm HHD Choir Rehearsals
30	31	Aug 1	2
Building Closed (Summer Schedule)			♥ Tu B'Av ● 7pm HHD Choir Rehearsals



# Muzzle Tov Havdalah

**July 8, 7:00 p.m.**  
**CBT Backyard**



Bring pet food, blankets, toys,  
and other animal shelter items.

*Please consider donating in honor of  
Sharon Altman's kind and loving dog Lila.*

## Save the Date!!!

- ☆ Muzzle Tov Havdalah – July 8
- ☆ Beit Midrash: Walking Memorial Lanes in Berlin – July 21
- ☆ Bar Mitzvah of Nathan Weiner – July 22
- ☆ High Holy Day Choir Rehearsals begin on July 12
- ☆ Poolside Havdalah – August 12

**The CBT Campus will be closed the following Saturdays and Sundays for Summer Break:**

July 1-2  
July 15-16  
July 29-30  
August 12-13  
August 26-27

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	Jul 1
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 12:30pm Yiddish Group</li> <li>● 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Worship</li> </ul>	Building Closed (Summer Schedule)
6	7	8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 10am CBT Morning at the Movies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 12:30pm Yiddish Group</li> <li>● 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Worship with Torah Service</li> </ul>	Pet Food Drive Ends <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 9am Sichat Shabbat</li> <li>● 10:30am Shabbat Morning Worship</li> <li>● 7pm Muzzle Tov Havdalah</li> </ul>
13	14	15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 12pm Rabbi Lunch N' Learn (in person)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 12:30pm Yiddish Group</li> <li>● 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Worship</li> </ul>	Building Closed (Summer Schedule)
20	21	22
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 12pm Exploring and Sharing Good Eats - 5783 Sr</li> <li>● 7pm Celebrate the New Moon! (@CBJ)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 12:30pm Yiddish Group</li> <li>● 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Worship followed by Beit M</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 9am Sichat Shabbat</li> <li>● 10:30am Bar Mitzvah of Nathan Weiner</li> </ul>
27	28	29
Tisha B'av	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 12:30pm Yiddish Group</li> <li>● 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Worship</li> </ul>	Building Closed (Summer Schedule)
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# Weiner Religious School

## Summer Events!

- ☆ **Thursday, July 6, 2023 is our CBT Summer day at the movies. Movie starts at 10 a.m.** We will see **Space Jam** at the new **B&B Theatre** located at 8601 W. 135th St. Overland Park, KS 66223 **Tickets are \$5 and bring your own money for snacks.** Parents are encouraged to stay. If dropping off your kiddo please contact Morgan Fasbinder at 816-402-2318
- ☆ **Saturday, July 8, 2023 is our CBT Muzzle Tov Havdalah from 7-8 p.m.** Please bring pet donations (food, toys, leashes) and your puppies.
- ☆ **Wednesday, July 19, 2023 is our CBT Summer Skate Party from 6-8 p.m. at Skate City Overland Park** located at 10440 Mastin St. Overland Park, KS 66212 **Admission is \$8 and shoe rental is \$3.** Paid skaters will receive a free small icee and a slice of pizza.
- ☆ **Wednesday, July 26, 2023 is our CBT Ice Cream Social at Golden Scoop from 5-7 p.m.** Golden Scoop located at 9540 Nall Ave. Overland Park, KS 66207

- ☆ **Saturday, August 5, 2023 is our Parents Night Out from 5:30-8:30 p.m.** Parents drop your kids off at CBT for dinner and games and enjoy a night out on the town. \$3 per person for dinner and dessert.
- ☆ **Saturday, August 12, 2023 is our Poolside Havdalah from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the JCC outdoor pool. Wear your swimsuit, sunscreen, and bring a towel.**

**Please make sure you have your registration forms filled out for the 2023-2024 school year.** If you need registration forms or have questions please contact Morgan Fasbinder at [mfasbinder@beth-torah.org](mailto:mfasbinder@beth-torah.org) / 816-402-2318

### Friendly Reminder:

The first day of Sunday School is September 10, 2023.

The first day of TAG is Wednesday, September 27, 2023.



The Summer Kickoff was a blast! We started the day with hotdogs, chips, and lemonade for lunch. Then, families ventured outside to participate in water balloon fights and have some fun on the Slip N Slide! The day ended with drying off around the firepit while we roasted marshmallows for s'mores. It was the perfect way to kickoff the summer! We had the pleasure of watching Rex Heberd and Harper Kane become Bar Mitzvahs. I can't wait to see where this next chapter in their Jewish lives takes them. The Annual CBT BBQ Bash was a HUGE success! I am looking forward to many more years of this tradition.

*Shalom!  
Morgan*

Congregation Beth Torah  
Summer  
**SKATE PARTY**  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2023  
6-8 P.M.  
ADMISSION \$8 SHOE RENTAL \$3  
PAID SKATERS RECEIVE A FREE SMALL ICEE AND A SLICE OF PIZZA  
SKATE CITY: 10440 MASTIN ST. OVERLAND PARK, KS 66212

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PRESENTS...  
**SUMMER AT THE MOVIES**  
ENTRY IS \$5  
BRING MONEY  
FOR SNACKS  
**SPACE JAM**  
THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2023  
**\*\*MOVIE STARTS AT 10:00 A.M.\*\***  
PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO STAY!  
IF DROPPING OFF YOUR KIDDO PLEASE CONTACT  
MORGAN FASBINDER @ 816-402-2318  
B&B THEATRES 8601 W 135TH ST. OVERLAND PARK, KS 66223  
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# CONGREGATION BETH TORAH

**May 12 thru June 15  
2023 Tributes**

## **Beth Torah General Fund**

Claudia Alexander  
Carol Ducak

*For the Security Fund*

Gloria & Howard Pitler

*Yahrzeit of Brenda Safer*

*Yahrzeit of Rose Kaufman*

*Yahrzeit of Rose Weingarten*

Judy Weingarten

*Yahrzeit of Louis Goldstein*

Martin & Irene Goldstein

*Yahrzeit of Theodore Crawford Willoughby*

Elaine Tobias

*Yahrzeits of Paul and Jane Pizor*

Peter Pizor

*In Honor of Larry Rittmaster's 80th Birthday*

Barry & Linda Katz

*In Memory of Chester B. Kaplan and Dorothy M Kaplan*

Jim & Kelly Kaplan

*In Memory of Tyler Anderson*

Doug & Colleen Polsky

## **Music & Choir Fund**

*Yahrzeit of Theodore Card Willoughby*

Elaine Tobias

## **Hunger Fund**

*Yahrzeit of Marvin J Goldberg*

Sheila Goldberg & Lisa Levine

## **Rabbi Cattapan's Discretionary Fund**

Ron & Jo Ann Ginson

*Yahrzeit of Art Bratt*

*Yahrzeit of Norman Joseph*

Sandy Geduldig

*In Memory of Tyler Anderson*

Becky and Ron Sandhaus

*Yahrzeit of Samuel Zeyfmacher*

Oleg & Emiliya Kheyfets

*In Memory of Ann Sweeney*

Les & Amy Rosenfeld

*In Memory of Tyler Anderson*

Scott & Sara Goldstein

*In Memory of Sarah Sherman*

Janice Katz

## **CBT Fund For Families In Need**

*Yahrzeit of Sarilee Herman Optican*

Richard Optican

*Yahrzeit of Zibbie Louise Beck*

Elaine Tobias

*In Memory of Rose Klinock*

Jerry & Susie Klinock

## **CBT Camp Scholarship Fund**

*Yahrzeit of Phyllis Schmidt*

Elaine Tobias

## **Youth Activities Fund**

*In Memory of Madeline Kapel Chapman*

Paul Chapman

## **Thank You!**

**Jeff & Gail Ross** for sponsoring the BBQ Bash in celebration of their granddaughter's bat mitzvah.



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# High Holy Days Schedule

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### Selichot – Saturday, September 9

Community Program held at The Temple, Congregation B'nai Jehudah

8:00 p.m. Dessert Reception / Program / Service

#### Rosh Hashanah (September 15-16)

##### Friday, September 15

6:30 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

##### Saturday, September 16

10:00 a.m. Family T'filah & Activities

10:30 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Morning Service

##### Luncheon

1:15 p.m. Tashlich

2:30 p.m. Sweet Field Trip to Apple Orchard

#### Yom Kippur (September 24-25)

##### Sunday, September 24

7:30 p.m. Kol Nidre Service

##### Monday, September 25

10:00 a.m. Family T'filah & Activities

10:30 a.m. Yom Kippur Morning Service

12:30 p.m. Adult Ed Sessions

1:30 p.m. Tikkun Service

2:00 p.m. Yizkor Service

2:00 p.m. Adult Ed Sessions

3:15 p.m. Adult Ed Sessions

4:30 p.m. Mincha Service

6:00 p.m. N'ilah Service

### Shabbat Shuvah – Friday, September 22

6:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service / Memorial Plaque Dedication / Beit Midrash

### Sukkot (September 29-October 7)

##### Friday, September 29

5:30 p.m. Erev Sukkot Picnic

6:30 p.m. Erev Sukkot Service

##### Friday, October 6

6:30 p.m. Erev Simchat Torah Service

##### Saturday, October 7

10:30 a.m. Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah – Sukkot Yom Tov & Shabbat Service with Yizkor

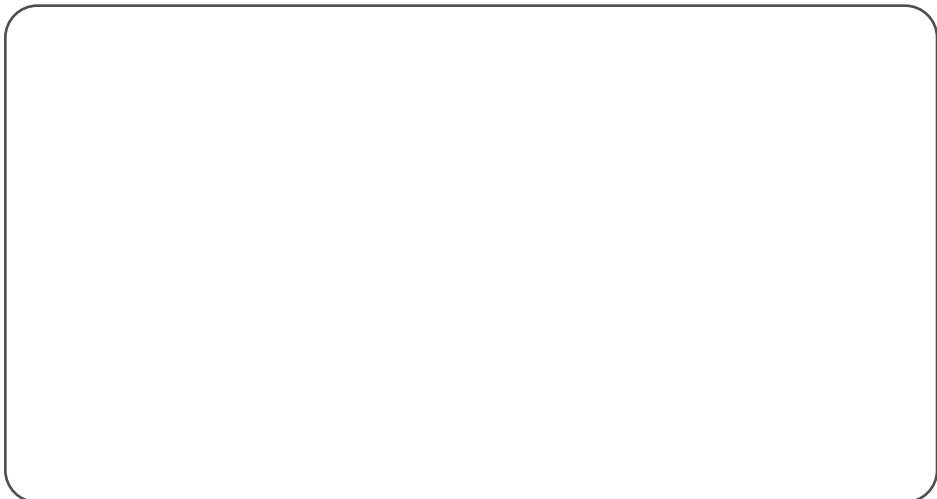




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*Summer Ice Cream Social at  
Golden Scoop*

WE ALL  
SCREAM FOR  
ICE CREAM



JOIN CBT FOR A SWEET TREAT AT GOLDEN SCOOP

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 26,  
2023  
5-7 P.M.**

GOLDEN SCOOP ICE CREAM SHOP  
9540 NALL AVE. OVERLAND PARK, KS 66207