



BETH ADAM

JUDAISM WITH A HUMANISTIC PERSPECTIVE

Rabbi's Message

By Rabbi Robert Barr

Cleaning up after a big celebration can be a letdown. Sweeping up the confetti, stacking the chairs, washing the dishes and taking out the trash, is anti-climactic. And so frequently, for all the planning and preparation, which in some cases can take months or more, the event is over and all that is left are memories and pictures. A person whose wedding I officiated told me that they remembered the ceremony and the end of the party when folks were leaving and nothing in between. How often I've heard, the evening was over before I knew it.

Beth Adam's 36th Anniversary year celebration has come and gone. And all I can say is, this year passed quickly. I remember getting ready for the congregation's 36th year celebration and now it's over. We designed a special logo celebrating 36 years of BOLD JUDAISM. Planned

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a year of programming to highlight and celebrate this achievement and punctuated it with a laugh filled evening with Rabbi Bob Alper - comedian extraordinaire. And all of this culminated in our Annual Meeting, during which we watched a highlight reel - twelve months captured in ten minutes. What a year and now it is over.

But I have to say I'm not having that "let down" feeling. I don't feel as if we've invested lots of time, energy and resources and now it's all over - for a congregation is an organic community that continues even after we've marked a significant milestone. I recognize that the future lies before us and we have the opportunity to continue to create, evolve, and develop. When Beth Adam began I didn't and couldn't have imagined celebrating our 36th Anniversary.

And now that it's over, I don't know what our 72 (quadruple chai) Anniversary will be like. But what I do know is that our congregation won't look the same in 36 years. If there is one constant in Judaism - it is change. And perhaps now more than ever change in all aspects of society is occurring more rapidly and dramatically than in the past.

As in all other aspects of society, institutions are changing, congregations are changing. Whether it's technology or generational differences or demographic trends - these shifts and more are impacting how congregations function. While I can't predict the future, I know that congregations as they are currently configured, will need to re-calibrate if they are to maintain relevance and survive shifting expectations. We will need to continue to re-imagine Beth Adam as we move into the future.

We've already made a change in response to the demanding schedule of our Bar/Bat Mitzvah students. For 36 years those classes were held from 4:30-6:30 on Wednesdays during the school year. It was as if the schedule was given to Moses on Sinai (so to speak). But this year it became clear to me that schedules were becoming more complicated and getting to class on Wednesday was become more difficult. Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class will now take place immediately after Religious School on Sundays. This will mean less

driving and fewer conflicts. It also means there will be a need to examine the curriculum to be sure the students are getting what they need in the most effective manner.

While changing the timing of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah program is a minor change - it is a change I would not have foreseen 5 years ago. But times are different and we must be willing to respond and change. This is but one change that I believe foreshadows the future. We, as a community, will need to continue to re-evaluate what we are doing and how we do things in order to remain current and meaningful in an ever changing world.

Pausing to celebrate our success was wonderful. Now we must turn our attention to tomorrow.

Membership Matters

We would like to acknowledge the lifecycle events (births, weddings, and deaths) of members and their children. Please contact the office if your family has an event to include in the next newsletter.

PLEASE TELL US

Have you recently moved, changed your e-mail, changed your cell number? If so, remember to let us know so that you don't miss out on anything. Simply call the office (513) 985-0400 or e-mail Officemngr@BethAdam.org with your new contact information. Thank you.

Community Connection

Rabbi Barr gave the Memorial Homily at the Annual Cincinnati Bar Association Memorial Service. This service honors members of the legal profession who have died in the past year. This is the second time in as many years that Rabbi Barr has participated in the service.

Rabbi Barr continues his teaching of ethics at Miami University. A popular lecturer, he encourages students to think about their personal ethics and how their ethics will shape and inform their professional lives.

Rabbi Barr taught two classes at Miami University to students learning about adolescence. He gave a basic overview of Judaism and then focused on Bar/Bat Mitzvah as a rite of passage.

Rabbi Barr presented his Lecture - "*Ark Encounter: Fact or Fiction*" for the Free Inquiry Group. He has spoken to this organization in years past.

Shabbat Services

Friday, June 9

8:00 PM – Kiddush

8:15 PM – Shabbat Service

Join Rabbi Barr as he leads services and a discussion.

Saturday, June 10

10:30 AM – Service and Bar Mitzvah of Brady Foy

Friday, June 23

6:30 PM – Israeli Scout Potluck

7:15 PM – Shabbat Service

There will be a potluck followed by an abbreviated service to welcome young Israeli Scouts who will be spending two weeks at Camp Friedlander. Beth Adam will provide the main dish. Families with last names beginning with A - L please bring a dessert for 8; families with last names beginning with M - Z please bring a salad or side dish for 8. RSVP by June 19 to Officemngr@BethAdam.org.

Friday, July 7

8:00 PM – Kiddush

8:15 PM – Shabbat Service

Join Rabbi Barr as he leads services and a discussion.

Live Streaming

Remember Shabbat Services are only a "click" away. Join Rabbi Barr and others from around the world for streaming Shabbat services at www.OurJewishCommunity.org or on OJC's Facebook page. The services stream live at 6:00 PM EST on Friday and are archived for viewing at your convenience. Rabbi Barr leads the services with a variety of different individuals. The online services are informative and engaging. If you participate live, you can "chat" with others who are also attending services.

Religious School

Exciting things are in the works for our religious school for 2017-18!

Isaama Stoll will be our Rabbinic Intern/Fellow from Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) for the 2017-2018 academic year. She is looking forward to working with the religious school teachers, students, and the Beth Adam community.

She is passionate about questions of Jewish diversity and the importance of diversity in the rabbinate. She has written curricula for youth on inclusive Judaism and race in Israel.

Isaama is a fourth year rabbinical student and a native of the Washington D.C. area. She has served as the student rabbi of B'nai Israel Synagogue in Grand Forks, North Dakota and Temple B'nai Israel of Bay City, Michigan.

Jason Cook is a second year rabbinic student at HUC-JIR in Cincinnati and will be teaching the 6th & 7th grade class. He is looking forward to working with the Beth Adam community.



Teen Programming

Zachary Goodman will be returning to Beth Adam for the upcoming school year as an HUC-JIR Rabbinic Fellow leading our teen programming.

He was an enthusiastic member and leader of his high school Jewish youth group and he credits his strong Jewish identity to this participation. Zachary has experience engaging with teens through his work with BBYO, NFTY, and his rabbinic internship at the National Office of Recruitment and Admissions of the Hebrew Union College. He is an incoming fourth year rabbinical student at HUC-JIR in Cincinnati.

Zachary has exciting plans for the academic year that include fun events and twice a month gatherings. The teen program will include service hours, leadership/board opportunities, stimulating and timely conversations, and of course, food. Mark your calendars for the Kick-Off event on Sunday, **August 20** at 6:00 PM at Beth Adam.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program

As a response to the demand on student's schedules, Bar/Bat Mitzvah classes will now meet on Sundays.

Religious School registrations are due September 1st. They are available on-line. Paper registrations will be mailed at the beginning of August. The first day of religious school is **Sunday, September 10.**

News & Events

LifeLabs Caring for Aging Parents Group coming to Beth Adam

LifeLabs is a program that offers educational discussions around specific topics. They are designed to help people understand and navigate situations that can be difficult, complex, and emotionally challenging. In addition to learning from trained professionals, LifeLabs allows people in the Jewish community to connect with others who are experiencing similar situations.

Starting June 12th, and continuing on the second Monday of each month, the LifeLabs Caring for Aging Parents group will be meeting at Beth Adam at 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. This group will be facilitated by Donna Heldman, a mental health professional who is trained in this subject area. Members of the group will learn to balance daily life, find necessary resources, and realize they are not alone in feeling stress and guilt.

Interested in signing up or learning more about this group or the other groups offered by LifeLabs, contact Dori Singer at dsinger@jfsinti.org or (513) 766-3317.

Are you receiving the E-Letter?

Beginning in July, all members with an email on record will be sent our Bi-weekly E-Letter. It contains highlights of up-coming programs. Just "unsubscribe" if you do not wish to receive it.

Social Action

HELP NEEDED

Beth Adam will be providing host families for the Netanya Israel Scouts (Tzofim) coming to attend Camp Friedlander this summer. The Tzofim will arrive in Cincinnati Wednesday, June 21st and will be leaving Monday, July 10th. They will attend summer camp at Camp Friedlander from June 25th - July 8th.

We need volunteers to help with the Shabbat dinners at Camp Friedlander on Friday, June 30th and Friday, July 7th. Please contact Jodi Sleyo-Davidson at (513) 985-0400 if you are interested.

SOUP KITCHEN

As part of a city-wide effort involving Cincinnati Jewish congregations, Beth Adam is again providing a hot meal to the homeless on six occasions in 2017. Many Beth Adam members have taken part in this long-standing effort (30 year anniversary this year) by donating food or money, and preparing or serving the food. The next Over-the-Rhine soup kitchen is on **Sunday, July 30**. If you would like to help on that date, please contact Charles Margolis at Officemngr@BethAdam.org.

GOOD NEWS: KROGER PLUS REWARDS AUTOMATICALLY RENEW

You will no longer need to re-enroll your Kroger Plus Rewards online to designate your support for Beth Adam. If you haven't already, you can sign up at www.krogercommunityrewards.com. Have your Kroger Plus Card handy and follow the instructions. You will need a valid email address and Beth Adam's organization number: **80522**. Every time you shop at Kroger and use your Kroger Plus Card, you help support the congregation. And there is NO additional cost to you.

Another way to help is when you shop at Amazon.com. Just go to either www.bethadam.org or www.OurJewishCommunity.org first. From either site click on the Amazon link and begin your online shopping. Beth Adam and OurJewishCommunity earn money simply by "clicking through" from our web sites. We have the opportunity to earn more with the Amazon program than any other. You can purchase Amazon gift cards, too.

Remke Markets offers the Caring Neighbor Program for their patrons. They have eliminated the gift cards that required loading amounts of money. If you have a Remke/biggs's card, simply visit www.remkes/signup to link the card to our organization. To get a card, visit www.remke.com, and click on the "Get a Remke Rewards Card" button.

by Paul Korn



Thank you to all (58 to date) who have committed to include Beth Adam in their estate plans. Your forward thinking dedication enables Beth Adam's BOLD Judaism to be available for future generations.

Beth Adam, which means "house of people," lives up to its name. People who are single, married, young, old, straight, gay, intra-faith, inter-faith, raised Jewish, and Jews by choice call Beth Adam their community.

A legacy gift allows us to meet the opportunities of today and tomorrow with a sense of the past and strong commitment to the future. And as a result of your generosity, Beth Adam has been awarded \$29,000 in incentive grant funding provided by the Jewish Federation, Jewish Foundation, and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation.

Legacy giving can be for everyone, no matter our current wealth or size of our estate. For more information about legacy giving or formalizing your commitment, please contact me at (513) 985-0400.

Donations & Tributes

Congregation Beth Adam gratefully acknowledges the following contributions:

General Fund

Donations help to offset the costs of operating the Congregation and supplement funds for members unable to meet their financial commitment.

- From: Lisa Forschner
To: Roberta Veleta
Thank you for being a wonderful yoga teacher
- From: Doug Kennedy
To: Rabbi Robert Barr
In appreciation for officiating wedding
- From: Sharon Dittmar
- From: Howard and Susan Schumacher
In celebration of the Bat Mitzvah of Ella Rose Moss
- To: Soup Kitchen
- From: Lois Buncher
To: Hope Black, Alisa Banks, and Jan Banks
In celebration of Mother's Day
- To: Jeannie Humphries
In appreciation for the excellent care

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Donations support our online community: a spiritual home, a meaningful voice, and a resource for people worldwide seeking a contemporary Jewish identity and experience through new media and technology.

From: Paula Nolin

From: Allen Cooperstein

From: Judith Lawrence

Important Dates

Tuesday, July 4 – OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, August 20 –TEEN PROGRAM KICK-OFF

Friday, September 1 – RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATIONS DUE

Sunday, September 10 – FIRST DAY OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Wednesday, September 20 – EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Thursday, September 21 – ROSH HASHANAH

Friday, September 29 – KOL NIDRE

Saturday, September 30 – YOM KIPPUR

June Life Cycles

If one of your lifecycle dates has been omitted, please contact the Congregational Office at 985-0400.

We apologize for any mistakes.

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Alan and Christie Brown
- 6 Jessica and Matthew Bledsoe
- 8 Leigh and Gerald Klyop
- 10 Cynthia and Joel Sacks
- 11 Steve and Vicki Hayes
- 14 Lois and Richard Jolson
- 15 Fred and Karina Rothzeit
- 16 Cathy and Sam Rodner
- 16 Brian and Lisa Forschner
- 17 Edward and Sandra Kohn
- 18 Charles and Jennifer Margolis
- 18 Jodi and Bobby Sleyo-Davidson
- 19 David and Rennie Greenfield
- 21 Susan and Rod Willis
- 22 Patty and Steven Bonem
- 22 Brian and Melissa Weiss
- 24 Nancy and Steven Rosen
- 25 David and Wendy Zangrando
- 28 Richard Begel and Melissa Groveman
- 28 Barbara and Sean McMahan

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Yvonne Cooper
Nancy Shayeson
- 2 Tim Braverman
Rachel Smith
- 9 Henry Paull
Neil Weinberg
- 11 Judith Affatato
Andrea Kay
Joseph Sirkin

- 12 Nancy Blatman
David Schwartz
Steve Weinstein
- 13 Sallie Westheimer
- 14 Eleanor Cooper
- 15 Mark Davis
Michael Snyder
- 16 Susan Friedlander
- 17 Molly Ellis
- 19 Maxwell Gottliebson
- 20 Avery Samuels
- 21 Sam Cooper
- 22 Dylan Sleyo
- 24 Mia Biran
Gary Goldman
Renee Gottliebson
- 26 Warren Rothman
- 27 Dick Westheimer
- 28 Marcie Strasser
- 29 Charles Klayman
Leo Munick
Susan Willis
- 30 Jamie Weiss

JUNE YAHRZEITS

- 1 Frances Rothzeit
Mother of Fred Rothzeit
- 1 Louis M. Clark
Father of C. Scott Clark
- 1 Paul Miller
Father-in-Law of Marcy Miller
- 4 Lily B. Warren
Mother of Wendy Zangrando
- 4 Richard L. Reiner
Father of Debbie Vogel
- 5 Louis Sacks
Father of Joel Sacks
Grandfather of Charles Sacks
Grandfather of David Sacks
Grandfather of Martha Sacks

- 5 Alice Hecht
Mother of Rita Robertson
- 7 Louis M. Wander
Father of Arden Wander
- 8 Dorothy Klayman
Mother of Charles Klayman
- 8 Narvin Emden
Father of Faith Pittinger
- 10 Leslie F. Lebow
Sister of Aline Simon
- 11 Libby Segal Klein Simons
Aunt of Lois Jolson
- 14 Bernice Cohen
Grandmother of Alan Brown
- 15 Sol Hammerschlag
Father-in-Law of Roy Kaufman
- 15 Sophie Linder
Grandmother of Judy Avner
- 16 Sue Pritz Miller
Mother of Nancy Shayeson
- 17 Elliott Ribak
Father of Judy Ribak
- 19 Philip C. Joslin
Father of Joyce Salinger
- 19 Robert K. Asgersson
Stepfather of Jill McBride
- 21 Gertrude Rudman Clark
Mother of C. Scott Clark
- 21 Robert Merrill Zeitz
Father of Jill McBride
- 22 Josef Warkany
Father of Steve Warkany
- 23 Robert Edward Leever
Father of Bruce Leever
- 24 Saul Cummins
Father of James Cummins
- 26 James Salinger
Husband of Joyce Salinger
- 27 Freda Miller
Aunt of Lynn Wagner

July Life Cycles

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Howard and Susan Schumacher
- 3 Charles and Gail Klayman
- 6 Kathleen and Robert Abowitz
- 7 Eric and Mindy Hammer
- 11 Susan and Jerry Hart
- 12 Arden and Irene Wander
- 15 Charles and Harriet Edwards
- 26 Cathy and Mike Crisenberry
- 29 Marlene and Robert Baer
- 31 Philip Berne and Susan Carlson

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Donna Denoon
Paul Korn
- 2 Sequoia Powers-Griffin
- 5 Robert Barr
- 7 Alan Brown
- 8 Gary Greenberg
- 9 Debbie Vogel
- 12 Nancy Garfinkel
- 14 Spencer Hutchinson
- 17 Rachel Carter
Parker Hutchison
- 18 Alexander Resnick
- 19 Erica Cash
- 22 Ezra Babcock
Steve Brenner
- 23 Jonah Cotton-Riker
- 28 Merle Coyle
Melissa Groveman
Charlotte Weiss
- 29 Finn Bledsoe
Rebecca Luzadis
- 30 Rena Alex
Lori Doctrow

JULY YAHRZEITS

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Brother of Sandra Smith
- 3 Paula McBride
Mother of Bill McBride
- 4 John William Stukenberg
Father-in-Law of Maureen Marks
- 5 Cecelia L. Lebow
Mother of Aline Simon
- 7 Aaron Alexander
Uncle of David Dainoff
- 7 Donald Bell
Father of Vicki Hayes
- 8 Morris Frieder
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- 9 Harry Vogel
Father of Stephen Vogel
- 9 Kenneth Doctrow
Father of Lori Doctrow
- 10 Arthur Epstein
Father of Barbara Heyn
- 11 Sam Korn
Father of Paul Korn
- 12 Martin B. Gerowitz
Husband of Amy Gerowitz
- 12 Sam Fleischer
Father-in-Law of Vicki Hayes
- 13 Rhonda Windt
Aunt of Robert Smith
- 15 Merle Edwards
Father of Charles Edwards
- 16 Carol Switt Kaplan
Sister of Nancy Blatman
- 16 Grace Hirsh
Mother of Jeff Hirsh
- 18 Anita Cohen
Mother of Sheryl Cohen
- 18 Charles McBride
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- 23 Felicja Szer
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Grandmother of Michelle
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Grandmother of Lisa Forschner
- 24 David Mages
Father of Lisa Braverman
- 25 Robyn Abrams
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- 26 Dorothy A. Joslin
Mother of Joyce Salinger
- 28 Lois A. Rosen
Mother of Steve Rosen
- 30 Arnold Payton
Husband of Eleanor Payton
Father of Julie Payton
- 30 Bruce Hatcher
Husband of Kip Hatcher
- 31 Freddie Linder
Mother of Judy Avner
- 31 Joseph Linder
Father of Judy Avner

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Beth Adam Tributes are a lovely way of expressing your sorrow, joy, best wishes, or congratulations to friends or relatives. The suggested minimum contribution is \$5 per tribute. We will mail your friend or relative a notice of the tribute and print it in the next newsletter (unless requested otherwise).

Enclosed is my contribution of

\$ _____

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My contribution is in memory of:

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