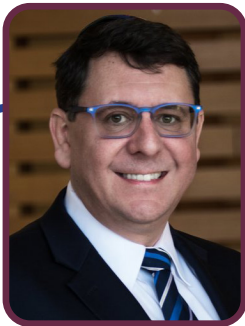


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Remarks

Rabbi Javier Cattapan, Senior Rabbi

A Look Ahead...

This is my seventh year serving as your rabbi. Since I arrived at CBT in July 2016, our congregation has seen tremendous changes in personnel and in the way that we serve our members. The global pandemic challenged all of us in ways we could not have imagined or predicted. Almost overnight, we became experts in virtual this and “zoom” that ... Needless to say, we were all equally unprepared to deal with a global pandemic. Yet, we had our resilience and our ingenuity, which led us to some surprisingly good outcomes (without too many mistakes).

Even during the challenging times of the pandemic, I navigated Shabbat and High Holy Days services, funerals, and shivah services. I managed the many changes we encountered, aided by a dedicated group of knowledgeable staff and volunteers. I feel blessed that we had already envisioned my Sabbatical before COVID hit us all. I am thankful to our congregation who was able to offer me four months of Sabbatical. After serving the congregation for seven years, I will take two months during this, my seventh year serving CBT, and then two during the eighth year, the last year of my current contract.

As a result of Beth Torah's planning and foresight, I can step away from my daily duties as Senior Rabbi and spend time regenerating and indulging in scholarly pursuits, which I do not usually have time to undertake. I plan to spend time studying new things, attending cultural events (a few operas, obviously), riding my bike around town, and reading a few books. If you see me out and about, please say hello!

We have a solid plan for the next few weeks and months. Our congregation is blessed to have our dedicated staff, as well as a group of volunteers who will cover the majority of my duties during the Sabbatical. For life-cycle events, mainly funerals, a local rabbi will be on call should such a need among our members arise. The time I will spend away from the congregation will be filled with opportunities for all our members to participate, volunteer, or support our lay leaders and hard-working staff. I shall miss you, but I will be back!

Chase depended on blood during heart surgery and in recovery.



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jenlevinson0203@gmail.com

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President's Corner

Greetings and Happy February.

Lots going on at Beth Torah this month. First and foremost, it's time for the Chili Cookoff. On Saturday, February 18, 6-9PM, the savory smells of spicy chili will be in the air and DJ Miles will be in the house spinning tunes and running games. For those that remember Pepe, our little chili pepper friend, I understand he will be making an appearance if he can make it back to Overland Park in time. Stay tuned for "Where's Pepe?" and his journeys. Hard to believe all this fun for just a small entry fee — the contestants and everyone can purchase tickets to buy chili and hotdogs and vote for your favorite contestant. Fun for all ages. Reservations please - www.beth-torah.org/chili-cookoff-tickets/



February also brings board nomination season. Scott Franklin and his nominating committee will be filling out the new docket of board and officer candidates for the next fiscal year. If you have an interest in serving on the Beth Torah Board of Trustees, please call the office or Scott Franklin directly. The new board slate will be voted in at the annual meeting in May.

February is also the time we cobble together our budget for the next fiscal year beginning July 1. Your finance committee and Board of Trustees will shape the financial course of Beth Torah to be approved at the annual meeting in May. The time for questions and discussion will be in one of several community forums held each year prior to the annual meeting. Watch for dates and times and be an informed congregant.

One expense item not on this year's budget, but a sad unfortunate addition, is our need to provide security at all services and events at Beth Torah. Given the ever-increasing rise in antisemitism both across the country and locally it was an easy but necessary decision for the Board. Adding security along with other unexpected expenses and the fact that prices on everything has skyrocketed over the last several months has put a strain on our already thin resources.

Adding Overland Park Police to our services and events will add about \$20,000 in expenses. I am looking for security sponsors to help defray this cost through the end of the fiscal year. You can sponsor a weekend, an event, or the entire amount. Call the office for more information.

Check out the rest of the *Tekiah* for more "what's what" at CBT. Wait till you see what's coming in March....

Larry Myer

President, Board of Trustees

Weiner Religious School



I am truly grateful to have the opportunity to watch our young and (not so young... anymore) Jewish learners grow. The faculty in the Weiner Religious School are fantastic and have a true passion for teaching Jewish values. We have welcomed our new TAG teacher, Hannah Ginsberg who is a long time member of our CBT community. She was also a previous TAG student. Alex Mead and Hannah Ginsberg are teaching TAG students about Tikkun Olam and doing Mitzvot. They baked homemade dog treats for Unleashed Pet Rescue and Adoption in Mission, KS which were greatly appreciated. Our beloved Zach Zwibelman is stepping in to work with Confirmation students while Rabbi Cattapan is on his sabbatical. I would like to give a little shout out to Marcia Rittmaster who has been an incredible resource and mentor. We have lots of events coming up... make sure to put them on your calendar.

Events:

- * **Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at the JCC (MAC Room) from 7-8:30 p.m.**
Join Sasone and Jewish Family Services of Greater Kansas City as we celebrate Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance & Inclusion Month (JDAIM).
- * **Saturday, February 18, 2023, is the CBT Annual Chili Cook-Off from 6-9 p.m.**
- * **Friday, February 24, 2023, is the 1st/2nd-grade family worship service**
- * **Monday, Mar 6, 2023, is the CBT Purim Carnival from 6-8 p.m.**
- * **Saturday, Feb 11, 2023, is a joint Shul-in evening for 7th and 8th graders.**
Event will be held at B'nai Jehudah starting at 5:00 p.m.
Registration link: tcbj.com/overnight7823 or reach out to Zach Zwibelman.

Music & More



As many of you know, I love theatre. Throughout my life I've acted, directed, and worked in almost every behind-the-scenes position. I've been writing and producing plays for almost twenty years, and I'm so pleased to be able to bring Potluck Productions to CBT. Potluck is an organization that showcases scripts by emerging female-identified playwrights from Kansas and Missouri. Our main vehicle for this is the readings that we currently produce right here at Beth Torah.

I'm very excited for our February 5 show. All of our plays will relate to hunger and food insecurity, and we will be accepting soup donations in lieu of our typical ticket. Three cans of soup (or \$5) gets you in the door! I encourage you to come out for this event, which truly shores up our motto: Women's words, theatre for life.

And now... Look what we have for you in February!

- ✧ **Friday Night Torah Service & Shabbat Shirah (Feb 3)**
- ✧ **Potluck Production Presents: Food for Thought: Short Plays & Monologues about Hunger (Feb 5)**
Potluck Productions joins CBT & JFS in their fight to tackle food insecurity in Kansas City. Potluck will be accepting 3 cans of soup in lieu of the typical \$5 entry fee in partnership with CBT and our Soup-er Bowl Soup Drive.
- ✧ **Song Session (Feb 21)**
Join Lezlie & Friends for (about) half an hour of Jewish song and prayer. (Then stick around for some Lezlie Revelle Zucker originals!)
- ✧ **Family Service: 1st & 2nd Grade (Feb 24)**
Please support our young learners as they help lead us during Friday night services! We are so excited to be bringing Family Services to our worship table once a month through April.

Shalom, Lezlie



Celebrate Purim
Monday, March 6
6pm-8pm

- ✦ *Megillah Reading*
- ✦ *Costume Contest for the kids (one ticket = 1 vote)*
- ✦ *Games* ✦ *Hot dogs*
- ✦ *Hamantaschen* ✦ *Photo Booth*
- ✦ *Purchase hot dogs, chips, and games with tickets*
- ✦ *Drinks, Megillah Wine, and hamantaschen are free*
- ✦ *There will be a sensory room*



SICHAH SHABBAT: SHABBAT CONVERSATIONS

9:00 – 10:15am every Saturday in the library OR ONLINE:

beth-torah.org/virtual-sanctuary/

While Rabbi Cattapan is on sabbatical, we're exploring The Act of Being Jewish Today. Our peer-led discussions will be based on an article of the week addressing critical issues confronting our ethics, our identity, and our faith.

P.S. We still have Saturday mornings available if interested in leading a discussion;
Contact Jill Maidhof jill.maidhof@gmail.com | 913.832.4477

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Weiner Religious School 	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Feb 1</p> <p>First Day of Black History Month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm TAG 7pm Shabbat Shirah Choir Rehearsal
<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Weiner Religious School 3pm Food For Thought - Potluck Productions Rea 	<p>6</p> <p>Tu BiShvat</p>	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1pm Melissa's Second Chances Volunteer Squad 6:30pm Jewish Living 	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12pm Exploring and Sharing Good Eats - 5783 Sn 6:30pm TAG
<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Weiner Religious School 10:30am Sunday Morning Mussar 1pm Movers + Schmoozers - 5783 Small Group 	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:30am CBT Arts + Crafts - 5783 Small Group 	<p>14</p> <p>Valentine's Day</p>	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm TAG
<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Soul Stirring - 5783 Small Group 	<p>20</p> <p>Presidents' Day</p>	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30pm Game Night - 5783 Small Group 7pm Song Session 	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:30pm Smiles with Tiles - 5783 Mahjong Small G 6:30pm TAG
<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Weiner Religious School 10am Blood Drive for the Community Blood Cente 2pm Book Club: That Book I Meant to Read - 5783 	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>Mar 1</p> <p>First Day of Women's History Month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm TAG

SUNDAY MORNING MUSSAR

Mussar is a tradition, a movement and a set of practices related to Jewish ethics.

Explore one middah/character trait each month in an informal small group setting. No Jewish knowledge or level of observance is assumed!



Free and open to all congregants
2nd Sunday of the month beginning January 8
10:30 – 11:10 AM in Classroom 7

Questions? Please contact Jill Maidhof jill.maidhof@gmail.com

WALK-INS WELCOME!

Save the Date!!!

- ☆ Erev Purim is March 6! Join us for our Megillah Reading, Costume Contest, and Purim Carnival!
- ☆ Our next Beit Midrash is March 10. Come here about Data Cartels from law professor, librarian, and self-proclaimed Jayhawk Sarah Lamdan. (who also happens to be Nina and David Shik's daughter!)
- ☆ Our March Family Service is March 24

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7pm The 10 Commandments: A Deep, Deep Dive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 12:30pm Yiddish Group ● 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Worship w/Torah Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9am Sichat Shabbat ● 10:30am Shabbat Morning Worship
9	10	11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7:30pm The Movie Group - 5783 Small Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 12:30pm Yiddish Group ● 1pm Beth Torah Bakers - 5783 Small Group ● 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Worship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9am Sichat Shabbat ● 10:30am Shabbat Morning Worship
16	17	18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6pm Watch Stream of Alter talk before New Moon ● 7pm Celebrate the New Moon! (@CBT) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 12:30pm Yiddish Group ● 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Worship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9am Sichat Shabbat ● 10:30am Shabbat Morning Worship ● 6pm Chili Cookoff
23	24	25
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CHILI COOKOFF

Come join Pepe for a night of food, music, and family fun!
Chili categories include: chicken, beef, turkey, and vegetarian.

SATURDAY, FEB.

18TH

TIME

6-9PM

General Admission: \$10

Ages 5 & Under: Free

Ages 6-18: \$5

Tickets can be purchased
at the link below

Chili Contestant Entry: \$20

Registration closes 2/11/23

Please register at
at the link below or
or call 913-498-2212

For more information, please visit

www.beth-torah.org/cbt-chili-cookoff

or go directly to purchase tickets at

www.beth-torah.org/chili-cookoff-tickets



Don't forget to vote!
1st and 2nd places in the
Chili Cookoff will win prizes!

There also will be **face painting** and
games for the kids.

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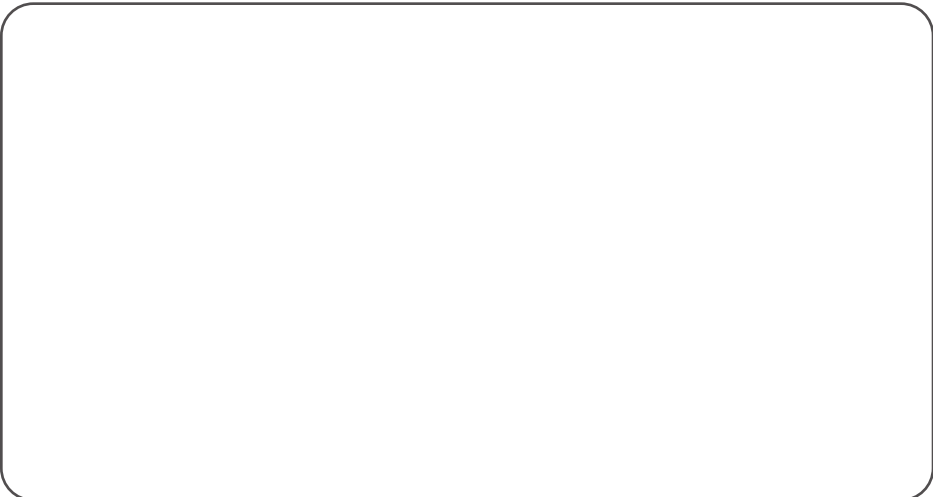
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