Thank You to...
...all of our community for your support and continued interested in Beth Shalom. We are here for you through life’s journey.

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Purim: Lighten Up!

Purim is, arguably, the only Jewish holiday with a built-in sense of humor. If the holidays gathered for a party, Tish'ah Be'Av would be sulking in a corner, Yom Kippur practicing self-denial in another room, and Purim would be a kibbitzing wise-guy, cracking one-liners and elbowing Pesah in the ribs. Not only do we dress in costume and behave raucously on Purim, but even the serious obligation of the day, the reading of Megillat Esther, is supposed to be rapid and funny.

Some have the tradition of chanting the different characters’ lines in the story in silly voices. We fold the scroll like a letter, rather than respectfully rolling it. It is the holiday of anti-gravitas, a day of sheer silliness.

And, as if to drive the point home, the climax of the story includes a line that mandates the tradition to lighten up on Purim. When Esther convinces Ahashverosh to issue an edict that the Jews may defend themselves, the response among the Jews is (Esther 8:16): Layehudim hayetah orah vesimhah vesasson vikar.

ליהוותים והיתה אורת והשם ושם ושם

For the Jews there was light, happiness, joy, and honor.

This is a total reversal of where they had been - from mourning, sackcloth, ashes, and wailing to light, happiness, and joy. And these are things we all need a little more of. In fact, we invoke this line every Saturday night, year-round, as we bid goodbye to Shabbat during havdalah. Why? Because when Shabbat leaves us, we need a little lift, a reminder that although we return to work and the mundanity of the week, we carry a little light and joy with us.

Purim is, of course, the annual mother lode of joy. Megillat Esther, and really the entire holiday, remind us that we all run a regular deficit of joy and humor, and furthermore that we indeed have the capability of bringing those things into the world. This day of happiness and mirth should remind us that we can bring those things to others every day, that we can share some of our own light, when we have a little extra to spare. Lighten up! I is Adar now, not yet Adar II.

Rabbi Seth Adelson
Dear Friends,

Let's hope the groundhog's prediction that spring will be here soon is realized. We're all tired of winter and are ready for the warmth of spring. However, we don’t have to look ahead to find satisfaction in the current state of our Shul. Beth Shalom is finally at full capacity with preschool enrollment and our tenants including: La Escuelita, (Spanish immersion preschool) Sacred Spaces, Elegant Edge Catering and the Jewish Chronicle. We, of course, deplore the tragic circumstances that brought New Light Congregation to us, but welcome them as the good neighbor they are. Each Tuesday and Thursday afternoons you will find J-JEP students in Hebrew instruction in their classrooms around the building. Beth Shalom continues to be a very active place. All one has to do to determine if we are moving in the right direction is to come to an event or look at our weekly bulletin, which has many activities to enhance your Shul experience.

Several committee directives are underway including planning for Beth Shalom’s future-strategic plan, which will include security evaluation and planning. Another important activity is currently taking place as the nominating committee is in the midst of identifying our new leadership team.

Our Security Forum was held in early February and much information and many concerns were shared not only by the professionals but also from our members. As our congregation moves forward with future security planning your input will continue to be invaluable. Please look out for the next scheduled update planned for sometime in April. I hope you have had the opportunity to meet our security guards who have been with us since November. They are conscientious and highly skilled professionals. Both are getting to know our Shul family and have been giving our preschool families, congregants and visitors a sense of comfort as they enter the building.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as president of Congregation Beth Shalom over these past 2 years. It has been a great honor. As I approach the end of my term I hope I have helped move the synagogue ahead in positive way. To the extent I have been successful in accomplishing this goal, I know it couldn’t have happened without the efforts of countless people who have offered advice and guidance. There are so many people here at Beth Shalom that give of their time and energy to make our shul special. I am reminded of a quote by Robert Orben, actually it sounds more like a toast, “Here’s to all volunteers, those dedicated people who believe in all work and no pay.” Thanks to all of you!

Debby Firestone

Thank you Debby for your service to Congregation Beth Shalom!
At a recent Coffee with the Cantor class, we discussed the relationship between Judaism and agriculture. Of course, all of our chagim are closely linked with agricultural activities in terms of crops, livestock and water. Pesah is the best example of this! However, in the diaspora there is a mistaken belief that - until the advent of the State of Israel - Jews weren’t farmers. Even a cursory reading of the Mishnah shows that we are, and have always been, very much tied to the land and cultivation.

But there is another factor at work which deeply influences Judaism: the requirement for communities to be close. Geographically close. Judaism requires that people come together for minyanim and for celebrations. “Travelling” is traditionally prohibited on Shabbat and festivals. That doesn’t work well in a farming community where families are spread out, but it is ideal for cities. If you had a farming community in which everyone actually lived together, you would be able to combine the expansive nature of the work with the religious need for closeness. Hence, the kibbutz. In Pittsburgh, we have Squirrel Hill.

One way of viewing Judaism is the simple desire to draw closer to God. As we observe the mitzvot, we draw closer, and as we ignore them, we stray from God. In a strange way, the same phenomenon happens in a community. As we engage with others and draw closer, our community is strengthened, but if we stay away - actually physically stay away from the synagogue - the community is weakened. Judaism requires us to meet, in a real place, and see each other, and join our voices, and transcend the space that will always exist between people. That is why we have a place called Beth Shalom, a physical building where we can grow that everlasting community. The more often you can come to Beth Shalom, the stronger we will be. In a strange sense, this is our land and our place to cultivate.

Executive Director’s Corner

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Coffee with the Cantor: Jewish Influence in the Secular World

Last year we focused our discussion on Jewish rituals and how they are viewed by the Jewish and non-Jewish world. This year, we turn the tables and ask the question, how has Judaism affected the non-Jewish world? Although some of the discussion will look at historical influences, much of the time will be spent on current interactions.

While I believe that most of the influence is positive, some of it may be negative.

Every Wednesday,
11:00 a.m. till 12:00 p.m.
in the Lehman Center.
Each year at my Passover Seder, I encounter the line, “it is an obligation to see oneself [lirot] as having come out of Egypt,” and it always stops me in my tracks. What does it mean to see oneself? And all the more so, to see ourselves as free people? How do I see myself as coming out of Egypt?

One answer, comes from the word Egypt in Hebrew, mitzrayim. The rabbis understand it as really two words, min hatzarim, from the narrow places. Therefore, freedom means having come out the other side of struggle.

We all have struggles in our lives, small and large, myself included. It can be powerful to see ourselves as having overcome them.

In particular, I love Maimonides reinterpretation of the line, “it is an obligation to be seen/to show oneself [l’har’ot] as having come out of Egypt.” This changes everything! What does it mean for me to show my freedom? How can I be seen as free? Why is that important?

In this season, this year, we can be really intentional regarding how we see ourselves and how we show up for others. We can strive to be better allies, standing up against hate. As a white, cis-gendered, heterosexual man, I have a lot of power in our society. It is my responsibility to use that power and freedom for good and to lift up others whenever I am able.

What do you do with your freedom? How do you see/show yourself as having come out of Egypt? What can you do differently this year?

Rabbi Jeremy Markiz

SAVE THE DATES!

Shababababa & Shabbat Haverim:

Friday, March 1, 2019 at 5:45 p.m.
Friday, April 5, 2019 at 5:45 p.m.
Friday, May 10, 2019 at 5:45 p.m.
Friday, June 7, 2019 at 5:45 p.m.

Beth Shalom Speaker Series

Idra Novey, Those Who Knew - Sunday, March 24th

Jonathan Weisman, (((Semitism))): Being Jewish in America in the Age of Trump - Wednesday, May 15th

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The Sisterhood Says

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Spring is on its way and Sisterhood is keeping busy. In February, we celebrated Sisterhood Shabbat with a wonderful speaker, CMU professor Michal Friedman and with many Sisterhood members taking part in the service. Services were followed by a lovely kiddish lunch. We honored the memory of our dear Honorary President, Ruth Ganz Fargotstein. I want to thank Helen Feder, Lidush Goldschmidt and Shari Sweet for all their time and effort in making the day so beautiful and successful.

We now look forward to our next big event, our Torah Fund Brunch, on April 7. We will be honoring long time and very active member, Bunny Morris. Bunny has not only been an integral part of Sisterhood, but has also taken on many lead roles at Beth Shalom. We are so proud to have her as this year’s honoree.

While Sisterhood has several very visible events during the year, I want to be sure to give equal time to our many other activities

Sisterhood offers a weekly fun Latin Cardio class thanks to Connie Pollack, an active monthly Book Club, our well-stocked Judaica Shop and bima flowers through Flower Fund. We also support several Congregation, Youth, and Derekh events during the year as well as annually donate to the Congregation.

I look forward to having many of you join us for future events and welcome suggestions and ideas.

All good wishes for a happy Purim!

Judy Kornblith Kobell

Save the Date!

Sunday, April 7
Sisterhood Torah Fund Brunch
Honoring Bunny Morris

Sisterhood Judaica Shop

March
30% OFF Seder & Matzah Items
April
30% OFF all Jewelry
May
30% OFF Challah Board

Barbara Kaiserman 412.422.5677

We thank the 2019 Sisterhood Shabbat Contributors:

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Be sure to keep sending in your contributions to the Sisterhood Flower Fund! You help us make Beth Shalom a beautiful place to worship.
Men's Club Moments

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I hope that everyone is enjoying a safe and warm winter!

We at the Men’s Club have been very busy:

1. Sweepstakes Dinner:
   We had a very successful Sweepstakes Dinner in December with over $5,000.00 dollars of winnings plus over 100 attendees had a fun night and good meal.

2. World Wide Wrap: Working with J-JEP to teach our YOUTH how to wear tefillin and also to Pledge that over 100 ADULTS will wear tefillin on a Sunday in February: that happened to be Super Bowl Sunday. All were welcomed and had a great time!

3. Annual Sports Luncheon: This year we held the event in memory of David and Cecil Rosenthal with hundreds of attendees! Both our youth and residents from local group homes were invited for a FREE lunch and all around good time. A huge thank you to our donors, our angels for your support of this program. Please see your name to the right.

The Men’s Club along with Sisterhood are sponsoring two Shabbat dinners at Beth Shalom. Join us for an adult style dinner at the shul February 22 and March 15th! Please check your inbox for more information. Please come and make sure to support our Friday night minyan before the meal. WE need you!

Still coming up:

1. March 3rd along with USY we are going to a PIT girls basketball game. You will have a great time for only $5.00 per ticket. You will be so close you will think you are a player.

2. Men’s Club Shabbat on March 30th: Our members will read Torah, Haftorah and daven for all. Our guest speaker for the day is Paul Siefken from Fred Rogers Productions, with question session after the kiddish luncheon. We are pleased to share this service with the Steinberg family and their daughter’s Aufruf.

3. In April we will pack and mail yellow Yahrzeit candles to our membership. Please light the candle on Yom Hashoah to help remember the Holocaust!

4. On May 19th we will place US flags on the graves of every veteran buried at Beth Shalom Cemetery, in preparation for Memorial Day. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit our sacred ground. Please come out and help us. If you or you children have never been to our cemetery, this is a chance to see our history.

We continue to support our Congregation. We sponsor the Sunday morning speaker’s brunch, and much more at the shul.

If you’re able, please get involved. We need you!
Let me know what we can do for you and your family, if you have an idea we will try to make it happen.

Thanks,

Ira Frank

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Thank you to our Men’s Club Sports Luncheon Sponsors:

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Growing Through the ELC

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Hello Congregants!
I hope you all have had a peaceful, relaxing, and healthy start to 2019. We ended 2018 in the ELC with a wonderful Hanukkah Celebration with our music teacher, Morah Debbey. Her show displayed a theme of unity, light, and being together. The children ended the celebration with the song, This Little Light of Mine reminding each of us that the children are our future, and our biggest lights of joy during times of sadness.

The ELC has been buzzing with activities and learning! Students have studied themes such as space, colors, winter, and many more. Our educators have been continuing their Jewish learning as well! At a recent staff meeting, Rabbi Jeremy Markiz conducted his Shabbat class from his Judaism 101 course with our teachers. It was an extremely enjoyable class which allowed our staff to come together and learn with one another. I took great joy in observing the teachers during the class, seeing how engaged they were, and listening to the questions they presented. Many reported that they left learning something new that they plan on incorporating into their classrooms, lessons, and student discussions. We plan on continuing to have evenings like this with Rabbi Jeremy in the future. As we enter into spring, we are gearing up for our annual All School Purim Celebration, Grandparent and Special Friends Shabbat, and Passover Study. We have also begun preparing for the 2019-2020 school year! As always, if you ever have a question or are wondering how you can support the ELC, please feel free to contact the office. I look forward to hearing from you!

Hilary Huelsmann

ELC Calendar
March — May 2019

Thursday, March 21
ELC Purim Celebration - 12:30 p.m.

Monday, April 19
Erev Passover - 12:00 p.m. Close

Monday, April 22 - Friday, April 26
Passover Break - ELC Closed

Monday, April 29
ELC Classes Resume

Friday, May 18
Grandparent and Special Friends Shabbat - 10:30 a.m.

Monday, May 27
Memorial Day - ELC Closed

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Learning with J-JEP

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When I came for my first Sunday at J-JEP in November, I could tell that this is a special community. I had the opportunity to meet our wonderful educators, students and family members. J-JEP had been through a difficult change as Liron Lipinsky, J-JEP’s founding director, left in August, and then the Pittsburgh Jewish community endured the unspeakable in late October. This was the climate in which I joined the J-JEP community. What I found was a community that was as strong as ever, that had come together after a crisis and found a way to move forward. I want to especially acknowledge the amazing work that Kate Kim, J-JEP Assistant Director, did to keep J-JEP moving forward.

We are finding new ways to collaborate within J-JEP and with the Pittsburgh Jewish community. Our Wednesday session joined with the Dor Hadash religious school to light the Hanukkah menorah. Tree of Life Congregation joined with J-JEP for World Wide Wrap in February. Our educators are empowered to lead and develop new and innovative programming, in their own class, and for the J-JEP community. Our Wednesday Hebrew educators collaborate to lead our weekly tefillah service that opens each Wednesday session.

J-JEP is lucky to have such wonderful educators working with our students. They each have a passion for working with their students. They develop thoughtful lessons, allowing our students to truly engage with their own Judaism and form a connection with the Jewish community. This strength is why our student population is growing, as we have continued to add more students throughout the year.

In the coming year, J-JEP will not miss a beat. All the wonderful learning opportunities that make J-JEP so strong will continue, and the J-JEP team of educators will continue to build upon that strength moving forward.

Dan Eisner

J-JEP Calendar
March — May 2019

Sunday, March 17
Purim Carnival - 10:00 a.m.
at Congregation Beth Shalom

Wednesday, March 20
Purim Activities at Rodef Shalom

Sunday, March 24
J-JEP Open House for new and prospective families

Sunday, April 7
J-Serve

Thursday, April 18 - Thursday, April 25
J-JEP closed for Passover

Wednesday, May 1
Last Wednesday Hebrew at Rodef Shalom

Thursday, May 2
Last Tuesday/Thursday Hebrew at Beth Shalom

Friday, May 3
J-JEP Celebration of Learning

STAY CONNECTED!

View the full J-JEP Calendar at:
jjep.org/calendar

Connect on Facebook:
https://www.facebook.com/jointjewishEducationProgram
Beth Shalom Youth Zone

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During the winter months, the youth department focused on integrating activities to include different age group and community partners and enabling experiences that offer a broad range of interests to a wide group of youth. A fantastic example of this was the K-12 grade Hanukkah event. This program offered our younger members an opportunity to work with our teens, stuff their own sufganiyot and create a social action craft. Additionally, the YD hosted a family ice skating event with Rodef Shalom and partnered with Beth El at Zone 28.

Beth Shalom’s participation in USY regional events has stayed consistently high. Kadima Kinnus was a huge success and for this year’s Specialty Kinnus BSUSY had more attendees than any other attending chapter!

There are a lot of events coming soon: Pitt’s Women Basketball Game, Chocolate Seders and Calling All Thinkers to name a few!

Marissa Tait

The theme for the third annual Jews for Justice: A Shabbat Dinner and Discussion was Jewish Identity. Elana Kolko, REL/Ed VP, and Audrey Aronis, SATO VP, created a thought provoking discussion. This program creates a space for the adult Jewish community to connect and hear from our future leaders. It is captivating watching our teens give directions, lead a dialogue, control the flow of conversation, and share their personal opinions with adults. If you have not had an opportunity to attend, we hope you can join us next year.

BSUSY Lounge Nights:
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - 1st & 3rd Mondays!

Kadima Lounge Nights:
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - 2nd & 4th Mondays!
PURIM IN SPACE

Sunday, March 17, 2019
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Congregation Beth Shalom
Samuel & Minnie Hyman Ballroom
5915 Beacon Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15217

FOR ONLY $10 EACH YOU CAN ENJOY LUNCH, GAMES, AND CRAFTS.

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JOIN US FOR A TRIP ACROSS THE UNIVERSE!
PURIM 5779

Power Up with Purim Fun at Congregation Beth Shalom!

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

• 5:45 p.m. - Food for Kids (RSVP Required)
  Samuel & Minnie Hyman Ballroom
• 6:30 p.m. - Surprise Musical Treat!
  Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary
• 7:00 p.m. - Ma’ariv/Evening Service
  Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary
• 7:15 p.m. - Full Megillah Reading, including songs, shtik, costume parade, and more!
  Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary
• 8:30 p.m. - Refreshments
  Samuel & Minnie Hyman Ballroom

RSUP: tinyurl.com/EreuPurim5779

Thursday, March 21, 2019

• 8:00 a.m. - Megillah Reading
  at Community Day School, 6424 Forward Ave.
• 12:30 p.m. - ELC All-School Family Purim Celebration
  Samuel & Minnie Hyman Ballroom
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Congregation Beth Shalom
Tuesday, May 28, 2019
Samuel & Minnie Hyman Ballroom at 7:30 pm

Your Vote Counts!
Aaron will celebrate becoming bar mitzvah on April 13, 2019.

Bar Mitzvah: 4/13/2019

Elliot Weinstein of Baltimore, MD, and Patricia Mandell of Zelienople, PA, and Lee Horvitz (of blessed memory). Justin attends Provident Charter School. He enjoys soccer, hanging out with friends, animals, Legos, reading and dogs. For his Mitzvah project, Justin is raising money for Multiple Sclerosis research.

Bar Mitzvah: 3/23/2019

Danica Simon is the daughter of Dr. A. Michael and Mrs. Jami Simon, sister of Zach and Matthew Simon, granddaughter of Evelyn “Huvvy” and Meyer Simon and Diane and Emie Halperin.

She is in 7th grade at Edgewood Middle School in Highland Park, IL. Danica loves to dance and will celebrate becoming a bat mitzvah on April 6, 2019.

Bat Mitzvah: 4/6/2019

Eli Rosenberg is a 7th grader at Community Day School. He is the son of Aviva and Pinchas Rosenberg and middle brother of Jonah and Liam. Eli plays soccer and ultimate frisbee, and has been playing piano for seven years. He enjoys performing in musical theater both at school and the JCC. He dreams of summertime where he spending his sixth year at Camp Young Judea Midwest.

Bar Mitzvah: 5/4/2019

Akiva Weinkle, son of Jonathan Weinkle and Vita Nemirovsky and brother to Eitan and Adi Weinkle. His grandparents are Phyllis and Joseph Weinkle and Natan and Lia Nemirovsky.

Akiva attends Community Day School, where he is in the 7th grade. He plays guitar, runs track and cross country, and serves on Tefillah Council. Akiva also participates in musicals both at CDS and the JCC; his most recent role was LeFou in CDS’s Beauty and the Beast. Akiva is in Young Judea and attends Camp Young Judea Midwest in Wisconsin every summer since 2014.

Bar Mitzvah: 5/25/2019

We look forward to celebrating all of our Benei Mitzvah as the year continues!
BRING SOMETHING NEW TO YOUR SEDER

SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST

Join us for these wonderful sessions at Beth Shalom.
Each will be taught twice, first at 10 AM and again at 10:45AM!

Meaning at the Seder:
Has your seder lost its luster? Finding it difficult to relate to 10 plagues, four cups of wine and Dayyenu? Learn with Rabbi Seth Adelson to help navigate the essential questions of this night: Why are we here? Why are we discussing the Exodus and not eating? And what could it possibly all mean to us today?

Kashering Your Pots:
There are many laws when it comes to Passover, from kashering one's pots, to how much matzah we're obligated to eat, to what is required at your seder. It can be easy to go overboard. Sit with Rabbi Jeremy Markiz as we review the technical aspects of Passover and what is vs what is not required.
MA’OT HITTIN - PASSOVER TZEDAKAH FUND

From the beginning of the month of Nissan, we are especially sensitive to the needs of fellow Jews who may need our special help and support toward fulfilling all the mitzvot of the Pesah season. A form for donating to our Ma’ot Hittin fund is available on page 19.

BEDIKAT HAMETZ: THURSDAY NIGHT, APRIL 18

The traditional search for hametz on the night before Pesah falls this year on Thursday night immediately after sunset. The blessing for bedikat hametz, found at the beginning of most Haggadot, is recited and the kol hamira formula nullifying unseen hametz may be recited. Hold any found hametz for ritual burning the following morning, April 19. If you need help finding these prayers, please contact Rabbi Adelson.

SALE OF HAMETZ: FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 19, before 11:00 A.M.

One of the central commandments of Pesah is that we rid ourselves of all forbidden hametz in our possession. Individuals who fully observe Pesah do their best to eliminate hametz as far as possible and then traditionally resort to the procedure of “selling” any hametz which may have been packed away or missed. All hametz must be removed or sold by 11:00 a.m. A form for selling your hametz is available on page 17. Please return it to our office by April 19 in the morning.

FAST OF THE FIRST BORN & SIYYUM BEKHORIM: FRIDAY, APRIL 19

All first born should fast on the day before Pesah in commemoration of the deliverance from Egypt of the Israelite firstborn. The Rabbi offers a siyyum (public completion of study) which is followed by a festive meal at which all present may eat, and once having eaten, a first born need not fast that day. The siyyum and the se’udat mitzvah will be held this year on Friday morning in the Helfant Chapel and Palkovitz Lobby at 8:15 a.m., following the 7:30 a.m. morning minyan. This Special Siyum Breakfast is sponsored by Stanley & Cherie Maharam in loving memory of beloved parents and grandparents Bess & Aaron Maharam.

BI’UR HAMETZ - FRIDAY MORNING, April 19

The ritual burning of the hametz found during Sunday night’s search should be completed by 11:00 a.m. The stove should be fully kashered and all cooking proceeds in Pesah pots with Pesah utensils only. Traditionally no hametz or matzah is eaten after this time until the seder.

Candle Lighting Blessing

#1 - Yom Tov Candle Lighting Blessing (1st, 2nd, 7th, and 8th nights when not also Shabbat)

Barukh atah Adonai, Elohou melekh ha’olam, asher kiddishanu bemitzvotav, v’etsivanu lehadlik ner shel Yom Tov.

#2 - Sheheh’eyanu Blessing (1st and 2nd nights only)

Barukh atah Adonai, Elohou melekh ha’olam, sheheh’eyanu ve’kiyyemanu v’ehigi’anu lazeman hazeh.

#3 - Shabbat and Yom Tov Candle Lighting

Barukh atah Adonai, Elohou melekh ha’olam, asher kiddishanu bemitzvotav, v’etsivanu lehadlik ner shel Shabbat veshel Yom Tov.
Ma’ot Hittin - Passover Tzedakah Fund

With the approach of spring and Passover, it has always been the tradition of our congregation to establish a Ma’ot Hittin fund which will be used to help the impoverished Jews of our city and others in need to prepare for the great festival of liberation. It is our communal responsibility to provide the necessary food for a Passover Seder and for the observance of the holiday in general.

Please send us your contribution (checks should be made payable to Beth Shalom Ma’ot Hittin Fund) so that we have adequate funds to help the many Jews who will be turning to us prior to Passover. Your generosity will help make other Jewish families happy as they celebrate this holiday of freedom. Thank you.

MA’OT HITTIN - PASSOVER TZEDAKAH FUND
Online form available at www.bethshalompgh.org/maot-hittin-5779

Enclosed is my contribution in the amount of $______________ for the Ma’ot Hittin Fund. Please make check payable to Congregation Beth Shalom Ma’ot Hittin Fund. Thank you.

NAME___________________________________________________________________
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SELLING OF HAMETZ — מיכירת חמאץ

Hametz, not explicitly defined in the Torah, is described in rabbinic literature as being these five species of grain: wheat, spelt, oats, barley, and rye. Although matzah must be made from one of these, we are forbidden by halakhah (Jewish law) to eat, own, see, or benefit from any other form of these grains on Pesah. (Please note: rice, legumes, quinoa, corn, etc. are not hametz. See pg. 21 for more details.)

Prior to Pesah, we work as diligently as possible to rid our homes of all hametz. In the Torah we are instructed that “no leaven shall be seen or found in your possession during Passover.” Some people work towards eating up all of their hametz before Passover and give away or dispose of any that is left over. This is hard to do and for many it is not feasible.

Knowing of this hardship, the rabbis introduced a way for us not to own any hametz. Before Passover we sell the hametz to a non-Jew for Passover. After Passover, the goods all revert back into our ownership. If you want to know more about the intricacies of this custom, please feel free to ask Rabbi Adelson for details.

Please take the opportunity to fill out the form below and return it to the synagogue by 11:00 am on Friday, April 19 in order to have your hametz included in the sale.

It is customary to include a donation to support the vulnerable in our community. These funds will be contributed to Rabbi Adelson’s Discretionary Fund which is used to provide scholarships, offer assistance to those in need and to promote Jewish cultural, educational and religious activities.

Hag kasher vesameah (A Happy and Kosher Pesah)!
Rabbi Seth Adelson

CONTRACT FOR THE SELLING OF HAMETZ 2019/5779
Online form available at www.bethshalompgh.org/selling-hametz-5779

I (We) __________________________________________ hereby fully empower and authorize Rabbi Seth Adelson to dispose of all hametz that may be in my (our) possession – wherever it may be: at home, place of business or elsewhere (knowingly or unknowingly). Rabbi Adelson has the full right to sell, dispose of and conduct all transactions in accordance with the detailed terms explained in the Hebrew contracts. The above power hereby given is meant to conform with all Torah and Rabbinic regulations to meet the requirements of Jewish law.

NAME(S): __________________________________________

LOCATION OF HAMETZ __________________________________________

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Celebration of Pesah 5779/2019

Pre-Pesah Preparations

Pre-Pesah Meal
April 18
6:00 p.m., Samuel & Minnie Hyman Ballroom

Thursday Evening
April 18
Home Ceremony of Searching for Hametz

Friday Morning
April 19
Morning Service, 7:30 a.m. Helfant Chapel

Siyyum Bekhorim
April 18
8:15 a.m. w/breakfast following sponsored by the Maharam Educational Fund

Bl’ur Hametz
All remaining hametz must be burned or sold by 11:00 am.

First Day of Pesah / Shabbat

Friday Evening
April 19
No Evening Service will be held at Beth Shalom

First Seder
Candle lighting time 7:45 p.m. - Blessing #3 & #2 on pg. 17

Saturday Morning
April 20
Early Morning Service, 6:30 a.m. Helfant Chapel
Morning Service, 9:15 a.m. Samuel & Minnie Hyman Ballroom

Second Day of Pesah

Friday Evening
April 26
Minhah only Service, 12:45 p.m. directly after Kiddush, Helfant Chapel

Second Night Seder
Light candles after 8:45 p.m. from existing flame. - Blessings #1 & #2 on pg. 17

Congregational 2nd Seder:
Because We Were Strangers in Egypt
April 20
6:00 p.m., Samuel & Minnie Hyman Ballroom

Sunday Morning
April 21
Early Morning Service, 6:30 a.m., Helfant Chapel
Morning Service, 9:15 a.m., Samuel & Minnie Hyman Ballroom

HOL HAMO’ED - INTERMEDIATE DAYS

Sunday Evening
April 21
Evening Service, 8:00 p.m., Helfant Chapel

Mon. - Thurs. Morning
April 22-25
Morning Service, 7:30 a.m., Homestead Hebrew Chapel

CONCLUDING FESTIVAL DAYS

Seventh Day of Pesah

Thursday Evening
April 25
Evening Service, 6:00 p.m., Helfant Chapel
Candle lighting time 7:51 p.m. - Blessing #1 on pg. 17

Friday Morning
April 26
Early Morning Service, 6:30 a.m., Helfant Chapel
Morning Service, 9:15 a.m., Samuel & Minnie Hyman Ballroom

Shabbat

Friday Evening
April 26
Evening Service, 6:00 p.m., Helfant Chapel
Candle lighting time 7:52 p.m. - Blessing #3 on pg. 17

Eighth Day of Pesah / Shabbat

Saturday Morning
April 27
Early Morning Service w/Yizkor, 6:00 a.m., Helfant Chapel
Morning Service w/Yizkor, 9:00 a.m., Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary
(Yizkor will be recited at approximately 10:30 a.m.)

Yizkor

Concluding Service & Havdalah
April 27
Evening Service, 7:50 p.m., Helfant Chapel
Havdalah, 8:52 pm
A Brief Pesah Kashrut Guide Kashering Utensils

A full description of kashering processes and listing of permitted foods can be found at: www.rabbinicalassembly.org/pesah-guide

The process of kashering utensils depends on how the utensils are used. According to halakhah, leaven can be purged from a utensil by the same process in which it was absorbed in the utensil (kevolo kakh polto). Therefore, utensils used in cooking are kasher lePesah by boiling, those used in broiling are kasher lePesah by fire and heat, and those used for only cold food are kasher lePesah by rinsing in cold water.

A. **Earthenware** (china, pottery, etc.) may not be kasher lePesah. However, fine translucent chinaware which has not been used for over one year may be used if scoured and cleaned in hot water.

B. **Metal utensils** (wholly made of metal) used in fire (spit or broiler) must first be scrubbed and cleansed and then made as hot as possible. Those used for cooking or eating (silverware, pots) must be thoroughly cleaned and completely immersed in boiling water. Pots should have water boiled in them which will overflow the rim. The utensils should not be used for a period of at least 24 hours between the cleaning and immersion in boiling water. Metal baking utensils cannot be kasher lePesah.

C. **Oven and Ranges** - Every part that comes in contact with food must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned. Then, the oven and range should be heated as hot as possible for a half hour. If there is a broil setting, use it. Self-cleaning ovens should be scrubbed and cleaned and then put through the self-cleaning cycle. Continuous-cleaning ovens must be kasher lePesah in the same manner as regular ovens. A microwave oven, which does not cook the food by means of heat, should be cleaned and then a cup of water should be placed in it. Then the oven should be tuned on until the water “boils.” A microwave oven that has a browning element cannot be kasher lePesah.

D. **Glassware** - Authorities disagree as to the method of kasher drinking utensils. One opinion requires soaking in water for 3 days, changing the water every 24 hours. The other opinion requires only a thorough scrubbing before Pesach, or putting it through the dishwasher.

E. **Dishwasher** - After not using the dishwasher for a period of 24 hours, a full cycle with detergent should be run. It may then be used for Pesah.

F. **Electrical Appliances** - If the parts that come in contact with hametz are removable, they can be kasher lePesah in the appropriate way (if metal, follow the rules for metal utensils). If the parts are not removable, the appliance cannot be kasher lePesah. (All exposed parts should be thoroughly cleaned).

G. **Tables, closets and counters** - If used for chametz, they should be thoroughly cleaned and covered and then they may be used.

H. **Kitchen Sink** - A metal sink can be kasher lePesah by a thorough cleaning and by pouring boiling water over it. A porcelain sink should be cleaned and then a sink rack used. If, however, dishes are to be soaked in a porcelain sink, a dish basin must be used.

I. **Hametz and non-Passover utensils** - Non-Passover dishes, pots and hametz, whose ownership has been transferred, should be separated, locked up or covered, and marked so as to prevent accidental use.

Permitted Foods

A. The following foods require no kasher lePesah label when purchased before or during Pesah: fresh fruits and vegetables that have not been coated, eggs, unflavored tea bags, unflavored regular coffee, 100% Extra Virgin Olive Oil, whole or raw tree nuts, whole (unground) spices, fresh fish from a kosher source and fresh kosher meat or frozen, raw hekhshered meat (other than ground products as ground products with prohibited materials could be made on the same equipment).

B. The following products require reliable kasher lePesah certification (regular kosher supervision not being sufficient) whether bought before or during Pesach: all baked goods (farfel, matzah, any product containing matzah, matzah flour, matzah meal, Pesach cakes), all frozen processed foods, candy, canned tuna, cheeses, chocolate milk, decaf coffee, decaf tea, dried fruits, herbal tea, ice cream, liquor, non Grade A butter, oils, soda, vinegar, wine, yogurt.

C. The following foods require no kasher lePesah label but do require kashrut supervision if purchased new and unopened before Pesach: all pure fruit juices in plastic or glass bottles, filleted fish, frozen fruit (no additives), non-iodized salt, pure white sugar (no additives), unsalted Grade A butter, white milk.

D. Any processed food bought during Pesah must have a kasher lePesah label.

E. Any detergent, because it is not a food and it is not eaten, may be used for Pesah as long as it has valid kosher supervision.

Medicines: Since hametz binders are used in many pills, the following guidelines should be followed: If the medicine is required for life sustaining therapy, it may be used on Pesah. If it is not for life sustaining therapy, authorities differ in their approaches. Please consult with your rabbi. Capsules, because they do not need binders, are preferable to pills.

In December 2015, the Committee on Jewish Laws and Standards ruled kitniyot, or non-hametz grains and legumes such as rice, millet, chickpeas, fenugreek, etc., are acceptable for Ashkenazim to consume during Pesah provided the kitniyot have been checked 3 times before Pesah and were not stored with hametz. To read the full teshuvah, response, please go to: www.rabbinicalassembly.org/sites/default/files/public/halakhah/teshuvot/2011-2020/Levin-Reisner-Kitniyot.pdf.

For the most up-to-date information: https://www.rabbinicalassembly.org/sites/default/files/final_pesah_guide_5779.pdf
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Passover Yizkor Appeal 5779

Each year, during the holidays of Pesah, Shavu’ot, Yom Kippur, and Shemini Atzeret, a special Memorial Service is held. It is a time when we honor the memory of our beloved departed family members. Yizkor Services are held on these four holidays and, in the tradition of the mitzvah of giving, an appeal is made for funds during the Yizkor Service.

Our Passover Yizkor Service will take place on Saturday morning, April 27 at approximately 10:30 am. It is appropriate to make a contribution in order to link the memory of dear ones to an act of loving kindness. If you wish, please fill out the form below with the name of the loved ones you wish to honor so that their names can be printed in Mishpachtenu.

If you would like additional information regarding the Yizkor Appeal, please call the office at 412-421-2288. With grateful thanks for your continued support of our synagogue, and with all good wishes for the coming Festival.

Please tear off and mail to Congregation Beth Shalom, 5915 Beacon Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15217. Thank you.

I/We wish to contribute to the Passover 2019 Yizkor Appeal

Online form available at www.bethshalompgh.org/Passover-Yizkor-Appeal-5779

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Humans of Beth Shalom (HOBS)

As a means of introducing members of our congregation to each other, we decided to start a new section of Mishpachtenu, entitled Humans of Beth Shalom (inspired by the famous Humans of New York, or HONY, series). Here, we highlight two member ‘units’ (a family or individual) and we look forward to introducing others in the future. We asked the responders to identify themselves and then to respond to a subset of pre-selected questions.

Judi Rosen and Marlene Behrmann Cohen

Name in English and in Hebrew (phonetic).
Pamela Ann Geenhouse (Chana Leba)

Where were you born and which places have you lived in?
Born in Denver, lived in Denver and Boulder, Colorado and Pittsburgh.

How long have you been a member of Congregation Beth Shalom?
26 years

Please attach a favorite photo from anytime in your life with a brief description.
Tanzania, May 2016 - 10-day Safari - Family Trip of a Lifetime

What food connects you to feeling Jewish? Where is that memory from?
Matzo ball soup! My paternal grandmother was an outstanding, award-winning cook. Matzo ball soup always takes me back to the Jewish holidays with extended family at her and my grandfather’s home. I use her (secret!) recipe myself.

Describe an early memory that you have as it pertains to Israel, how has it impacted you in your life?
I participated in one of the first teen trips to Israel, in the 1970s. It had its intended impact, deep, lasting, powerful connection. I’ve been back twice and I’m pleased that our children have each been to Israel twice (so far), as well.

When do you feel the most Jewish? And why?
I feel most Jewish in synagogue surrounded by the Jewish community coming together in a common, focused, Jewish “moment.” I also enjoy a sense of history during the meal at the Jewish holidays, knowing that Jews all over the world are continuing the traditions of centuries, passed through generations and across the miles. It’s truly amazing to think about, and I always do.

Humans of New York

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Name in English and in Hebrew (phonetic).
Bobbee Slotsky Kramer
Rachel Zelda (Yiddish)

Where were you born and which places have you lived in?
Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Columbia, South Carolina

How long have you been a member of Congregation Beth Shalom?
55 years

Please attach a favorite photo from anytime in your life with a brief description.
I would like to share our photo from Abby’s Bat Mitzvah.

How and why did you choose Beth Shalom as your Congregational community?
Beth Shalom is a wonderful Conservative synagogue, and I wanted to join my family who were already members.

When do you feel the most Jewish? And why?
During the High Holidays and Shabbat services, they are a beautiful experience.

What’s something that you feel passionate about? A hobby, a belief, your work, family, etc.
I am most passionate about my family and volunteerism.

Kiddush Club
Who makes kiddushes happen?
We make the kiddushes happen!

Volunteer for Kiddush Club - for setup, for cleanup, and everything in between.

Please contact Michelle Vines, 412-421-2288 ext. 113 catering1@bethshalompgh.org
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November 1, 2018 – January 31, 2019

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November 1, 2018 — January 31, 2019

Donald Farkas, on the passing of his wife, Shirley Farkas.

Deepest condolences to the families and friends of the victims of the tragedy at Tree of Life, Joyce Fienberg, Richard Gottfried, Rose Mallinger, Jerry Rabinowitz, Cecil Rosenthal, David Rosenthal, Bemice Simon, Sylvan Simon, Daniel Stein, Melvin Wax, Irving Younger.

Richard Kantrowitz, on the passing of his wife, Rosalind Kantrowitz.

Sandor (Barbara) Zelekovitz, Jeff (Sue) Zell, and Marc (Janet) Zelekovitz, on the passing of their mother, Sylvia Zelekovitz.

Family and friends of Morris “Morry” Naimark, on his passing.

Dan & Ilana Schwarz and son David, on the passing of Dan’s father, Yosef Meir Schwarz.

Nancy (Gary) Tuckfelt, on the passing of her mother, Renee Minsky.

Family and friends of Ruth Ganz Fargotstein.

Lou and Amy Weiss, on the passing of his father, Jack H. Weiss.

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**Marian Huttner** (wife), **Hanna Edelstein** (sister) and all family and friends on the passing of **Arnold Huttner**.

**Toby (Dana) Ascherman** on the passing of her father, **Nathan Kosowski**.

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**Noah & Aviva Lubowsky** on the passing of his mother, **Susan Lubowsky**.

**Milestones – Mazal Tov!**

November 1, 2018 — January 31, 2019

**Drs. Cheryl Bernstein & Aaron Sobol** on their daughter, **Elana Sobol** becoming a bat mitzvah.

**Lidush Goldschmidt** (and happy parents **Andrea & Ariel**) on the birth of grandson, **Zemer Zvi Goldschmidt** in Providence, Rhode Island.

**Manspeizer & Cohen families** on the engagement of **Jacob Cohen** to **Emily Deaner**.

**Moshe Baran, Paul and Avi Munro**, and their family on the wedding of Moshe’s granddaughter, **Maya Baran** to **Tal ben Avi** last summer, and on the recent engagement of Moshe’s grandson, **Yossi Munro** to **Hannah Jegart**.

**Meira Russ & Nahum Shalman** on the birth of a baby boy on November 22, 2018 (Thanksgiving Day), at 8:36 a.m.

**Harvey Robins**, honored by the Allegheny County Bar Association for his 60 years in practice.

**Gilda Laby** on her grandson, **Ethan** becoming a bar mitzvah. Ethan is the son of **Rachel Landau & Arthur Laby** of Philadelphia.

**Toby & Laura Gershon** on the birth of their son on Thursday, December 6th, weighing 9 lbs. 10 oz., and measuring 20.5 inches long! Mazal tov also to Big Sister **Talya Gershon** and grandparents **C.J. & Bob Liss**.

**Elyse & Marty Eichner** on the wedding of their son, **Scott Benjamin Eichner** to **Tracy Alison Young** on December 8 in Rhode Island.

New grandparents **Sheila & David Holzer** and great-grandparents **Mitzi & Merle Levine**, on the birth on 12/14/2018 of **Forest Michael Holzer**, whose proud parents are **Eileen Holzer & Joseph Moosreiner**.

**Ronna Harris Askin & Dan Askin** on the birth on 12/25/2018 of grandson, **Richard Wayne Lee Harris**, son of **Avrum Harris** and **Brittany Cooper**, named after his grandfather, Ronna’s late husband Richard (z”l).

Grandparents **Joe Jolson & Sabina Robinson** on the birth of **Jordan Miles Amodeo** (Yehuda Moshe) to parents **Ilana Jolson & Dan Amodeo** on 12/19/2018.

**Reva Pomerantz & Luke Heller** on the birth on 12/28/2018 and entering into brit milah of **Charlie Noah** (Hayyim Noah), brother of **Eliana and Edith**.

**Thanks to Se’udah Shelishit Contributors**

November 1, 2018 — January 31, 2019

**November 3, 2018**

**Dee Selekman** for sponsoring Se’udah Shelishit in honor of children and grandchildren, **Aviva & Noah Lubowsky, Gabe & Hannah & Aryeh & Rachel Selekman**, **Maya & Ethan**.
November 9, 2018
Gil Schneider for sponsoring Se’udah Shelishit to mark the tenth yahrzeit of his beloved father, Maxwell Schneider.

November 24, 2018
Sanford & Elinor Zaremberg and Robert Zaremberg for sponsoring Se’udah Shelishit in memory of beloved parents, Sara & Robert Davidson and Ruth & Samuel Zaremberg, and sister, Lea E. Davidson

December 1, 2018
Rhoda & Richard Judd for sponsoring Se’udah Shelishit in memory of their beloved parents, Sarah & Jacob Marks and William Judd Grobstein and Sidney Judd.

December 8, 2018
Beth Shalom Men’s Club for sponsoring Se’udah Shelishit in honor of the Annual Sweepstakes Dinner.

December 22, 2018
Sponsoring Se’udah Shelishit in memory of beloved father, Kenneth Bress by his children Mindy Shreve, Bobby Bress and Danny Bress.

December 29, 2018
Linda & Fred Newman for sponsoring Se’udah Shelishit in honor of their 47th wedding anniversary.

January 5, 2019
Yale & Barbara Rosenstein for sponsoring Se’udah Shelishit in memory of Barbara’s father, Adolph “Oddie” Reed.

January 12, 2019
Barry Palkovitz, Sharon Moscovitz, and Bobbi Zimmer Kann for sponsoring Se’udah Shelishit in memory of their mother, Esther Palkovitz.

January 26, 2019
Erica Fox Zabusky for sponsoring Se’udah Shelishit to honor the first yahrzeit of her father, Norman J. Zabusky, on the 20th of Shevat.

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March 2019 Calendar

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Join us on the second night of Pesah as we examine these and other questions, drink four cups of wine, eat a Hillel sandwich, and dine as free people.