

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE


Sunday, 9/8 ~ 8 Elul Shofar blowing at the end of morning minyan weekdays this month!	8:00 am <i>Morning Service, Homestead Hebrew Chapel</i> 8:25 am <i>Family Hebrew, Rodef Shalom</i> 9:30 am <i>J-JEP, Rodef Shalom</i> 10:00 am <i>Israel Bonds Brunch Honoring Michelle Vines, Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom</i> 7:00 pm <i>Evening Service, Helfant Chapel</i>
Monday, 9/9 ~ 9 Elul	7:30 am <i>Morning Service, Homestead Hebrew Chapel</i> 9:15 am <i>Talmud Study, Lehman Center</i> 6:00 pm <i>Kadima Lounge, Shear Youth Lounge</i> 7:00 pm <i>Evening Service, Helfant Chapel</i> 7:15 pm <i>Latin Cardio, Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom</i> 7:30 pm <i>Meeting of the Writing Team for Sulam Strategic Planning, Lehman Center</i>
Tuesday, 9/10 ~ 10 Elul	7:30 am <i>Morning Service, Homestead Hebrew Chapel</i> 4:15 pm <i>J-JEP, Beth Shalom Classrooms</i> 7:00 pm <i>Evening Service, Helfant Chapel</i> 7:30 pm <i>Executive Committee Meeting, Lehman Center</i>
Wednesday, 9/11 ~ 11 Elul	7:30 am <i>Morning Service, Homestead Hebrew Chapel</i> 4:15 pm <i>J-JEP, Rodef Shalom Classrooms</i> 7:00 pm <i>Evening Service, Helfant Chapel</i>
Thursday, 9/12 ~ 12 Elul	7:30 am <i>Morning Service, Homestead Hebrew Chapel</i> 4:15 pm <i>J-JEP, Beth Shalom Classrooms</i> 7:00 pm <i>Evening Service, Helfant Chapel</i> 7:00 pm <i>March for the Living Info Session, Zweig Library</i> 7:30 pm <i>Board of Trustees Meeting, Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom</i>
Friday, 9/13 ~ 13 Elul Candle lighting 7:13 pm	7:30 am <i>Morning Service, Homestead Hebrew Chapel</i> 6:00 pm <i>Hod veHadar Instrumental Kabbalat Shabbat, Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom</i>
Saturday, 9/14 ~ 14 Elul Sasha Forrest becomes a bat mitzvah Havdalah 8:11 pm	6:30 am <i>Early Morning Shabbat Service, Homestead Hebrew Chapel</i> 9:15 am <i>Shabbat Morning Service, Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary</i> 10:00 am <i>Youth Tefillah, Meet in Shear Youth Lounge, then to respective services</i> 12:15 pm <i>Congregational Kiddush Luncheon, Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom</i> 12:45 pm <i>Shabbat Shi'ur - Rabbi Danielle Leshaw, Helfant Chapel</i> 7:10 pm <i>Minhah, Discussion, Ma'ariv, Homestead Hebrew Chapel</i>



ENRICHING LIVES THROUGH COMMUNITY, LIFELONG JEWISH LEARNING, & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Shabbat Shalom!
7 Elul, 5779
This week's parashah is *Shofetim*.

Isla Abrams Becomes a Bat Mitzvah.

Friday, September 6, 2019 Candle lighting 7:25 p.m.		Youth Services Saturday
<i>Shababababa and Shabbat Haverim</i> <i>Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom</i>	5:45 pm	10:00-10:30 am - Meet in the Rice Gym.
<i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> <i>Helfant Chapel</i>	6:00 pm	Toddler - Pre-K with Manny Theiner 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Hoffman & Zweig Libraries, 3 rd floor
Saturday, September 7, 2019 Havdalah 8:25 p.m.		Mini-Minyan, Pre-K - 2 nd Grade Youth Tefillah
<i>Early Morning Shabbat Service</i> <i>Homestead Hebrew Chapel</i>	6:30 am	11:15 am - 12:00 pm Homestead Hebrew Chapel, 2 nd floor
<i>Shabbat Morning Service, including Isla Abrams becoming a bat mitzvah</i> <i>Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary</i>	9:15 am	3rd - 5th Grade Youth Tefillah 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Youth Lounge, 4 th floor
<i>Congregational Kiddush, sponsored by Avery & Patty Abrams in honor of daughter Isla becoming a bat mitzvah</i> <i>Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom</i>	12:15 pm	<p>Please refrain from using electronic devices in the synagogue during Shabbat and holidays. Thank you.</p>
<i>Shabbat Shi'ur - Rabbi Danielle Leshaw</i> <i>Helfant Chapel</i>	12:45 pm	
<i>Minhah, Discussion, Ma'ariv</i> <i>Homestead Hebrew Chapel</i>	7:25 pm	 Please look for this symbol inside for info on accessible entrances at Beth Shalom.

Yahrzeits

FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT. 7 - 13, 2019 7 - 13 ELUL, 5779

The following Yahrzeits will be observed today and in the coming week. This list comprises those dear departed for whom there are dedicated plaques in our praying spaces, and those for whom contributions have been made to have their names listed here.

Mabel Abramovitz	Lawrence A. Folpe	Sara Klein	Salven Reck	Zelda Sniderman
Arthur Alter	Mildred Freidberg	Isaac Kotler	Morris Reiter	Yolanda Spiegel
Bruce Americus	Louis O. Ginsburg	Lewis Lasday	Harry Robin	Nathan M. Stark
Charles Apter	Edith Glick	Joseph L. Lebovitz	Donald Rosenthal	Daniel Stone
Samuel Bachner	Yeshayoh Gold	Esther Lefkowitz	Fishel Rosenthal	Minnie Trachtenberg
Ida Baer	Joseph Goldstein	Samuel Leven	William Rubenstein	Andrew Weiss
Harry L. Baker	Isadore Gordon	Thomas Lewis	Frank Rubenstein	Frederick Weiss
Leon Alan Berger	Mayer A. Green	Simon Lieberman	Saul J. Rubin	Pearl Weiss
Anna F. Berkman	Oscar M. Green	Arnold Lipsitz	Ida P. Saul	Susan Weiss
Mendel Berlin	Allen Grinberg	Frances Marcus	Clara Scherr	Esther Zinman
Sidney Block	Leonard Grodstein	Samuel Mermelstein	Joseph J. Schmidt	Nina Zytnick
Freida S. Braemer	Minnie Grodstein	Aaron L. Miller	Rae Schutzer	
Dora Caplan	Samuel Herman	Betty E. Miller	Sherman Schwartz	
Sarah B. Caplan	Charles K. Hourvitz	Joseph G. Moidel	Freda Seeligsohn	
Nat P. Cinkin	Sara Kanterowitz	Reuben Moskowitz	Ruth Sheldon	
Bernard Cohen	Rebecca Karelitz	Joseph B. Nadel	Eleanor Shapse	
Lois Allison Cohen	Henry Karp	Joseph Palkovitz	Abraham I. Silverman	
Yekusiel Cutler	Belle Kaufman	Irvin Pepper	Lee Singer	
Samuel Denmark	Herman Keisler	Calvin Perlman	Leonard Skirboll	
Harry Estner	Norma Plotkin Kentor	Bertha Reck	Sylvia Small	

SHABBAT SHALOM

Rabbi Adelson joins the Officers and Trustees in welcoming all members and guests to our Shabbat Services. We look forward to seeing you again soon.

All are welcome to the congregational Kiddush, sponsored by Avery & Patty Abrams in honor of daughter Isla Abrams becoming a bat mitzvah, immediately following services in the Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

Mazal Tov to

Ken & Carol Turkewitz, on the wedding of their son (step-son) Avidor Turkewitz to Sarah Bello in Brooklyn on September 1st.

Condolences to

Jamie & David Harris-Gershon and family on the passing of Jamie's mother Sheila Harris.

Ushers & Greeters Needed for the High Holidays

Please volunteer to greet and usher for the High Holidays!

It is a great way to chat with fellow congregants as they enter, and you needn't miss much of the service as there is a rotation schedule. You will be trained in security.

Please contact Ira Frank at 412-281-4064 or natfabira@juno.com.

High Holiday Honors

If you have received a letter offering you an honor during Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur services this year and have not yet responded, please do so as soon as you can. This may be done by returning your response form included in the letter, or by emailing or calling the Rabbi's Assistant at rabbiasst@bethshalompg.org or 412-421-2288 x112. Thank you very much.

BE A LEADER!

The Religious Services Committee is looking for a few (more) good people to lead services! If you would like to join our team of leaders or would like to learn how to lead, please contact Sheldon Catz at sheldoncaatz50@gmail.com.

Volunteer to Help with Kiddush! Really, we need YOU!

Please volunteer to help make the Kiddush - setup, cleanup, everything in between.

We all like Kiddush, please help make it happen!

Please contact Michelle Vines, at 412-421-2288 x113, or catering1@bethshalompg.org.

Kiddush Sponsorship

Celebrating a *simhah* or honoring the memory of a loved one? To sponsor a catered Kiddush, contact Michelle Vines, at 412-421-2288 x113, or catering1@bethshalompg.org

Do You Know Your Hebrew Name? Please Write It Down!

Do you know your Hebrew Name? Can you spell it in Hebrew? Do you know the names of your relatives, of those before you and those younger than you? After whom were you named? Do you spell your name the same way? Do you need help with this? We are here. Please collect your family's full Hebrew names and keep them somewhere safe. We can keep them for you, as well.

I've Always Wondered

The Rabbi's Assistant answers questions that someone might be too shy to ask.

What Do You Mean *Bentshing* Is from the Latin?

In Latin class, Publius, Fabius, and Octavia did a lot of Latin verbs – they ate, they read, they travelled, they gave. And the verb was always at the end of the sentence, so we were always on tenterhooks for what one was doing with or to the road, the chariot, the plate, the hat, the bread. But never once did one of them *bentsh* – not even after eating the bread.

And yet "*bentsh*" is of Latin derivation! And it appears in Yiddish. There are a few words and names that have come to Yiddish from Romance languages. (Ladino, another Jewish language, is itself a Romance language – from the Latin – and *may* have been involved in the evolution of such words. Yinz know how verbiage goes, 'n'at!)

"*Bentsh*" comes from Latin "benedicere," to bless, to give a berakhah, which in turn comes from *bene*, well, and *dicere*, to say, to declare, to plead. In English we have the derivative "benediction," one of which Rabbi Adelson will be delivering on Sunday morning, September 8th, at the brunch honoring our colleague Michelle Vines.

The name Shprintze comes from the name Esperanza, in the medieval Spanish form of the Latin "*sperare*," to hope (transitive or intransitive – to hope for, to anticipate, or just to hope). Esperanza Malchi, e.g., in 16th century Turkey worked as a financial agent for the Sultan's harem women, and was accused of being involved in a currency devaluation and was ultimately executed. The name migrated to Europe and was assumed into Yiddish.

Similarly, but in the other direction, the name Bunim likely came from the French "*bon homme*," good man, though it might have come from "*bon nom*," good name, as in Shemtov. And as reported in *Haaretz*, April 22, 2012,

"[I]f Bunim comes from *bon nom*, it is actually a translation of a translation, since Shemtov is a Hebraization of the Greek name Kalonymos, which appears in the Talmud, surfaces again in eighth-century Italy, belonged to a renowned Jewish family in the medieval Rhineland and eventually became the Eastern European Kalman."

And to come full circle, *Haaretz* also reports that the name Fayvush or Feivel has no apparent Hebrew, Germanic, or Slavic source, so scholars have two explanations. One source may be the Greek Phoebus ("bright") based on the 17th century rabbi Shmuel ben Uri Shraga Fayvush writing his name "Phoebus" in Latin letters ("shraga" means "light" in the Aramaic of the Talmud, and "uri" may come from "or," light, or "ur," fire, in Hebrew). Yet the name(s) may also come from the Latin *vivus*, living, which has been translated as *Hayyim*. The author also posits that it also may have come from the Latin Fabius. But again there are other sources which say it may come from the Slavic Pavel, or Paul.

Meanwhile, Yentl may come from *gentile*, French for aristocratic, or from Italian *gentile*, kind or polite. Remember – yes I promised to write more about this – that Ashkenaz was actually in France, thus the Ashkenazic roots remain there. Your correspondent's mother and great-grandmother were named Reyza Beyla, beautiful rose, clearly of Spanish origin.

We look forward to your questions. We have these columns online at <http://bethshalompg.org/ive-always-wondered/>.

OUR LEADERSHIP

Clergy

Rabbi Seth Adelson, *Ext. 115*

Rabbi Mark Staitman, *Rabbinic Scholar*

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LOCATING THE MOST ACCESSIBLE ENTRANCE

Palkovitz Lobby, Helfant Chapel, ELC, Front Offices: Enter at Beacon Street (or Rear Parking Lot Entrance with key)

Eisner Commons, Homestead Hebrew Chapel: Enter at Beacon Street, take elevator to 2nd floor

Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary: Enter at Beacon Street, take elevator to 3rd floor

Shear Youth Lounge, Rice Auditorium: Enter at Beacon Street, take elevator to 4th floor

Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom: Enter at Shady Avenue

Sisterhood Potluck

Please join us for a potluck vegetarian/dairy dinner meeting at the home of Judy Kobell, Thursday, September 26, at 6:30 p.m.
2758 Mount Royal Road

What to bring? If your last name begins with

A-L - Salad. M-P - Appetizer Q-Z - Dessert
A main course of vegetarian/dairy lasagna will be provided.

Please RSVP to Judy Kobell at jayeko@msn.com or 412-422-3226.

Sisterhood 2019 Bake Sale

This year offering baked goods for the High Holidays prepared by Elegant Edge.

Round Challah\$7.50 Cinnamon Babka Loaf.....\$9.50

Round Raisin Challah.....\$8.00 Chocolate Babka Loaf.....\$9.50

Honey Cake Loaf..... \$12.00



Payment must be received with order by Sept. 13th.

Orders must be picked up in the Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom on Friday, September 27, between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

<https://tinyurl.com/SisterhoodBakeSale5780>

Sisterhood Book Club

The Sisterhood Book Club will discuss
Bridge of Clay by Markus Zusak
Wednesday, November 6, 2019, at 7:30 p.m.,
at Marlene's house.



Sisterhood Judaica Shop - Great Gifts!

Open Friday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (except holidays),
or by appointment

Barbara Kaiserman, 412-422-5677

Summer - 30% off all wedding gifts and jewelry



Sweepstakes Tickets Are On Sale

Men's Club 2019 Sweepstakes tickets are available now, at \$75 each.

Drawing every Friday, based on PA Lottery number.

Tickets must be paid to win! Chance to win twice each week through November.

The final event will be held on December 7, 2019.

Contact Ira Frank for tickets, 412-849-2937 or natfabira@juno.com.

SHABBAT - 7 ELUL 5779

PARASHAT SHOFETIM

	Aliyah	Verses	Readers	Hertz	Etz Hayim
1st	ראשון	Deut. 19:14-21	Mitch Dernis	829	1099
2nd	שני	20:1-4	Brenda Kurland	831	1101
3rd	שלישי	20:5-9	Marlene Behrmann Cohen	831	1102
4th	רביעי	20:10-14	Marlene Behrmann Cohen	832	1103
5th	חמישי	20:15-20	Mitch Dernis	832	1104
6th	ששי	21:1-6	Mitch Dernis	834	1105
7th	שביעי	21:7-9	Isla Abrams	835	1106
Maftir	מפטיר	21:7-9	Isla Abrams	835	1106
Haftarah	הפטרה	Isaiah 51:12 - 52:12	Isla Abrams	835	1108



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The process for making online donations to Congregation Beth Shalom has changed.

To our valued members: we want to inform you that our web process for donations has been updated. Whether donating in memory of the dearly departed, for a yahrzeit, or to offer a mazal tov, healing, or condolences, or simply because you appreciate that your shul is here, please go to <http://bethshalompgh.org/donate/>.

You will need to fill out the form on our website, click "submit" and then click "donate." On the PayPal donation page, please select the amount you would like to donate and pay with your debit or credit card.

You have the option to include a message. This is helpful if you would like to make a donation for a specific person or with a message. We hope we have streamlined the process of donations. Thank you very much for supporting your congregation!

UPCOMING EVENTS

For additional information, please see the flyers in the racks, or go to our website.

Check the calendar on our website for daily event information at <http://www.bethshalompgh.org>

Honoring Michelle Vines - Brunch

Sunday, September 8, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

How else to honor Michelle Vines and her 50 years of service to the Jewish Community? It's a brunch!

Join us in honoring this dynamo of hospitality, this understated *maven* of functions!

Registration is now closed!

Mazal tov, Michelle!



Saturday Study Series

Saturdays: September 7, 14, and 21,
at 12:45 p.m.

Rabbi Danielle Leshaw will lead discussions on several rebellion narratives within the Book of Numbers.



We'll study prominent themes that surface in these texts: religious authority, entering the land of Israel, God's (im)perfect Torah, and communal obligation. Rabbi Leshaw is a Senior Educator and Campus Support Director at Hillel International.

This event is free! If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Chris Hall at derekhcbs@gmail.com.

High Holidays Tickets

Now is the time to request seating for you and your additional family member(s)!

Please use the form inside the letter you received or use the online link below to let us know the number of tickets you require this year for seats in the Sanctuary. Members of Beth Shalom who have fulfilled their financial commitment are entitled to tickets for all adult family members and any dependent children in graduate school, college or younger.

Families requesting additional tickets are asked for a suggested donation of \$72 per ticket. Non-members will be given tickets and asked for a suggested donation of \$180 for each ticket.

Please follow this link: <https://tinyurl.com/BethShalomHHDSERVICE5780>

Weekly Talmud Class

Monday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in Lehman Center Rabbi Jeremy Markiz learns *Massekhet Rosh Hashanah*, a tractate of the Talmud about the many new years that fill out the Jewish calendar. If you'd like to join the Talmud Class Google Group, follow this link: <https://groups.google.com/d/forum/talmudcbs>



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Cemetery Open Houses

Beth Shalom Cemetery - Sunday, September 22, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



Lay leaders will be available to recite the traditional memorial prayers at the gravesides of your loved ones.

The Cemetery is open for visitation during daylight hours except on the Sabbath and Jewish holidays.



Beth Shalom Cemetery is located at 1501 Anderson Road, Shaler Twp., PA 15209.

Homestead Hebrew Cemetery - Sunday, September 15 and 22, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Homestead Hebrew Cemetery is located at 107 Bellwood Road, West Mifflin, PA 15122.

Lulav & Etrog Sets

It is time to order your Lulav & Etrog sets!

By bringing together the Arba'at HaMinim - the four species of Sukkot - we cultivate a sense of gratitude in this festive season.

Sets are \$46, and your order must be made and paid for by September 25th.

Tell your friends! Only paid-up advance orders!

Forms are available in the lobby, in our weekly emails, and in the *Mishpachtenu*.

One may order online at <https://tinyurl.com/LulavEtrog5780>

They will be distributed on Thursday, October 10, from 5:00-7:00 p.m., and on Friday, October 11, from 9:00-11:00 a.m.



BSUSY & Kadima (Both) Kick-Off Event

Sunday, September 15, 12:30-2:00 p.m., FREE...

but please bring a dairy or pareve dessert or side dish to share!

Frick Park Blue Slide Playground, 2005 Beechwood Boulevard

Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/youthreg2019> to participate in Beth Shalom events. RSVP to Marissa Tait, Director of Youth Programming, by Thursday, September 12, at youthdirector@bethshalompgh.org or 412-421-2288 x465.

March of the Living - 11th & 12th Graders

Thursday, September 12, 7:00-8:00 p.m. at Beth Shalom, informational session to learn about March of the Living.

This "Experience of Remembrance and Renewal" will take place April 19 - May 3, 2020. For more information, contact Marissa Tait, Director of Youth Programming, at youthdirector@bethshalompgh.org or 412-421-2288 x465.

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