

# THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 10/7 ~ 28 Tishrei	8:00 am Morning Service, Homestead Hebrew Chapel 1:00-3:00 pm J-Fest (6th-12th Grades), JCC, Robinson Building 7:00 pm Evening Service, Helfant Chapel
Monday, 10/8 ~ 29 Tishrei	7:30 am Morning Service, Homestead Hebrew Chapel 9:00 am Talmud Study, 61C Café, 1839 Murray Avenue 7:00 pm Evening Service, Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom 7:15 pm Latin Cardio, Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom 7:30 pm Religious Services Committee, Eisner Commons 7:30 pm Come Together Committee, Lehman Center
Tuesday, 10/9 ~ 30 Tishrei <b>Rosh Hodesh Heshvan</b>	7:30 am Morning Service, Homestead Hebrew Chapel 4:15 pm J-JEP, Classrooms 7:00 pm Evening Service, Helfant Chapel 7:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting, Lehman Center
Wednesday, 10/10 ~ 1 Heshvan <b>Rosh Hodesh Heshvan</b>	7:30 am Morning Service, Homestead Hebrew Chapel 11:00 am Coffee with the Cantor, Lehman Center 7:00 pm Evening Service, Helfant Chapel 7:30 pm Strategic Planning Steering Committee, Lehman Center
Thursday, 10/11 ~ 2 Heshvan	7:30 am Morning Service, Homestead Hebrew Chapel 12:00 pm Rabbi Seidman's Special People's Luncheon, Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom 4:15 pm J-JEP, Classrooms 7:00 pm Evening Service, Helfant Chapel
Friday, 10/12 ~ 3 Heshvan <b>Candle lighting 6:25 pm</b>	7:30 am Morning Service, Homestead Hebrew Chapel 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service, Helfant Chapel
Saturday, 10/13 ~ 4 Heshvan <b>Havdalah 7:23 pm</b>	6:30 am Early Morning Shabbat Service, Homestead Hebrew Chapel 9:30 am Shabbat Service, Helfant Chapel 10:00 am Youth Tefillah, Youth Lounge, then Lehman Center and Eisner Commons 10:30 pm Learners' Service, Weinberg Pavilion 12:15 pm Congregational Kiddush, sponsored by Jessica Hammer and Christopher Hall, Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom 12:45 pm Shabbat Shi'ur with Rabbi Amy Levin, Helfant Chapel 5:55 pm Minhah, Homestead Hebrew Chapel 6:20 pm Se'udah Shelishit, Eisner Commons 7:05 pm Ma'ariv, Homestead Hebrew Chapel

## Yahrzeits

FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 6 - 12, 2018 27 TISHREI - 3 HESHVAN, 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.

Marian Weisman Balis	Mendel Finn	Della Krakoff	Frances S. Perell	Lois Epstein Somers
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Nathan Bradlin	Eugene K. Glickman	Leah Lembersky	Rodger Resnick	J Samuel Sugerman
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Jack Caplan	Jacob Green	Samuel Levine	Gerald Roth	Esther M. Weil
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Morris Chamovitz	Doreen Halpern-Shutzy	Samuel M. Levinson	Mollie F. Ruttenberg	Norman Weiner
Shauna Childs	Robert Samuel Harris	Goodman Levy	Bernice G. Sadwick	Abraham Moses Weinkle
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Michael Epstein	Herman W. Kaufmann	Ruth S. Morris	Jack Sittsamer	Sarah Wolhendler
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## Shabbat Shalom!

26-27 Tishrei, 5779

This week's parashah is Bereshit.

### Friday, October 5, 2018

**Candle lighting 6:36 pm**

**Shababababa** 5:45 pm

Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom

**Shabbat Haverim, led by Hazzan Rob Menes** 5:45 pm

Homestead Hebrew Chapel

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:00 pm

Helfant Chapel

### Saturday, October 6, 2018

**Havdalah 7:34 p.m.**

**Early Morning Shabbat Service** 6:30 am

Homestead Hebrew Chapel

**Shabbat Morning Service** 9:30 am

Helfant Chapel

**Congregational Kiddush** 12:15 pm

Palkovitz Lobby

**Minhah** 6:05 pm

Homestead Hebrew Chapel

**Discussion, Se'udah Shelishit, sponsored by the Beatrice S. Schutte Foundation.** 6:30 pm

Homestead Hebrew Chapel

**Ma'ariv** 7:15 pm

Homestead Hebrew Chapel

### Youth Services Saturday

10:00-10:30 am - Gym is open before Youth Tefillah.

### Infant - Kindergarten

with Manny Theiner

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Hoffman & Zweig Libraries, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

### 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Youth Tefillah**

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Eisner Commons, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

### 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Youth Tefillah**

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Homestead Hebrew Chapel, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

Please refrain from using electronic devices in the synagogue during Shabbat and holidays. Thank you.



Please look for this symbol inside for info on accessible entrances at Beth Shalom.

# 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**, in the Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom immediately following services.

Thanks to the **the Beatrice S. Schutte Foundation** for sponsoring *Se'udah Shelishit*.

## OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

### Mazal Tov to

Parents **Kate Wrenshall & Josh Lewis**, and big brother **Abraham**, on the birth of **Willa Wrenshall Lewis**.

## Please Contribute to the Sisterhood Flower Fund

Please contribute to those beautiful flowers on special days in our praying spaces. See flyers outside our offices and outside the Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom.

## Se'udah Shelishit / Third Shabbat Meal

Every Shabbat afternoon from now until *Pesah*, we dine together at *se'udah shelishit* (the third Shabbat meal). Free to attend; all are welcome. We meet in the Eisner Commons, starting one and a half hours before *havdalah* time (check this Bulletin or the website for the schedule).

To sponsor the a third meal, please contact **Ira Frank**: 412-281-4064 or [natfabira@juno.com](mailto:natfabira@juno.com)

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

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

Please contact Michelle Vines, at 412-421-2288 x113, or [catering1@bethshalompg.org](mailto: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](mailto:catering1@bethshalompg.org)

## Volunteer to Lead Services!

Take an active role in Beth Shalom services! Contact Sheldon Catz at [sheldonca50@gmail.com](mailto:sheldonca50@gmail.com).

## Observances

If you are observing something special - a birthday, anniversary, *yahrzeit*, e.g., please let one of the ushers or *gabbayim* know so that we might offer you an honor if one is available.

## I've Always Wondered

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

### What Are the Sibylline Oracles?

Last week, in our discussion of Gog and Magog, we mentioned the Sibylline Oracles. We wondered about them, too.

Sometimes called the pseudo-Sibylline Oracles, these are a collection of prophecies or oracular statements written in Greek hexameter which are ascribed to the Sibyls, who were prophetesses who uttered divine revelations in a frenzied state. Apparently they were written by Grecian Jews and also by Christians and others. The earliest writings seem to be the third through fifth books, written partly by Jews in Alexandria.

Apparently there was only one Sibyl originally, a Greek prophetess type, who was atypical in that she didn't wait for a question to utter her prophecies. Subsequent Sibyls displayed the same behavior.

Other Sibyls arose in different countries, some of them with specific given names. A Sibyl named Sambethe or Sabbe was mentioned by Lucius Cornelius Alexander Polyhistor in the first century BCE. (He was a Greek scholar born in Kütahya, Turkey, enslaved by the Romans during the Mithridatic War, and taken to Rome as a tutor. He later became a Roman citizen, and earned his surname as a writer.) In Athens during the fifth century BCE Sibylline Oracles were said to speak in hexametric verse. During Alexander the Great's time, they were said to side with the underdogs and to predict doom to the nasty rulers. According to the *Encyclopedia Judaica*, "a combination of Babylonian astrology and Persian millenarian speculations was the basis for a firm belief in a predestined future." Thus, books of the Sibylline prophecies were deposited for consultation in the Temple of Jupiter Capitolinus, for use when the Roman senate had to make critical decisions.

However, when Rome expanded east, the oriental oracles morphed into anti-Roman screeds.

Christians thought of the Sibyl as a heathen prophesying the coming of their savior, and they incorporated Jewish Sibylline verse into larger collections. Michelangelo painted both specific Sibyls and the Jewish prophets on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel (painted 1509-1511). ItalianRenaissanceArt.com tells us that around the center of the ceiling are twelve figures, predicting a savior — seven prophets and five Sibyls: Jonah, Jeremiah, Persian Sibyl, Ezekiel, Erythraean Sibyl, Joel, Zechariah, Delphic Sibyl, Isaiah, Cumaean Sibyl, Daniel, and Libyan Sibyl.

Books 3 and 4, and much of book 5, of the collection are primarily Jewish in authorship. In book 3, the Sibyl is presented as Noah's Babylonian daughter-in-law, Sambethe. There is much to learn about these books, and many cultures seem to share this history.

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

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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

**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 3rd floor

**Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom:** Enter at Shady Avenue

## Youth Membership Registration Form

The Beth Shalom Youth Department asks parents to please fill out the information below for every child in your family from K to 12th grade. This information is vital for accurate communication and the safety of your child(ren). After completing this document please pay the membership fees for BSUSY and Kadima members.

<https://tinyurl.com/CBSYouth18-19>

The cost for each of the groups is:

BSUSY (9th-12th grade) - \$80.00      Atid (3rd-5th grade) - Free  
Kadima (6th-8th grade) - \$65.00      Chaverim (K-2nd grade) - Free

## Kadima Event at Games N' At

**Sunday, October 14, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Cost \$12**

Dropoff and pickup at 2010 Josephine Street, South Side. Unlimited play of various games.  
RSVP to Marissa Tait, youthdirector@bethshalomphg.org.

## Annie at the Byham Theater - Chaverim & Atid

**Sunday, October 28, 2:00 - 4:20 p.m., Cost \$12 - Tickets limited! Reserve early!**

Production of the Richard E. Rauh Conservatory of Pittsburgh Musical Theater  
Dropoff and pickup at the theater, 101 Sixth Street, Downtown  
RSVP to Marissa Tait, youthdirector@bethshalomphg.org.

## Benei Mitzvah Planning

We begin working with families of students in fourth grade, toward their becoming **benei mitzvah**. Whether or not the celebration will take place here at Beth Shalom, member families should be getting to know one another.

- ☞ There are three Workshops for sixth graders and their parents, on January 13, March 10, and April 14, 2019, 12:15p.m.
- ☞ There is an Orientation for parents of fourth graders on April 7, 2019, 11:00 a.m.
- ☞ There is a Benei Mitzvah Retreat for families with fifth- and sixth-graders, May 31 - June 2, 2019, full weekend away.

Please mark your calendars if your students are in those age groups. You will be contacted soon by Audrey Glickman, Rabbi's Assistant.

## Voter Registration - Every Citizen Should Vote!

**Please remember to register to vote by the end of the business day on October 9<sup>th</sup>.**

You should also check your registration to be certain it is still correct, and find out where your polling place will be.

The site for all of this (in Allegheny County) is

<https://www.alleghenycounty.us/elections/voter-registration.aspx> .

## Do you know your Hebrew Name?

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?

Please collect your family's full Hebrew names and keep them somewhere safe.

## SHABBAT - 27 TISHREI 5779

### PARASHAT BERESHIT

	Aliyah	Verses	Readers	Hertz	Etz Hayim
1st	ראשון	Genesis 5:1-5	Dave Held	16	30
2nd	שני	5:6-8	Rich Feder	17	31
3rd	שלישי	5:9-14	Tammy Hepps	17	31
4th	רביעי	5:15-20	Tammy Hepps	17	31
5th	חמישי	5:21-24	Tammy Hepps	17	31
6th	ששי	5:25-31	Tammy Hepps	18	32
7th	שביעי	5:32 - 6:8	Tammy Hepps	18	33
Maftir	מפטיר	6:5-8	Tammy Hepps	19	34
Haftarah	הפטרה	Isaiah 42:5-21	Yael Silk	21	36



## Parashat Bereshit

A summary of this week's *parashah*, from Hazzan Rob Menes, [www.HazzanMenes.info](http://www.HazzanMenes.info)

In this first *parashah* of the Torah, it all begins, and then almost ends. In the beginning, the Torah describes how the Eternal One created the Universe day by day, beginning with the Heavens and the Earth and culminating with humanity.

After six days, God ceases from the acts of creation and sanctifies the seventh day as the crown jewel of creation - the Sabbath. The *parashah* continues with the stories of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, the conflict between their sons Cain and Abel, and then a review of all the generations from Adam to Noah. The portion concludes with God's regret over the wickedness of human beings, and the decision to destroy everything on earth.



# 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>

## Shabbat Dinners At Home

Shabbat renews our energy and our souls. Sharing a Shabbat meal is a great way to bring us together over good food and great conversation.

**Friday, October 19, 2018: Would you please join us for dinner?**

We are seeking both guests and hosts. The form online to sign up is at <http://bethshalompgh.org/shabbatdinners/>

Hosts either have a kosher home or they follow the Beth Shalom Kashrut Potluck guidelines. *Let's celebrate Shabbat together!*



## Refugee Shabbat - Shabbat Shi'ur

**Saturday, October 20, 2018, 12:45 p.m., Helfant Chapel**

We are witnesses to one of the largest humanitarian crises in human history. World wide there are now more than 65 million people who have fled their homes due to persecution and violence.

**Leslie Aizeman** comes to Beth Shalom for a *Shabbat shi'ur* that will address how her work as Director of Refugee & Immigrant Services for JFCS is helping to address the refugee crisis through local action here in Pittsburgh. **The event is free.**

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Chris Hall at [adulthoodeducationcbs@gmail.com](mailto:adulthoodeducationcbs@gmail.com).

## Coffee with the Cantor

Coffee with the Cantor - a stimulating discussion group led by our Executive Director, *Hazzan* (Cantor) Rob Menes.

Discussing "Jewish Influence in the Secular World." We 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. Coffee provided!

**Every Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Lehman Center.** Sign up not required.



## Shabbat Morning Discussion Service

Formerly the Learners' Service, we begin again on October 13th, 10:30 a.m.

Rabbi Adelson will lead a discussion-oriented service for all ranges of *davener*, from the uninitiated to the veterans.

We will seek meaning behind the words, and personal connections within *tefillah*. This program is free; all are welcome.



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## Lunch and Learn Returns!

Beginning in November, Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Adelson returns. First session will be November 6 downtown / November 13 at Beth Shalom

This year's topic is "Jewish Law for Today: Five Key *Teshuvot* of the Conservative Movement."



Ever wonder why you don't have to park three blocks away from a Conservative synagogue on Shabbat? Or whether your rabbi can marry a gay couple? The Rabbinical Assembly's Committee on Jewish Law and Standards has been reviewing contemporary halakhic issues for the Conservative movement for more than 90 years, and has a long-standing tradition of issuing thoughtful, sensitive responsa to the challenges of keeping Jewish tradition in today's world. You should get to know these *teshuvot*.

Further information at [www.tinyurl.com/LunchLearnNov2018](http://www.tinyurl.com/LunchLearnNov2018)

## Volunteer Awards Brunch

**Sunday, October 21, 2018, 10:00 a.m., Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom**

Please join us in celebrating the accomplishments of our valued volunteers during this year's Awards Brunch. \$25 per person, please RSVP by Friday, October 12, 2018.

<http://bethshalompgh.org/events-upcoming/>

Online signup is available at [www.tinyurl.com/BethShalomVolunteers2018](http://www.tinyurl.com/BethShalomVolunteers2018)

**Honorees:** Lisa Steindel, Lester A. Hamburg Member of the Year Award

Kate Rothstein, Ethel and Bernard Halpern Young Leadership Award

Judith Kadosh, Nathan E. Snader Distinguished Service Award

Tammy Hepps, Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle Volunteers of the Year Award

## Weekly Talmud Class

Every Monday morning beginning again Oct. 15 at 9:00 a.m. at the 61C Café you can find Rabbi Jeremy Markiz learning *Masekhet Rosh Hashanah*, a tractate of the Talmud about the many new years that fill out the Jewish calendar.

Find it online at: [https://www.sefaria.org/Rosh\\_Hashanah.2a?lang=bi](https://www.sefaria.org/Rosh_Hashanah.2a?lang=bi).



## Sweepstakes Tickets Are On Sale

Men's Club 2018 Sweepstakes tickets are available now, at \$75 each.

Drawing every Friday, through November, based on PA Lottery number.

*Tickets must be paid to win!*

The date of the final event will be Saturday evening, December 8th.

Contact Ira Frank for tickets, 412-849-2937 or [natfabira@juno.com](mailto:natfabira@juno.com).

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## Sisterhood Judaica Shop - Great Gifts!

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Barbara Kaiserman, 412-422-5677

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