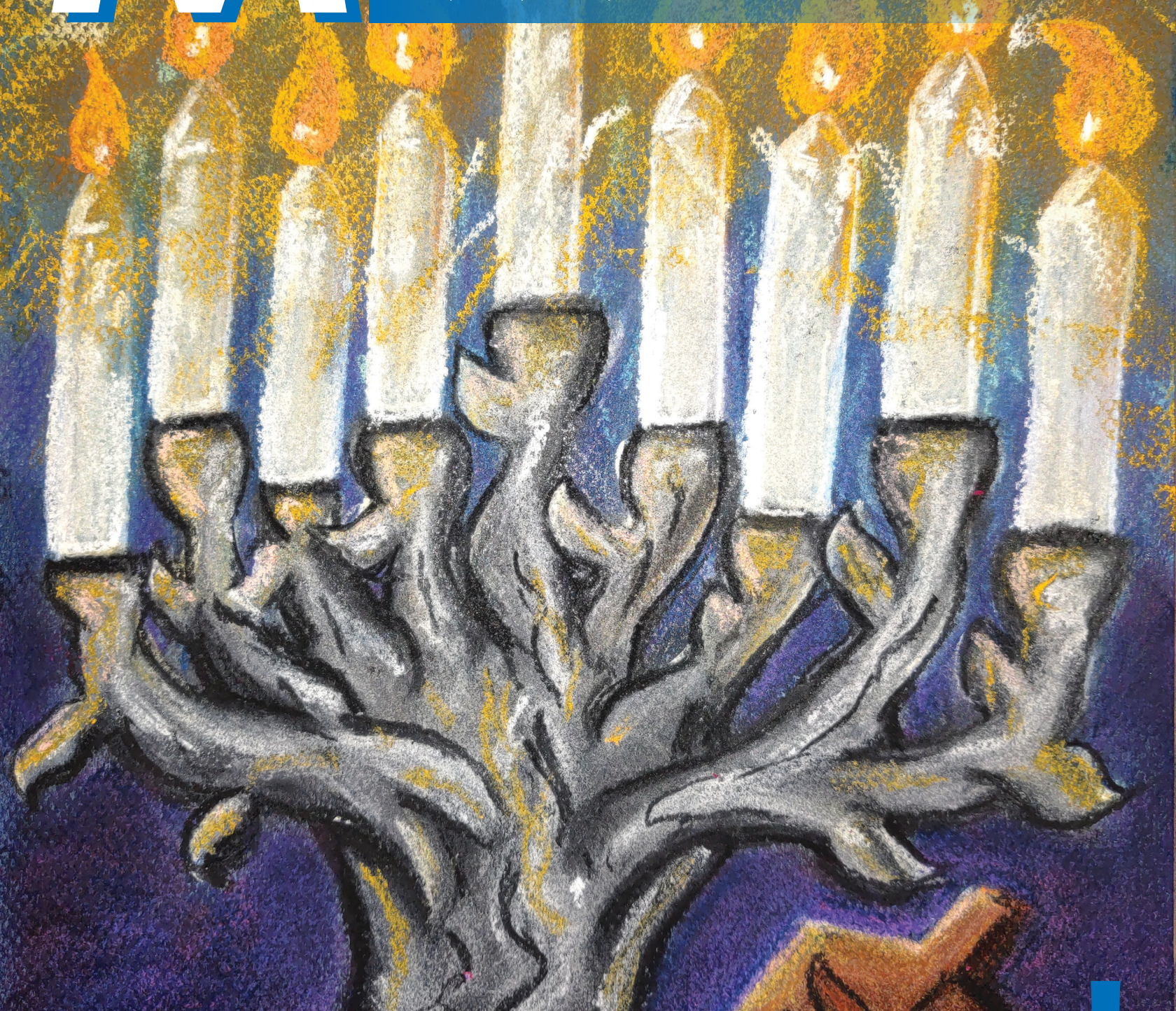


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Words of Kedushah

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On October 29, 2018, I went to Presbyterian Hospital to visit a congregant who was near death, unrelated to the shooting that had occurred two days earlier. I parked my car on the street, and when I stepped out, an African-American woman, who had been sitting in her car eating lunch, approached me. She was wearing a green outfit that is common for hospital employees. "Are you Jewish?" she asked. Intuitively wary of that particular question, I tentatively nodded. "Can I give you a hug?" she said. "Absolutely," I replied, and received what was among the warmest hugs that I have ever experienced. Nothing needed to be said; the comfort that she offered was overwhelming and implicit. It spoke silently of shared persecution, of historical wrongs and overcoming prejudice.

I went upstairs to visit our congregant, who, entirely coincidentally, was in the room next door to Dan Leger, who had been grievously wounded by the hate-filled shooter. His wife Ellen spotted me in the hallway, and took me in to see him. I offered words of prayer and comfort, and I am so grateful that Dan is still with us today.

More than a year on from those days of acute pain and anguish and confusion, these two little bits of memory have become intertwined. The hug gave me hope that we can and will spread more light and love into the dark corners of this world if we work together, across racial and ethnic and other meaningless boundaries. The holy moment in the hospital reminded me not only of the great need for that light and love, but also the urgency of the task before us.

As you kindle the lights of Hanukkah for eight nights with family and friends, hold them all tightly together, admire the way that the light shines out through the window into the dark, and consider how we all can push back against the forces of hatred. Find an action, even a small one, that will illuminate this world just a little more. Let the warm glow of the hanukiah be a beacon that drives us all to make this a safer, brighter, more loving place for all of God's Creation. All of this belongs to you.

Happy Hanukkah!

Hod veHadar

Joyous and Moving Kabbalat Shabbat

Dec. 20, Jan. 24 & Feb. 28



OUR LEADERSHIP

A Message from Our President

Debby Firestone

President

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Now that our holiday season has come to an end we settle into the routine of Beth Shalom life. As I look back to our High Holiday season, I am very grateful to all employees, volunteers and security personnel for a very meaningful religious experience for all attending services, thankfully without incident.

But the routine of Beth Shalom life promises an interesting, enjoyable and significant several months.

First, let me mention some programs that occurred last month. First, our very successful annual Volunteer Awards Brunch honoring several deserving Beth Shalom members who really made a difference took place on November 3. We congratulate Bruce Rollman, Adam Kolko, Shoshanna Barnett, and Ira Frank for this recognition of their contributions.

Just a few weeks ago, we held our annual November fundraiser, which we have held for the past three years, our "Come Together Event." Thank you to Judy Adelson and her committee for working so hard to organize this year's Comedy Night. For the past three years we have had an annual fundraiser in November, which will continue to be a tradition here at Beth Shalom.

During the week of December 8, a few of our executive committee members and staff members will attend the USCJ convention, which occurs every two years. It is a very informative convention which generates many thought provoking ideas and has been a very rejuvenating and rewarding experience for me.

As we move into the winter months, Beth Shalom committees are hard at work. We will be hiring a development person and a

permanent executive director within this next year. We were sorry to see our bookkeeper, Judy Kayam retire after almost nineteen years of service to Beth Shalom. Replacing her won't be easy!

There are also several important projects here at Beth Shalom which are making significant progress. The members of our strategic planning committees have been hard at work preparing the future course for our Shul and will be presenting the results to the Congregation very soon. We continue to focus on holding the spending line and staying within the budget. Our Solar Initiative is moving forward and so is the work on our facade. The Life and Legacy Program has been moving forward and we will be sharing information with the congregation soon.

It is also noteworthy that there are some dynamic programs for our youth that have been initiated. Thanks to the excellent job our youth director Marissa Tait and her staff have been doing, these have enhanced and strengthened our USY and other youth activities.

Now we are ready for winter! Happy Hanukkah and if you're not lucky enough to escape the Pittsburgh weather, let's hope that our winter is an easy one and that the groundhog doesn't see its shadow.

Help Your Shul...

by wishing our friends a Happy Birthday!

As part of revamping the birthday greetings, you can now write one larger check and draw down on your deposit as you send greetings during the year. Look for more improvements soon!

PLEASE download the birthday form from our weekly announcements or see the form in our office to complete and return it to our office. Thank you!

Directing the Way

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Single Gender Organizations

As many of you know, I'm active with the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (FJMC), the international umbrella organization for a confederation of more than 250 men's auxiliaries mostly in the United States and Canada.

I'm often asked what the purpose of a men's group is in this day and age and why the men's and women's organizations aren't combined into one. After all, is there really a reason we need to keep the sexes segregated? Having a need to keep them segregated is the wrong way to look at it (and, in fact, there are great advantages to having joint-gender activities in many areas). The better aspect to examine here is the benefit we derive from having our single-gender organizations.

Both a Men's Club and a Sisterhood provide the opportunity to engage in activities which (big generalization here, folks) are more common to their own gender. They also give the opportunity to socialize with members of one's own gender in a way different from when they are in mixed company.

For a Men's Club, this might include physical activities (e.g. helping build a children's playground in a park; clearing a path; participate in a sporting activity) that they bond over; emotional co-exploration (e.g. FJMC's excellent Hearing Men's Voices initiative, in which men have conversations on specified topics that concern them, which are conversations that occur very differently in mixed company), and setting examples as male role models for good behavior and leadership.

Similarly, many Sisterhoods are known for their education and community service programs, for their exemplary support of the Jewish Theological Seminary (through their Torah Fund initiative) and for their own social activities that provide for bonding and support amongst women.

In addition, both men's groups and women's groups provide the opportunity for exploring our roles as fathers and mothers which is more appropriately done in the company of other fathers and other mothers rather than in mixed groups. (When men come to annual FJMC regional retreats with their adult sons, they explore and deepen their relationships beyond what they were in the past.)

A common theme that runs through both types of organizations are the communities that we build. These don't replace our multi-gender communities, but instead augment them by providing for additional relationships and interactions. When we were younger, and particularly when we were in school, we found these relationships very easily and organically. In our busy adult lives, we sometimes need a little structured help, perhaps in the form of these single-gender affiliates, to help us build these communities.

A recent article by Alan Silverstein in the Times of Israel explores this subject in more detail. It can be read here: <https://tinyurl.com/SingleGenderOrganizations>

Member Gym Fee Change

Beginning January 1, 2020, gym rentals to members will now be \$50 for a two-hour period. Reservations that have already been made are unaffected.

OUR LEADERSHIP

Walking the Derekh

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BE A LIGHT

Hanukkah is a unique holiday with no biblical basis. It appears in the Talmud, through the association of Shabbat candles that we learn about Hanukkah. We receive two traditions regarding how to light Hanukkah candles:

“Beit Shammai says: On the first day one kindles eight lights and, from there on, gradually decreases the number of lights until, on the last day of Hanukkah, they kindle one light. And Beit Hillel says: On the first day one kindles one light, and from there on, gradually increases the number of lights until, on the last day, they kindle eight lights.”

Classically, Beit Hillel and Shammai are in disagreement. Like with all disagreements, in the text or our lives, we might ask ourselves, why do they hold these views?

We might imagine that Beit Shammai was focused on the darkness of the world with light decreasing. This pessimistic view would not be so far off generally. However, the Talmud explains that Beit Shammai was focused on the upcoming days and the future. His reason is that we count down elsewhere in the tradition. The lights are how many days are left.

For Beit Hillel, we are told they are focused on the days already observed and counting up. The Talmud tells us that there is a principle here: “one elevates in holiness and does not reduce.”

As we enter this holiday, amongst the darkness of winter and the chaos of the world around us, we're reminded of those two lessons. First, despite serious disagreements, we should approach one another with kindness, curiosity, and compassion. Let us be a beaming beacon of how to talk to one another.



Second, we can take inspiration from Beit Hillel in how we navigate that darkness. We do so by elevating the lights and one another. We can raise each other up, shine a light on one another's accomplishments and success, and we can encourage the best in those around us.

Happy Hanukkah

SAVE THE DATES!
Shababababa & Shabbat Haverim @ 5:45 p.m.:

Friday, December 6, 2019

Friday, January 3, 2020

Friday, February 7, 2020

Friday, March, 6, 2020

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Bring the parashah alive and make it personally relevant and meaningful! Come study the Torah portion of the week with Rabbi Mark Asher Goodman as we explore text through the lens of our own lives and experiences.

Lunch and Learn

Two Tuesdays a month at noon

Egalitarianism has become part of the core of the Conservative Movement, but where did it come from? This year, we will be exploring the Jewish legal basis of egalitarianism through responsa literature and halakhic sources.

We will be meeting almost every month both at Congregation Beth Shalom and Downtown. If you are interested in participating, please reach out to derekhcbs@gmail.com

YOUTH TEFILLAH
AT BETH SHALOM



Growing Through the ELC

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Hello Congregants!

The start of the 2019-2020 school year in the Early Learning Center has been filled with laughter and learning not only among our students, but the teachers as well! The fall months were filled with the colors, scents, and traditions of the High Holiday season. Our younger students explored apples, honey, and pumpkins in their classrooms while our older children traveled to Soergel's Orchards for a more hands on apple experience. Students ate and listened to stories with their classmates and teachers in the Sukkah, and danced with the Torah! In addition, our Parent Teacher Organization brought our community together with a wonderfully attended Sunday morning in the Sukkah. Families new and old came together, talked, and celebrated the holiday.

With the help of art educator Morah Julie, classrooms worked together to create beautiful art installations in their classrooms and documentation boards which you can see in our hallways and lobby area. As we discussed in an earlier issue, Julie is now spending two full weeks in each classroom allowing her to create deeper and longer term projects with the children. Soon the ELC will be filled with the smell of latkes cooking, and the sounds of children singing Hanukkah songs with Morah Debbey.

Our teaching staff has had a busy fall season as well. Three of our teachers signed up to join a cross-pollinated book study with other Jewish Early Childhood educators in the area. This group is continuing their education with the Reggio Emilia approach which inspires Beth Shalom's art program. The teachers do reading assignments and then discuss the readings together at their meetings. So far the teachers

have really enjoyed collaborating and the experience of working with their peers outside of Beth Shalom. Additionally, we sent one of our Prekindergarten educators to a training on Learning without Tears which is a multisensory approach for children to learn literacy, handwriting, and language. The approach has been working well with the students, and we plan to educate more of our teachers on the developmentally appropriate program. All of these professional development experiences were made possible by the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) fund.

As always, I invite you to schedule a tour or stop by to visit the ELC and see the amazing work that our educators and students do each day. You can also continue to support our program by donating to the TEACH fund.

ELC Calendar Dec. 2019 - Feb. 2020

Thursday, December 19

Whole School Hanukkah Celebration

Monday, Dec. 23 - Wed. Jan. 1

Winter Break - ELC CLOSED

Thursday, January 2

Teacher In-Service - ELC CLOSED

Monday, January 20

MJK Jr. Day - ELC CLOSED

Monday, February 17

President's Day - ELC CLOSED



OUR LEADERSHIP

Learning with J-JEP

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You are your child's first and best teacher. We at J-JEP strive to be your child's second best teacher. Why are you your child's best teacher? Because children watch you and they listen to you (oh, yes they do) and they learn from parents what is real, what is important, what matters in the world. Parents set the tone and the agenda in the home. If they see you value it, they will give it due consideration. If they sense you don't value it, they won't either.

Of course, there is always the normal adolescent push-back and in the teen years children find their own way and their interests are not always the same. That doesn't mean they don't understand the values the parents have set in the home, the morals that are important.

This leads me to Hanukkah. Lighting candles every night is a highlight in almost every Jewish home where there are young children. And, it is another opportunity to let children discover the values parents set: family time, tradition, and maybe the Hanukkah value of rededication to our Jewish selves.

The story of Hanukkah is a story of Jews refusing to fade away, a refusal to assimilate so much that we cease to be. Hanukkah is a holiday that reminds us that we have gifts to offer our community, our country, our world.

This Hanukkah J-JEP will be using materials from Reboot to add another dimension to your nightly celebration. Reboot is a fascinating organization that creates an amazing mash up of Jewish and secular values and reminding us that often they are one and the same. For Hanukkah, they have a "Give Light" campaign that encourages, along with other gifts, you give light, give an example of how you can bring some light into the world. If Hanukkah means "dedication", Reboot is asking us to rededicate ourselves to make the world a better place and make ourselves better people.

Each night as you gather with your children, you, your child's first and best teacher, can take

a moment to ask how each of you bring light into the world. Each night as you watch the candles burning, you can have a thoughtful little conversation. I'll send home some resources to get you started. (And then open those presents!)

Hanukkah is about latkes and *sufganiyot* and presents and remembering how Hanukkah inspires us to be the best Jews and Jewish families we can be. *Hag urim sameah*, happy festival of lights. Happy Hanukkah.

(Here's Reboot's description of the program: Reboot's Give Light Hanukkah initiative re-imagines the concept of gift giving into *tikkun olam* and asks people to consider how they "give light" to others this season.

Giving light can have many meanings...It may mean giving time, talents or money to the causes you believe in. It may mean speaking up to injustice. It may mean supporting a friend or loved one in need. Or it may mean something completely unique to you).

J-JEP Calendar

Dec. 2019 - Feb. 2020

Sunday, December 15

Latkepalooza at
Beth Shalom - 10:00 a.m.

Sun. Dec 22 - Thur. Jan 2

Winter Break - J-JEP CLOSED

Sunday, January 5

Sunday classes resume

Tuesday, January 7

Midweek Hebrew classes resume

Sunday, January 12

1st Grade Breakfast

Sunday, January 19

MLK Jr. Day On

Sunday, January 26

2nd Grade Breakfast

Sunday, February 2

World Wide Wrap

Sunday, February 16

Presidents' Day - J-JEP CLOSED



Beth Shalom Youth Zone

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The Youth Department has had a *spectacular* few months with new and fan favorites events!

We partnered with several groups such as Repair the World, Derekh, and PJ Library to offer new programs and joined in supporting March for the Living. Our youth in grades K through 12 were all invited to join in our annual Sukkah Hop tradition. In a new initiative, the **teens are leading our congregation in Kabbalat Shabbat services**. Please join us for this inspiring way to welcome Shabbat. Additionally, the BSUSY teens created a moving and healing program as we hosted the **Pittsburgh Teen Community Memorial Havdalah**. This moving program was an example of hard work and community partnership.

Please encourage your children and grandchildren to join us for another exciting tradition, our annual **Hanukkah Program**, an all-age social action program on Wednesday, December 18 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

We hope you will all join us at the **Jews For Justice: A Shabbat Dinner and Discussion**, which will be held on January 17, 2020. Beth Shalom's teens facilitate discussions at each table for a multi-generational dynamic conversation. The teens craft thoughtful and dynamic dialog, allowing all of us to learn from new perspectives.

Kadima and BSUSY continue to meet for great snacks, pool and basketball during Lounge Nights in the Shear Youth Lounge. These **Lounge Nights** provide great opportunities for teens to spend time together and brainstorm new programs. Lounge nights are held for

Kadima on the second and fourth Mondays and BSUSY meets the first and third Monday of each month. We hope to see you there!

Please mark your calendars as our Beth Shalom youth invite you to celebrate **Purim with us at our annual Carnival to be held on Sunday, March 8, from 10:00-1:00 p.m.** The Purim Carnival is a time honored tradition that benefits the Youth Department Programming. We are excited to bring back a fan favorite, Pie in the Face benefiting USY's Tikun Olam Fund, which allocates money yearly to different charities around the world. Spread the Word...All Are Welcome!

Congregation Beth Shalom Youth Department is divided into four cohorts: Chaverim is for grades K-2, Atid is for grades 3-5, Kadima welcomes our middle school students in grades 6-8 and BSUSY is for our high schoolers! All children may attend our programs no matter their officiation, as long as they have registered at <https://www.tinyurl.com/youthreg2019>.

BSUSY Lounge Nights: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - MONDAYS!

December 2 | December 16
January 6 | February 3

Kadima Lounge Nights: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - MONDAYS!

December 9 | January 13
January 27 | February 10
February 24



BENEI MITZVAH

Andrew Cole Elinoff

is the son of Beth & Jeffrey Elinoff. Andrew's older brother is Michael. He is the grandson of Eileen and Myron Snider and Bernice Elinoff and the late Milton Elinoff.

Andrew is a 7th grader at Sterrett. He plays volleyball, soccer and baseball, and enjoys math and science. He is in Boy Scouts as well as being a cadet in Civil Air Patrol.

Bar Mitzvah: 12/21/2019

Raphael Shalom Baruch Rothstein, son of Kate and Ira Rothstein, and brother to Simone, Theo and Millie Rothstein, lives in Squirrel Hill and attends Falk School. His interests include board and strategy games (current favorite is Go), playing harp and flute and attending Kadima Lounge. Raffa will become a Bar Mitzvah at Beth Shalom on February 8, 2020, 13 Shevat 5780.

Bar Mitzvah: 2/8/2020

Noah Andrew Sindler,

son of Deb and Mark Sindler, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, February 15. Noah is the younger brother of twin sisters Samantha and Cate. Grandparents are Judy and Allan Press of Mt. Lebanon and Norman and the late Marilyn (z"l) Sindler of Squirrel Hill. Noah is in 7th grade at Winchester Thurston School (WT). He is on the WT basketball and lacrosse teams, and participates in the Middle School Musicals. Noah plays piano, loves video games and spends his summers at Capital Camps.

Bar Mitzvah: 2/15/2020



Lydia Bestul is so excited to officially convert to Judaism on February 28, 2020. Though not a traditional bat mitzvah, she is nevertheless thrilled to begin her Jewish life by reading from the Torah the very next day on February 29 (her 25th and a half birthday).

Formerly a fellow with the Jewish nonprofit Repair the World and an alumna of the University of Pittsburgh, Lydia now works as a registered nurse on a cardiac unit at West Penn hospital. Her hobbies include reading, playing with her tabby cat Lily, and visiting Frank Lloyd Wright designed homes.

Date: 2/29/2020



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Men's Club Moments

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As we enter the month of Kislev, I want to thank all of our Men's Club members for their participation these past months. We have a full schedule for the fall and winter! Please see the information below for details.

Shabbat Dinners, sponsorship with Sisterhood:

- December 13, 2019
- February 28, 2020
- March 20, 2020

Sunday brunches, sponsored by Men's club held with the Derekh Limmud program.

Our Major fund and fundraiser, the **Yearly Sweepstakes (December 7, 2019)** for \$75.00 you get a full meal and a chance to win up to \$2,500.00!

In early February we have our annual **World Wide Wrap**, held in cooperation with J-JEP.

Our **Famous Sports Lunch** on **February 9th!**

We are starting to work on our **Men's Club Shabbat**, which will be held **March 14, 2020**. Now is the time to Contact Sandy Zaremborg to volunteer for a Torah reading or an English or Hebrew reading; open to all Men's Club members!

Also we are starting to plan with Sisterhood an **Adult Purim Party** on **Sunday March 8, 2019**. Please contact myself or Judy Kobel if you want to help to plan this fun evening. **You do not have to be a member of either Men's Club or Sisterhood to participate!**



Thank You to All!

As you read this, the High Holidays for 5780 are now deep in the past. Each year, there are a tremendous number of people that arrange for the smooth execution of the holidays – our Religious Services Committee, our volunteer service leaders, the people meticulously arranging the honors lists and tracking who has and who hasn't accepted, Rabbi Adelson for leading us in services, creating the theme that threaded through the holidays, and providing our spiritual leadership, Rabbi Markiz for organizing all of our youth programming during the holidays, President Debby Firestone for putting together and delivering the annual Kol Nidre appeal (as well as for many other tasks), the work on our Israel Bonds appeal (this year delivered by Adrienne Indianer), the placement and collection of the appeal cards, Aviva Lubowsky and the team putting together our annual Book of Remembrance, Chris Hall and Rabbi Markiz for putting together our annual High Holiday Guide, all of our wonderful staff for the numerous tasks to coordinate seating (a tremendous task, Lonnie!), getting all our communications out, having security in place, having all signage in place, creating all our publications and have them available, having the building be clean and prepped, and on and on.

We take this opportunity to thank a group of people doing one (two, actually) particularly thankless job – our ushers and greeters. Each year, we need to recruit a significant number of people to serve as greeters at the exterior doors, and ushers in the Sanctuary. These are tough positions to fill because it means for many people, either missing an hour of the service entirely, if they are at building entrances, or keeping on their feet for an hour straight, if they are ushers. The tasks were made all the more trickier this year, with the increased security, the addition of the emotional wellness component, and having a second congregation (New Light) in the building with us. Coordinated by Ira Frank, the group we thank this year includes Dr. Steve Alpert, Dan Askin, Elaine Beck, Ron Beck, Danny Bendas, Neila Bendas, Harold Blumenfeld, Frayda Cohen, Mitch Dernis, Paula Eger, Julian Elbling, Helen Feder, Rich Feder, Mark Frisch, Larry Glanz, Lidush Goldschmidt, Sam Greenfield, Jack Halpern, Mimi Halpern, Alan Himmel, Ron Jacobs, Richard Judd, Alec Kiderman, Alex Kiderman, Helen Kiderman, Kate Kim, Adam Kolko, Paul Munro, Gail Neft, Fred Newman, Linda Newman, Ben Rellis, Jeannie Reznick, Josh Resnick, Paul Reznick, Bruce Rollman, Jeffrey Rosenbloom, Natalie Rosenbloom, Jeff Rosenthal, Lynn Rosenthal, Kate Rothstein, Mike Samuels, Larry Savitz, Marc Schwartz, Mindy Shreve, Sam Spatt, Barry Stein, Rick Sweet, Joan Wagman, Elinor Young, Erica Zabusky, and Sandy Zaremborg. And a special thank you to Sandy Zaremborg for his persistent locating of honorees. We thank you all!

OUR LEADERSHIP

The Sisterhood Says

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As fall turns into winter, we look back to our Potluck supper and our High Holiday Challah sale.

In September we began the year with our annual Potluck Supper and opening meeting. It was an opportunity to meet old friends, make some new ones and discuss Sisterhood activities. The following day was the challah sale and I want to thank all those who worked so hard to make everything go smoothly. A special thank you to Michelle Vines who always makes things look so easy!

As a new season begins, we are looking forward to our annual Hanukkah Party and gift exchange. I hope many of you will join us on **Sunday, December 8th from 10:00 a.m. to noon** for a fun celebration of Hanukkah. Next, reserve **Saturday, February 1, 2020** for Sisterhood Shabbat. This Shabbat is highlighted by participation of many Congregation women and followed by a festive luncheon for the whole congregation. If anyone is interested in taking a role in the service, please be in touch with me or Helen Feder.

In the 2019-2020 year, we are continuing to co-sponsor Shabbat dinners with Men's Club, as well as sharing the sponsorship of an adult **Purim party on March 8th, 2020**. For that event, we need volunteers to plan an exciting evening. Please contact me or Ira Frank to help. **You do not need to be a member of Sisterhood or Men's Club to participate!**

Please be sure to put these dates on your calendar and I hope to see you soon.



Sisterhood Calendar 2019 - 2020

Sunday, December 8

Hanukkah Party

Friday, December 13

Shabbat Dinner

Saturday, February 1

Sisterhood Shabbat

Friday, February 28

Shabbat Dinner

Sunday, March 8

Purim Party

Friday, March 20

Shabbat Dinner

Sisterhood Judaica Shop



Winter Sales



December 2019

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January 2020

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February 2020

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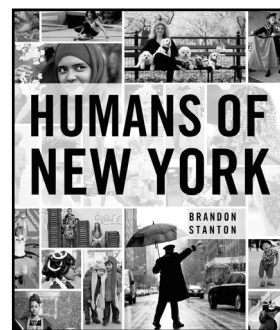
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Humans of Beth Shalom (HOBS)

Here, we highlight 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

Inspired by the famous Humans of New York, or HONY, series.



The biography below of Aviva Lubowsky and family is published with sincere apologies for our previous error.

Name in English and in Hebrew (phonetic).

Aviva (English and Hebrew name!) Selekman Lubowsky

Where were you born and which places have you lived in?

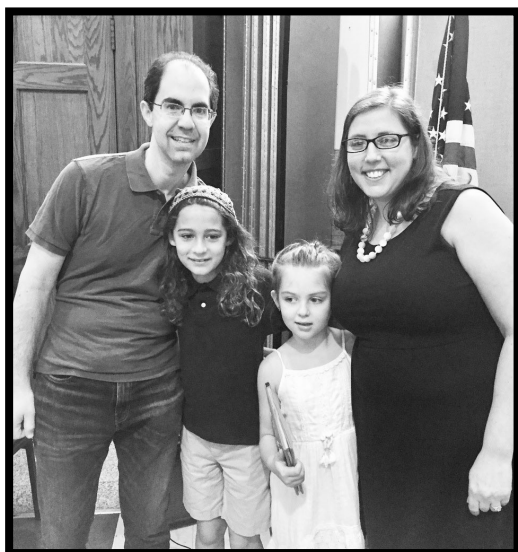
Born in Pittsburgh, have lived in Jerusalem, Israel; Madison, WI; Boston, MA

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

More than 30 years!

Please attach a favorite photo from anytime in your life with a brief description.

Aviva, with her husband, Noah, and children, Gabe and Hannah, in May 2019 on the occasion of Hannah receiving her siddur at Community Day School.



Where were your Grandparents born and how have those cultures influenced your traditions?

My grandparents' families were from Russia, Lithuania, and Poland. I still use with my kids many of the Yiddishisms I heard from them. The most lasting impact of their cultures of origin, however, is that they were unfriendly to Jews. Those inhospitable and dangerous countries are what caused them to leave all they knew, get on boats, and come to the United States. (Interestingly,

my one grandmother came via Yokohama, on a ship named Empress of Japan. During the voyage, she was given a banana for the first time. Not knowing better, she ate it without peeling it! She landed in Seattle in 1919 at age 6.) In these uncertain times, I often think of the circumstances and decisions they faced that caused them to abandon their homes. More and more I am grateful for their sacrifices, risks, and optimism that allow me to be in Pittsburgh today.

What food connects you to feeling Jewish? Where is that memory from?

It's not so much a particular food that connects me to Judaism as much as it is the preparing of food for others and the hosting of family and friends. I have heard stories that my paternal great-grandmother would never let anyone come to her door without feeding them. My mother's preparing and sharing of food has spanned from weekly lavish Shabbat dinners during my childhood to decadent holiday menus with many folding tables to accommodate 30+ guests to today, when she prepares breakfast at morning minyan every weekday. My family's sense of community and connectedness has been immeasurably enriched by having friends in our home. And I relish the opportunity that modern day mealtrain.com provides to cook and bring dinner to families welcoming a baby or in mourning. I hope one day my kids will fondly remember Shabbat and holiday meals and me leaving the house with a home-cooked meal to drop off to another family.

What books do you always find yourself recommending to people and from which period of your life did you first become familiar with them?

One of the aspects of parenthood I have most enjoyed is re-familiarizing myself with children's literature and reading with my kids on my lap. The classics are wonderful — The Little Engine that Could!! — and some newer titles have captivated me. The book Duck! Rabbit! is the best way to demonstrate that two people can see (or experience) the same thing but come away with markedly different impressions and perspectives. Such an important life lesson. I also really love and appreciate the many books that help me teach my children to accept others as they are and that show that people — and families — are diverse, and that this diversity enriches us all.



Congregation Beth Shalom

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Publication Schedule

Each new volume begins in September and runs on a quarterly cycle. We make all attempts to include the relevant Jewish holidays in each issue as they coincide with secular months. Each issue is made available before the start of the assigned month*.

- #1 **Fall:** September, October, and November
- #2 **Winter:** December, January, and February
- #3 **Spring:** March, April, and May
- #4 **Summer:** June, July, and August

Please note that the September issue is our **High Holiday edition**. *This is a special run issue that is in full color and sent to all members of the congregation by USPS. Your ad(s) will still run in black and white.*

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**A Happy and Healthy New Year to
all Members of the Congregation**

Ira Frank

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Sara and Jason Berliner's new baby
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the marriage of Zarky Rudavsky and
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A Happy and Healthy New Year to
Members of the Congregation
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August 24, 2019

sponsored in part by **Marisa & David Boevers** in honor of their daughter's naming.

August 31, 2019

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September 7, 2019

sponsored by **Avery & Patty Abrams** in honor of daughter Isla Abrams becoming a *bat mitzvah*.

September 14, 2019

sponsored by **Jaime Forrest & Rachel Kranson** in honor of daughter Sasha becoming a *bat mitzvah*.

October 12, 2019

sponsored by **Bernice & Jack Meyers** in honor of Bernice's birthday.

October 19, 2019

congregational kiddush luncheon, lovingly hosted by **Arlyn Gilboa** in honor of her grandson Oren becoming a *bar mitzvah*

October 21, 2019

Kiddush in our beautiful sukkah is generously provided by **The Zukerman Family Sukkot Endowment** in loving memory of Madeline & Herbert Zukerman.

October 26, 2019

sponsored by **Yael Silk & Jordan Fischbach** in honor of Jordan's birthday.

Nihum Avelim

(Comforting Mourners)

August 1st — October 31st, 2019

Dr. Lester Shapiro and all family and friends, on the passing of **Arlene Shapiro** on Saturday, July 28th.

David & Deborah Baron on the passing of David's mother **Sandra Baron**.

Judy & Chuck Perlow and family on the passing of Judy's dear father **Dr. Carl Lipnik**, on August 10th.

Sheila Chamovitz and family on the passing of Sheila's beloved husband **Dr. Robert (Bob) Chamovitz**, early on August 12th.

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

Family and friends of member Geraldine Harris on her passing on October 4th.

Reva & Stanley Horn on the passing of **brother-in-law Dr. Joel H. Merenstein** on September 27th.

Shoshanna & Adam Shear and family on the passing of Shoshanna's mother **Sharon Leslie Liptzin** on October 13th.

Harry & Patty Schneider and family on the passing of Harry's sister **Henya Snider** on October 13th.

Mimi Ginsberg on the passing of her sister **Joan Lasday** on October 13th.

Adriane & Morris Horvitz and family on the passing of Adriane's father **Elliot Weinstein** on November 1st.

Milestones – Mazal Tov!

August 1st — October 31st, 2019

H. David Stein and Arielle Kroser on their wedding July 28th, and to David's parents **Barry & Yvonne Stein and brothers Evan and Brian Stein**.

Sondra & Richard Glasser on the engagement of their granddaughter, **Allyza Rose Lustig, to Sammy Vider**. Both live and work in Washington, D.C.

Steven & Sharon Schwartz on the birth on August 22nd of their new grandson **Ian Jace Pourrabbani**, son of **Ben & Marla Pourrabbani**

Mimi Ginsberg (and the late Hyman Ginsberg z"l) on the engagement of grandson **Daniel Ginsberg to Alexandra Gray (a New York couple)**, and on the engagement of grandson **Joshua Hyde to Vered Weiss in Israel**.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

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

Michelle Vines, on receiving honor and award at the Israel Bonds / Congregation Beth Shalom / Beth Hamedrash Hagodol - Beth Jacob Congregation brunch on September 8th.

Carolyn Slayton & Seth Glick on the birth of their son on Monday, September 9th, and to big brother **Arthur** and grandparents **Pamela Seiavitch & Robert Slayton and Debra Rubinstein & John Glick**.

David Sufrin upon receiving the Sonia & Aaron Levinson Community Relations Award from the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh, for demonstrated leadership advancing intergroup relations in harmony with the Jewish ideals of social justice.

Deborah & David Baron on the engagement of their daughter **Marissa Baron to Sidney Mahan**, son of Christina & Michael Mahan of Black River Falls, WI.

Bo Lebow & Russell Slayton on the birth of their daughter **Aviva Rose on Saturday, September 1st**, and to big brother **Jonah** and grandparents **Pamela Seiavitch & Robert Slayton and Ellen & Larry Lebow**.

Chuck & Janie Yahr on the wedding of their son **Joshua to Ariel Bloxberg** on September 22nd in Malibu, California. They are living in Los Angeles.

Nathan & Janice Bahary on the engagement of their daughter **Ayelet to Harry Esses** of Philadelphia. They are planning a spring 2020 wedding in New York.

Bryce & Tim Tallon on the birth of their son **Archie Fitzgerald Tallon** on Monday, October 21st, and also to big sister **Bailey**.

Sara & Jason Berliner on the birth of their daughter **Lillian Rita Berliner on Saturday, October 19th**, and also to grandparents **Paul & Jean Reznick and Randi & Marc Berliner**, and

great-grandparents **Esther & Harry Drucker, Sylvia Reznick, and Ervel & Ronald Scott**.

Helen & Rich Feder on the birth of their granddaughter, **Naomi Leah Bobb**, born on October 11th to daughter and son-in-law **Jennifer & Aaron Bobb**. Big sisters are **Rena and Ella Bobb**.

Third Meal Sponsors

October 1st — October 31st, 2019

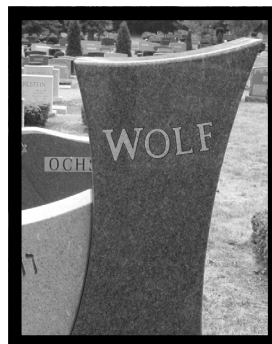
October 19, 2019

sponsored by **Paul Teplitz**, remembering his father **Phillip Teplitz (z"l)** on his 89th birthday.

October 26, 2019

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December 2019

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1 • 3 Kislev 8am Morning Minyan 7pm Evening Minyan 8:30pm Online Parashah Study Group	2 • 4 Kislev 7:30am Morning Minyan 9:15am Talmud Study 6pm BSUSY Lounge 7pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm Security Subcommittee Meeting	3 • 5 Kislev 7:30am Morning Minyan 12pm Lunch and Learn at CBS 7pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm By-Laws Committee 8:30pm Online Parashah Study Group	4 • 6 Kislev 7:30am Morning Minyan 11am Life and Text 6pm Homestead Cemetery Meeting 7pm Evening Minyan	5 • 7 Kislev 7:30am Morning Minyan 7pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm Anti-Racist Reading Group	6 • 8 Kislev 7:30am Morning Minyan 4:34pm Candle lighting 5:45pm Shababababa and Shabbat Haverim 6pm Friday Evening Service	7 • 9 Kislev 6:30am Early Shabbat Services 9:30am Shabbat Services: 10am Youth 12:15pm Congregational Kiddush 12:45pm Shabbat Shi'ur 4:05pm Minhah/Se'udah Shelishit/Ma'ariv 5:34pm Havdalah 6:30pm Men's Club Sweepstakes Dinner
8 • 10 Kislev 8am Morning Minyan 10am Sisterhood <u>Hanukkah</u> Party 7pm Evening Minyan 8:30pm Online Parashah Study Group	9 • 11 Kislev 7:30am Morning Minyan 9:15am Talmud Study 6pm Kadima Lounge 7pm Evening Minyan	10 • 12 Kislev 7:30am Morning Minyan 7pm Evening Minyan 8:30pm Online Parashah Study Group	11 • 13 Kislev 7:30am Morning Minyan 11am Life and Text 7pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm Executive Committee Mtg.	12 • 14 Kislev 7:30am Morning Minyan 6pm Finance Committee Mtg. 7pm Evening Minyan	13 • 15 Kislev 7:30am Morning Minyan 4:35pm Candle lighting 6pm Friday Evening Service 7pm Men's Club/Sisterhood Dinner	14 • 16 Kislev 6:30am Early Shabbat Services 9:30am Shabbat Services: 10am Youth 10:30am Discussion Service 12:15pm Congregational Kiddush 12:45pm Hilkot <u>Hanukkah</u> Shi'ur 4:05pm Minhah/Se'udah Shelishit/Ma'ariv 5:35pm Havdalah
15 • 17 Kislev 8am Morning Minyan 10am Latkepalooza 7pm Evening Minyan 8:30pm Online Parashah Study Group	16 • 18 Kislev 7:30am Morning Minyan 9:15am Talmud Study 6pm BSUSY Lounge 7pm Evening Minyan	17 • 19 Kislev 7:30am Morning Minyan 12pm Lunch and Learn in Downtown 7pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm Board of Trustees Meeting 8:30pm Online Parashah Study Group	18 • 20 Kislev 7:30am Morning Minyan 11am Life and Text 5pm All Age <u>Hanukkah</u> Event 7pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm Young Adult Latkes and Sufganiyot	19 • 21 Kislev 7:30am Morning Minyan 12:30pm ELC <u>Hanukkah</u> Show 7pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm Religious Serv. Committee Mtg.	20 • 22 Kislev 7:30am Morning Minyan 4:38pm Candle lighting 6pm Hod veHadar Service & Teen-Led Shabbat 7pm Teen Shabbat Meal	21 • 23 Kislev 6:30am Early Shabbat Services 9:15am Shabbat Services (Including Andrew Elinoff becoming a Bar Mitzvah): 10am Youth 12:15pm Congregational Kiddush 4:10pm Minhah/Se'udah Shelishit/Ma'ariv 5:38pm Havdalah
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Sunday, December 15 at 10:00 a.m.

Celebrate 10 years of laughter and light!

TEEN-LED SHABBAT

Friday December 20 join the teens in our Shabbat services.

HANUKKAH

Keep the light during this Hanukkah season beginning December 22.

January 2020

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5 • 8 Tevet 8am Morning Minyan 12:15pm Benei Mitzvah Workshop #1 2pm Introduction to Judaism 7pm Evening Minyan 8:30pm Online Parashah Study Group	6 • 9 Tevet 7:30am Morning Minyan 9:15am Talmud Study 6pm BSUSY Lounge 7pm Evening Minyan	7 • 10 Tevet Asara B'Tevet (Fast Day) 7:30am Morning Minyan 7pm Evening Minyan 8:30pm Online Parashah Study Group	8 • 11 Tevet 7:30am Morning Minyan 11am Life and Text 7pm Evening Minyan	9 • 12 Tevet 7:30am Morning Minyan 7pm Evening Minyan	10 • 13 Tevet 7:30am Morning Minyan 4:54pm Candle lighting 6pm Friday Evening Service	11 • 14 Tevet 6:30am Early Shabbat Services 9:30am Shabbat Services: 10am Youth 12:15pm Congregational Kiddush 4:25pm Minhah/Se'udah Shelishit/Ma'ariv 5:55pm Havdalah
12 • 15 Tevet 8am Morning Minyan 10am Lox & Learning 12:30pm Youth Event 2pm Introduction to Judaism 7pm Evening Minyan 8:30pm Online Parashah Study Group	13 • 16 Tevet 7:30am Morning Minyan 9:15am Talmud Study 6pm Kadima Lounge 7pm Evening Minyan	14 • 17 Tevet 7:30am Morning Minyan 7pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm Executive Committee Mtg. 8:30pm Online Parashah Study Group	15 • 18 Tevet 7:30am Morning Minyan 11am Life and Text 7pm Evening Minyan	16 • 19 Tevet 7:30am Morning Minyan 6pm Finance Committee Mtg. 7pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm Religious Serv. Committee Mtg.	17 • 20 Tevet 7:30am Morning Minyan 5:02pm Candle lighting 6pm Teen-Led Evening Service 6pm Jews for Justice Dinner	18 • 21 Tevet 6:30am Early Shabbat Services 9:30am Shabbat Services: 10am Youth 12:15pm Congregational Kiddush 4:30pm Minhah/Se'udah Shelishit/Ma'ariv 6:03pm Havdalah
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26 • 29 Tevet Scholar-in-Residence Weekend 8am Morning Minyan 2pm Introduction to Judaism 7pm Evening Minyan 8:30pm Online Parashah Study Group	27 • 1 Shevat Rosh Hodesh Shevat 7:30am Morning Minyan 9:15am Talmud Study 6pm Kadima Lounge 7pm Evening Minyan	28 • 2 Shevat 7:30am Morning Minyan 7pm Evening Minyan 8:30pm Online Parashah Study Group	29 • 3 Shevat 7:30am Morning Minyan 11am Life and Text 7pm Evening Minyan	30 • 4 Shevat 7:30am Morning Minyan 7pm Evening Minyan	31 • 5 Shevat 7:30am Morning Minyan 5:18pm Candle lighting 6pm Friday Evening Service	

EVENTS

JEWS FOR JUSTICE SHABBAT DINNER

Friday, January 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Eat dinner with our youths as they discuss topics of social justice.

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 • 6 Shevat Sisterhood Shabbat 6:30am Early Shabbat Services 9:15am Shabbat Services: 10am Youth 12:15pm Congregational Kiddush 4:50pm Minhah/Se'udah Shelishit/Ma'ariv 6:20pm Havdalah
2 • 7 Shevat 8am Morning Minyan 10:30am World Wide Wrap 2pm Introduction to Judaism 7pm Evening Minyan 8:30pm Online Parashah Study Group	3 • 8 Shevat 7:30am Morning Minyan 9:15am Talmud Study 6pm BSUSY Lounge 7pm Evening Minyan	4 • 9 Shevat 7:30am Morning Minyan 12pm Lunch & Learn at CBS 7pm Evening Minyan 8:30pm Online Parashah Study Group	5 • 10 Shevat 7:30am Morning Minyan 11am Life and Text 7pm Evening Minyan	6 • 11 Shevat 7:30am Morning Minyan 6:15pm ELC PTO 7pm Evening Minyan	7 • 12 Shevat 7:30am Morning Minyan 5:27pm Candle lighting 5:45pm Shababababa & Shabbat Haverim 6pm Friday Evening Service	8 • 13 Shevat 6:30am Early Shabbat Services 9:00am Shabbat Services (Raphael Rothstein becomes a Bar Mitzvah): 10am Youth 12:15pm Congregational Kiddush 4:55pm Minhah/Se'udah Shelishit/Ma'ariv 6:28pm Havdalah
9 • 14 Shevat 8am Morning Minyan 12pm Men's Club Sports Luncheon 12:30pm Youth Event – Tu BiShvat 2pm Introduction to Judaism 7pm Evening Minyan 8:30pm Online Parashah Study Group	10 • 15 Shevat Tu BiShvat 7:30am Morning Minyan 9:15am Talmud Study 6pm Kadima Lounge 7pm Evening Minyan	11 • 16 Shevat 7:30am Morning Minyan 12pm Lunch & Learn in Downtown 7pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm Executive Committee Mtg. 8:30pm Online Parashah Study Group	12 • 17 Shevat 7:30am Morning Minyan 11am Life and Text 7pm Evening Minyan	13 • 18 Shevat 7:30am Morning Minyan 6:00pm Finance Comm. Mtg. 7pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm Religious Serv. Committee Mtg.	14 • 19 Shevat 7:30am Morning Minyan 5:35pm Candle lighting 6pm Friday Evening Service	15 • 20 Shevat 6:30am Early Shabbat Services 9:00am Shabbat Services (Noah Sandler becomes a Bar Mitzvah): 10am Youth 12:15pm Congregational Kiddush 5:05pm Minhah/Se'udah Shelishit/Ma'ariv 6:36pm Havdalah
16 • 21 Shevat J-JEP Closed 8am Morning Minyan 10am Beth Shalom Speaker Series 2pm Introduction to Judaism 7pm Evening Minyan 8:30pm Online Parashah Study Group	17 • 22 Shevat President's Day CBS Building Closed ELC Closed 7:30am Morning Minyan 7pm Evening Minyan	18 • 23 Shevat 7:30am Morning Minyan 7pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm Board of Trustees Mtg. 8:30pm Online Parashah Study Group	19 • 24 Shevat 7:30am Morning Minyan 11am Life and Text 7pm Evening Minyan	20 • 25 Shevat 7:30am Morning Minyan 7pm Evening Minyan	21 • 26 Shevat 7:30am Morning Minyan 5:44pm Candle lighting 6pm Friday Evening Service	22 • 27 Shevat 6:30am Early Shabbat Services 9:30am Shabbat Services: 10am Youth 12:15pm Congregational Kiddush 5:15pm Minhah/Se'udah Shelishit/Ma'ariv 6:45pm Havdalah 7:30pm Clues & Schmooze
23 • 28 Shevat 8am Morning Minyan 9:45am Benei Mitzvah Retreat Orientation – Parents 2pm Introduction to Judaism 7pm Evening Minyan 8:30pm Online Parashah Study Group	24 • 29 Shevat 7:30am Morning Minyan 9:15am Talmud Study 6pm Kadima Lounge 7pm Evening Minyan	25 • 30 Shevat Rosh Hodesh Adar 7:30am Morning Minyan 7pm Evening Minyan 8:30pm Online Parashah Study Group	26 • 1 Adar Rosh Hodesh Adar 7:30am Morning Minyan 11am Life and Text 7pm Evening Minyan	27 • 2 Adar 7:30am Morning Minyan 7pm Evening Minyan	28 • 3 Adar 7:30am Morning Minyan 5:52pm Candle lighting 6pm Hod veHadar Service 7pm Men's Club/Sisterhood Dinner	29 • 4 Adar 6:30am Early Shabbat Services 9:00am Shabbat Services (Lydia Bestul Reads Torah): 10am Youth 12:15pm Congregational Kiddush 5:20pm Minhah/Se'udah Shelishit/Ma'ariv 6:53pm Havdalah

EVENTS

SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

Saturday, February 1 at 9:15 a.m.

J-JEP & MEN'S CLUB WORLD WIDE WRAP

Sunday, February 2 at 10:30 a.m.

The World Wide Wrap unites men, women and children in prayer.

MEN'S CLUB SPORTS LUNCHEON

Sunday, February 9 at 12:00 p.m.

Special needs children and adults from virtually every institution in the Pittsburgh area now look forward each year to our Sports Brunch.

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Please reference this directory for updated staff and leadership contact information.

We look forward to speaking with you!

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