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MISHPACHTENU

Shavu'ot

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Shavu'ot Service Schedule

Look inside to see
photos from our
recent events!



What We've Been Up To!



Men's Club Sports Luncheon Honoring Our Friends with Special Needs

Every year we welcome our friends and volunteers to enjoy a wonderful afternoon.



Purim Carnival Costumes, Hamantashen, and Games

Our youth always have a good time and we are so happy to see them smile.



Sisterhood Torah Fund Brunch Honoring the Holy Rollers

In April we celebrated our Sisterhood and Holy Rollers with an elegant brunch.

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You may have noticed that this Mishpachtenu is a monthly edition. We will be launching a revitalized Mishpachtenu in September 2017 to tie-in with the High Holidays! Please enjoy this slimmer edition over the rest of the spring and summer months.

Thank You to Our Volunteers...

...for helping us with shul mailings,
Men's Club Sports Luncheon, Purim,
Sisterhood Torah Fund Brunch, and
the Centennial Luncheon!



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Words of Kedushah

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A few years back, when the Israeli pop composer Hayyim Hefer passed away, the journalist J.J. Goldberg wrote a gorgeous piece in *The Forward* about the old, classic Israeli tunes that Hefer wrote (Finjan, Shoshanna, Yatzanu At, Hen Efshar, etc.). These songs became the soundtrack of a generation of American Jews whose hearts were in the East, even as they lived seven time zones west, and filled their hearts with optimism and excitement not only about the young Jewish State, but also about change in their own country.

The Israel of Hefer's songs shaped the Jewish hearts of a generation of American Jews. We understood then that a myth isn't necessarily untrue. The ideals and freedom struggles he wrote about in the 1950s were on our minds when we began marching for freedom in America in the 1960s. Thousands of young people who went south as Freedom Riders in the summer of 1964 promptly turned around in 1967 to volunteer in Israel during the Six Day War.

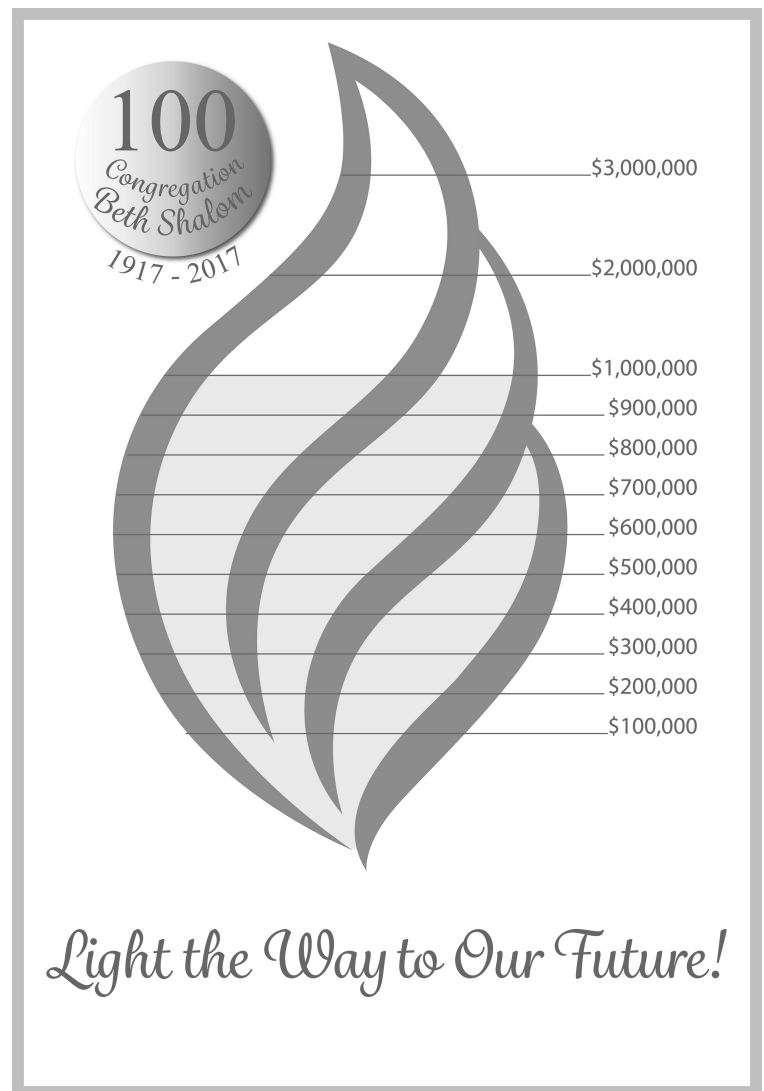
That musical form of youthful idealism might still be heard around an occasional campfire in America (and certainly will be at the Pre-Benei Mitzvah Retreat for 5th and 6th-grade families, right after Shavu'ot), but the optimism of the past has, in some quarters, given way to something murkier, both here and in Israel.

Despite the currently dim prospects for Middle East peace, despite the challenges of the BDS movement and the rise in anti-Semitic activity here, despite the ongoing turmoil in Israel's neighbors, I still hold out hope for the future of Israel and our connection to it as American Jews. And while that hope may be partly rooted in some of that now-aging idealism, more of it is based in the very real fact that, as we celebrate Yom HaAtzma'ut 69 years later, Israel is thriving. Complicated, yes. Embattled, sometimes. But the Sussita of democracy

continues to amble along on that sandy strip of land and continues to inspire Jews around the world.

We are in the early stages of planning a congregational trip to Israel in the coming year, to celebrate not only the centennial of Beth Shalom but also of the Balfour Declaration. I hope that you will be able to join us as we sing together, as we rediscover some of that optimism together, and as we look hopefully to Israel's future together.

A sincere thank you to all of our sponsors. It is through your generosity and goodwill that we have been able to reach this amazing milestone in donations.



Growing Through the ELC

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As I am writing this article, the children of the Beth Shalom Early Learning Center are learning about Passover.

The infants are playing with soft toy Passover Seder plates, the toddlers are singing Dayenu with Morah Marina, the 2's are hunting for chametz, the 3's are learning about lines and using the lines of matzah as a model, and the Pre-K children are practicing for their annual performance of the Story of Passover. It is truly a special time of year in the ELC.

In the month of March, the PTO planned a fundraiser with Usbourne books. It was a great time for families and children to add some new books to their home libraries and purchase a few books for the ELC classrooms, too. At the end of April, the PTO held another fundraiser with two fashion consultants from Lu La Roe. It was a great opportunity to buy some fun spring fashions for women and children.

The first week in May, the PTO helped the ELC celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week. The teachers were treated to chair massages, breakfast, lunch, and a special gift. This was a much deserved treat for our amazing teachers. Next, the Pre-K went on their annual field trip to Round Hill Farm. This is such a exciting day to see the farm animals, have a picnic lunch, and enjoy a fun bus ride. During the holiday of Yom HaAtzma'ut the children gathered to sing and dance for Israel's 69th Birthday.

In June, we will gather at the Jewish Community Center to celebrate our Unsung Hero, Elana Raz. Elana has taught for 11 years at Beth Shalom Early Learning Center. She has had the role as a Lead Educator who has taught infants, toddlers, three, and four year olds. Elana is a confident and patient educator. She always puts the child's needs first. She is intuitive and creative. She uses a multi-sensory approach to learning with hands on materials. Her lessons are always tailored to the children's interests. Elana loves to use recycled materials

and to get messy. She believes in taking every day materials and using them for play and projects. Elana loves to incorporate Hebrew words and Bible stories into her every day classroom activities. Her classroom is filled with imagination, fun, and exploration.

In the middle of June, we will celebrate the graduation of our Pre-K class. Many of the children who are graduating have been at Beth Shalom since infancy. They will celebrate with their parents, teachers, and friends through dance, song, and art.

In addition, June begins the start of summer camp. At Camp Gan Shalom, the children will have water play, trips to the library, a petting zoo, have outside art and much, much, more.

Wishing everyone a summer filled with fun and sunshine!

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Early Learning Center Calendar

May 2017 — June 2017



Friday, May 5, 2017

Grandparent and Special
Friends Shabbat @ 10:30 am

Friday, May 12, 2017

Shababababa &
Shabbat Haverim @ 5:45 pm

Monday, May 29, 2017

Memorial Day
- ELC Closed

Wednesday, May 31, 2017

Shavu'ot - Optional Day

Thursday, June 1, 2017

Shavu'ot - Optional Day

Friday, June 9, 2017

Shababababa &
Shabbat Haverim @ 5:45 pm

Thursday, June 15, 2017

LAST DAY OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR

- ELC closes @ 4:00 pm

Pre-K Graduation @ 6:30 pm

Friday, June 16, 2017

ELC CLOSED

Monday, June 19, 2017

In-Service, Summer Staff Only

- ELC Closed

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

Camp Gan Shalom Session 1 begins

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Shababababa

A Musical Shabbat for Families in Pittsburgh

Led by Rabbi Seth Adelson

Shababababa is supported by the Reuben A. and Selma W. Cohen Fund.

Shabbat Haverim

Musical Kabbalat Shabbat for kids grades K-4

Led by Sara Stock Mayo

We're bursting at the seams with kids! So, due to popular demand, we're launching a fun, musical Kabbalat Shabbat service led by **Sara Stock Mayo** for early elementary schoolers running concurrently with Shababababa.

Beth Shalom is growing, and so are we!

Save the Dates:

May 12 and June 9, 2017

5:45pm Service

6:20pm Optional Dinner

• **KIDS EAT FREE!**

• **Wine for adults!**

Reservations needed for dinner only:

412.421.2288

Cost of dinner for ages 12 & Up —

Register more than a week before event: **\$12**

Register the week of the event: **\$17**

Minyan Mishpahti

May 20 and June 3, 2017

Minyan Mishpahti is our new family service geared towards to **elementary-aged youth**, their families, and siblings. We believe it is important that families share spiritual and meaningful prayer experiences together.

We will sing and pray together followed by an interactive d'var Torah. This service is led by Rabbi Jeremy Markiz and Sara Stock Mayo.

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Learning with J-JEP

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At the end of April we celebrated J-JEP's 5th birthday. As a person who was involved with J-JEP from its very inception, I take stock in the incredible milestone that we have reached. This year, I decided to ask the current J-JEP parents to give us feedback and help shape the next iteration of J-JEP. On two Sundays in April, parents gathered in a long hallway during J-JEP and answered thirty different questions about their family's J-JEP experience- the highlights, the challenges, the opportunities, the missteps.

In preparation for the celebration, I stumbled upon Anita Diamant's "How to Raise a Jewish Child," a resource I reviewed when preparing for the birth of my daughter in 2014. Back then, I noted a specific quote, as it reminded me of the growth of J-JEP at the time: **"Every phase of childhood brings new blessings and new challenges. Judaism gives you a voice for expressing your joy and gratitude with rituals and celebrations, prayers and parties. Every phase of childhood also means new choices and demands."** We are embarking on a new phase of J-JEP, the next five years. With it, comes additional sharpening changes, blessings, and challenges.



BSUSY Notes

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We would like to extend a huge thank you to the Youth Commission, Beth Shalom Staff and Clergy, our amazing donors, and determined volunteers, whose combined efforts made the Purim Carnival a huge success! It could not have happened without all of your help and support and we are grateful. Our teens put in a tremendous amount of time and thought into planning each detail and were rewarded with a great event. In addition to the fun and games, we raised two hundred dollars for the USY Tikkun Olam Fund and delivered Mishloach Manot to residents at Weinberg Terrace. We hope you had a great time and look forward to next year's carnival!!

Passover arrived quickly after Purim's end, and Rabbi Jeremy joined us for two exciting Chocolate Sederim, engaging youth in grades kindergarten through eighth. We all enjoyed a variety of chocolate, such as Tootsie Rolls, marshmallows, and bitter chocolate as we recounted the story of Pesach.

Unfortunately, Purim and Passover indicate the all-too-close end of the academic year. While that does mean camp and other fun summer programs, internships, and activities, it also means we will not see a lot of our youth for awhile. However, we do have some final hurrahs planned, so keep an eye on your emails for upcoming dates and events. We would also like to wish GOOD LUCK to our youth basketball teams, who will enter the playoffs after Passover. Thank you to our coaches and parents who spent time and energy with our teams and made the experience a positive one for our youth. ***If you have any interest in signing up for next year, please contact Marissa Tait at youthdirector@bethshalompgh.org.***

BETH SHALOM YOUTH DEPARTMENT IS EXCITED TO PARTNER WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS FOR A SIXTH THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE COMMUNITY SHAVU'OT PROGRAM, MORE INFORMATION TO COME.

This has been a fantastic year and the Youth Department is flourishing thanks to YOU!

Congregation Beth Shalom



PURIM 2017

Monopoly Edition



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Mazal Tov to Our May Benei Mitzvah!



Micah Primack, son of Brian and Jen Primack, and the brother of Sadie Primack, will celebrate becoming a Bar Mitzvah on May 6, 2017.

He is the grandson of Aron and Karen Primack, Linda Engel and the late Michael Engel.

Micah attends Colfax and enjoys participating in soccer, improvisational comedy, and all things math. Micah also spends his time listening, writing and playing music. If you see him around, make sure to ask him to play the tin whistle for you.



Katriel Camp, daughter of Lauren Baldel and Geoffrey Camp, and sister of Akiva and Zev Camp, will become a Bat Mitzvah on the 6th of Iyyar which coincides with Yom Ha'atzmaut this year. She will celebrate becoming a Bat Mitzvah on Shabbat morning, May 13, 2017.

Katriel attends Hillel Academy of Pittsburgh and is active in Jr. NCSY. She consistently seeks out opportunities to create and make new things, whether art, sculptures, crafts or robotics. She loves science and curling up to read a good book. Her ability to think and care about others is one of her greatest gifts.



Cate Minnie Sindler, daughter of Deb and Mark Sindler, twin sister of Samantha, and sister of Noah, will celebrate becoming a Bat Mitzvah on May 20, 2017. She is the granddaughter of Judy and Allan Press, and Marilyn (z"l) and Norman Sindler. Cate attends Winchester Thurston School. She enjoys reading, drawing and gymnastics. Cate is compassionate, loveable, and dedicated. She volunteers with the Squirrel Hill Community Food Pantry and Jewish Association on Aging/G2G – Generation to Generation.



Samantha Rose Sindler, daughter of Deb and Mark Sindler, twin sister of Cate, and sister of Noah, will celebrate becoming a Bat Mitzvah on May 20, 2017. She is the granddaughter of Judy and Allan Press, and Marilyn (z"l) and Norman Sindler. Samantha attends Winchester Thurston School. She enjoys photography, gymnastics, and learning Spanish. Samantha is energetic, determined, and devoted. She volunteers with the Squirrel Hill Community Food Pantry and Jewish Association on Aging/G2G – Generation to Generation.

Shavu'ot Service Schedule 5777/2017

First Day Shavu'ot

Tuesday Evening	May 30	Minḥah/Ma'ariv	8:30 pm.....Helfant Chapel Candle Lighting after 8:25 pm—berakhot below
		Community-wide Tikkun Leil Shavu'ot	10:00 pm-1:00 am.....JCC, Squirrel Hill
		Late-night Study with Rabbi Adelson	1:00-2:00 am.....The Adelson Residence
		RSVP to Audrey Glickman: rabbiasst@bethshalompgh.org or 412-421-2288 ext. 112	
Wednesday Morning	May 31	Early Morning Service	6:30 am.....Helfant Chapel
		Morning Service	9:00 am.....Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom
		Featuring Baby Bikkurim & First Fruits with participation by all of our children	

Second Day Shavu'ot

Wednesday Evening	May 31	Minḥah/Ma'ariv	8:35 pm.....Helfant Chapel Candle Lighting after 9:26 pm—berakhot below
Thursday Morning	June 1	Early Morning Service w/Yizkor	6:00 am..... Helfant Chapel
		Morning Service	9:00 am.....Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary Yizkorafter 10:30am
Thursday Evening	June 1	Minḥah/Ma'ariv	8:40 pm.....Helfant Chapel

Shavu'ot Youth Services

Wednesday & Thursday Mornings	May 31 & June 1	Playroom	10:30 am..... Hoffman Library (3rd Fl.)
		Manny's Service	11:00 am.....Zweig Library (3rd Fl.)
		Youth Tefillah [Grades 1-5]	10:30 am..... Lehman Center (2nd Fl.)
		[Grades 6-8]	10:30 am.....Homestead Hebrew Chapel (2nd Fl.)

BLESSINGS FOR KINDLING FESTIVAL LIGHTS FOR BOTH YOM TOV EVENINGS

Candle Lighting Blessing (On the second night, candles are lit from an existing flame. Recite both *berakhot*.)

ברוך אתה ה' אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצותיו, וצונו להדליק נר של יום טוב.

Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu melek ha'olam, asher kiddeshanu bemitzvotav, vetzivanu lehadlik ner shel Yom Tov.

Sheheḥeyanu Blessing

ברוך אתה ה' אלהינו מלך העולם, שהחיינו וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה.

Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu melek ha'olam, sheheḥeyanu, vekiymanu, vehigi'anu lazeman hazeh.

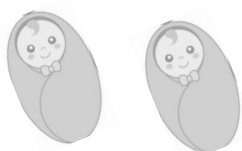
Parents of a new baby? New grandchildren in town for Yom Tov?

Rabbi Adelson invites you to bring all your babies to the bimah for

Baby Bikkurim Wednesday, May 31 at 11:30 am

Let us know you'll be there!

RSVP to Audrey Glickman: rabbiasst@bethshalompgh.org or 412-421-2288 ext. 112



Kiddush Sponsors

December 17, 2016 — April 7, 2017

December - February 11

Kiddush Club

February

Sisterhood on the occasion of Sisterhood Shabbat.

Esther and Harry Drucker in honor of the special birthday of Jean and Paul Reznick

March

Rosen Family Kiddush Luncheon in honor of Avi Rosen becoming a bar mitzvah.

Men's Club on the occasion of Men's Club Shabbat.

Shirley Zionts on her 90th birthday .

Miriam Ginsberg and Family in memory of Hyman Ginsberg.

April

Kiddush Club

Carolyn Gerecht & Mike Starke in honor of their aufruf.

Ed and Kathryn Friedman in honor of their grand-daughter's naming.

Nihum Avelim

(Comforting Mourners)

December 17, 2016 — April 7, 2017

The family and friends on the passing of **Len Ortenberg**.

Sam Granowitz and family and friends on the passing of his wife, **Eleanor Granowitz**.

BeeJee Morrison and Abby Morrison on the passing of **Lesla B. Morrison**, daughter and sister, respectively, and to all her family and friends.

Laurie and Harry Zionts on the passing of Laurie's mother **Judith Safran**.

Audrey Glickman, Rabbi's Assistant, on the passing of her mother, **Rosalie Glickman**.

Arlyn Gilboa, on the passing of her brother **James Cyrus Gross**.

Deborah Baron on the passing of her father **Martin Nahemow**.

The family of Belle Roth, who was the mother of Debbie (Bob Rich) Roth and Sheldon (Nancy) Roth.

Dr. Lawrence Weber (Dr. Ellen Mandel) on the loss of his brother **Stephen Michael Weber**.

The family and friends of **Dr. Juan J. Schäffer**, on his passing.

Dr. Jonathan Weinkle and Vita Nemirovsky and family on the passing of his grandmother, **Elinor Goodman**.

Rob and Margot Menes on the passing of her mother, **Jackie Hartt**.

Julien DeMarco on the passing of his father, **Nathaniel Williams**.

The family and friends of **Jean Robin**.

Ira and Naida Kanter and family on the passing of Ira's sister, **Muriel Phyllis Marcus**.

Rhonda and Mitchell Letwin and family on the passing of Rhonda's father, **Michael A. Grieco**.

Meyer 'Skip' and Mary Grinberg on the passing of Skip's mother, **Edith Grinberg**.

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December 17, 2016 — April 7, 2017

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Helen and Richard Feder in memory of Richard's parents, Milton and Mildred Feder.

Michael Foreman and family in memory of beloved father/grandfather, Paul Foreman.

Fred Newman in honor of Linda Newman's birthday.

Jan Levinson in memory of his father, Paul Levinson.

David and Teddi Horvitz, Bruce and Debbie Horvitz, and **Mark and Rhonda Horvitz,** in memory of Robert Horvitz, loving father and father-in-law.

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Gail Neft in honor of Richard Callet's special birthday.

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David and Teddi Horvitz, Bruce and Debbie Horvitz, and **Mark and Rhonda Horvitz,** in memory of Esther Horvitz, loving mother and mother-in-law.

Ira Frank and Emily Frank and family in memory of Audrey G. and J. Leonard Frank.

Milestones – Mazal Tov!

December 17, 2016 — April 7, 2017

Anita Fink and Mark Zablow on their wedding.

Avi Steindel, son of Lisa and Rabbi Stephen E. Steindel, on his engagement to Dominique Lellek.

Gordon Roth, son of Nancy and Sheldon Roth, on his wedding to Samantha Berzon.

Jen and Ilia Murtazashvili on the birth of a little brother, Max, to Leo, Zoe, and Eve.

Dori Catz, whose "Lost Hopes" took first place in the Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh's Waldman International Arts and Writing Competition under Visual Arts - Middle School.

Madison Zunder, whose "A Man in his Mirror" took second place in the Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh's Waldman International Arts and Writing Competition under Visual Arts - Middle School.

Mike and Cathy Samuels on becoming grandparents to Nathan Irving.

ELC Morah Bryce and Tim Tallon on the birth of their daughter, Bailey Harper Tallon.

Steve and Sharon Schwartz, who are proud to announce the birth of their grandson, Nathan James Dayan.

Lauri and Harry Zionts, new grandparents to Naya Jaye (Naya Yael).

Shirley Zionts' 90th birthday.

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December 17, 2016 — April 7, 2017

For this transitional Mishpachtenu we are standardizing the tributes listing. The new Mishpachtenu will launch September 2017.

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Robbie Zaremborg

Steven and Sharon Schwartz's
new grandson

Michael and Ellen Siegel

Harry and Laurie Zionts' new
granddaughter

Michael and Ellen Siegel

Shirley Zionts' new

great-granddaughter

Michael and Ellen Siegel

In Memory Of:

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new baby

Noah and Aviva Lubowsky

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In Appreciation:

Thank you for providing High
Holiday services for my son
Phillip Korth, a Pitt student
Alyssa Ames-Korth

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Lee Greenberg

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Lea E. Davidson

Alan and Linda Doernberg

Paul and Jean Reznick

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Dirk Ruiz

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Ronna and Dan Askin

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In Honor Of:
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 Rhoda and Richard Judd
 James and Esther Neft
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 Raquel Szlepek

Sheila Cohen's 80th birthday
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Ira and Susan Mazer's new
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 new grandson
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 new grandson
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 new grandson
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In Honor Of:
 Rhoda Judd receiving the "Holy
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 Torah Fund Brunch
 Elaine Berkowitz

Natalie Rosenbloom receiving
 the "Holy Roller's" honor at
 Sisterhood Torah Fund Brunch
 Elaine Berkowitz

In Memory Of:
 Belle Roth
 Elaine Berkowitz

Frank Russell
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In Honor Of:
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In Memory Of:

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Samuel & Ida Cohen Fund

In Honor Of:

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In Honor Of:

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In Honor Of:

Gail Neft being honored at the Sisterhood Torah Fund Brunch

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In Honor Of:

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Helen Eaton

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Pearlman Families

Carol Pearlman

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In Honor Of:

Milton Eisner's birthday

Arthur and Zandra Goldberg

Michael and Cathy Samuels'

new grandson

Milton and Sarita Eisner

Shirley Zions' special birthday

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Yale and Barbara Rosenstein

Lesa B. Morrison

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Ruth Weiss

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Ida Steinberg and Family

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Robbie Zaremborg



Congregation Beth Shalom's Open House

Sunday, May 21, 2017

Doors open at 2:00 pm

Meet, Learn, and Enjoy



Annual Congregational Meeting

Congregation Beth Shalom

**Tuesday, May 23, 2017
Samuel & Minnie Hyman
Ballroom at 7:30 pm**

Your Vote Counts!

Congregation Beth Shalom's Vision



Derekh: The Open Community Beit Midrash at Beth Shalom **Executive Summary**

Purpose: To transform Jewish life in Pittsburgh by providing new and accessible portals to Jewish engagement for the entire community

Why do we need this? To reframe the synagogue model for better sustainability

***LIMMUD* PORTAL**
(Jewish learning): Inform, guide, and infuse, with a sense of the sacred, every aspect of our lives through Jewish learning.

Future initiatives:

- Traditional “*hevruta*”-style partnership learning
- Small-group learning, retreats and outdoor experiences
- Social programs with a learning component
- Special events featuring the avant-garde of contemporary Jewish learning

***HESED* PORTAL (acts of lovingkindness):** Raise the level of awareness and dialogue to engage more people in our community in social action.

Future initiatives:

- Bring in high-profile speakers
- Train volunteers to visit the ill and homebound
- Prepare food to deliver to *shiv'ah* homes or homes of the ill

***MINDFULNESS* PORTAL:** Offer alternative means to achieve spiritual reflection to those for whom the traditional synagogue service does not resonate.

Future initiatives:

- New modes of *tefillah* / prayer, including yoga, meditation
- Lectures and guest speakers who are current in teaching mindfulness and the intersection with Jewish practice

***CULTURE* PORTAL:** Provide enriching exposure to accomplished Jewish authors, musicians and artists to inspire members of the community of all ages and interests

***ISRAEL* PORTAL:** Deepen our relationships not only with Israel but also with the cultural and spiritual connections it offers.

Future initiatives:

- Lectures by Israeli authors, artists, academics, journalists
- Musical, dance and theater performances by Israeli artists
- Regular congregational trips for various affinity groups, building stronger connections with Israel and Israelis
- Holiday and special event program aimed both at Israelis in Pittsburgh as well as American Jews

Our Directory

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

We look forward to speaking with you!

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Help the 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!

Host Your Event at Beth Shalom!



Anniversaries

Baby Namings:

Brit Milah

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Birthday Parties

Fundraising Events

Business Meetings

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Weddings and more!

For more information, contact: Michelle Vines, Event Coordinator
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May 2017 Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5 Iyyar	2 6 Iyyar	3 7 Iyyar	4 8 Iyyar	5 9 Iyyar	6 10 Iyyar
Legend B/M: Bar/Bat Mitzvah ELC: Early Learning Center J-JEP: Joint Jewish Educational Program	20th Day of the Omer Yom HaZikaron	21st Day of the Omer Yom HaAtzma'ut	22nd Day of the Omer 7:30 pm Calendaring Mtg.	23rd Day of the Omer 7:00 pm USY Lounge Night 7:30 pm Judaism 101	24th Day of the Omer 10:30 am Shabbat Baboker 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 8:01 pm Candle Lighting	25th Day of the Omer 6:30 am Early Service 8:45 am Walk Brkfst 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service (Micah Primack Bar Mitzvah) 10:30 am Minyan Mishpachti 8:00 pm USY Havdalah 9:02 pm Havdalah
7 11 Iyyar	8 12 Iyyar	9 13 Iyyar	10 14 Iyyar	11 15 Iyyar	12 16 Iyyar	13 17 Iyyar
26th Day of the Omer 9:30 am Makeup Day for Benei Mitzvah Workshop #2 Families 11:00 am 4th Grd. Benei Mitzvah Orientation	27th Day of the Omer 5:30 pm Gala Program Book Mtg. 6:00 pm ELC Parent-Teacher Conferences 6:30 pm Sulam Leadership Discussion	28th Day of the Omer 6:15 pm Kadima Lounge Night	29th Day of the Omer Pesach Sheni 6:00 pm ELC Parent-Teacher Conferences	30th Day of the Omer 6:00 pm Finance Committee Mtg. 7:30 pm Adult Ed Committee Mtg. 7:30 pm Judaism 101	31st Day of the Omer 10:30 am Shabbat Baboker 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 5:45 pm Shababababa & Shabbat Haverim 8:07 pm Candle Lighting	32nd Day of the Omer 6:30 am Early Service 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service (Katriel Camp Bat Mitzvah) 10:30 am Learners' Shabbat 9:09 pm Havdalah
14 18 Iyyar	15 19 Iyyar	16 20 Iyyar	17 21 Iyyar	18 22 Iyyar	19 23 Iyyar	20 24 Iyyar
33rd Day of the Omer Mother's Day	34th Day of the Omer	35th Day of the Omer 7:30 pm Board of Trustees Mtg.	36th Day of the Omer 6:00 pm ELC Staff Mtg. 7:30 pm Adult Ed Presentation - Willful Blindness	37th Day of the Omer 7:00 pm USY Lounge Night 7:30 pm Judaism 101	38th Day of the Omer 10:30 am Shabbat Baboker 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 pm Shalom Pittsburgh 8:14 pm Candle Lighting	39th Day of the Omer 6:30 am Early Service 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service (Cate & Samantha Sandler Benot Mitzvah) 10:30 am Minyan Mishpachti 9:16 pm Havdalah
21 25 Iyyar	22 26 Iyyar	23 27 Iyyar	24 28 Iyyar	25 29 Iyyar	26 1 Sivan	27 2 Sivan
40th Day of the Omer 10:00 am Reimagining Tefillah Committee Mtg. 10:00 am Flag Planting at CBS Cemetery 12:15 pm Benei Mitzvah Workshop #3 2:00 pm Open House	41st Day of the Omer 7:30 pm Religious Services Committee Mtg.	42nd Day of the Omer 6:15 pm Kadima Lounge Night 7:30 pm Annual Congregational Meeting	43rd Day of the Omer Yom Yerushalayim	44th Day of the Omer 7:30 pm Judaism 101	45th Day of the Omer Rosh Hodesh Sivan 10:30 am Shabbat Baboker 6:00 pm Hod veHadar 8:20 pm Candle Lighting	46th Day of the Omer 6:30 am Early Morning Service 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service 9:22 pm Havdalah
28 3 Sivan	29 4 Sivan	30 5 Sivan	31 6 Sivan Shavu'ot Day 1			
47th Day of the Omer	48th Day of the Omer Office Closed ELC Closed MEMORIAL DAY	49th Day of the Omer Erev Shavu'ot Office Closes at 3p ELC Optional Day 8:23 pm Candle Lighting	Office Closed ELC Optional Day 6:30 am Early Morning Service 9:00 am Morning Service 8:35 pm Minhah/Ma'ariv			

June 2017 Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7 Sivan Shavu'ot Day 2	2 8 Sivan	3 9 Sivan
				Office Closed ELC Optional Day 6:00 am Early Morning Service 9:00 am Morning Service w/Yizkor 8:40 pm Minhah/Ma'ariv	Benei Mitzvah Family Retreat 10:30 am Shabbat Baboker 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 8:26 pm Candle Lighting	Benei Mitzvah Family Retreat 6:30 am Early Morning Service 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 am Minyan Mishpachti 9:27 pm Havdalah
4 10 Sivan	5 11 Sivan	6 12 Sivan	7 13 Sivan	8 14 Sivan	9 15 Sivan	10 16 Sivan
Benei Mitzvah Family Retreat				7:30 pm Judaism 101	10:30 am Shabbat Baboker 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 5:45 pm Shabbabababa & Shabbat Haverim 8:30 pm Candle Lighting	6:30 am Early Morning Service 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service 12:45 pm Shabbat Shi'ur (Pride Shabbat) 9:27 pm Havdalah
11 17 Sivan	12 18 Sivan	13 19 Sivan	14 20 Sivan	15 21 Sivan	16 22 Sivan	17 23 Sivan
10:00 am Reimagining Tefillah Committee meeting	6:30 pm Sulam Leadership Discussion			ELC closed at 4p 6:00 pm Finance Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm ELC Pre-K Graduation 7:30 pm Judaism 101	10:30 am Shabbat Baboker 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 8:34 pm Candle Lighting	6:30 am Early Morning Service 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service 9:34 pm Havdalah
18 24 Sivan	19 25 Sivan	20 26 Sivan	21 27 Sivan	22 28 Sivan	23 29 Sivan	24 30 Sivan
		Camp Gan Shalom Session One Begins 5:00 pm JNF Annual Dinner 7:30 pm Board of Trustees Mtg.		7:30 pm Judaism 101	10:30 am Shabbat Baboker 6:00 pm Hod veHadar 8:35 pm Candle Lighting	6:30 am Early Morning Service 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service (Esther Yogman Bat Mitzvah) 9:34 pm Havdalah
25 1 Tammuz	26 2 Tammuz	27 3 Tammuz	28 4 Tammuz	29 5 Tammuz	30 6 Tammuz	
				7:30 pm Judaism 101	10:30 am Shabbat Baboker 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 8:36 pm Candle Lighting	Legend B/M: Bar/Bat Mitzvah ELC: Early Learning Center J-JEP: Joint Jewish Educational Program



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Sunday, September 10, 2017

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Saturday, November 11, 2017

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112 Washington Place

Pittsburgh, PA 15219

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