

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 3/31 ~ 24 Adar II	8:00 am Morning Service, Homestead Hebrew Chapel 10:00 am Catering Committee, Lehman Center 10:00 am Pesah University, Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom 10:30 am Open Nominating Committee Meeting, Eisner Commons 12:30 pm Annual Kadima Waffle Pageant, Rice Gym, Shear Youth Lounge 7:00 pm Evening Service, Helfant Chapel
Monday, 4/1 ~ 25 Adar II	7:30 am Morning Service, Homestead Hebrew Chapel 9:15 am Talmud Study, 61C Café, 1839 Murray Avenue 5:00 pm BSUSY & Men's Club Candle Packing, Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom 6:00 pm BSUSY Lounge, Shear Youth Lounge 7:00 pm Evening Service, Helfant Chapel 7:15 pm Latin Cardio, Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom 7:30 pm SSP Membership Task Force, Lehman Center
Tuesday, 4/2 ~ 26 Adar II	7:30 am Morning Service, Homestead Hebrew Chapel 12:00 pm Lunch and Learn Downtown, 535 Smithfield Street 4:15 pm J-JEP, Classrooms 7:00 pm Evening Service, Helfant Chapel 7:30 pm SSP Youth Task Force Meeting, Lehman Center
Wednesday, 4/3 ~ 27 Adar II	7:30 am Morning Service, Homestead Hebrew Chapel 11:00 am Coffee with the Cantor, Lehman Center 7:00 pm Evening Service, Helfant Chapel
Thursday, 4/4 ~ 28 Adar II	7:30 am Morning Service, Homestead Hebrew Chapel 4:15 pm J-JEP, Classrooms 7:00 pm Evening Service, Helfant Chapel
Friday, 4/5 ~ 29 Adar II Candle lighting 7:30 pm	7:30 am Morning Service, Homestead Hebrew Chapel 5:45 pm Shababababa and Shabbat Haverim, Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat with Hazzan Rob Menes, Helfant Chapel
Saturday, 4/6 ~ 1 Nisan Rosh Hodesh Nisan Danica Simon becomes a bat mitzvah Havdalah 8:31 pm	6:30 am Early Morning Shabbat Service, Homestead Hebrew Chapel 9:15 am Shabbat Service, including Danica Simon becoming a bat mitzvah, Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary 10:00 am Youth Tefillah, Meet in Shear Youth Lounge, then to respective services 12:15 pm Congregational Kiddush Luncheon, sponsored by the Simon family in honor of Danica becoming a bat mitzvah, Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom 7:00 pm Minhah, Homestead Hebrew Chapel 7:25 pm Discussion / Se'udah Shelishit, Eisner Commons 8:10 pm Ma'ariv, Homestead Hebrew Chapel

Yahrzeits

FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 30 - APRIL 5, 2019 23 - 29 ADAR II, 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.

Richard Mark Aronson	Bessie K. Greenberg	Escher Lincoff	Barnett Wise
Sarah Berkowitz	Louis Greenstein	Lena Ripp Mallinger	Marney Beth Zaremborg
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Howard Zachary Fairman	Julius Lazier	Sarah V. Waxman	
Hyman Ginsberg	Gussie Levenson	Helen Wortzman	
Ann Goldman	Olga Libau	Rose Williams	

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Shabbat Parah Shalom!

23 Adar II, 5779

This week's parashah is Shemini.

Men's Club Shabbat

Aufruf for Miriam Steinberg & Ben Tillar.



Friday, March 29, 2019 Candle lighting 7:23 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm
Helfant Chapel

Saturday, March 30, 2019 Havdalah 8:24 p.m.

Early Morning Shabbat Service 6:30 am
Homestead Hebrew Chapel

Shabbat Morning Service - Men's Club Shabbat; 9:15 am
aufruf for Miriam Steinberg & Ben Tillar
Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary

Congregational Kiddush Luncheon, co-sponsored 12:15 pm
by the Men's Club and Terry & Kenny
Steinberg in honor of the aufruf for
daughter Miriam Steinberg & Ben Tillar
Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom

Men's Club Shabbat Shi'ur - Paul Siefken, Presi- 1:00 pm
dent & CEO of Fred Rogers Productions
Helfant Chapel

Minhah 6:55 pm
Homestead Hebrew Chapel

Discussion, Se'udah Shelishit, sponsored by 7:20 pm
Paul Teplitz in memory of his grandparents
Meyer & Rena Kimball and Matthew & Sara
Teplitz
Eisner Commons

Ma'ariv 8:05 pm
Homestead Hebrew Chapel

Youth Services Saturday

10:00-10:30 am - Gym is closed.
Please meet in the Shear Youth
Lounge.

Infant - Kindergarten

with Manny Theiner
10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Hoffman & Zweig Libraries, 3rd floor

1st - 4th Grade Youth Tefillah

10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Eisner Commons, 2nd floor

5th - 6th Grade Youth Tefillah

10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Homestead Hebrew Chapel, 2nd floor

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



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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, **co-sponsored by the Men's Club and Terry & Kenny Steinberg in honor of the *aufruf* for daughter Miriam Steinberg & Ben Tillar.**

Se'udah Shelishit (Third Meal) this week is sponsored by **Paul Teplitz in memory of his grandparents Meyer & Rena Kimball and Matthew & Sara Teplitz.**

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

Condolences to

Jim (Maureen Kelly) Busis and family on the passing of Jim's father **Sidney N. Busis**, who passed away on March 22nd.

Welcome to

Our guests from the religious schools of the Presbyterian Church of Portersville and Mountville Presbyterian Church, here with Pastor Dana Opp.

BE A LEADER!

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

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

Please volunteer to help make the Kiddush happen - setup, cleanup, everything in between.
Please contact Michelle Vines, at 412-421-2288 x113, or catering1@bethshalompg.org.

Se'udah Shelishit / Third Shabbat Meal

Every Shabbat afternoon from now until *Pesach*, 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). **We are seeking sponsors, please!**
To sponsor the a third meal, please contact **Ira Frank**: 412-281-4064 or natfabira@juno.com

Kiddush Sponsorship

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

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

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

I've Always Wondered

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

A Cornucopia of Horns?

Each year the *ba'al toke'a* (horn blower, בעל תוקע, sometimes called *ba'al teki'ah*, בעל תקיעה) takes out his/her shofar and begins practicing up for the High Holidays. The shofar is sounded during the entire month of Elul at the end of the weekday morning service (be there at minyan!) except on 29 Elul. The shofar is first mentioned in Exodus 19:13, "When the ram's horn [*yovel*] sounds a long blast, they may go up on the mountain," God said to Moses, and then in 19:16 the "very loud blast of the horn [*shofar*]" is heard. That is a fairly ancient reference.

When blown in the Temple, the shofar blower was usually surrounded by trumpet blowers. The Talmud (RH 27a) says that the trumpet (*hatsotsrah*) was made of silver, while the shofar was made of a horn from a sheep, goat, mountain goat, antelope, or gazelle. There is some mention of preferring a ram or wild goat because the horns are curved. A cow's horn may not be used, as it recalls ominously the golden calf.

The Bronze Age, which ran from circa 3300-1200 BCE in the Near East, thus maybe coinciding with that early shofar, brought a horn called a *lur*, made of bronze, often found buried in pairs in bogs in Denmark and Germany. The word "horn" in English indicates the derivation from "*cornū*," horn in Latin, from the Hebrew *keren*. Arriving in Europe from Byzantium in the tenth century or so, the *oliphant*, from French *cor d'olifant*, was a horn made from an elephant tusk. And those eleven-foot-long alpen horns were carved of wood beginning, they believe, around the 16th century. All are blown by buzzing the lips into them.

The blasts of the shofar come from Numbers 10:5-8, *teki'ah* and *teru'ah*. The former is clearly defined; the latter may have been a triple sound much like the modern *shevarim* or may have been the greater number of notes in the modern *teru'ah*. Thus we blow both ways, just to be certain we fulfill the *mitzvah*. Above is a page from the *Great Mahzor of Amsterdam*, 13th century, with shofar indication (*Encyclopedia Judaica*).

Why do we mention the shofar in the middle of the month of Adar II? Because your correspondent is off to the Philadelphia Orchestra to - if they accept my sound - blow shofar in *Healing Tones*, a new composition by composer/jazz trumpeter Hannibal Lokumbe, as a representative of the Jewish community of Pittsburgh. *Teki'ah!*

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

OUR LEADERSHIP

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LOCATING THE MOST ACCESSIBLE ENTRANCE

Palkovitz Lobby, Helfant Chapel, ELC, Front Offices: Enter at Beacon Street (or Rear Parking Lot Entrance with key)
Eisner Commons, Homestead Hebrew Chapel: Enter at Beacon Street, take elevator to 2nd floor
Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary: Enter at Beacon Street, take elevator to 3rd floor
Shear Youth Lounge, Rice Auditorium: Enter at Beacon Street, take elevator to 3rd floor
Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom: Enter at Shady Avenue

Torah Fund Brunch

Beth Shalom's Sisterhood Torah Fund Brunch this year honors

BUNNY MORRIS!

Sunday, April 7, 2019, 10:00 a.m., Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom

Please join the Sisterhood as we honor Bunny Morris at the Torah Fund Brunch. Bunny, a life-time member, has volunteered on numerous committees and is well deserving of this honor. The Brunch costs \$20/person.

This event is being co-chaired by Lynn Hecht and Rhoda Judd.

Sisterhood Judaica Shop - Great Gifts!

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

Barbara Kaiserman, 412-422-5677

April - 30% off Jewelry



Sisterhood Book Club

The Sisterhood Book Club will discuss
An American Marriage by Tayari Jones
on **Wednesday, April 3, 2019, 7:30 p.m.**, at Stefi's house.

For more information, including the address,
please contact the main office at 412-421-2288.



Men's Club Shabbat

THIS Saturday, March 30, 9:15 a.m., Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary

Special guest Paul Siefken, President & CEO of Fred Rogers Productions.

Kiddush luncheon sponsored by the Beth Shalom Men's Club.

Please consider becoming a sponsor. <http://tinyurl.com/MensClubShabbat5779>

Sweepstakes Tickets Are On Sale

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

Drawing every Friday, based on PA Lottery number, starting April 5th.

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

The final event will be in December 2019.

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

Lox & Learning - Ambassador Dennis Jett

Sunday, April 14th, 10:00 a.m.

Fellow congregant **Dennis Jett** has served as US Ambassador to Mozambique and Peru and is currently a professor of international relations at Penn State. He has written about such issues as the future of American diplomats and the political underpinnings of the Iran nuclear deal. Most

recently his book *Why Peacekeeping Fails* has been revised and re-released.

A light brunch sponsored by Beth Shalom Men's Club will be served at 10:00.

The event is free and open to the public.



SHABBAT PARAH - 23 ADAR II 5779

PARASHAT SHEMINI

	Aliyah	Verses	Readers	Hertz	Etz Hayim
1st	ראשון	Leviticus 11:1-8	Dave Held	449	636
2nd	שני	11:9-12	Robbie Zaremborg	450	638
3rd	שלישי	11:13-19	Ira Rothstein	450	639
4th	רביעי	11:20-28	Robbie Zaremborg	451	639
5th	חמישי	11:29-32	Danny Kass	452	640
6th	ששי	11:33-38	Rich Feder	452	641
7th	שביעי	11:39-47	Adam Kolko	453	641
Maftir	מפטיר	Numbers 19:1-22	Robbie Zaremborg	652	880
Haftarah	הפטרה	Ezekiel 36:16-38	Steve Neustein	999	1287



Parashat Shemini

A summary of this week's *parashah*, from *Hazzan* Rob Menes,
www.HazzanMenes.info

In the last *parashah*, Aaron and his sons were dedicated as priests and now, in *Shemini*, the ceremonies for the consecration of the altar have begun. The service begins with Aaron, the High Priest, bringing some forty offerings. After completing the offerings, Aaron blesses the people (according to Rashi with *Birkat Cohanim* (the Priestly Blessing), see *Naso*).

Then the next set of offerings are to be brought, but something tragic occurs. Nadav and Avihu, Aaron's two oldest sons, prepare their offering, but, the text tells us, they approach the altar bringing a "strange fire." They are immediately "consumed" right then and there, by a fire exploding out from God. Aaron remains silent as his sons' bodies are removed by their cousins, and Moses warns Aaron and his two remaining sons, Eleazar and Itamar, not to mourn.

God later speaks directly to Aaron, warning him not consume liquor or other intoxicants. The dedication continues. Further rules are given about the *korbanot* (sacrifices), and then the *parashah* lists which animals, birds, fish and insects are permitted or forbidden as food, giving the framework for the laws of *Kashrut*.

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>

Pre-Passover Pizza Dinner

Thursday, April 18, 6:00 p.m., in the Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom.

Sponsored by the Beth Shalom Men's Club.

Adults \$11, Children 3-12 \$7, Family \$20. Must be registered, by April 15th.

Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/PrePassoverDinner5779>.

Communal Second Seder

Saturday, April 20, 6:00 p.m.,
in the Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom.

"Because We Were Strangers in Egypt..."

One tradition teaches that the Torah exhorts us no fewer than 36 times not to mistreat the sojourner among us, because we know what it means to be an alien. When we tell the Exodus story, we are reminded to think of ourselves as slaves. But do we also think of ourselves as strangers? Do we recall that among the essential duties connected to our freedom is to take responsibility for the vulnerable in our very neighborhood?



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

Adults \$50, Ages 7-17 \$25, under 7 free.

Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/CBSPesah5779>.

Pesah University

Sunday, March 31st, First at 10:00 a.m., and again at 10:45 a.m., two classes

Join us for "Meaning at the Seder" with Rabbi Seth Adelson and "Kashering Your Pots" with Rabbi Jeremy Markiz

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.

CONGREGATION

Civil Rights Journey

Join our Civil Rights Journey adventure through the American South, May 19-21, 2019!



American/civil rights history in an intimate and powerful journey, visiting Atlanta, Montgomery, Selma, and Birmingham. Anticipated cost about \$800 plus airfare.

Participation is limited; sign up now! <http://bethshalompgh.org/civilrights/>



Lunch and Learn

Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Adelson!

Next sessions are April 2 Downtown / April 9 at Beth Shalom



Topic this year: "Jewish Law for Today: Five Key *Teshuvot* of the Conservative Movement."

This session will cover "Homosexuality, Human Dignity, and Halakhah"



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 over 90 years. You should get to know these *teshuvot*. Downtown sessions graciously hosted by David Horvitz at 535 Smithfield Street, Suite 800. Further information at www.BethShalomPgh.org/Lunch-and-Learn/

Shabbat Morning Discussion Service

Next Session - May 11th. Formerly the Learners' Service, we meet at 10:30 a.m.,

in Weinberg Pavilion. Rabbi Adelson leads a discussion-oriented service for all ranges of *daveners*, from the uninitiated to the veterans. We seek meaning behind the words, and personal connections within *tefillah*. Free; all are welcome.

This year's theme is "Goals of Tefillah." May's topic is "Mindfulness."



Weekly Talmud Class

Every Monday morning at 9:15 a.m. at the 61C Café Rabbi Jeremy Markiz learns *Massekhet 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.6b.



LEADERSHIP

Nominating Committee Open Meeting

Congregational members are invited to stop in for an Open Meeting of the Beth Shalom Nominating Committee on March 31 from 10:30-noon in the Eisner Commons. This is an opportunity for members to make suggestions and offer names of potential candidates for the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees.

If you are unable to attend, please feel free to email the Co-Chairs, Connie Pollack conniepollack@hotmail.com or Helen Feder hrfeder@gmail.com with your suggestions or recommendations.

Annual Kadima Waffle Pageant

What's Your Waffles Talent? March 31st, 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Please contact Ethan Einhorn at KadimaAdvisor@bethshalompgh.org 610-304-4369 by Weds., March 27th to reserve your spot.

YOUTH

Two Chocolate Seders!

One for 3rd-7th graders and one for 8th-12th graders, both led by USYers. More information to come.

