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Hanukkah: It's Not Just About the Candles

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It is not a coincidence that Hanukkah falls at the time of year that the daylight is the most scarce; we kindle lights when the sun sets, even before 5:00 PM here in Pittsburgh. The message is not subtle: where there is darkness, the Jews are obligated to seek and provide illumination.

And that light represents the struggle, fought by the Maccabees in the second century BCE against the Hellenistic invaders, of monotheism over idolatry, of the beauty of Torah over the Greek worship of beauty, of self-actualization over the tyranny of foreign power. Dr. Theodor Gaster, a professor of comparative religion, penned his classic work in 1952, *Festivals of the Jewish Year*, and it continues to be controversial because of his portrayal of many Jewish holidays as being rooted in previously-existing pagan customs. Nonetheless, Gaster characterizes Hanukkah wonderfully:

"Hanukkah affirms the universal truth that the only effective answer to oppression is the intensified positive assertion of the principles and values which that oppression threatens."

In other words, the way that we stamp out oppression is to emphasize the values that we hold dear: the freedom to live a Jewish life marked by engagement with Torah and Jewish values; the obligation to root out hatred and bigotry; the imperative to act on the responsibility that we have for needy people of all kinds, to protect and nourish the widow, the orphan, the stranger among us.

This may be the darkest Hanukkah that most of us have experienced, but if we continue to frame our lives in the holiness that our Torah, that our mitzvot/holy opportunities and our values give us, we will cast much more light. It's not just about the candles: it is also the *berakhot*, the singing, the publicizing of the mitzvah, and our willingness to continue to reach out to counter oppression. Happy Hanukkah!

Rabbi Adelson

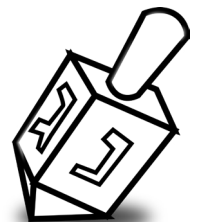
Share the light this Hanukkah with J-JEP!

Get ready to take
**J-JEP's 11th Annual
Latkepalooza**
home with crafts, gelt,
dreidels and more!

What does it look like when over one hundred J-JEP students, their families and all our friends light Hanukkah candles together? Let's find out!

Join us online on
Sunday, December 13 at 5:00 pm
for candle lighting, songs, and the
announcement of our homemade
game contest winners.

Keep an eye out for
Beth Shalom's Weekly
Spotlight emails
for more details.



OUR LEADERSHIP

A Message from Our President

Debby Firestone

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We often hear the term "It takes a village," to declare that the help of the entire community is necessary to succeed in our endeavors. A collective group of individuals interacts in a positive way toward the greater cause. While we are pressed for money as are most other charitable and communal organizations, in our Kehillah we certainly have great human wealth - members and employees who are very caring and have a strong commitment to Congregation Beth Shalom.

Recently, we honored some very worthy individuals during our Awards Brunch also including for the first time a well deserving staff member and several young members. Our honorees for 2020 are: Helen and Rich Feder, Todd Rascoe, Jessica Hammer, Jonathan Weinkle, Benji Himmel, Elana Kolko and Dale Caprara. There are also many volunteers that simply go unnoticed but are much appreciated. I would like to acknowledge many other members who give of their time and energy to Beth Shalom. My hope with this article and in future ones to try to highlight a few more of these extraordinary unsung heroes for their extra effort and commitment during this year, and in 2021.

At the risk of missing someone important, I'm going to make note of a few whose presence at Beth Shalom is really important. Let me begin with our regular security person, Keith Stewart. It's not just a job for Keith! During his two years of employment, he has spent a great deal of time getting to know members by name and continuing to use his best judgment to protect us. Our extremely competent budget committee spent many hours compiling two budgets this year, preparing for a year of unknown challenges.

Some of our members have put in exemplary effort on behalf of the Shul. For the past few summers and this summer, Sylvia Elias, has spent many hours pruning the ornamental tree near the Palkovitz entrance and also working with the head of

maintenance, John Williams, offering landscaping suggestions for the beautification of our outside areas. Along with Sylvia, on a sunny but not too hot day, one might also find Stan Kirshenbaum and Mindy Shreve weeding on the Beacon Street sided of the building. Brenda Kurland, has been arranging the Torah readers each week for quite a number of years and has even enlisted the help of her daughter, Shuli Dernis for our Saturday evening Torah service. There are also many service leaders that continue to help immeasurably, creating flawless services each week. For several years the sending of the synagogue member birthday greetings has been done by Elinor Young, who succeeded Dorothy Greenfield in that job. This is a small fundraiser, but much appreciated by those who receive a birthday card. Our Shul's electric bill has been reduced by the hard work of Joe Jolson, Mitch Dernis, Rich Feder, Marc Schwartz, Peter Oleinick, Hannah and Asher Schwartz, who, with the help of our maintenance staff, worked diligently to replace many lightbulbs throughout the building. Anyone in need of a gift from our giftshop need only contact Barb Kaiserman, who continues to be available to arrange a convenient time to open the shop for our members. In the past there were several sisterhood members who volunteered their time in the gift shop including dear member, Arlyn Gilboa z"l. Gail Neft, who contributes her time often, and dedicated staff member Michelle Vines both recently distributed the Lulav and Etrog orders. Aviva Lubowsky and Mo Harris, with the help of our administrative staff, have worked diligently to produce this year's Book of Remembrance. They have been doing this for many years now. Anthony Colaizzi, our former Communication Specialist, worked tirelessly with Elaine Beck creating our directory and were faced with printing challenges because of the COVID shutdown.

For the last few years, we have been focused on our Solar Energy Project and preschool roof repair. Howard Wein, Bruce Rollman, Joe Jolson, Rich Feder, Steve Albert and other committee members have spent many hours working through the necessary requirements towards this project's success. We have seen and will continue to see the result of all of their efforts. For our Annual Congregational Meeting this past May, member

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Directing the Way

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My job as Executive Director has many different facets. It includes overseeing (along with a fantastic staff!) a pretty significant facility, two cemeteries, all of our communications, programming for all ages, financial functions, youth education, the staff itself, and so much more, along with assisting in ensuring that all of our religious functions are executed as flawlessly as we can. Though it's all a labor of love, perhaps the most satisfying is when I get to observe our awesome Early Learning Center. Even though there's an ELC page elsewhere in this issue, please allow me to kvell about our program a bit.

Our Early Learning Center cares for and teaches your (OUR!) children, from infants to pre-Kindergarten. In a typical year, we have about 140 kids, with a program that spans an 11-hour day. And let me tell you, when they're in the building, the place is hopping! There's an echo-chamber hallway right outside my office, and I'm well aware of each time a class comes through – sometimes skipping, sometimes marching, sometimes hopping, and almost always happy to be up and about. No matter how busy I am, it always serves to brighten up my day.

But by far, my favorite time of the week is Friday mornings, for “*Shabbat BaBoker*.” During *Shabbat BaBoker*, Rabbi Adelson plays guitar and sings to the kids as he introduces Shabbat. Our students really get into it, and the older toddlers and children get up and dance, initially in place. Soon they're moving through the room with a frenetic energy, driven by the



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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!

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music and the singing, spurred on by the teachers and their friends. If only we can bottle up this enthusiasm and spread it around.

During the pandemic, we've restricted the in-person experiences to one class at a time (sometimes two, with the classes being in different areas of the ballroom), with the other classes following along through Zoom. To do this, I've been the one fortunate enough to be the cameraman



and experience the full force of *Shabbat BaBoker* each week. I watch the kids enjoy themselves, and flip through the view of the experiences going on in each of the classrooms during this time. I stand there and can't help but smile beneath my mask. To heck with any other accomplishments – this weekly experience makes it all worth the while.

Rabbi Adelson starts off each week with, “Who's ready for Shabbat?” I am!

Ken Turkewitz

OUR LEADERSHIP

Walking the Derekh

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Derekh

We have so many opportunities to be engaged with our Judaism through Derekh, weekly, monthly, or periodically for one of our amazing speakers. While this is not an exhaustive list, here are a few ways to engage, build community, and learn something new this winter.

On **Sunday evenings**, we have our *Parashah* Study Group. With other Beth Shalom members, you can dig into the language of the *parashah* and unpack a difficult section of Torah. This meets at 8:30 pm every Sunday.

On **Monday mornings**, we have our Talmud study with Rabbi Jeremy Markiz. Each week we slowly learn our way through Tractate Rosh Hashanah. Over the winter, we will be starting chapter two! This meets at 9:15 am every Monday.

On **the first Tuesday of every month**, Rabbi Seth Adelson is leading his Lunch and Learn series. The *Nevi'im* literature is rich in language and story, and the lessons they teach are essential. Over the course of this year's Derekh Lunch and Learn series, we'll survey some of the less-traveled parts of *Nevi'im* Prophetic in search of great stories. Bring your lunch and tune in via Zoom. This meets at noon every first Tuesday.

On **Wednesday afternoons**, Rabbi Mark Goodman leads Life and Text. This 75-minute class is rooted in the discussion of Hassidic insights on the weekly Torah portion. We open with a question and a brief discussion that focuses on personal growth and life experiences before moving to the words of great rabbis of 18th and 19th century Eastern Europe. This meets at 12:15 pm every Wednesday.

On **Thursday mornings**, in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh, Rabbi Danny Schiff is teaching an almost weekly Mishnah class. The Mishnah – the Oral Law in written form – is one of the greatest works of the Jewish people. In this 14-session survey course, Rabbi Schiff provides a comprehensive overview of this singular, foundational work. This meets irregularly until March on many Thursdays, more information as found on the Beth Shalom website.

On **Thursday afternoons**, while there is nice weather, Rabbi Jeremy Markiz is leading a quick walk in Frick Park. It is a chance to get together, a chance to get outside, and a chance to stretch those legs. Please wear a mask in order to keep everyone safe and we will be practicing social distancing! This meets at 4:30 pm every Thursday.

Starting in January, the third annual **Derekh Speaker Series: Uncovering Hidden Stories** is hosting an interesting roster of five authors this upcoming year:

- Sarah Blake on **January 20th** about the Flood story as told from Noah's wife's Point of View
- Neal Bascomb on **February 10th** about car racing in Hitler's Germany
- Ariel Sabar on **March 3rd** about a Kurdish Jew exploring an ancient Christian text
- Janice Kaplan on **March 17th** about Jewish Women
- Talia Carner on **April 7th** about her novel about 19th Century sex trafficking

All events begin at 7:30 pm and will be held via Zoom.

Youth Tefillah

Over the years, we've had many opportunities for our youth on Shabbat and holidays. Right now, we have two main opportunities from before the pandemic that have continued through the pandemic.

Youth Tefillah for children ages two to five, otherwise known as "Manny's Service," is led by Manny Theiner. Each week, on Shabbat mornings, he leads a truly fantastic experience for our youngest children. Prayers, songs, games, and stories fill this weekly service with joy and Torah. You can find Manny and other families on Shabbat mornings at 11:00 am, now over Zoom.

Shababababa and *Shabbat Haverim*, our monthly Friday night youth services are a highlight of the month. While we met in person, Shababababa, for our youngest attendees, was led by Rabbi Adelson in the round in the Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom. *Shabbat Haverim*, our early elementary school cohort joined the drum circle with Yamoussa Camara and Rabbi Jeremy Markiz in the Eisner Commons. These both joined together for a wonderful community dinner. Now, during the pandemic, Rabbi Adelson leads Shababababa at 5:15 pm on the first Friday of every month, over Zoom from our wonderful Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary.

YOUTH TEFILLAH
AT BETH SHALOM



Growing Through the ELC

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Hello Congregants!

The 2020-2021 school year in the Early Learning Center may look different, but it is still full of laughter, love, and learning!

Our administrative team and educators greet our families each morning outside excited for the day, and behind every mask you can still feel and see the children's smiling faces. Our team at Beth Shalom has adapted to our new policies and procedures beautifully as we navigate our way through our new normal as a school community.

Our fall months were full of creative and unique ways to celebrate the season. Our students explored apples, honey, pumpkins, and leaves in their classrooms. Each classroom also visited the sukkah to eat a snack, read a story, or visit with Rabbi from a safe distance. Traditionally our older children attend their first field trip in September, but unfortunately we were not able to do that this year. However, our educators made sure they had special experiences here at Beth Shalom! Prekindergarten celebrated with a fall festival and a virtual trip to a pumpkin patch. These are just small examples of how creative and innovative our educators have become during the pandemic. While it has forced us to rethink how we do things in the classroom, it has not limited us.

One of the standout components to an education at Beth Shalom Early Learning Center is the opportunity our children have to work with our three specialists in Art, Music, and Science. In a year where we needed to make many changes to ensure the health and safety of our community, we knew these

areas would be affected as these educators visit many classrooms a day in their traditional schedules. We could not imagine a school year without, so we worked together to create a virtual experience for music and science. Our art program continues to be in person, one classroom at a time, for two weeks straight. These three educators have worked in collaboration with classroom educators to create meaningful, creative, and expressive experiences and lessons.

As we enter in to the winter months we will be holding virtual parent-teacher conferences as well as planning for our Hanukkah celebrations.

I look forward to the day when I can invite families and visitors in to the center to tour and see the amazing work and play we do each day. You can continue to support our program by donating to the TEACH fund. As always, thank you to our families and educators for their continued support and hard work.

Hilary Yeckel

ELC Calendar

Dec. 2020 - Feb. 2021

Thursday, December 24 - Friday, January 1

Winter Recess - ELC Closed

Monday, January 4

Teacher In-Service - ELC Closed

Monday, January 18

MLK Jr. Day - ELC Closed

Monday, February 15

Presidents' Day - ELC Closed



OUR LEADERSHIP

Learning with J-JEP

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As sure as the leaves will fall, we all have to write our Mishpachtenu articles for the winter when it is barely autumn. Normally we just look at our calendar put together in the summer and write uplifting words about what is to come. This year? I dunno. So many things have been upended that it's hard to predict. But one thing we can predict is that the holidays will arrive with their meaning intact. The family breakfast and class breakfasts can't happen in the usual way but the values of joy and community and learning go on. The value of parents being a role model for meaningful Jewish living goes on.

In broad strokes, J-JEP plans to use the best of experiential education and create active, non-screen moments of engagement that will take the place of the tried and true. Our Consecration will dive deeper into meaning and engage the parents in a new, thought-provoking manner moving beyond the ceremonial.

Latkepalooza can't happen in the same way, of course. Instead, we are dreaming up active, fun, family activities that will investigate the theme of Hanukkah: dedication to our heritage and our people, bravery in the face of danger, commitment to what is right and opposition to what is wrong.

All those breakfasts? Well, next year. But maybe we can use our technology to bring the parents in. How about the kids prepare something and the parents Zoom in to class for a change? We can still create opportunities for the parents to mingle and get to know each other.

As for the Purim carnival, no, that is simply too far away for any predictions right now but I

know that no matter what, there will be praise for Esther and Mordechai who met their fears. And there will be hamantashen.

Truth is, we were getting ready to try a lot of these things gradually. The pandemic with its limitations has forced creativity and accelerated our planning. Some things will be different. What remains the same are the values and meaning and importance and spiritual uplift our heritage gives to our children. How we explore them will be new and different and engaging. I'm looking forward to an enjoyable winter.

Rabbi Larry Freedman



J-JEP Calendar

Dec. 2020 - Feb. 2021

Sunday, December 13

Consecration (during morning classes)
Latkepalooza at 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 20 - Friday, January 1

Winter Recess - J-JEP Closed

Sunday, January 3

Classes resume

Sunday, February 7

World Wide Wrap

Sunday, February 14

Presidents' Day Weekend - J-JEP Closed

Beth Shalom Youth Zone

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It's been a great start to the year! BSUSY and Kadima partnered with Repair the World and Rodef Shalom Congregation for an environmental justice program and park clean up. They also attended a socially distanced Sukkah field day. Happily, Lounge nights are still the same incredible evening - just with a new look (outside to the parking lot or virtually). These Lounge Nights provide great opportunities for teens to spend time together and brainstorm new programs, even if it's virtual. Lounge nights are held for Kadima on the second and fourth Mondays and BSUSY meets the first and third Monday of each month. The BSUSY teens created a moving and healing program as we hosted the third annual Pittsburgh Teen Community Memorial *Havdalah*. This poignant evening was an example of hard work and community partnership. CRUSY has held two virtual conventions joined by BSUSY teens and staff! Benji Himmel, Eric Valinsky, and Elana Kolko did a fantastic job planning and executing these weekends. We are so proud of the youth at Beth Shalom, who have adapted so easily to the virtual programming world.

Looking forward, we hope you will all join us for this year's Hanukah Program, a K-12th grade interactive program. It wouldn't be January without the annual Jews for Justice Program. Please keep a look out for your official invitation! What is Jews for Justice? It is Beth Shalom's annual program where teens facilitate discussions for a multi-generational dynamic conversation. The teens craft thoughtful dialog, allowing all of us to learn from new perspectives. This program has won BSUSY three awards and has become a source of pride for our teens. We are excited to reimagine this program and look forward to its new look. Even though it seems far away, Purim is right around the corner. It will have a new look but the same excitement and devotion from our teens!

Don't forget to check your emails for up-to-date information. We hope to see you there!

Mazel Tov to Elana and Benji on winning the Youth Members of the Year Award!



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UPCOMING HOLIDAY EVENTS

HANUKKAH 5781/2020

Family Outdoor Candle Lighting

First night candle, Thursday,
December 10, 4:30 p.m.

Fifth night candle, Monday,
December 14, 7:30 p.m.

Bring your own *hanukkiyah*
and candles. Take-home
Hanukkiyot and candles
will be available on site.

Masks and social distancing required.



Music and Singing

Blessings and singing led by
Rabbi Adelson on guitar
Masks and social distancing
required.



Early Learning Center

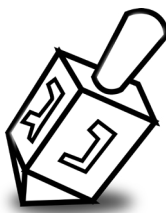
The ELC will have take-home
Hanukkiyot and candles for all
children who will want them.
Available for pickup Thursday,
December 10 at pick-up time.



Youth Department Annual All Age Hanukkah Event

Sunday, December 6 at 1PM

Engaging virtual event to celebrate
Hanukkah while also gaining a new
perspective on the holiday.



J-JEP Latkapalooza

Sunday, December 13 at 5:00 pm
via Zoom

Derekh Events

- Derekh *Hilkhot Hanukkah*
Reviewing the laws of *Hanukkah*
- Reasons for the Season:
Hanukkah and Christmas
explained



PURIM

February 25-26, 2021

Schedule of Events*

- Youth programming, Monday-Wednesday
evenings, February 22-24, by age group.
- All Thursday programming will be on our
religious services zoom link
Meeting ID: 943 2466 5900
Passcode "minyan"
- Program will also be streamed over
Facebook Live.
- Congregation-wide family program,
Thursday, February 25, tentatively 5:45 pm.
- Evening services beginning at 6:15 p.m. on
Thursday, February 25
- Chanting of the Book of Esther begins
about 6:30 p.m.
- Slide presentation to be shown during the
chanting of Esther

Home participants are encouraged
to dress up on camera.

Children will be spotlighted in their costumes
throughout the evening.



*Complete details and schedule are not yet available.
Please continue to check the website,
as the time gets closer, for details.

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Daphne Macedonia is the daughter of Jaclyn Moldovan and Michael Macedonia, and the granddaughter of Renée Ramo and the late Bert Moldovan; Adeline & Jeff Weissert; and Dave Macedonia.

In the seventh grade at The Ellis School, Daphne is a baker *extraordinaire* and makes lots of delicious treats for her friends and "family." She also enjoys musical theatre. Daphne will celebrate becoming a bat mitzvah on January 23, 2021.



Bat Mitzvah: 1/23/2021

Gabriel (Gabe) Levitt Seldin, son of David and Melissa Seldin and grandson of Milton and Ruth Seldin (z"l) and Larry and Gail Levitt (z"l) and Jean Koesterich, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on February 20, 2021.

Gabe is a seventh grader at the Falk Laboratory School. He enjoys playing baseball and all other sports, video games, and has developed a growing interest in politics and social justice.



Bar Mitzvah: 2/20/2021

Cemetery Pricing

Beginning January 1, 2021, charges for cemetery services for all Beth Shalom members will increase by approximately 15%. This includes grave opening and closing fees, liners, cemetery ground care, the road service fee, and the optional perpetual planting fee. Prices for plots will remain the same.

If you wish to avail yourself of any prepayment opportunities (to lock in pre-January 1 prices) or if you don't presently own a burial plot, please contact Cemetery Director Lonnie Wolf at 412-421-2288, x293, or cemetery@bethshalompgh.org.

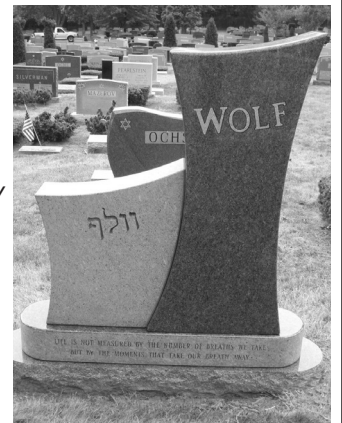
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For more information, contact: Lonnie Wolf, Cemetery Director at **412.421.2288 x 293**, **412.654.7550 (c)** or cemetery@bethshalompgh.org

OUR LEADERSHIP

Men's Club Moments

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This is a very special and uncharted year. The Men's Club is taking the opportunity to do some good for Congregation Beth Shalom.

We have 19 Torah Scrolls at our Congregation. Many of these are not kosher for reading during services, and of these are our smaller scrolls. These are the ones that everyone wants to use.

We have committed to repairing one Torah! Each scroll has an estimated repair cost of approximately \$4,000 and we need to raise money. Since we cannot meet and eat in person right now, we are asking for volunteers to sponsor the "meal" for \$100 per week, to provide for ritual necessities such as Torah repair. If you are unable to donate \$100, any amount would be appreciated.

We, at the Men's Club, would hope that one day we can meet, greet, and eat in person together soon.

Happy and Healthy Hanukkah!

Ira Frank



(Continuation from page 4 of our President's article)

Evan Stein was the lead volunteer, working behind the scenes helping us have a smooth and never-before-attempted Zoom meeting.

Among any list of volunteers at Beth Shalom, past president Ira Frank is always at the top. High Holiday services would have been unimaginable without Ira's presence. Now we can double the Iras! Ira Rothstein was also assisting when needed throughout all services. Special recognition for so much hard work goes to Sheldon Catz, coordinator and chair of Beth Shalom's Religious Services Committee. Although it may seem very premature to mention Purim since we haven't even got to Hanukkah yet, members should know that for more than twenty years, Julian Elbling, has donated the tee shirts designed by and worn by our USYers for our Purim Carnival. Lastly, our "Come Together" annual fundraising event for this year could not happen without the imaginative thinking of Judy Adelson with the help of our youth director, Marissa Tait. This Year of COVID has forced Judy to consider several different fundraising scenarios for this event.

I know I have missed many members in this article. I will highlight others in the future as we continue to be challenged by our limited ability to maneuver and participate in regular activities during these tough times. Thank you to our *Kehillah*, our village! You continue to raise our awareness of true volunteering!

Debby Firestone

HAS YOUR EVENT BEEN IMPACTED BY COVID-19?

If so, please call Michelle Vines, Events Coordinator, for more information on how to adjust or reschedule for the future.

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The Sisterhood Says

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As Fall turns into Winter, Sisterhood has been on hiatus during the pandemic. Nonetheless, we look forward to Spring and a new awakening. We hope that during the new year we will again be able to celebrate Sisterhood Shabbat and our Torah Fund Brunch. In the meantime, we are delighted to sponsor, with Men's Club, "virtual" events such as the recent children's concert, featuring musical entertainer, Jason Mesches.

We continue to have an active Judaica Shop, offering beautiful merchandise for the Hanukkah season and year round. Be sure to contact Barbara Kaiserman at 412-422-5677 for assistance. Also, if anyone who want to be part of the Judaica Shop committee, we always welcome new volunteers.

I miss seeing all of you in person and hope to resume "live" activities as soon as safety permits.

In the meantime, all my good wishes for a happy Hanukkah and a safe, happy, healthy 2021!

Judy Kornblith Kobell
Sisterhood President



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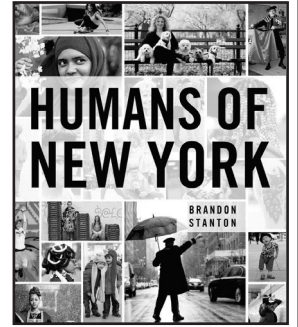
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Humans of Beth Shalom (HOBS)

As a means of introducing members of our congregation to each other, we provide this section of *Mishpachtenu*, entitled Humans of Beth Shalom (inspired by the famous Humans of New York, or HONY, series). Here, we highlight two 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.

Elinor Nathanson



Name in English and in Hebrew (phonetic).

Steve Rosen, Menachem Ben Avraham v'Chessi
Judi Rosen, Yehudit Bat Zelig v'Shaynda

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

Steve was born and raised in Pittsburgh. He has lived in New York, Florida, California and back home to Pittsburgh. Judi was born and raised in Pittsburgh. She has lived in New York, Israel and back home to Pittsburgh.

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

They have been members of Congregation Beth Shalom for 18 years beginning with their eldest son's pre-school experience.

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

This photo was taken right after the glass broke outside of Heinz Hall in 1997. There are so many reasons why it means something special to us. We entered into our marriage laughing as we got soaked because the waterfall went on too early. Friends and family began to blow bubbles, but most of all, we were happy to be holding each other and have all of our parents, 3 of whom passed away before our kids got to know them, with us for this beautiful moment which would mark the beginning of our lives together.



What food connects you to feeling Jewish?

The foods that connect us to our Jewish selves usually revolve around what we make for Shabbat and the holidays. Other than baking fresh challah most weeks, which I learned as part of a personal commitment towards Shabbat, it's nothing specific, just the idea that we make it together. I remember learning the words *la'asot et haShabbat*, and really feeling liberated to know that we could actually "make" something happen if we started to take steps towards it. Neither of us was raised with a consistent tradition, so it seemed important to nourish our Jewish souls and our family's well being, in part through food and all that meal times have to offer by way of creative deliciousness and *shalom bayit*.

Describe an early memory that you have as it pertains to Israel, how has it impacted you in your life?

An early memory that we share is that we both desired to reach towards Israel in our youth as a way of seeking

meaning in our identity. We experienced our teenage years in Churchill and Mount Lebanon, both of our families took part in the migration outside of the Squirrel Hill shtetl, which also spread us further away from a consolidated Jewish community. We learned how to have special feelings towards Israel in Jewish youth movements.

Although we are seven years apart, we each went to Israel for the first time at the age of 18/19. Judi went for a year to Machon LeMadrikhei Hutz la-Artetz, a program that the Jewish Agency started in 1946.

Judi became involved with Hashomer Hatzair after the Machon, and went back for another year to take part in an Ulpan on Kibbutz Kfar-Hanassi.

Steve went on a summer program with the AZYF in the late 70's touring around the country and increasing his awareness of his own connection to the land and its meaning for him. On that trip, he purchased a small silver Hamsa that he held onto for 20 years with the heartfelt intent of giving it to his future partner someday.

In 1996 on a 16-passenger boat in the middle of the Galápagos Islands, Steve made a proposal to me with this precious and symbolic gift.

When do you feel the most Jewish? And why?

We feel most Jewish when we are engaged in doing something that feels Jewish to us, which can be daily or hourly. This feeling seems to be accumulating in frequency as we grow. It has come to represent our relationship to ourselves and the world around us. When we are actively doing something to contribute to the spiritual or physical health of ourselves or the community, it can feel elevated, and we need to do more of that!

For our sons' Benei Mitzvah, we chanted Torah. Neither of us had seen the inside of a Torah before this learning preparation began. The experience of actually reading from the handwritten scroll was exhilarating.

On both simchas we walked around with our kids in the sanctuary as they carried the Torah, I can only describe that feeling as a timeless affirmative link that was active and still frozen in time. People shifting to the aisles with warm smiles and flush cheeks as if greeting a new born. As the boys are now 16 and 19, we feel especially Jewish when they consider their place and question, showing themselves through their own developing and ongoing Jewish lens, or when we wish each other a Shabbat Shalom knowing that its a greeting felt with the best of intentions regardless of what else might be happening on that day, within us or around us, it creates a reliable space to honor love.

Name in English and in Hebrew (phonetic).

Maddie Herrup (Rut bat Yeshua veDinah
רות בת ישוע ודינה)

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

Born in Pittsburgh, currently a junior at Brandeis University in Boston (Anthropology and Public Health double major), studying remotely in Pittsburgh.

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

When I was 14 years old and a student at Community Day School, I started coming to Beth Shalom with a friend for Shabbat morning prayer services. Since then, I have become increasingly involved in Beth Shalom and officially became a member this past summer.

Please attach a favorite photo from anytime in your life.**What food connects you to feeling Jewish? Where is that memory from?**

Hamantaschen. While my favorite Jewish food is haroset, among others, hamantaschen remind me of when I was 10 years old and brought them in to share with my classmates at Liberty Elementary in Shadyside. Being one of the only Jewish students in the school, I wanted to share this piece of Jewish history with my peers. At the time, I was attending Rodef Shalom Sunday school and knew I was passionate about Judaism, and wanted to share this love with my peers. So, I got to teach the 60 students in my class about Purim and Judaism. To this day it reminds me of how deep my connection to Judaism has always been.

When do you feel the most Jewish? And why?

When immersed in prayer. I am a very spiritual person who loves meditation and other ways of connecting to this sacred energy beyond the physical; Jewish prayer offers this. I find myself most grounded and connected to this energy during Shabbat prayer, and gatherings as well. Whether it be during Kabbalat Shabbat prayer in the Brandeis chapel and walking to Hillel dinner with friends afterwards, or during Shabbat morning and afternoon prayer at Beth Shalom (all before covid) and kiddish or *se'udah shelishit* (third meal) following them. In both instances, I go from this meaningful individual experience to sharing food and Jewish words with wonderful people. The holy space that Shabbat creates only elevates the meaning I find in prayer as well as the *kehillot* I am a part of. It is within these spaces that I feel the most Jewish, and most at peace with myself in mind, body and spirit.

What are some ways you are maintaining a sense of community during COVID-19?

Attending daily prayer, as well as attending classes and having get-togethers over Zoom with Boston friends help me to maintain a sense of community in these times of isolation. I also attend other virtual events in the Jewish community and beyond, both in Boston and Pittsburgh.

What's something that you feel passionate about? A hobby, a belief, your work, family, etc.

One of my biggest passions is mental health and wellness advocacy. This mainly stems from my own journeys with mental health and illness, which have allowed me to share my story and inspire others to be on a more positive journey with their minds and bodies. I am a volunteer crisis counselor at the national Crisis Text Line. I also am one of the lead students overseeing the Body Positive Brandeis initiative and lead groups with my peers relating to body positivity, body image, and establishing a more positive relationship with one's body and food.

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Nihum Avelim (Comforting Mourners)

August 1 — October 31, 2020

Arthur Cohen and Frayda Cohen on the passing of brother/uncle Allan Cohen on July 31st.

Sally Greenwald on the passing of her husband and our past president Alan Greenwald on August 1st.

Evelyn Favish on the passing of Boris Weinstein on August 3rd.

Family and friends on the passing of Bernice Elinoff on August 3rd.

Family and friends on the passing of Deborah Minden.

Beth (Jeff) Elinoff on the passing of her father Myron Snider on August 8th.

Judy Cohen and family on the passing of her husband **Bill Cohen** on August 14th.

Carl Krasik and family on the passing of his wife and our life-long member **Elaine Belle Krasik** on August 18th.

David & Yona Saul on the passing of his sister Brenda Foguel on October 1st.

Ed & Susan Balis on the passing of his brother Samuel "Sammy" Balis on October 8th.

The family of Shannon Khoury Osborn, former preschool music teacher here at Beth Shalom. Morah Shannon passed away on October 11th at the age of 93.

Claire & Morris Weinbaum on the birth of grandson Noah Max Weinbaum, son of Matthew & Julia Weinbaum.

Hannah Adelson on being called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah. Mazal tov also to her parents, **Rabbi Seth and Judith Adelson**.

Shayna Valinsky on being called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah. Mazal tov also to her parents, **Howard and Nicole Valinsky**.

Alan & Linda Doernberg on their grandson David Henry May, son of Molly & Charles May, becoming a bar mitzvah.

Michelle & Martin Lubetsky on the wedding of their daughter Erica to Alex Kowalsky in Madison, Wisconsin.

Barbara & Yale Rosenstein on the wedding of their grandson Moshe Rosenstein to Shevi Milikowsky, of Olney, Maryland, on September 10th. Moshe is the son of Rabbi Yaakov (Jim) and Rochel Rosenstein.

Ariel Levavi & Brendan Meeder on the birth of David Robert (Reuven) Levavi-Meeder on September 9th.

Naomi Gorfinkle & Elan Kiderman on the birth of daughter Ari Keshet on September 22nd at 5:57 p.m.

Jennifer Murtazashvili on being elected president of the Central Eurasian Studies Society.

Dee Selekman on the birth of granddaughter Leia Vivian Selekman, born October 12th to Aryeh and Rachel Selekman, weighing 8 lb., 4 oz., and 20.75" long.

Zarky Rudavsky and Merrienne Leff on the birth of granddaughter Josie Sama Brent, born on October 2nd to Aliza Rudavsky & Danny Brent. Grandparents are Zarky and Merrienne, Laurel Rudavsky (z"l), and Nancy & David Brent.

Zarky Rudavsky and Merrienne Leff on grandson Leo Cook having been called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Shemini Atzeret at the South Philly Shtiebel. Leo is the son of Shira Rudavsky & Steven Cook.

Talia Dubowitz on being called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah. Mazal Tov also to her parents, **Tamara Dubowitz & Jay Aronson**.

Bruce & Deborah Horvitz on the birth of grandson Avraham Aharon Simcha Strassman, born September 26th to daughter Lindsey & Chaim Strassman. They will call him Avi!

Shayna & Ben Yogman, on the birth of daughter Zahav Ayelet Yogman on October 15th.

Zoe Blum on being called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah. Mazal Tov also to her parents, **Michele & Elliott Blum**.

Sharon & Matt Feinman on the birth of their son **Asher Elliott Feinman**, born October 22, at 4:00 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 9 oz.

Milestones – Mazal Tov!

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Laurie & Harry Zions, grandparents, and Shirley Zions, great-grandmother, happily announcing the birth of Noah Jude Rubin, son of Kayla and Andrew Rubin, born August 6, at 3:47 p.m., weighing 5 lbs. 10 oz.

Sonia and Theresa Schachter, who celebrated becoming benot mitzvah on August 20, 2020. Mazal Tov also to their parents, **Ben & Abby Schachter**

Connie & Ian Pollack on their new granddaughter Maya Remi Pollack, born July 25th to Andy & Rebecca Pollack.

Connie & Ian Pollack on their grandson born March 25th to Ben & Alison Pollack.

Steven & Sharon Schwartz on the birth of grandson Simon Reid Dayan, son of Laura & David Dayan of Teaneck, NJ, born July 2nd.

Shoshanna Barnett & Michael Jolson on the birth of a son on August 24th. Mazal tov also to siblings Ari and Meital and grandparents **Sabina Robinson & Joe Jolson**.

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