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Be The Candles

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As I write this, looking forward to Hanukkah, more than a month away, my mind is still whirring from the Eradicate Hate Global Summit, which met here in Pittsburgh in October. Over three days, I heard many perspectives on studying and combating hatred, and I am extraordinarily grateful to the conference organizers for bringing this together and providing me with good homiletic material.

The overarching message of this conference might be captured by the words attributed to Mahatma Gandhi: “Be the change that you wish to see in the world.” It is up to us to, if not cure the world of hate, at least to counter it with love, data, and laws. Given that anti-Semitism, for example, has been with us at least since Haman’s time, eradicating hate is certainly an elusive goal. But we all can stand up to hatred by being loudly and proudly Jewish while doing everything we can to hold our politicians, our social media platforms, and our legal systems responsible.

None of that will move quickly. But we all understand the urgency of the challenge we face.

Years ago, I recall reading a column in Haaretz by veteran American-Israeli journalist Bradley Burston, in which he said, “All I want for Hanukkah is light. One step - no matter how slight - in the direction of a better future.” I hear in this an echo of my favorite mishnah, Pirkei Avot 2:21: *Lo alekha hammelakhah ligmor, velo attah ben horin lehibbatel mimmena*. It’s not up to you to finish the task, but neither are you free to desist from it. We may never eradicate hate, but we sure as well better stand up against it with all that we have.

As we kindle the Hanukkah lights, I hope that we might meditate on the idea that in these metaphorically and physically dark winter days, our job is to be the candles, casting light wherever we go. May you and your family gather and sing and eat latkes and enjoy Hanukkah together as we seek to illuminate the world.

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A Message from Our President

Alan Kopolow

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Now that the High Holidays are behind us and we have honored some of our most deserving volunteers, we look forward to getting back to more regular operations and trying to move the shul forward. Much work is to be done. Some of the things we will be working on include getting our IT (information technology) modernized and relevant to our needs, continuing to keep our members, staff and students safe as long as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to present risks, making sure our security is appropriate to keep us safe in our building, and searching for an assistant Rabbi to allow Rabbi Adelson to be more available for those things he does not normally have time for.

Rabbi Andy Shugerman is hard at work developing the basis for a Capital Campaign. In connection with a Capital Campaign, we need to determine our priorities for the campaign in addition to repairing the cornice and roof above the Main Sanctuary. There will be requirements to keep our strategic plan implementation moving forward. Where all of this is leading is that we need more help, insight, creativity and expertise in any and all of these areas as well as others. The success and strength of Beth Shalom through the years has come from its volunteers. We need help to move our plans forward and ensure there is always a stream of passionate, competent and dedicated volunteers that will be able to design the future of our community.

Volunteers are needed to assist in our various programs, events and with our committees. Please take a look at the number of committees we have and find something that interests you and please get involved! Beth Shalom and the community would appreciate any assistance you can offer. If you have an interest in or concern about something that is not currently covered by a committee or event,

please feel free to reach out to our Executive Director, Robert Gleberman, or me to get involved or to offer a suggestion. We would love to hear from you.

Allow me to follow up on the quote that I used in my High Holiday appeal from Winston Churchill: "We make a living from what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Volunteering is just another form of giving and in many cases, is more valuable than the money we give. The value in volunteering and the relationships that are made are long lasting and far less forgotten than a monetary contribution. A volunteer's time to an organization is the ultimate confirmation of its meaning and worth to the individual. If you indeed have a strong feeling for Congregation Beth Shalom, please consider contributing your time and expertise to demonstrate your support for the organization and our community.

During this Hanukkah season, may you all have quality time to spend with your families. Stay well and stay safe.

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A Message from our Executive Director

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Coming out of a pandemic. Well, we thought so!

After last year's virtual only high holidays there was much optimism for this year's holiday season - that we could put the worst of the pandemic behind us and once again come together with our entire Beth Shalom community. We even got to a point where, even though we were only allowing those that were fully vaccinated to gather together, we were worshipping together socially distant and without masks. With the emergence of the Delta variant we had to tighten up our protocols once again. We still continued to meet in person with fully vaccinated individuals and at the same time allow children that were not vaccinated to meet for the most part outside. During this time the congregation accommodated as many as possible with their different levels of concern and safety. For that reason, we had as many activities and services outside as possible.

With the preparation for this year's holidays we knew things would be different based on the numbers of people that would choose to come in person. We prepared to allow all of those that were vaccinated to come into the Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary while being masked and asked to socially distance themselves from other families and individuals. We asked no one enter the sanctuary that was not vaccinated in an effort to make everybody who decided to join us in person as comfortable as possible. Children met outside for most of their services and activities and only came inside during inclement weather, but only gathered on our third floor in separate rooms.

I want to thank all of our many volunteers, staff and especially our congregation for being able to welcome the decisions of our Board of Trustees and make sure we had a meaningful holiday experience.

Make it meaningful! That was the theme Rabbi Adelson relayed in last month's Mishpachtenu. Even though we have continued under the most difficult circumstances we have indeed made it meaningful. After Yom Kippur we continued to gather safely by having a combination of inside and outside activities and services. From Sukkot celebrations in our beautiful Sukkah to Simḥat Torah services and celebrations inside and out as well as the reconvening of our Shababababa outside: what joyous holidays we had as we continued to get together in the safest way possible.

As the month of September was coming to an end we surely engaged our community in a flurry of all-inspiring services and special programs.

- **20th** - Sukkot dinner in the Sukkah
- **24th** - Friday night Shababababa service in the tent followed by dinner in the Sukkah
- **25th** - Shabbat morning service in the tent followed by a Kiddush in the Sukkah
- **26th** - Pizza In The Hut (Sukkah) sponsored by our Men's Club and Sisterhood
- **28th & 29th** - Simḥat Torah evening and morning services and celebrations In the Tent, followed by a Kiddush in the Sukkah

All of these special holiday observances and celebrations came after a very fulfilling and meaningful Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Our lay leadership and many volunteers worked extremely hard throughout our holiday season, and I thank them profusely, but I must give a special thank you to our COVID-19 task force doctors who have advised and guided us through this most difficult time. I also want to give a very special thank you to Mindy Shreve. Without Mindy's assistance running our main office and making sure that the daily business of our synagogue, for all of our members and details for the holidays were carried out, we would not have been nearly as successful. Mindy, you're the best.

I look forward to continuing to meet each and every one of you personally and wish everyone a happy, healthy, and joyous Hanukkah!

A Message from our Development Director

Rabbi Andy Shugerman
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As many of you know, 5782 marks the 25th anniversary not just of a major fire at Beth Shalom, but also the tremendous recovery and rebuilding efforts that transformed the property into one that now houses multiple entities all on one campus. I can hardly imagine how scary it must have been to see the smoke and flames rising from our building. I can barely fathom the courage required of those who ran into our sanctuary to rescue our Torah scrolls. I can, however, appreciate just how much work it took to inspire and organize hundreds of families to pledge more than \$2 million to rebuild Beth Shalom.

Fear. Courage. Wonder. Commitment. Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel identified these emotional responses to our experiences of the world as the essence of life's ultimate questions. At the root of our queries about who we are, why we're here, and what it means to live a good life are the data of these emotions and what stimulates them.

Rabbi Heschel locates the dichotomy of our wonder and our terror about the world, as well as our behavioral responses to those emotions, in a midrash that imagines our ancestor Avraham encountering that duality in a parable called the *Birah Doleket*, a Hebrew term he translates in two opposite ways.

Heschel cites this Genesis Rabbah text in his 1955 book, God in Search of Man: A Philosophy of Judaism:

Abraham may be compared to a man who was traveling from place to place when he saw a *Birah Doleket* (palace lit up). 'Is it possible that there is no one who cares for the palace?' he wondered. Until the owner of the palace looked at him and said, 'I am the owner of the palace.' Similarly, Abraham our father wondered, 'Is it conceivable that the world is

without a guide?' The Holy Blessed One looked out and said, 'I am the Guide, the Sovereign of the world.'

The problem with translating *Birah Doleket* as "a palace lit up" is that this can be positive ("full of light") or negative ("in flames") depending on one's reading. According to the former sense, Heschel writes that "it was in wonder that Abraham's quest for God began. Thus it is not a feeling for the mystery of living, or a sense of awe, wonder, or fear, which is the root of religion; but rather the question of what to do with the feeling for the mystery of living, what to do with awe, wonder, or fear." (P.112)

Towards the end of the book, though, Heschel writes that "it is both the grandeur and the misery of living that makes humanity sensitive to the ultimate question. Indeed, our misery is as great as our grandeur...The world is in flames, consumed by evil and suffering. Is it possible that there is no one who cares?" (367-369)

So, is the world a palace full of light OR a palace in flames? The answer is YES. For Heschel, and for many of us, this is one of life's great challenges – how to make meaning out of the paradoxical dichotomy of the world as an environment that inspires both wonder and horror, joy and despair. Responding to this challenge requires us to turn the flames from a destructive force into uplifting light.

Those who rebuilt Beth Shalom after the October 1996 fire put structures in place that now house not only our synagogue, but another, New Light Congregation; not only our Early Learning Center, but our tenant day school, La Escuelita Arcoiris, on the floor above the ELC; not only our offices, but those of our community newspaper, the *Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle*; and our in-house caterer Elegant Edge, which provides not only food for our weekly Kiddush after Shabbat services, but meals also for many in our community.

Sharing our space with these wonderful partners is just one way that we continue to transform what was a "palace in flames" into a "palace full of light." How else will we build upon that legacy?

Walking the Derekh

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Holy Chevre (Friends),

It has been a wonderful quarter for both Derekh, Beth Shalom's Adult Programming department, and Youth Tefillah.



Derekh held our first in-person program since the beginning of the pandemic with our Homestead Hebrews Tour, led by historian extraordinaire Tammy Hepps. We are also continuing to offer our three very successful long-running programs - our Monday Talmud class and our Wednesday Parashah class, entitled 'Life and Text', as well as our Online Parashah Learning class on Sunday nights.

Looking forward, Derekh has several exciting events in the works. In November we will be offering four programs:

- Lunch and Learn - Rabbi Seth Adelson's regular Tuesday adult education program. This edition is entitled "Make a Joyful Noise: Jewish Music Past and Present"
- a commemoration and historical reflection on the 25th anniversary of the Beth Shalom fire;
- the 45th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving event, shared with religious organizations across the city and hosted right here at CBS;
- and the Racial Justice Task Force Book Club, a three-part discussion of Clint Smith's best-selling book *How the Word is Passed*

All those programs can be found on the home page of our website, bethshalompgh.org.

The Derekh Tzedek Hesed Committee is also actively engaged in collecting and distributing Durable Medical Equipment like walkers and

wheelchairs to folks in need. For more information, go to: bethshalompgh.org/medicaldevices/

More exciting events, like a speaker series, concert, and a four-part learning series on Jewish perspectives on capital punishment, are in the planning stage.

Youth Tefillah was back at High Holidays for the first in-person Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur service since 2019. We also brought back Shababababa, our musical service for young children and families, for the first time on Shabbat Sukkot, and have resumed holding it outdoors with a take-away dinner on a one-per-month schedule. And our regular Shabbat Morning Youth Tefillah service is cruising along, with Manny Theiner leading the little kids "Manny's Service" and Rabbi Goodman (that's me) guiding kids ages 6 to 12 in a drum and percussion-infused learning service.



Pictures taken during the New Member Ceremony held on Sunday, November 7, 2021.

OUR LEADERSHIP

Growing Through the ELC

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Hello Congregants-

The 2021-2022 school year at Beth Shalom Early Learning Center has begun and we are excited to be making strides back to our normal operations. Parents have been welcomed back in to the building for drop off and pick up, and it is refreshing to be able to hear and see the hallways of our center full of life and energy again. This school year we have nine of our traditional ten classrooms open and we are happy with the strides we have made in enrollment especially coming out of the pandemic.

The ELC had a busy start to the school year with the high holidays. Children explored the traditions of the holidays including listening to the shofar, spending time in the sukkah, tasting different holiday foods, and creating special pieces of art. We sang traditional songs with our Music educator, Morah Debbey, and learned about bees and honey with our science educator, Morah Elaine. If you spent time in Beth Shalom's sukkah, you would also have noticed the beautiful decorations that our classes helped create with our studio art educator, Morah Julie.

Our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) has also been active this fall season hosting a family event in the sukkah, sponsoring a daily snack appreciation cart for the educators, creating Rosh Hashanah gifts for educators, as well as getting multiple fundraisers up and running (Mabel's Labels, HEPA Purifiers, and Original Works). We thank our co-chairs, room parents, and families for all the hard work they have done and their continued support and efforts of fundraising, teacher appreciation, and community building.

In November, Beth Shalom ELC was awarded an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Stabilization Grant from The Office of Childhood Development and Early Learning (OCDEL). These grants and awarded funds are for early childhood education programs which can be used for a wide range of COVID-19 related expenses incurred in the past, present, or future.

As we enter the winter months, we will be holding parent teacher conferences as well as planning for our annual Hanukkah celebrations. In addition, I will be on maternity leave beginning mid-November for six months. While I am out our current Assistant Director, Pam Stasolla, will take over as the ELC Director. I am confident that under her direction the ELC will continue to uphold and provide quality care to our students and families.

We welcome anyone who has questions regarding the Early Learning Center to reach out via email or telephone at 412-421-8857. You can continue to support our program by donating to the TEACH fund. As always, thank you to our families, educators, and congregants for their continued support and hard work.

ELC Calendar

Dec. 2021 - Feb. 2022

Thursday, December 2

Hanukkah Celebrations

Friday, December 24 - Sunday, January 2

Winter Recess - ELC Closed

Monday, January 3

Teacher In-Service Day - ELC Closed

Monday, January 17

Martin Luther King Jr. Day - ELC Closed

Monday, February 21

Martin Luther King Jr. Day - ELC Closed



Learning with J-JEP

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Oh it's good to be back inside! You can practically see the smiles behind the masks.

One of the most joyful parts of a J-JEP morning is *tefillah*. We're all together outside in the autumn sun. Even through the masks I can hear the kids singing the prayers and sounding a joyful noise.

That leads one to ask, why do we have *tefillah*? Why do we have so much time dedicated to it? I asked parents and students that question at the beginning of the year and I received very interesting answers. When I asked for negative reasons, it wasn't surprising to hear this: It's a waste of time. I find it unneeded. It seems not the most useful. I can't understand them. It is boring. Because I am forced to so I don't look like a fool at my Bat Mitzvah.

At the same time, those very same students offered these more positive reasons: I really want to know. Because they are fun. Because we want to learn and expand our knowledge. Because they teach us about our religion. Because of history stuff. So I can later contribute to my Jewish community and have an understanding of the prayers. Because it is fun.

The very same kids live with negative and positive experiences of prayer. I've been working privately with a rabbi from the The Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem trying to focus in on the needs of our students and an approach to prayer that might open them up to greater possibilities as they grow. My teacher and I feel that we might need to add in a little prayer detox. We need to remove stodgy notions of prayer itself, of an assumed style, and the object of prayer. Then we can rebuild and start to make it personal.

We sing our prayers as a group to build fluency and familiarity. Group *tefillah* is a keva experience. We do it so we understand and internalize these particular folkways. The goal is to create *kavanah* moments, mindful, intentional, and personal engagements of prayer as a way of expressing personal thoughts of the moment. The classic triad for the utility of

prayer is to acknowledge a moment with praise or express thanks for that moment or request that we should have that moment soon. I also introduced the idea of prayer in a moment of anguish, when we are frustrated or angry and just need to scream. We can do that in a prayer, too.

Beyond recitation there is utility in prayer. The challenge for Jews, a people who love their liturgy, is to use the prayers in the book as vehicles to express the ideas in our heads. The challenge for us is to draw out the utility of prayer by coaxing the children to engage the things on their minds and teaching them to express how they feel about those things in this very Jewish way.

Of course, we also want them to "do a good job" as they become Benei Mitzvah. That task has great communal power. But after the students leave the *bimah*, once the party is over, can they still see *tefillah* as a unique Jewish style of giving voice to what is going on with them at that moment? Making it personal, that's the goal.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention we'll have our World Wide Wrap in February as the older students learn the skill and meaning of tefillin, another mitzvah and folkway an educated Jew should know. And, can we use the very intimate process of laying the straps upon skin to evoke the deeply personal thoughts we hold? We're making prayer personal. It's a process but we have begun.



J-JEP Calender

Dec. 2021 - Feb. 2022

Wednesday, December 1

Family Candle Lighting at Rodef Shalom

Thursday, December 2

Family Candle Lighting at Beth Shalom

Sunday, December 5

Latkepalooza

(Find out more at JJEP.org/latkepalooza!)

Sunday, February 13

World Wide Wrap

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Beth Shalom Youth Zone

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It's been a great start to the year! We held our first Welcome Back Carnival with three bounce houses, yummy treats, airbrush tattoos, balloon animals and games! It was a treat to hear laughter and noise back at Beth Shalom. The Family Sukkah Hop and pizza dinner was a huge success! Join us next year and you could get great prizes too!

BSUSY and Kadima partnered with Young Judea for a fabulous program—in the gym!! They also attended a socially distanced Sukkah Hop. Happily, in-person lounge nights are back and still the same incredible evening — lounge nights provide great opportunities for teens to spend time together and brainstorm new programs. The BSUSY teens help create a moving program as we hosted the four annual Pittsburgh Teen Community Memorial Havdalah. This poignant evening was an example of hard work and community partnership. After, a two-year hiatus, we sent a bus load of teens to CRUSY's Fall Kinnus at Camp Wise in Ohio!



Pittsburgh teens gathered for the Annual Pittsburgh Teen Memorial Havdalah. Teen coordinators used the blue string activity to get the group to open up and start talking about themselves while learning how much they have in common.

Looking forward, we hope you will all join us for this year's Hanukah 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 dialogue, allowing all of us to learn from new perspectives. This program has won BSUSY four awards and has become a source of pride for our teens. 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 Ori Cohen, 2021 Youth Member of the Year Award!



BSUSY teens gathering for lounge night.



Benjiro Jonathan Chow Smuckler is the son of Elizabeth Chow and Aaron Smuckler. He is in seventh grade at Community Day School. He is an older brother to Kimiko, Samuru, and Tomio Smuckler and grandchild to Margaret Chow, and Tammie and Art Smuckler. He loves playing all sports but especially soccer and baseball. He plays piano and loves listening to all types of music. In his free time, he enjoys entertaining his siblings, building things, and time with friends.



Bar Mitzvah: 12/11/2021

Benei Mitzvah Planning

We begin working with families of students in fourth grade, toward their becoming benei mitzvah.

Please remember that all information related to bat/bar mitzvah and so much more about the process can be found online in the Beth Shalom Benei Mitzvah Handbook, which you can download as a PDF at **BethShalomPgh.org/lifelong-learning/benei-mitzvah**.



Please be in contact with Audrey Glickman, Rabbi's Assistant, at **RabbiAsst@BethShalomPgh.org**.

J-JEP's Latkepalooza is returning!



Sunday, December 5

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Join us for lots of fun, games and goodies.



OUR LEADERSHIP

The Sisterhood Says

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There is a chill in the air and things are beginning to go back to normal. This Fall Sisterhood, along with Men's Club, was able to sponsor a couple of in-person Shabbat dinners and hopes to do more of these as time permits. We continue to support other Beth Shalom activities such as Come Together Match Game and Latkapalooza.

Our Latin Cardio with Connie Pollack was on Zoom but is now in-person at Beth Shalom.

Sisterhood's Hanukkah party is scheduled for December 12, and Sisterhood Shabbat will be on February 19, 2022. Our Book Club is in action and is always looking for new members.

Sisterhood Judaica Shop is open by appointment and we would appreciate your patronage. Proceeds from the Shop help to support Beth Shalom activities and events. There are many beautiful Judaica items and new products are available for the holidays and simchas. Please be in touch with Barbara Kaiserman and she will be happy to help you.

I especially want to thank Elinor Zaremborg for ordering the lovely floral arrangements that beautify our building for the holidays. We are able to provide these flowers through the Sisterhood Flower Fund, which I urge you to support.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Beth Shalom and at our Sisterhood events. All my best wishes for good health and happiness on Hanukkah and for 2022!!



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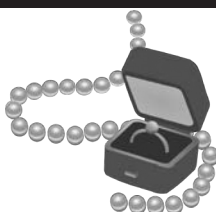
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The Men's Club

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Calendar of Events

MEN'S CLUB & SISTERHOOD AFTER HANUKKAH CELEBRATION

Saturday, December 11, 2021

Join us for heavy hors d'oeuvres and open bar.
Space will be limited. More details to follow.

MEN'S CLUB & SISTERHOOD SPONSORED CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY DINNER

Friday, December 17, 2021

Join us for a family Shabbat dinner. Registration
will be required. Details to follow.

MEN'S CLUB HANUKKAH GELT

Help us support the shul. Winners will
be notified promptly. The winners will
be also announced during the Men's
Club and Sisterhood After Hanukkah
Celebration on Saturday, December 11.

WORLD WIDE WRAP

Sunday, February 13, 2022

While J-JEP's younger students will be exploring
Jewish ritual objects, our older students will be
joined by Beth Shalom Men's Club to learn how
to wrap tefillin. Come learn and wrap with us!

MEN'S CLUB SHABBAT

Saturday, April 2, 2022

Contact Sandy Zaremborg
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Why I joined Congregation Beth Shalom's Legacy Circle

by **Gail Neft**
Legacy Circle Member

Beth Shalom has become my second home since I retired. It has such a caring membership and a very caring Rabbi. I love the warm atmosphere at services and social events. I love volunteering at the shul whenever I



am able and really enjoyed my time serving on the Board of Trustees. I am so impressed with the leadership at the shul in steadily guiding us through both the good and the challenging times. Members of our community taught me how to use an iPad for the first time, so that I could participate in services when the pandemic prevented in-person gathering. As I always said at the end of each Zoom service, I was so grateful to still be with my Beth Shalom friends "on my dining room table." I have made a legacy gift to Beth Shalom to make sure that my "second home" will be here to care for our community in the future.



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Volunteer Awards Brunch

The **Volunteer Awards Brunch** was held on October 10 to express our deep appreciation for the dedication, leadership and commitment of our volunteers. Sandy Zaremborg masterfully emceed the event and was joined by Erica Fox Zabusky beautifully singing the national anthems, Rabbi Adelson, Jordan Fischbach, Ken Turkewitz, Daniel, Barry & Zachary Marlin, Rabbi Goodman, Debby Firestone, and Marissa Tait delivering heartfelt messages and honoree introductions and Ori Cohen and Maya Zimmerman leading the blessings. We want to extend a huge thank you to our generous sponsors. Our congregational family salutes our 2021 Honorees:

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From Left to Right: Pat Weiss, Michelle Vines and Linda Newman distributing brunches.

New Member Welcome Brunch

The **New Member Welcome Brunch** was held on November 7 where we welcomed the following who joined our community in the last year: Alan Berg & Sharon Wolpert, Amitai & Chani Bin-Nun, Harvey Block, Aaron Charlack, Alva Daffner, Ziv & Naor Demeter, David & Judy Ehrenwerth, Ian Fishman & Sarah Levin, Jonathan & Ilana Friedman, Lucas Grasha & Kayla Rafkin, Jon & Lisa Marcus, Eugene Mariani, Beth Paransky, Alex & Massy Paul, Elizabeth Reich, Chris & Lora Rigatti, Goldie Rubin, Kirk Thoma-Katz, Jason Burns & Mike Walters. We are glad you are here!!



New Members Welcome Ceremony held in-person and online.

Purim Volunteer Opportunity

Looking for a super fun volunteer opportunity which also raises much needed funds for Beth Shalom? A wonderful mitzvah for the holiday of Purim is "Mishloah Manot," or the sending of gifts of food to friends. We have begun the planning of our second Mishloah Manot program where our members send gifts of food to other members, staff, ELC families and staff, etc. Last year with the help of many volunteers, we delivered almost 600 bags!

If you are interested in joining the Mishloah Manot Committee, please email Ira Frank (natfabira@juno.com) or Mindy Shreve (mindyshreve@gmail.com).

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September 3, 2021

David & Teddi Horvitz and Rhonda Horvitz for sponsoring this week's Congregational Kiddush in honor of the aufruf for their daughter, Sarah Horvitz, and intended son-in-law, Mark Pattis.

September 24, 2021

sponsored by **Judy & Gerry Kobell** in honor of Gerry's 67th bar mitzvah anniversary!

October 1, 2021

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October 8, 2021

sponsored by **the Gilboa family** in honor of Gavri becoming a bar mitzvah.

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October 29, 2021

sponsored by **Ria David & Mark Perlin** in honor of the aufruf for their son Ariel and intended daughter-in-law Elliana Kahn.

Nihum Avelim

(Comforting Mourners)

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Family and friends of Marianne Silberman, past president of Beth Shalom and mother of our member Lenny Silberman, who passed away the morning of August 16, 2021.

Family and friends of long-time former member Joseph Titlebaum, who passed away on Friday, August 20, 2021.

Reva and Lee Neiman, on the passing of Reva's brother Harry Berkman on August 31, 2021.

Brenda Kurland (Mitch Dernis) and family, on the passing of Brenda's father Jonathan Kurland on the first day of Sukkot, September 21, 2021.

Batia Rascoe, and Shira (Ben), Ariel, and Amallia, on the passing of **Todd Rascoe** on Simḥat Torah, September 28, 2021.

Debbey Altman-Diamant and family, on the passing of her mother Patricia Altman on October 1, 2021.

Dr. Elaine Berkowitz, on the passing of her nephew Dr. Howard Marc Block on October 1.

Shayna (Ben) Yogman and family, on the passing of Shayna's father Laurence Rabkin Alexander on October 9, 2021.

Art Goldberg (Renee Ramo) and Debi Gilboa, on the passing of Art's brother and Debi's uncle Ralph Goldberg on October 15, 2021.

Milestones — Mazal Tov!

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Skip Grinberg, who will receive the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh's Emanuel Spector Memorial Award (for exemplary service to the community in a single year or over the course of many years). The award will be presented at the Federation's annual meeting on September 12th.

Barbara & Peter Oleinick on the birth on August 24th of grandson Zander James Dillon, son of Sarah & Garrett Dillon.

Shiri & Josh Friedman, parents, and Lisa & Rabbi Stephen Steindel and Vita & Michael Friedman, grandparents, on Niv Friedman being called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah.

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Diane Samuels on the marriage of her nephew Jake Gillis to Lior Zwanziger in Jerusalem on September 2nd. Jake is the son of former members Mimi & Steve Gillis and grandson of our late former member Joan Schwartzman (z"l).

David & Teddi Horvitz and Rhonda Horvitz on the marriage of their daughter Sarah Horvitz to Mark Pattis on September 5th.

Adrienne & Larry Savitz on the engagement of their daughter Jessica to Derek Grossman.

Zack & Bev Block on their son Jordan becoming a bar mitzvah.

Debi Gilboa and Noam Gilboa on their son Gavri becoming a bar mitzvah.

Alan & Patty Barnett on the birth of grandson Jacob Charles Klepner to parents Rebecca Barnett & Stephen Klepner of New Jersey. Jacob's big brother is Samuel Joseph, age 2½.

Elisa Recht Marlin on the birth of grandson Simon Louis Marlin to parents Daniel Marlin & Anna Edelstein of Madison, Wisconsin.

Sondra & Richard Glasser on the wedding of granddaughter Allyza Lustig to Sammy Vider on October 17th in New York. Allyza is the daughter of Ryna & Naftali Lustig. The couple will live in the DC area.

Boaz Frankel for being named one of 40 Under 40 by Pittsburgh Magazine.

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sponsored by **Gil Schneider** in memory of his mother, Gloria Meltzer Schneider (z"l).

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sponsored by **Fern Steckel** in memory of her father, Jack Josowitz (z"l).

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August 27, 2021

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October 1, 2021

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October 15, 2021

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October 22, 2021

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October 29, 2021

sponsored by **Steve, Lynn, and Helen Hecht** in memory of Arnold, father/husband, and Mark, brother/son, on their yearzeits.

Virtual Third Meal

Relax between *Minhah* and *Ma'ariv* each week as we are led in study. Since we cannot 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 able to sponsor a virtual third meal, please contact Ira Frank at **412-849-2937** or **natfabira@juno.com**.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

**Check out the full list of Congregation Beth Shalom endowment and funds.
You can donate to any ones of these funds.
Donate online at bethshalompgh.org/general-donations**

Operations Endowment

Providing long-term support for synagogue operations

Rabbi Adelson Discretionary Fund

Supporting Rabbi Adelson's Philanthropic Ideals

Mildred & Isadore Berkowitz Memorial Fund

Supporting synagogue operations

Beth Shalom Judaic Museum Fund

Providing funds for Judaic Museum purchases

Bregman Minyan Endowment

Supporting morning minyan social activities

Cemetery Endowment

Providing cemetery maintenance

Hertz & Etz Chaim Chumashim Fund

Purchasing of Chumashim

Andrew & Minnie Cohen Operations Fund

Supporting synagogue operations

Reuben A. & Selma W. Cohen Music Fund

Supporting music activities

Harry & Jean Davis Operations Endowment

Supporting synagogue operations

Max Elinoff Youth Scholarship Fund

Supporting Beth Shalom youth welfare

J. Leonard Frank Early Morning Minyan Endowment

Supporting Shabbat and Yom Tov services

Goldberg Religious School Endowment

Financing Shabbat & family programs for Religious School (J-JEP)

Lynda Herer Goldsmith Camp Ramah Fund

Funding scholarships for youth members in need

Lillian & Leo Gross Sisterhood Keshet Fund

Underwriting Keshet annual cost

Bernard & Ethel Halpern Young

Leadership Award

Paying the expenses associated with the Halpern Young Leadership award.

Lillian Halpern JTS Weekend Lectureship Endowment

Bringing Seminary students to Beth Shalom for shabbat weekend

Morris Henderson Yahrzeit Fund

Supporting synagogue operations

Hoffman Library Fund

Establishing and maintaining the Hoffman Library

Israel Experience Scholarship Fund

Funding scholarships for dependent children of Congregants to offset costs for trip to Israel

Allan & Betsy Kanarek Shabbat Alive Endowment

Offering programming for Shabbat Alive events

Joan & Larry Lasday Memorial Education Fund

Assisting deserving youth of Synagogue members

Mark Lasser Memorial Scholarship Fund

Providing an annual scholarship to enable an Israel experience for a member in need

Darrell H. Lazarus Hear O Israel Fund

Providing hearing devices for those who are hearing impaired

Arnold H. Lazarus & Belle G. Lazarus Endowment

Supporting synagogue operations

Arnold H. Lazarus & Belle G. Lazarus Annual Remembrance Fund

Providing funding for annual kiddush honoring Belle and Arnold Lazarus

Bessie & Aaron Maharam Education Endowment

Providing books and other educational materials for preschool

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Ma'ot Hitin Donation Fund

Supporting people in need during passover

Mazeroov Scholarship Endowment

Providing scholarship support for children of
Beth Shalom members

Moscov Scholarship Fund

Providing scholarship support for Preschool students

Preschool Enrichment Fund

Supporting preschool programming

Philanthropic Fund

Supporting charitable causes as defined by the
Philanthropic Committee

Prayer Book Fund

Providing funds to purchase New Prayer Books

Preschool Scholarship Fund

Providing scholarship support for Preschool students

Lynne Robins Memorial Scholarship Endowment

Providing First-time Israel travel support for
young female members

Rose K. & Harry Rosen Confirmation Class Endowment

Financing education programs and activities

Thomas Mordechai Rosenstein Memorial Fund

Supporting synagogue operations

Delores Rubin Memorial Fund

Supporting synagogue operations

Schiffman Music Fund

Supporting music programming

Arlene Shapiro Memorial Fund

Supporting synagogue operations

Samuel T. & Jeannette B. Shear Youth Lounge Endowment

Establishing and maintaining youth lounge

Sisterhood Flower Fund

Providing flowers for the Bima & our Rabbis for the
High Holidays

Sisterhood Torah Cover Endowment

Purchasing of Torah Cover in honor of every
Congregation President

Sigel-Mandel-Cohen Scholar in Residence Shulabration Endowment

Supporting Scholar-in-Residence Program

Albert & Anita Smolover Scholarship Fund

Supporting Preschool operations

Pearl & William Stark Humanities Library Fund

Establishing and maintaining the Starks
Humanities Library

Harry Steck Primary Enrichment Endowment Fund

Providing books and other educational materials for
Religious School Enrichment

Taube Endowment Fund

Supporting synagogue operations

Early Childhood TEACH Fund

Supporting Professional Development of our
Preschool Staff

Wagner-Klein Preschool Playground Fund

Maintaining and replacing Preschool playground
equipment

Alvin and Shirley Weinberg Preschool Scholarship Fund

Providing scholarship support for Preschool students

Youth Fund

Supporting youth programming

Zukerman Sukkot Endowment

Providing Sukkot decorations and kiddushes and
Sukkah construction/repair

Zweig Library Fund

Establishing and maintaining the Zweig Library

Samuel & Mollie Zytnick Endowment

Supports synagogue operations

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Fun Festivities at Beth Shalom

Picnic in the Sukkah



New Members Ceremony



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