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Why Learn Torah with Christians?

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The *Tanakh*, the Hebrew Bible, is unquestionably the founding document for Jewish life. The holy framework of mitzvot, the sanctification of time, the wisdom for improving ourselves and our lives can all be traced back to the *Tanakh*, and mostly to the first five books, i.e. the “T” in that acronym: the Torah.

Judaism, however, is the lens through which we read the *Tanakh*. Consider, for example, what the Torah tells us not to eat during Pesah: *hametz* (*Shemot/Exodus 12:15*). The Torah does not actually tell us what *hametz* is. Rather, it was Talmudic interpretation which determined that this term refers to five specific grains: wheat, oats, barley, spelt, and rye. We never simply read the words of the Torah to determine how to act; rather, we must read it through Jewish glasses - ancient rabbinic interpretation - to understand it.

But, of course, the *Tanakh* is not solely ours. Yes, you can certainly make the case that Hebrew scriptures are a product of the Hebrews. But Christians rely on these books as well, and draw inspiration and law and custom from them. And their interpretations are often not only quite different from the Jewish ones, but sometimes even theologically irreconcilable with our understandings.

So why bother studying *Tanakh* with Christian neighbors? When Rev. Canon Natalie Hall, the rector of Church of the Redeemer in Squirrel Hill, first proposed the idea, she pointed to three good reasons. First, it will give many of us, both Jews and Christians, an opportunity to practice close reading of the text, from which we can all benefit. Second, it will give us a better understanding of our own tradition as well as our neighbors'. Third, it will build bridges between people, and even as we might disagree over the meaning of a particular word or phrase or verse, we might see each other's common humanity and desire for all the good that

our traditions teach. And the importance of building such bridges should not be undervalued.

The goal is not to prove that one way of reading is correct and the other is wrong, or that one tradition supersedes another, or that your study partner should come over to your side. Rather, the goal is to elevate the power of each other's tradition by learning, respectfully, where we differ.

Rev. Hall and I will be kicking off this series of study sessions in April, after Pesah and during *Sefirat ha'Omer*, a traditional period of study in memory of the students of Rabbi Akiva. We hope to engage a significant number of Jews and Christians in this project, not just from Beth Shalom and Redeemer, but from across the community. I hope you will join us for the discussion.

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OUR LEADERSHIP

A Message from Our President

Alan Kopolow

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We can now see Covid-19 more in the rearview mirror. Our new normal is beginning to resemble the way it used to be. Congregational life is awakening. Our staff, committees and lay leadership are now more engaged than they have been in recent memory. With everyone hard at work to make progress toward our strategic plan and focusing on making Beth Shalom better, I see Beth Shalom on an upward trajectory. We are working our way toward the promised land of milk and honey. This is our dream but there is still much work to do and more challenges ahead.

Spring and Passover are times of renewal and starting over after the winter. Our nominating committee is hard at work finding new leadership for a portion of the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee as a number of members are rolling off. We are hopeful to add more skilled leaders who can continue to guide us through the desert toward that promised land of making Beth Shalom a more welcoming, safe and comfortable place for everyone. We must and will continue to strive toward making us more financially sustainable while continuing to repair our aging building.

We are in the midst of working on our Redevelopment Assistance Capital Project (RACP) grant that will provide us with a \$1 million dollar matching grant with hopes of an additional \$1.5 million at a later date to rebuild or repair our infrastructure. Our committee members, who spent nine months laying the groundwork and preparing the application that resulted in our award of the \$1 million grant, deserve a huge thank you. A big shout out also to those volunteers who are rolling up their sleeves and getting the business plan done. They are interfacing with our liaison, the Urban Redevelopment Authority, to make sure our plan is done correctly and in a timely manner so that the matching grant

money is not delayed. No small task! They are some of the same people who wrote the application. At the same time, we are working on rolling out a new Capital Campaign to raise the monies needed for the matching portion. We also hope to obtain additional resources for repairs not associated with the grant. Much work is being done behind the scenes formulating the Campaign. Details will be forthcoming later this year.

I am so pleased with the number and quality of the volunteers that help make our programs and operations run. We have a wonderful and increasing set of volunteers. Again, another upward trend. Many thanks to our volunteers. You are the greatest!

The following are projects that have taken place since my last *Mishpachtenu* "Message":

- We are just completing the transition to our new database system, ShulCloud, which will make us more efficient.
- We have completed the repair of our cornice and have replaced the four HVAC units on top of the sanctuary.
- We have started formulating our Havurah program which will allow everyone an opportunity to socialize and/or study with a smaller circle of like-minded congregants. There is something for everyone.
- There are more Shabbat programs after Kiddush (*Shi'ur* program) as well as many educational programs during the week offering more opportunities to learn.
- Shababababa continues to flourish as well as musical Shabbat services on select Friday nights.
- We have many more functions meeting in person and thereby getting us back in touch with each other as was evidenced by our Gala attendance and participation as we honored our past presidents.
- We are in the midst of our third *Mishloah Manot* fundraiser with solid results. Thanks to those of you who contributed, and are helping to pack and deliver bags to our members. Again, great team work exhibited by our volunteers.
- We will celebrate our volunteer awardees in a brunch in late March with a program that will be truly memorable.

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A Message from our Executive Director

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As the pandemic moves further and further into our rearview mirror, we are filled with excitement for what the future holds for Beth Shalom. We continue to offer more opportunities and options for you and as a result we see many of you coming back to shul to take part.

I would like you to take note of some of our joyous holidays and celebrations as well as exciting opportunities that are fast approaching.

PURIM

The holiday of Purim begins the evening of Monday, March 6, when we will have a fantastic night of festivities including the reading of the book of Esther, the Megillah.

On Purim day, Tuesday, March 7, please join us as we celebrate with CDS at the Community Day School by reading the Megillah with them.

In conjunction with the Purim holiday festivities and services we launched our annual *Mishloah Manot* program. This annual endeavor has been an incredible success due to the hard work of Ira Frank, Mindy Shreve, and Rich Feder along with the many others that help create a wonderful experience for the entire congregation. Everyone receives a *Mishloah Manot* bag with all kinds of goodies. Special thanks to Roger Zimmerman who took over the IT mechanics of this project. The *Mishloah Manot* baskets are to be delivered between March 5-7.

PASSOVER

Passover begins the evening of Wednesday, April 5, with most of us attending a first Seder. Passover has long been the most celebrated and participated Jewish celebration. In addition to our festival worship services and kiddushes, (see page 13 for full listing) we will again host a second night Seder,

the evening of Thursday, April 6. We are expecting a large crowd this year, as Rabbi Adelson leads us, as we remember the struggles of our ancestors and celebrating together as a community with our participation and enjoyment of a wonderful meal. We look forward to seeing every one of all ages gather together in the Samuel & Minnie Hyman Ballroom.

HAVURAH

Lastly, the creation of our Havurah program has begun. We formed a diverse group of volunteer members to serve on the Havurah committee. They have begun the work of outlining the program, and then will be putting together all the groups. I want to thank Rabbi Mark Asher Goodman for leading the charge of this awesome undertaking. Everyone is looking so forward to the fruits of this initiative. This program will truly bring all those that participate closer together and strengthen the bonds of the Beth Shalom community.

I want to close by saying that I'm truly touched by the way everyone at Beth Shalom has welcomed and encouraged me. It has not been easy with my wife and me separated by so many miles. We are finally both located in Pittsburgh and getting ourselves situated as a couple again. We look forward to being part of everything that will be coming our way as we move together and build an incredibly strong participatory community.




*Volunteer Awards
Brunch*

Sunday, March 26, 2023

at ten o'clock in the morning
Samuel & Minnie Hyman Ballroom

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OUR LEADERSHIP

A Message from our Associate Rabbi

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Keepers of the Lore

There are a lot of aspects to what rabbis do. We are preachers, teachers, confidants, cheerleaders. We are librarians and researchers and translators. We are pastors and listeners, interpreters and observers. We are singers and chanters and musicians. We assuage the soul. We stir up trouble. We maintain tradition. We break tradition. We challenge the status quo.

Recently I've been put on to the creative works - both books and Netflix series - of Neil Gaiman. Gaiman has a particular style in which he takes myth and story from everywhere - Greek and Asian and Christian and Jewish and fantasy; ideas from Tolkien in the 20th century and Native American legends from the 15th century, and things he created in the last decade, and puts them in a blender and crafts stories from them. He is constantly in the business of finding stories, and recasting them in new light.

And until I saw what he was doing - more artfully and more prolifically than most, I might add - I had never considered our jobs similar. Although I literally grew up in Hollywood, California, I am not at all a Hollywood screenwriter. But Gaiman and I - and all Jews that are engaged with our text - have the same job.

We are keepers of the lore.

We hold sacred stories and characters, and it is our job to retell them today in a way that is compelling for an audience. We do that in an attempt to reveal truths about the human condition to those that want to listen - in Gaiman's case, to Netflix subscribers. In my case, to the Jewish people.

We both curate the many legends and tales available to us in search of a new way to reveal them. The hero's journey. The underdog story. The battle of good versus evil. A tale of tragedy and woe. A story of triumph and glory.

You would think that humankind would have exhausted our supply of epic battles and noble heroes. How many times can we retell the story of an adoptee or an orphan that grows to save their people? And yet we have Moses from Exodus, and Luke Skywalker from Star Wars, and Elsa from Frozen.

We humans tell stories, new and old. We rabbis do, too. But mostly, we tell old stories. And we mine the depths of them for new meaning.

We come to the season of our greatest story - *Yitziat Mitzrayim* - the going out from Egypt. We will retell the familiar story over brisket and kugel. I will challenge myself to find something new and different in the story this year. You, I imagine, will too.

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A Message from our Development Director

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Perhaps you, dear reader, are like some who have asked what I call “the \$1 million question” about me: “What exactly does Rabbi Shugerman do at Beth Shalom?”

The good news is that there are many ways to answer that query! Even better news is what I reported to Beth Shalom board members this winter about how we received and are working towards fulfilling the dollar-for-dollar matching grant that will provide upwards of \$1,000,000 from the State of Pennsylvania's Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP).

This matching fund opportunity is the first step in a transformative process to both update and enhance the physical structure of our 100-year-old facility and to re-envision our campus as a pillar of the Squirrel Hill neighborhood. It is important to note that our application narrative presented Beth Shalom as a community hub including literal and figurative traffic from New Light Congregation; La Escuelita Arcoiris, the only Spanish-immersion preschool in greater Pittsburgh; the *Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle*, our community newspaper with a weekly circulation of almost 10,000 readers and many more online; and Elegant Edge, the only kosher caterer with on-site event space in Western Pennsylvania.

That co-location narrative for our application took shape largely due to the encouragement and feedback of the elected officials and their staffs who supported our application: State Representative Dan Frankel, State Senator Jay Costa, County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, and Mayor Ed Gainey. As those who attended our Gala on November 19th may recall, Dan Frankel not only sponsored our authorization to apply for RACP but arranged for an official State Assembly citation in honor of our campus centennial and all our past presidents as honorees.

Based on nine months of meetings with the aforementioned officials and their staff members involved with the RACP process, we submitted in August our application for funding to repair water damage to the structural envelope of our sanctuary building, to install new roofs, to replace aging HVAC and boiler systems with energy-efficient units that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, to install solar panels on the new sanctuary building roof, and to install energy-efficient lighting throughout the Beth Shalom campus.

Now that we have the matching funds awarded, a larger effort with several subcommittee-like groups has been building upon nearly a year of teamwork in a few key directions:

1. Fred Newman and Mike Siegel are co-leading the highly technical project to prepare our “Administrative and Business Plan” with the Urban Redevelopment Authority, which will serve as our official partner and liaison with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
2. I am leading a new team to identify and communicate with Beth Shalom's major donors and other major donor prospects who we believe have the greatest combined capacity and inclination to invest philanthropically in this enterprise. This “quiet phase” will serve as a catalyst to our impending capital campaign in 5784, for which we will begin to engage our entire congregation to preserve the central role of our campus as a hub for Squirrel Hill life and bring it more fully into the 21st century.
3. In further preparation for the upcoming capital campaign, I have begun to meet weekly with Roger Zimmerman as our VP of Finance and an experienced IT professional to better organize donation data from our records. This will begin to give us a sense of what we might expect to raise from our membership and within what timeframe.
4. I will lead another team in early 2023 to identify new grant opportunities we have been told to expect will become available through local and federal funding of programs for energy efficiency and solar panel projects. This team will also engage local foundations for potential grant opportunities.

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OUR LEADERSHIP

Growing Through the ELC

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Hello Congregants!

I hope you all had a relaxing and healthy start to 2023! We ended 2022 with a Hanukkah carnival in the ballroom. Parents, siblings, and grandparents joined Beth Shalom students for games, crafts, cookie decorating, and music with Morah Debbey! The ELC has been busy with all sorts of exciting activities and learning throughout the age groups. Students have studied different themes such as space, winter, kindness, and more! Our Art educator, Morah Julie, has worked with the classroom educators on long-term projects including building a space center with our Prekindergarten students. As always, our older children have been engaged in hands-on experiments and learning with our Science Educator, Morah Elaine, including lessons on trees, camouflage, transparent, translucent and opaque. It is truly amazing what these little learners are capable of!

As we transition into the spring months, our students will study Purim and Passover as our educators join a Seder with Rabbi Mark Goodman at a staff meeting to broaden their knowledge of seders. Some other exciting events will be Grandparent and Special Friends Shabbat as well as prep for Prekindergarten Graduation!

In addition to all of the learning taking place in the classrooms, our educators have been busy doing on-line learning as well. Every other month our educators complete a professional development course via our on-demand system, Better Kid Care. One class that was thoroughly enjoyed by the educators was titled: Problem-Solving Approaches to Use Everyday. The course provided resources that many of our teachers have implemented in their classrooms with their students including visual choice cards to help our students express themselves. Being an educator you are often a lifelong learner or student. You are always observing and adding things to our toolbox.

As always, if you have a questions or would like to inquire about how you can support the ELC please call the office at 412-421-8857. I look forward to hearing from you!

ELC Calendar March 2023 - May 2023

Tuesday, March 7

ELC Purim Celebration

Wednesday, April 5 at 12pm – Thursday, April 13

ELC CLOSED – Passover Break

Friday, April 14

ELC Resumes

Friday, May 5

ELC Grandparents & Special Friends Day

Monday, May 29

ELC CLOSED – Memorial Day

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A Pesah seder isn't just for children but children are the most important thing at the seder.

I'm reading a book by Mark Gerson called *The Telling*. It's a series of short essays that came out of conversations he has had about the Hagadah. (Hagadah means "the telling.") He looks at Exodus 12:14 which is about the tenth plague just before the Hebrews are freed. God tells the Hebrews, "You shall celebrate this day as eternal decree through the generations."

Gerson wonders just how they would accomplish this command, to celebrate as an eternal decree. He offers a variety of ideas, monuments and so forth, but none can be guaranteed to be eternal. And then in Exodus 12:26, Moses offers, "And when your children ask you, 'What does the ceremony mean to you?' Then tell them."

Not *if* but *when* they ask. Have a seder, engage the rituals and customs and children will ask. They will be curious. And if they are content to wonder but not vocalize, then you can prompt them. What do you think of this? Do you know why we do that? What are your thoughts about all this. A proper seder is one where people ask questions and engage each other. A proper seder is one where time is allowed for conversation and debate and discussion. A proper seder involves the children and since there are always new children, it will be eternal!

When my children were little, my seders were little. We did all 15 steps. (It's not that hard to do and the children enjoy the physicality of so many of those steps.) As my children got older, my seders got longer because my boys were able to contribute to the conversation (and able to stay awake longer). The different tastes, the dipping, the songs, the questions, the wine or juice, the excitement of family and friends, the whole thing is fun for adults but made for children so that we can teach them the lessons we learned from our time in slavery.

And what are those lessons? Well, ask your children, of course.

Pesah Seder

A key step to a meaningful seder is to get a good hagadah. If you stick with whatever you have but people complain, well, it might be time to invest in something more up to date. Your rabbi can help with suggestions or ask friends if they have a version that they enjoy.



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J-JEP Calender March 2023 - May 2023

Friday, March 5

Purim Activities at Rodef Shalom

Sunday, April 16

Holocaust Museum Trip

Sunday, April 30

Last Day of Classes & Celebration of Learning

OUR LEADERSHIP

A Message from our Derekh Coordinator

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Derekh post pandemic is off to a great start!

2022 ended with a Bone Marrow Donor drive sponsored by the Gift of Life in coordination with the Jewish Federation's Blood Drive at the JCC. Someone from our community could potentially save the life of a young Leukemia or other blood disorder patient.

2023 started with an enhanced *Shabbat Shi'ur* program with activities every Shabbat after kiddush from 12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Shabbat Shi'ur started strong on January 7 with Rabbi Andy Shugerman speaking about Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, marking Heschel's 50th yahrzeit and the 60th Anniversary of the National Conference on Race and Religion where he and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. met for the first time. We read parts of the speech Heschel gave that night and discussed its continued relevance today.

On January 21 we met Pittsburgh's Shinshinim, our young Israel Ambassadors who are selected through a vigorous process by the Federation to share their experience in Israel with us before they enter the IDF. Finally, we ended January programming on the 28th with Shabbat yoga, table games for adults and children, and an open gym. We had a building full of activity with mahjong, card games, board games, basketball and more.

Along with our weekly learning study, something will be happening every weekend so check our Derekh calendar on the Beth Shalom website and don't rush home for your Shabbos Schluff!

Derekh Calender

Weekly

Mondays

Talmud Study with Rabbi Mark Asher Goodman
9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays

Life and Text: Weekly Parashah Study
with Rabbi Mark Asher Goodman
12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Sundays

Introduction to Judaism
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Online Parashah Study Group

8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
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Monthly Shabbat Shi'ur

First Saturday

Speaker Series

12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Second Saturday

Personal Torah with Chris Hall

12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Third Saturday

Musical Singing Circle

12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Fourth Saturday

Table Games & Open Gym

12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
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SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, March 19, 2023

Forvertz/Forward Newspaper Archives Tour
Pitt Hillman Library

Sunday, April 16, 2023

The Beauty That Still Remains,
a powerful concert commemorating Yom HaShoah
with the Pittsburgh Girls Choir

Sunday, June 4

Stained Glass Tour with Barbara Oleinick

Be sure to check our website BethShalomPgh.org
for the latest and for any date or time changes.

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Beth Shalom Youth Zone

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It was a true joy to have the energy of USY fill the building February 2 - 5 for the first time since 2016. From vibrant Shabbat services to powerful *ruach* (spirit) sessions, the *kehillah* that USY brings was something incredibly valuable to witness. As a result, teens were able to better themselves as leaders, Jewish adults, and community members.

In *Pirkei Avot* it reads, "Speak little, but do much; and meet every person with graciousness" (1:15). CRUSY embodied all aspects of this idea. Teens from Detroit, Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, Lexington, and Toledo came in to engage in a weekend of social justice. On Friday morning, we packed reusable menstrual products to help females abroad continue their education, organized items for teachers and students to receive free supplies, provided incarcerated individuals literature, organized diapers for families in need, and packaged kits to prevent drug overdoses. The cumulation of these efforts made a significant contribution to our local and global community. Then, after an intense morning of tikkun olam, the teens had an epic experience, having the entirety of Urban Air trampoline park to themselves.

On Shabbat morning, it was an honor to watch teens from CRUSY lead the congregation in a lovely morning service. The dedication of our teens to their Jewish spirit and enthusiasm for *tefillah* was incredibly uplifting.

In addition, CRUSY teens were not only selfless in physical contributions but also fiscal donations. Throughout the weekend, CRUSY raised \$1,047 for *tzedakah*.

I remain in awe of teens' constant attitude, dedication, and energy. This weekend just affirmed to me that USY teenagers exhibit kindness and thoughtfulness toward every situation regardless of the circumstance.

Our gratitude is immense for the \$3,000 chapter grant BSUSY was awarded for an incredible Saturday evening program. As a result, the synagogue was transformed into an immersive experience of a black light party, cereal bar, personalized merchandise, and so much more.

This weekend would not have been possible without the help of countless individuals. Thank you to Beth Shalom staff and maintenance, Rabbi Adelson, Rabbi Goodman, Robert Gleiberman, Elegant Edge Catering, our fabulous volunteers Judy Adelson, Marcia Sokolow Spitz, Debby Altman-Diamant, Debby Gillman, Adam Kolko, Mindy Shreve, Ira Frank, Paula Eger, Dee Selekman, Jane Liebschutz, Roger Zimmerman and Judith Kadosh. Also, to our wonderful host families, Loring, Brophy, Shemesh, Gillman-Kass, Frankel, Zimmerman, Lubowsky, Amos, Friedman, Kolko, Feinman, and Adelson.

Last but certainly not least, our Advisors, Eitan Weinkle and Harris Jayson, for always showing up for our teens.



Teens who participated in the USY Convention held at Beth Shalom February 2 through 5.



Countdown to Pesah 5783/2023

MA'OT HITTIN - PASSOVER TZEDAKAH FUND

From the beginning of the month of Nisan, we are especially sensitive to the needs of fellow Jews who may need our special help and support toward fulfilling all the mitzvot of the Pesah season. If you or another member are in need of financial assistance to purchase Passover food, please contact Tika Bonner at 412-421-2288 x114 or receptionist@bethshalompg.org. All requests will be kept confidential.

A form for donating to our Ma'ot Hittin fund is available on page 15.

BEDIKAT HAMETZ: TUESDAY NIGHT, APRIL 4

The traditional search for hametz on the night before Pesah falls this year on Tuesday night immediately after sunset. The blessings for bedikat hametz, found at the beginning of most Haggadot, are recited and the kol hamira formula nullifying unseen hametz may be recited. Hold any found hametz for ritual burning the following morning, April 5. If you need help finding these prayers, please contact Rabbi Adelson.

FAST OF THE FIRST BORN & SIYYUM BEKHORIM: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

All first-borns should fast on this day, usually the day before Pesah but earlier this year due to Shabbat, in commemoration of the deliverance from Egypt of the Israelite firstborn. The Rabbi offers a siyyum (public completion of study) which is followed by a festive meal at which all present may eat, and once having eaten, a first born need not fast that day. The siyyum and the se'udat mitzvah will be held this year on Wednesday morning in person and over Zoom at 8:15 a.m., following the 7:30 a.m. morning minyan.

The Siyyum Breakfast is sponsored by Stanley & Cherie Maharam in loving memory of beloved parents and grandparents Bess & Aaron Maharam.

SALE OF HAMETZ: WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 5, before 11:00 A.M.

One of the central commandments of Pesah is that we rid ourselves of all forbidden hametz in our possession. Individuals who fully observe Pesah do their best to eliminate hametz as far as possible and then traditionally resort to the procedure of "selling" any hametz which may have been packed away or missed. All hametz must be removed or sold by 11:00 a.m. A form for selling your hametz is available on page 15.

Please return it to our office by April 5 first thing in the morning.

BI'UR HAMETZ - WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 5

The ritual burning of the hametz found during Tuesday night's search should be completed by 11:00 a.m.

The stove should be fully kashered and all cooking proceeds in Pesah pots with Pesah utensils only.

Traditionally no hametz or matzah is eaten after this time until the seder.

Candle Lighting Blessing

BLESSINGS FOR KINDLING FESTIVAL LIGHTS FOR YOM TOV EVENINGS

#1 - Yom Tov Candle Lighting Blessing (1st, 2nd, 7th, and 8th nights when not also Shabbat)

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

Barukh atah Adonai, Elohenu melekh ha'olam, asher kiddeshanu bemitzvotav, vetsivanu lehadlik ner shel Yom Tov.

#2 - Shehecheyanu Blessing (1st night only)

ברוך אתה ה' א-להינו מלך העולם, שהחיינו וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה.

Barukh atah Adonai, Elohenu melekh ha'olam, shehecheyanu, vekייyemanu, vehigi'anu lazeman hazeh.

2023 FESTIVAL OF PESAH 5783

Pre-Pesah Preparations

Tue., April 4	Home Search for <u>Hametz</u>	Evening	At home
Wed., April 5	Morning Service	7:30 a.m.	Homestead Hebrew Chapel & Zoom
			Fast of First-Born – after Talmud study session at morning minyan, and special prayers, first-borns are exempt from the fast.

Bi'ur Hametz - All remaining hametz must be burned or sold by 11:00 a.m.

First Day of Pesah

Pesah candle lighting (with Blessings #1 and #2 on page 12) at 7:30 p.m.

	First Seder	No evening service at Beth Shalom
Thur., April 6	Early Morning Service with <i>Tal</i>	6:30 a.m. Homestead Hebrew Chapel
	Pesah Morning Service with <i>Tal</i>	9:00 a.m. Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary and Zoom
	Youth Tefillah	11:00 a.m. Stofman Zweig Libraries
	<i>Minhah</i> Service	1:00 p.m. Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary and Zoom

Second Day of Pesah

Candle lighting after Havdalah from existing flame 8:31 p.m. - Blessing #1 on page 12

	Second Seder	No evening service at Beth Shalom
	COMMUNAL SECOND SEDER	6:00 p.m. In person
Fri., April 7	Early Morning Service	6:30 a.m. Homestead Hebrew Chapel
	Pesah Morning Service	9:15 a.m. Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary and Zoom
	Youth Tefillah	11:00 a.m. Stofman Zweig Libraries

Shabbat Hol Hamoed

<i>Minhah / Shabbat</i>	6:00 p.m.	Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary and Zoom
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Friday night candle lighting is 7:32 p.m.

Sat., April 8	Early Morning Service	6:30 a.m. Homestead Hebrew Chapel & Zoom
	Shabbat / Pesah	9:00 a.m. Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary and Zoom
	<i>Minhah / Discussion / Ma'ariv</i>	7:30 p.m. Homestead Hebrew Chapel & Zoom

Havdalah 8:32 p.m.

Hol Hamoed – Intermediate Days

Sun. April 9	Morning Minyan	8:00 a.m. Homestead Hebrew Chapel & Zoom
Sun. 4/9–Mon. 4/10	Evening Minyan	7:00 p.m. Homestead Hebrew Chapel & Zoom
Mon. 4/10 – Tues. 4/11	Morning Minyan	7:30 a.m. Homestead Hebrew Chapel & Zoom

Seventh Day of Pesah

Tue., April 11	Pesah Evening Service	6:00 p.m. Homestead Hebrew Chapel & Zoom
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Pesah candle lighting at 7:36 p.m. - Blessing #1 on page 12

Wed., April 12	Early Morning Service	6:30 a.m. Homestead Hebrew Chapel & Zoom
	Pesah Service	9:15 a.m. Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary and Zoom
	Youth Tefillah	11:00 a.m. Stofman Zweig Libraries

Eighth Day of Pesah

Pesah Evening Service	6:00 p.m.	Homestead Hebrew Chapel & Zoom
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Candle lighting at 8:37 p.m. from existing flame - Blessing #1 on page 12

Thur., April 13	Early Morning Service with <i>Yizkor</i>	6:00 a.m. Homestead Hebrew Chapel & Zoom
	Pesah Service, with <i>Yizkor</i>	9:00 a.m. Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary and Zoom
	Youth Tefillah	11:00 a.m. Stofman Zweig Libraries
	<i>Minhah / Ma'ariv</i>	7:55 p.m. Homestead Hebrew Chapel & Zoom

Havdalah 8:38 p.m.

Pesah Yizkor Appeal 5783

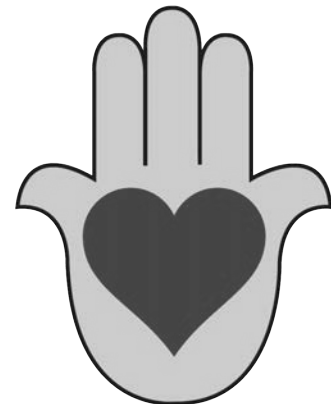
Each year, during the holidays of Pesah, Shavu'ot, Yom Kippur, and Shemini Atzeret, a special Memorial Service is held. It is a time when we honor the memory of our beloved departed family members. Yizkor Services are held on these four holidays and, in the tradition of the mitzvah of giving, an appeal is made for funds during the *Yizkor* Service.

Our Passover *Yizkor* Service will take place on Thursday morning, April 13, at approximately 10:30 am. It is appropriate to make a contribution in order to link the memory of dear ones to an act of loving kindness. If you wish, please fill out the form below with the name of the loved ones you wish to honor so that their names can be printed in *Mishpachtenu*.

If you would like additional information regarding the *Yizkor* Appeal, please call the office at 412-421-2288. With grateful thanks for your continued support of our synagogue, and with all good wishes for the coming Festival.

Please tear off and mail to:

Congregation Beth Shalom
5915 Beacon Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15217



I/We wish to contribute to the Passover *Yizkor* Appeal

Online form available at www.bethshalompgh.org/Passover-Yizkor-Appeal-5783

In memory of: _____

(Please Print)

Enclosed please find my check in the amount of: \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Ma'ot Hittin - Passover Tzedakah Fund

With the approach of spring and Passover, it has always been the tradition of our congregation to establish a Ma'ot Hittin fund which will be used to help the impoverished Jews of our city and others in need to prepare for the great festival of liberation. It is our communal responsibility to provide the necessary food for a Passover Seder and for the observance of the holiday in general. If you or another member are in need of financial assistance to purchase Passover food, please contact Tika Bonner at 412-421-2288. All requests are kept confidential.

Please send us your contribution (checks should be made payable to Beth Shalom Ma'ot Hittin Fund) so that we have adequate funds to help the many Jews who will be turning to us prior to Passover. Your generosity will help make other Jewish families happy as they celebrate this holiday of freedom. Thank you.

MA'OT HITTIN - PASSOVER TZEDAKAH FUND

Online form available at www.bethshalompgh.org/maot-hittin-5783

Enclosed is my contribution in the amount of \$_____ for the Ma'ot Hittin Fund. Please make check payable to Congregation Beth Shalom Ma'ot Hittin Fund. Thank you.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone #: _____
Email: _____

✂ — — — — — PLEASE CUT AND RETURN EACH FORM SEPARATELY — — — — —

SELLING OF HAMETZ - מכירת חמץ

Hametz, not explicitly defined in the Torah, is described in rabbinic literature as being these five species of grain: wheat, spelt, oats, barley, and rye. Although matzah must be made from one of these, we are forbidden by *halakhah* (Jewish law) to eat, own, see, or benefit from any other form of these grains on Pesah. (Please note: rice, legumes, quinoa, corn, etc. are not hametz. See pg. 12 for more details.)

Please take the opportunity to fill out the form below and return it to the synagogue by **11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 5** in order to have your hametz included in the sale.

It is customary to include a donation to support the vulnerable in our community. These funds will be contributed to Rabbi Adelson's Discretionary Fund which is used to provide scholarships, offer assistance to those in need and to promote Jewish cultural, educational and religious activities.

Hag kasher vesameah (A Happy and Kosher Pesah)!

Rabbi Seth Adelson

CONTRACT FOR THE SELLING OF HAMETZ 2023/5783

Online form available at www.bethshalompgh.org/selling-hametz-5783

I (We) _____ hereby fully empower and authorize Rabbi Seth Adelson to dispose of all hametz that may be in my (our) possession – wherever it may be: at home, place of business or elsewhere (knowingly or unknowingly). Rabbi Adelson has the full right to sell, dispose of and conduct all transactions in accordance with the detailed terms explained in the Hebrew contracts. The above power hereby given is meant to conform with all Torah and Rabbinic regulations to meet the requirements of Jewish law.

Name(s): _____

Location of Hametz: _____

Amount donated: _____

Sign Here: _____

A Brief Pesah Kashrut Guide

A full description of kashering processes and listing of permitted foods can be found at:
www.rabbinicalassembly.org/pesah-guide

The process of kashering utensils depends on how the utensils are used. According to *halakhah*, leaven can be purged from a utensil by the same process in which it was absorbed in the utensil (*kevolu kakh polto*). Therefore, utensils used in cooking are kashered by boiling, those used in broiling are kashered by fire and heat, and those used for only cold food are kashered by rinsing in cold water.

A. Earthenware (china, pottery, etc.) may not be kashered. However, fine translucent chinaware which has not been used for over one year may be used if scoured and cleaned in hot water.

B. Metal utensils (wholly made of metal) used in fire (spit or broiler) must first be scrubbed and cleansed and then made as hot as possible. Those used for cooking or eating (silverware, pots) must be thoroughly cleaned and completely immersed in boiling water. Pots should have water boiled in them which will overflow the rim. The utensils should not be used for a period of at least 24 hours between the cleaning and immersion in boiling water. Metal baking utensils cannot be kashered.

C. Oven and Ranges - Every part that comes in contact with food must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned. Then, the oven and range should be heated as hot as possible for a half hour. If there is a broil setting, use it. Self-cleaning ovens should be scrubbed and cleaned and then put through the self-cleaning cycle. Continuous-cleaning ovens must be kashered in the same manner as regular ovens. A microwave oven, which does not cook the food by means of heat, should be cleaned and then a cup of water should be placed in it. Then the oven should be turned on until the water "boils." A microwave oven that has a browning element cannot be kashered for Pesah.

D. Glassware - Authorities disagree as to the method of kashering drinking utensils. One opinion requires soaking in water for 3 days, changing the water every 24 hours. The other opinion requires only a thorough scrubbing before Pesach, or putting it through the dishwasher.

E. Dishwasher - After not using the dishwasher for a period of 24 hours, a full cycle with detergent should be run. It may then be used for Pesah.

F. Electrical Appliances - If the parts that come in contact with *hametz* are removable, they can be kashered in the appropriate way (if metal, follow the rules for metal utensils). If the parts are not removable, the appliance cannot be kashered. (All exposed parts should be thoroughly cleaned).

G. Tables, closets and counters - If used for *chametz*, they should be thoroughly cleaned and covered and then they may be used.

H. Kitchen Sink - A metal sink can be kashered by a thorough cleaning and by pouring boiling water over it. A porcelain sink should be cleaned and a sink rack used. If, however, dishes are to be soaked in a porcelain sink, a dish basin must be used.

I. Hametz and non-Passover utensils - Non-Passover dishes, pots and *hametz*, whose ownership has been transferred, should be separated, locked up or covered, and marked so as to prevent accidental use.

Permitted Foods

A. The following foods require no *kasher lePesah* label when purchased before or during Pesah: fresh fruits and vegetables that have not been coated, eggs, unflavored tea bags, unflavored regular coffee, 100% Extra Virgin Olive Oil, whole or raw tree nuts, whole (unground) spices, fresh fish from a kosher source and fresh kosher meat or frozen, raw hekshered meat (other than ground products as ground products with prohibited materials could be made on the same equipment).

B. The following products require reliable *kasher lePesah* certification (regular kosher supervision not being sufficient) whether bought before or during Pesach: all baked goods (farfel, matzah, any product containing matzah, matzah flour, matzah meal, Pesach cakes), all frozen processed foods, candy, canned tuna, cheeses, chocolate milk, decaf coffee, decaf tea, dried fruits, herbal tea, ice cream, liquor, non Grade A butter, oils, soda, vinegar, wine, yogurt.

C. The following foods require no *kasher lePesah* label but do require kashrut supervision if purchased new and unopened before Pesach: all pure fruit juices in plastic or glass bottles, filleted fish, frozen fruit (no additives), non-iodized salt, pure white sugar (no additives), unsalted Grade A butter, white milk

D. Any processed food bought during Pesah must have a *kasher lePesah* label.

E. Any detergent, because it is not a food and it is not eaten, may be used for Pesah as long as it has valid kosher supervision.

Medicines: Since *hametz* binders are used in many pills, the following guidelines should be followed: If the medicine is required for life sustaining therapy, it may be used on Pesah. If it is not for life sustaining therapy, authorities differ in their approaches. Please consult with your rabbi. Capsules, because they do not need binders, are preferable to pills.

In December 2015, the Committee on Jewish Laws and Standards ruled kitniyot, or non-*hametz* grains and legumes such as rice, millet, chickpeas, fenugreek, etc., are acceptable for Ashkenazim to consume during Pesah provided the kitniyot have been checked 3 times before Pesah and were not stored with *hametz*.

Arielle Jacobs is the daughter of Beth and Micah Jacobs, and sister to Eitan. She is the granddaughter of Karen and Michael Barson (South Euclid, Ohio) and Rhoda and Jerome Jacobs (Glenwillow, Ohio).

Arielle is a seventh grader at Community Day School where she participates in Odyssey of the Mind and Middle School Student Council. When Arielle isn't engaged in Pokemon-related activities, she's practicing for her "future big moment" or creating imaginative scenes. Arielle will become a bat mitzvah at Congregation Beth Shalom on March 18, 2023.



Bat Mitzvah: 3/18/2023

Mira Eve Schwartz is the daughter of Elizabeth Schwartz and Marc Schwartz, younger sister to Asher and Hannah, and granddaughter to Sheldon & Ellen Schwartz and James and Mary Hageman.

Mira is a seventh grader at Pittsburgh Colfax K-8. She plays basketball and soccer and loves her friends and her two dogs. Mira has attended J-JEP since kindergarten. The Schwartz family is looking forward to celebrating Mira becoming a bat mitzvah on April 22, 2023, with the Beth Shalom community.



Bat Mitzvah: 4/22/2023

Noga Shemesh is the daughter of Tammy and Or Shemesh, sister of Yoav and Galia Shemesh, granddaughter of Moshe and Ronit Shemesh and Yehudit and Amazia Kaplan.

In the seventh grade at CDS, she runs track and field, plays basketball, and likes reading through every book she can put her hands on. She possesses a sharp analytical mind, which helps her in math and science. Noga becomes a Bat Mitzvah at Congregation Beth Shalom on March 25, 2023.



Bat Mitzvah: 3/25/2023

Yoav Shemesh is the son of Tammy and Or Shemesh, brother of Noga and Galia Shemesh, grandson of Moshe and Ronit Shemesh and Yehudit and Amazia Kaplan.

In the seventh grade at CDS, he plays basketball and soccer, scales climbing walls, and likes writing fiction. He is an avid learner of world and Jewish history. Yoav becomes a Bar Mitzvah at Congregation Beth Shalom on March 25, 2023.



Bar Mitzvah: 3/25/2023

Mark Your Calendars



Annual Congregational Meeting

**Tuesday, May 23, 2023
at 7:30 p.m.**

Topics covered will include:

Annual Budget

Annual Reports

Approval of Board of Trustees members

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**.

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- *Homestead Hebrew Cemetery*



Visit Our Cemetery

Cemetery gates open at 8:00 a.m. and close at sunset. The Cemetery is also closed at sundown on Friday through the Sabbath and all Jewish holidays.

For more information, contact us at **412.421.2288** or **cemetery@bethshalompgh.org**

The Sisterhood Says

Judy Kornblith Kobell
Sisterhood President
jayeko@msn.com



As Spring is on its way, Sisterhood continues to keep busy.

In December, we celebrated with a very successful Hanukkah party. It was a great time to meet and schmooze with friends, while enjoying a delicious brunch. A huge thank you to Judith Kline and Lidush Goldschmidt for chairing, and preparing all the arrangements. A special thank you to Cheryl Blumenfeld for hosting the gift exchange and making it so much fun.

In February, we held our annual Sisterhood Shabbat. A deep appreciation to Helen Feder for organizing the service and its many participants. We are grateful to Linda Newman for all the publicity, the written program and information, both printed and online. It is a yeoman job! Thank you, too, to Lidush Goldschmidt and Dina Rayzberg for planning and arranging the Kiddush lunch and thanks to all who helped with the set up and other details.

At Shabbat, we honored two very accomplished congregants, Helen Feder and Shiri Friedman. These women have been so generous in sharing their time and abilities, in leading and leyning as well as volunteering in many other capacities at Beth Shalom. We were delighted to have as our Shabbat speaker, Rabbi Dr. Rachel Adler. She is a most accomplished author, educator and lecturer. It was our honor and pleasure to hear her speak and we are most appreciative.

Sisterhood continues to coordinate with Men's Club to help sponsor most congregational events, including Shabbat dinners, Latkapalooza, Purim Carnival, *Mishloah Manot* and youth activities. Sisterhood has also been a sponsor of the program featuring TikTok star, Miriam Anzovin.

On other notes, our Latin Cardio classes with Connie Pollack continue and our Judaica shop is ready for you with lots of new and exciting merchandise.

All good wishes for a sweet Pesah and a happy healthy 2023!



Development Director's article continued from page 7

5. Alan Kopolow as our President has begun leading a smaller exploratory effort informed by experiences that he, Robert, and I have each had with synagogues and other Jewish non-profits that set up separate secular 501(c)(3) organizations. He and I recently met with Penina Lieber, longtime Beth Shalom member and lawyer with expertise in this area. She will advise us on how such an effort could broaden the reach of Beth Shalom's development work and what it would take for this to be accomplished and successful.

More information about this matching grant and others awarded this fall can be found online, particularly in an excellent article (<https://jewishchronicle.timesofisrael.com/beth-shalom-celebrates-100-years-in-squirrel-hill-and-looks-ahead/>) that the *Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle* published after our November 19th gala. Mazal Tov again to our honorees and to Beth Shalom!

Rabbi Andy Shugerman

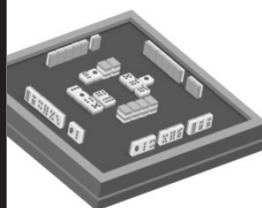
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Barbara Kaiserman 412.422.5677

OUR LEADERSHIP

The Men's Club

Ira Frank

Men's Club President
natfabira@juno.com



The Men's Club will be launching the Men's Club Sweepstakes again starting Friday, April 7. To avoid this being our final sweepstakes year, please support the synagogue and purchase a ticket. Each ticket costs \$50. Congratulations to the Hanukkah Gelt Winners, who are listed below.



Also, please join us on Sunday, May 21 for Flag Planting at Beth Shalom's Cemetery as we place flags on all of the veterans' graves as we commemorate Memorial Day. Adults and children are welcome.

Ira Frank, Men's Club President

2022/5783 Men's Club Hanukkah Gelt Winners

Congratulations to the Hanukkah Sweepstakes Winners!

Mid-day Winners

12/19/2022: Brooke Barker & Boaz Frankel
12/20/2022: Cookie Elbling
12/21/2022: Natalie Rosenbloom (z"l)
12/22/2022: Randy Robins
12/23/2022: Jack Halpern
12/25/2022: James Kossis

Evening Winners

12/19/2022: Jim Cohen
12/20/2022: David Sufrin
12/21/2022: Lorraine Paullet
12/23/2022: Mark Frisch
12/24/2022: Michael Goldstein
12/25/2022: Patricia Weiss



President's article continued from page 4

Along with all the good things going on at CBS, we do indeed have our challenges just like our ancestors who wandered through the desert on their way to the promised land. Our current challenge is in our ELC (Early Learning Center) where hiring and keeping teachers has become very difficult. This limits the number of students we can enroll. We would prefer to have more students and offer more hours of service but our hands are tied. Without enough staff, we cannot generate the same level of cash flow we have in the past, thereby stressing our budget. We have a group of staff, lay leaders and volunteers trying to remedy this very difficult situation which is not unique to only our ELC.

As one can see, we have much to be thankful for despite our wanderings and challenges through the post Covid desert. We approach the upcoming season of renewal with hopes for easier and better times.

The message I would like to leave you with is: Regardless of the challenges which are put before us, and they may be daunting, if we stay focused on being true to our values and make use of the talent we have within our community, we will reach the "promised land" as our forefathers reached Canaan after forty years of wandering in the desert. We have had a great year thanks to the hard work of our clergy, staff, lay leadership, volunteers and the kindness of our congregants. We are all working together for our common good. We must continue our diligence and hard work as there will always be challenges.

May we go from strength to strength.

Have a happy and meaningful Passover.

Alan Kopolow
President

Beth Shalom's Legacy Circle



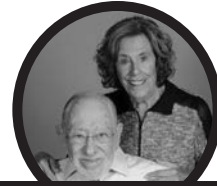
Moshe Baran



**Dr. Elaine H.
Berkowitz**



Ira Frank



**Jack & Bernice
Meyers**



Jay Fingeret



Joel Smalley



**Gloria
Elbing-
Gottlieb**



Mindy Shreve



**Sharon & Steven
Schwartz**



Julian A. Elbing



Bunny Morris



**Deborah & Nathan
Firestone**



Paul Munro



**Nancy & Gary
Tuckfelt**



**Sarita & Milton (z"l)
Eisner**



**Carl & Elaine (z"l)
Krasik**



**Ari &
May
Chester**



**Yale (z"l) & Barbara
Rosenstein**



**Shiri & Josh
Friedman**



**Jessica Hammer
& Chris Hall**



Fred & Linda Newman



Gerald Kobell



**Jane & Bruce
Rollman**



Gina Levine



**Eva & Gary
Friedman**



David S. Horvitz



Paul Teplitz



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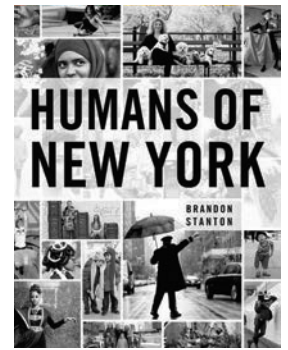
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Mike
Siegel**

Come Join our Circle!

Becoming a member of Beth Shalom's Legacy Circle is easy – simply let us know you are thinking about making a legacy gift to the shul through your will, trust, retirement plan, life insurance policy or other option. We are happy to sit down and chat with you and your professional advisor to discuss a variety of these options that work best for you to assure that what you cherish about Jewish life at Beth Shalom will be here for future generations. To discuss creating your Jewish legacy, please contact Rabbi Andy Shugerman, 412-421-2288 Ext. 317 or rabbiantiandy@bethshalompgh.org

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 one or 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.



The Elhassid Family

Name in English and in Hebrew (phonetic).

English: Rebecca Elhassid
Hebrew: Rivka

English: Dror Elhassid
Hebrew: Dror

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

Rebecca: I’m American and Dror is Israeli. We’ve both lived all over both countries before landing in Pittsburgh.

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

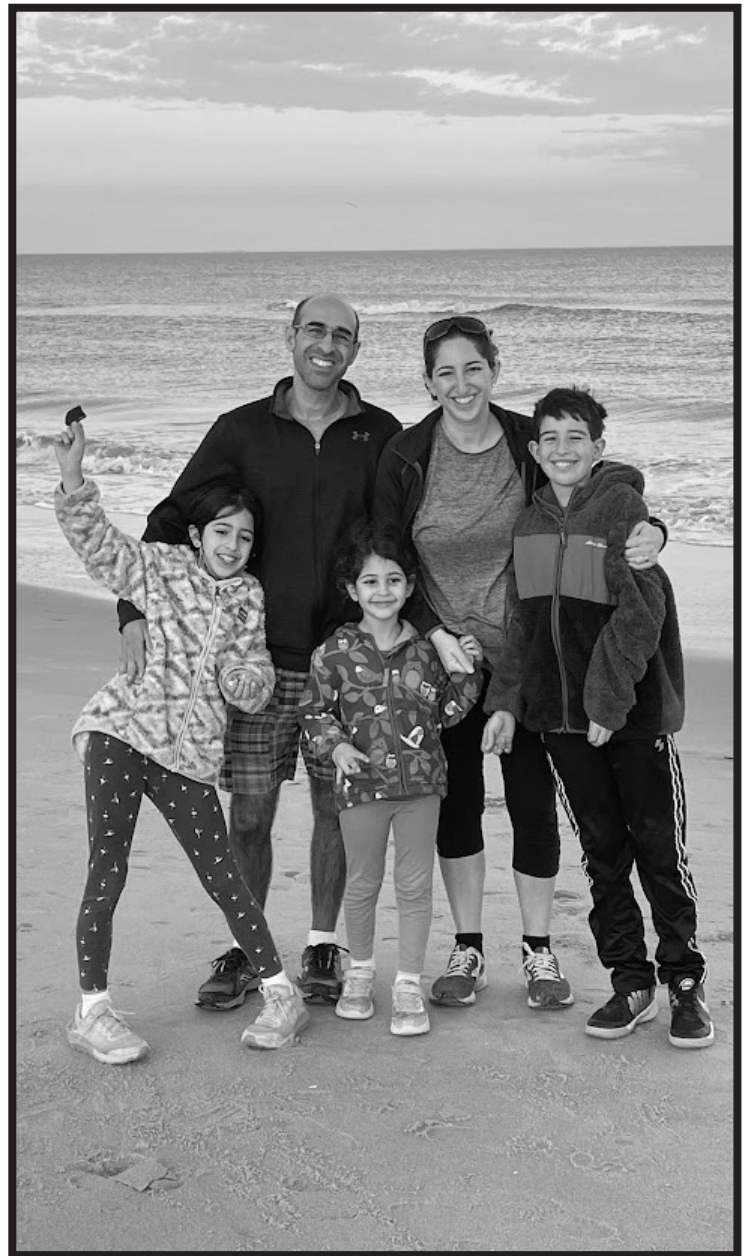
Going on 10 years.

How and why did you choose Beth Shalom as your congregational community?

We came to Beth Shalom for preschool, and we met dozens of families we are still close with today.

What are some of the ways you maintained a sense of community during COVID?

During COVID, our personal ties with those families held everything together while the community events were absent. Now we are grateful to feel comfortable coming back to Beth Shalom for Shabbat regularly and being part of the larger, in-person community again.



The Elhassid crew during an impromptu roadtrip to Virginia Beach after (yet another) pandemic-inspired pivot.

What food connects you to feeling Jewish?

So many foods connect us to our Judaism we could probably write a book on this topic alone. Our family has Ashkenazi and Sephardic branches, so it is common to have holiday meals with gefilte fish served after the Sephardic Rosh Hashanah seder, or brisket served alongside kubbe. Many of our best household traditions come from the creative melding of those traditions on Pesah and Rosh Hashanah. We had a great aunt who lived in Tel Aviv and always had a house full of traditional Iraqi food laid out whenever you arrived, even if you didn't give her much warning. We will always remember her as the gateway to Tel Aviv and her food was really symbolic of our Sephardic heritage, which is a little harder to access in Ashkenazi-dominated Conservative Jewry.

If you could be a fly on the wall in Jewish history where would you want to land and why?

Rebecca: I would go to Jerusalem in the time of King Hezekiah to witness the moment when the Gihon Tunnels were completed, which must have seemed like a true miracle in their time, and to live a day in the life of a Jerusalemite in the 700s.

Dror: I'd like to go into the future and discover what Judaism looks like 400 years from now. Is there still Conservative Judaism? Are we more spiritual? Less? Have we all decamped to New Zealand?

Last question — for your kids: What's one of your favorite things about being Jewish?

Child #1: I like helping, I love Jewish food, and my origins and history are very important to me.

Child #2: No comment (!)

Child #3: Chanukah

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Rochelle (Lawrence) Glanz on the passing of her half-sister Sylvia Newman on November 22nd.

Bev (Bruce) Klein on the passing of her mother **Phyllis A. Cohen** on December 9th.

Family and friends on the passing of Natalie M. Rosenbloom on January 18th.

Margaret (Gary) Fischer and Joseph, Dov, and Ana on the passing of Margaret's father Reuben Eisenstein on January 26th.

Milestones – *Mazal Tov!*

November 1, 2022 — January 31, 2023

Nava Kass, on being called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah.

Mark Frisch (Shari Woldenberg), on the wedding of son David Frisch to Pammy Brenner on August 15, 2022, in New York / New Jersey.

Parents Bob & Ellen Garvin and grandma Audrey Silverman on the formal wedding of Michael Garvin and Leslie Klein on October 22nd in New Jersey.

Elaine Berkowitz, on serving as the keynote speaker on November 3rd at the induction of the Hampton Heroes, in which the Hampton Township School District honors members of the military, past and present. We note that the news report in the *Tribune-Review* says that the Republic of Kosovo, where she served, last year presented Lt. Col. (Dr.) Berkowitz with a doctor honoris causa, an honorary title recognizing her work in helping to provide health care for the nation's citizens and educating medical professionals.

Danny Rosen, on receiving the Fred Rock Founder's Award from Friendship Circle.

Noah Jordan, on being named one of 40 Under 40 by *Pittsburgh Magazine*. Mazal tov also to his parents Stephen & Susan Jordan.

Art & Marlene Silverman on the birth of great grandson Yaacov Eliyahu, son of Mendel & Yaella Silverman in Jerusalem, and on the birth of great granddaughter Aliza Eden, daughter of Nathan & Yehudis Hoffman in Tzfat.

Grandparents Rebecca & Andy Gamble and great-grandmother Harriet Fibus, on the birth of Elijah Ronald Jason Gamble in Hawaii on November 11, 2022, at 8 lb. 14 oz., 22", to Alexis & David Gamble. He is named after great-grandfather Ronald Fibus (z"l).

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Robin & William Halpern, on their grandson Raphael Halpern becoming a bar mitzvah on December 3rd in Portland, Maine. His parents are Abigail & Jeffrey Halpern.

Rabbi Amy Bardack and Rabbi Amy Levin on receiving honorary doctorates from JTS for 25 years of service.

May Pawanya & Ari Chester on the birth of daughter Adeline Zoe Chester (Adina Zohar) on December 8th.

Lonnie & Natalie Wolf on the birth of their first great-grandchild, granddaughter to Randi Wolf, born to Laura & Ryan Berry of Annapolis, Maryland.

Joyce Tateishi & Arnold Caplan on the birth of their grandson, Sebastian Myles Akira Caplan, on December 27, 2022. Parents are Genesis and Brian Caplan, and maternal grandmother is Jacqueline Guadamuz.

Bunny Morris on the wedding of granddaughter Chloe Raskin to Jake Waltuch on December 11th in Florida. Chloe's parents are Stacey & Mark Raskin.

Dee Selekman, on the official naming of Dee's Kitchen, complete with plaque, as engineered and sponsored by her family along with a special breakfast to celebrate. The ceremony was on January 13th, after minyan.

Jeff & Lynn Rosenthal on the birth of granddaughter Harper Florence Rosenthal, daughter of Jonah & Lindsay.

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December 16, 2022

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January 6, 2023

sponsored by **Paul Teplitz** in loving memory of his grandparents Matthew and Sara Teplitz.

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Supporting preschool programming

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Establishing and maintaining the Zweig Library

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We look forward to speaking with you!

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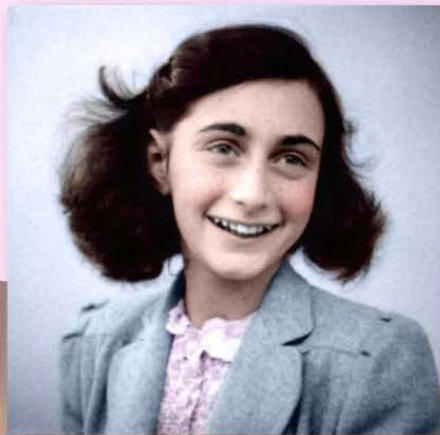
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Save the Date

A photograph of a table set for a meal, likely a Seder. In the foreground, a clear glass jar holds several stalks of purple lavender. The table is covered with a light-colored cloth and features various dishes, including a large white platter with a blue patterned rim containing fried food, a bowl of hummus, and a small bowl of olives. In the background, more dishes and glasses are visible, along with a blurred green outdoor setting.

**Celebrate
Freedom
Together**

Congregational Second Night Seder
Thursday, April 6, 2023 | 6:00 p.m.

