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God Does Not Take a Vacation

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When I was growing up in the Berkshire hills of Western Massachusetts, we used to joke that "God takes a vacation during the summer." During the rest of the year, we were Shabbat morning regulars, but not so much in July and August. Of course, I spent some of my summers at Camp Ramah in New England, so I was actually getting a much higher dosage of *yiddishkeit* during the summer than during the rest of the year.

In recent years, I have found that the summer is an ideal time to reconnect. For some of us, the pace of life is a little slower; some kids are away at camp, and the day-to-day stresses of life seem a little easier. I find that it is much easier to relate to *tefillah* / prayer when I am less frantic about all of the obligations of my weekday life. The joy of connecting with community is heightened by the sunny weather and relaxed environment.

Even better news: I can confidently state that God does NOT, in fact, go on vacation. Ever. On the contrary, as we say three times every day in the "Modim" paragraph in the *Amidah*, the *berakhah* about gratitude for God's constant presence, "We thank You... for Your miracles that accompany us each day, and for Your wonders and Your gifts that are with us each moment—evening, morning, and noon." God is always there, and so when we are ready, when we are open, when we are not stressed or frantic or anxious, we have a better chance of feeling that connection, of finding a foot-hold in our tradition and elevating ourselves through *tefillah*.

And not only that: we as a community continue not only to offer our regular daily services and weekly learning opportunities, but also the summer includes special moments: our Friday night service

at the Frick Park Environmental Center, followed by a potluck Shabbat dinner on June 30th, the Hod veHadar Instrumental Kabbalat Shabbat on July 28th, and of course the most powerful day of memory of the Jewish year, Tish'ah BeAv, on July 26-27.

So come and enjoy the laid-back summer vibe, and rediscover your relationship with our tradition and with the Divine. See you soon!

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OUR LEADERSHIP

A Message from Our President

Alan Kopolow
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This will be the last *Mishpachtenu* article I will write as Beth Shalom's President. It has been an honor and a thrill to be trusted with such an important responsibility. I am truly humbled. By now, as you read this, Beth Shalom will have come full circle on its governing and financial cycle. We will have elected its next President, Executive Committee, Board of Trustees and approved this coming year's budget. I believe the Shul will be in great and caring hands with Paul Teplitz as our President, an incredibly competent and energized Executive Committee and a strong Board of Trustees. They are poised to do more wonderful things for Beth Shalom.

With the pandemic coming to an end, we are getting back to many of our past ways of conducting services, holding meetings and classes. Our mask policy has been discontinued as we are all feeling much safer and more comfortable being around each other. Normalized activities around the shul are getting back into full swing. The Synagogue year that will be soon ending is one we should be proud of. We have had many wonderful successes.

Our crumbling Cornice around the sanctuary has been repaired/replaced. It eliminated the hazard of potentially falling sections and allowed our pre-school tenant La Escuelita to move back into their play yard on the Shady Avenue side of the building. Following the completion of the cornice project, we replaced four HVAC units on top of the sanctuary that were well beyond their useful lives.

We were awarded a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) State of Pennsylvania matching grant for \$1 million for infrastructure repair. This took an intense and coordinated effort of many volunteers, staff and help from our local governmental representatives to get it completed. We are well underway to raising our part of the

money needed for the matching funds and completing our plan to be submitted to and approved by the State later this year.

We applied and were approved for an Employee Retention Tax Refund that is anticipated to be approximately \$800,000 with \$400,000 already received. These funds can be used as we see fit with no restrictions and do not need to be repaid.

We will soon begin a Capital Campaign to help us replace/repair our aging infrastructure. We are organizing the Campaign as we speak. More info to come.

Our fundraising activities have been strong and are improving. Our *Kol Nidrei* appeal again was successful; our Gala celebrating our 100th Anniversary of our building as we honored our past presidents was well attended and profitable; the *Mishloah Manot* Purim Bag fundraiser raised more money than last year. We are beginning to see a return to a Culture of Giving to Beth Shalom, an aspiration of our Strategic Plan.

We began our "Plus Dues" program with a small number of members stepping up to start the effort. We rolled out our Building Fund and High Holiday security fee program. These programs are designed to help Beth Shalom move toward financial sustainability, a chief tenet of our Strategic Plan. We are renegotiating new leases with our tenants to further improve our cashflow. Although we are not yet close to being financially sustainable, our finances are clearly improving.

We are now operating under our new database system, Shul Cloud. We are becoming more comfortable and proficient with it as we use it.

We are providing new and creative programs through Derekh with more in the plans.

We have started a Havurah program designed to bring congregants together who have similar interests.

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Our cemetery operations are much improved with our new Cemetery Director.

We are hiring a recruiter to find qualified teachers for our ELC. The shortage of teachers has been a major constraint in allowing us to operate effectively and efficiently.

We are trying to become more energy efficient and eco-friendly. Most of the light bulbs in the building have been replaced with new LED bulbs saving us money and providing improved lighting. We have changed some of our landscaping to native plants helping attract native species. (The area between our front parking lot and sidewalk). More things are in the works.

There are many other accomplishments we are proud of in every aspect of Beth Shalom but are too numerous to mention here. To quote a line I use every week when doing Shabbat announcements: "There's always something good going on at Beth Shalom." Please come out and see for yourself.

One last set of thank yous before I end and that is to our Rabbis and staff, who work tirelessly trying to do their best for all of us. Thank you to our Executive Director, Robert Gleiberman, a man who has no limit to his energy or his dedication to Beth Shalom. Thank you to my Executive Committee who has had such an integral role in all our successes. They are simply the best! Thank you to our Board of Trustees whose members are neither shy about rolling up their sleeves and doing whatever is needed nor afraid to ask the hard questions or take on the tough issues. And last, but not least, to our volunteers who make things happen here. We would not be nearly as successful without their efforts.

Last, but certainly not least, I want to thank my amazing wife Lois for her never ending support during my term.

I look forward to staying involved and helping Beth Shalom move from Strength to Strength.

Alan

Paul Teplitz
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I would first like to acknowledge the dedication and service of our Immediate Past President Debby Firestone and President Alan Kopolow. Debby, who not only served as our President for four years, was the President when we closed our doors and moved online in March 2020 due to the pandemic. Not only did Debby have to deal with the stress of leading Beth Shalom through the onset of the pandemic, but she worked closely with Kate Rothstein as the congregation went through the process of hiring of a new Executive Director, Robert Gleiberman, and Development Director, Rabbi Andy Shugerman. Alan worked diligently with our lay leaders and professional staff members, both when he was the VP of Finance and President, to navigate the government grants and loans available to non-profits with a constant eye on Beth Shalom's finances. Debby and Alan worked day and night to lead Congregation Beth Shalom through the beginning and end of the pandemic. It is not an exaggeration to say that Beth Shalom would be a very different place without their leadership.

It is both an honor and a privilege to be the next President of our spiritual home. I am excited to work with our tremendous group of lay leaders, volunteers, and professional staff members with a focus on raising the necessary funds for our Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant so we can repair and enhance our physical campus, financial sustainability, membership growth, community outreach, and outreach within the congregation. I hope you have an enjoyable summer and I look forward to seeing you in shul.

Lehitra-ot,
Paul

OUR LEADERSHIP

A Message from our Executive Director

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Finally – Fully Operational...

Although there are still people cautious and wearing a mask, I think we can all agree that most people are finally operating in a pre-pandemic mode. For a synagogue like ours it is a wonderful thing to see. Beth Shalom is a community and as a community, we need to be with each other in person.

As Jackie Gleason used to say – “How sweet it is.” It is great to see so many of you participating. As our outgoing President, Alan Kopolow says at the end of his announcements every Shabbat morning “There is always something good going on at Beth Shalom. How true that statement is.

Over the last quarter, March, April, and May, in addition to our regular goings on, which included.

- Daily weekday morning and evening services
- Shabbat services with Shabbat Shi'ur program
- Committee and other meetings
- Holiday services, including Purim, Passover, and Shavu'ot
- Shababababa young children and family services and dinners
- Monthly Hod veHadar musical Friday night Shabbat services

We also had the following.

- Havurot program formation
- Purim, celebrations, and programs, including a Carnival, *Mishloah Manot* Basket deliveries, and *Megillah* reading with activities.
- Honoring Michelle Vines
- Shabbat dinners
- Volunteers Awards Brunch
- Pre-Passover pizza dinner

- Second night of Passover Seder
- Fast of the first-born breakfast
- Anne Frank Yom Hashoah Concert
- Jews For Justice Youth Shabbat service and dinner program
- Yom HaAtzmaut celebration, celebrating Israel's 75th
- Veterans flag planting at the Beth Shalom cemetery
- Annual congregational meeting

Because of the hard work, dedication, and financial support of our volunteers/members, Sisterhood, Men's Club, Staff, and others we can provide something for everyone. We are in a wonderful place right now and continuing to move in the right direction.

One main reason we are in such an advantageous position is due to the amazing leadership, of our outgoing president, Alan Kopolow. Alan's two years of his presidency coincided with my first two years of service to Beth Shalom. It has been a true honor working tirelessly side-by-side with Alan, mostly daily, on behalf of our congregation.

I am looking forward to collaborating with our new Officers & Trustees for the next 2 years. Under the leadership of our in-coming President, Paul Teplitz, I know we will continue our upward trajectory as we continue to prosper as a congregation both programmatically and financially.

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A Message from Our Associate Rabbi

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Elevating the Matriarchs, and the Women, in Judaism

The rabbis of the early eras of Judaism - the composers of the Talmud from 30 BCE to 500 CE and the Gaonic and Medieval rabbis from 500 CE to 1500 CE - were all men. And so, inevitably, they tended to elevate and highlight the men in the Torah. To be fair, the Torah itself generally highlights the men in the stories and gives the women more 'supporting roles' shall we say. Jacob is far more dominant a character than Rachel. Tziporah doesn't hardly rate compared to Moses. Still, the rabbis had a millennium and a half to create stories - called *midrash* - about the women. Mostly, they didn't.

So when I came across a *midrash* that includes BOTH the patriarchs AND the matriarchs when we were still in Leviticus, I was intrigued.

The *midrash* begins by noting that the beginning of the parsha, which deals with the sacrifice of a bull of the heard, a ram for an offering, and two goats for atonement, correspond perfectly to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Abraham brings a calf to his three guests in a story in Genesis 18; Isaac was replaced as a sacrificial offering by a ram in the *Akedah* story of Genesis 22; Jacob deceives his father with stew made from two goats in Genesis 27.

And then the *midrash* (Leviticus Rabbah 21:11) has its great feminist pivot when it asks:

"All I have here is the patriarchs. Where are the matriarchs?"

The text resolves this by citing Exodus 30, where we learn that the incense brought at the temple had four ingredients: drop-gum, onycha, galbanum, and clear incense. The four ingredients correspond to Sarah, Rebecca, Leah, and Rachel.

It's a small moment, but an important one. Because

often we ask in Jewish texts and tradition - 'Where are the women?'

Women have come far in our tradition. They are rabbis and cantors and shul presidents. They read Torah and take *aliyot* and lead services. The genders are, at least ideally, equals in Conservative Judaism. We should look back and be proud of this - it wasn't always this way. Women only became rabbis in our movement beginning in 1985. But that means that women's voices in Judaism - in creative literature like *midrash* and legal reasoning like *halakhah* - is still overwhelmingly male. Until women have equal representation for a long period of time, the voices of our tradition will continue to be made up of men. Being a male myself, I can't help this too much.

The best I can offer is to try harder to elevate and provide the voices of women in our tradition when I find them for us - to provide the incense alongside the bulls, rams, and goats. It's nice to say 'women are equal'. But representation matters. We need to cite women as academic and religious sources; to read women authors; to center our narrative on all genders whenever possible. The Torah and the *midrash* here is telling us a deeper truth; that the offerings are only complete when all genders are included. Indeed, there is no offering without the incense, and no incense without the offering.

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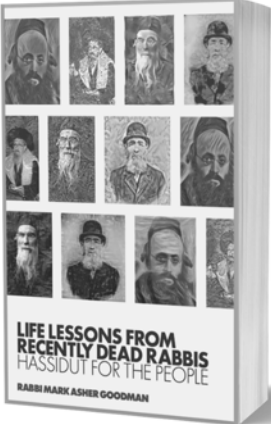
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A Message from our Development Director

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Planting a Legacy at Beth Shalom

One of my favorite metaphors for Development work, especially in the warmer months, is that of gardening. Both begin with “planting seeds” and continue with different forms of “tilling and tending” the soil, much like the way those verbs were used in the Garden of Eden narrative. That passage at the beginning of Genesis is just one Jewish text that comes to mind as when I think of how gardening at Beth Shalom has literally and figuratively been integral to transforming our synagogue community.

This extended metaphor has “grown” to take on deeper meaning for me this spring as our ELC pre-schoolers, including my son Lev, helped to water the new native-species garden in front of our Beacon Street parking area. Beth Shalom funded this project with the proceeds of Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SRECs) we received from electricity generated by our Solar Roof Initiative panels installed on the ELC roofs. Photos from one day of that garden-tending activity accompany this volume of our *Mishpachtenu*.

Seeing our pre-schoolers water these nascent plants, which our lay leader and master gardener Boaz Frankel chose for their essential role in supporting local pollinator animals, visually reminded me of a wonderful story in the Babylonian Talmud:

One day Honi the Circle-Maker was journeying on the road and saw a man planting a carob tree. He asked, "How long does it take [for this tree] to bear fruit?" The man replied: "Seventy years." Honi then further asked him: "Are you certain that you will live another seventy years?" The man replied: "I found [already grown] carob trees in the world; as my forefathers planted those for me, so too do I plant these for my children." (Ta'anit 23a)

While it might seem clear that the moral of this story is that we have all have benefitted from those ancestors who literally and figuratively “planted” for us, and that we then have an obligation to do the same for those who will inherit this world from us, at least one rabbi felt a need to clarify this text further. Rabbi Nahman of Bratslav, one of the best-known Hasidic masters, interpreted this story in his *Likutei MoHaRaN* (2:6:8) by connecting it with another Talmudic mention of “carob trees” to assert that this species symbolizes *tzedakah* (righteous giving) in particular as the legacy of how our “planting” in the world can outlive us.

Given the early success of our Legacy Circle planned giving program over the past few years, I am proud to say that several dozen Beth Shalom families already understand the moral of the story above, whether or not they have studied that Talmudic passage or its Hasidic interpretation. Indeed, the “early adopters” of the Legacy Circle very often made commitments not because they were asked to do so but because they heard about it and felt a responsibility to plan for the future of Beth Shalom. I hope that many more of our members will consider this opportunity as we prepare for our upcoming capital campaign in 5784.

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Growing Through the ELC

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A Year in Review

The 2022-2023 school year was another big transitional year for the ELC. We made large strides towards our pre-COVID lifestyle including returning to mask optional, classrooms visiting the local playground and library, and our PreK students attending a field trip to the Pittsburgh Zoo! It truly feels like we have made it to the other side of the pandemic.

This year we welcomed seven new educators to our team as well as announcing former ELC educator, Norah Cauley, as the Assistant Director of the center. ELC administration, along with the help of the ELC committee and others from Beth Shalom, continue to explore all avenues for recruitment. Our goal remains to extend operational hours pending more staff being hired. We are thankful to the wonderful educators who joined our already fantastic team.

Our PTO hosted several successful events this year for families including an event in the sukkah, holiday playdates in the gym, and a school wide picnic in May. With the help of the chairpersons and volunteers, we hosted two school wide carnivals for Hanukkah and Purim. It was a wonderful time for families to mingle with each other, our educators, and spend time with their children here at Beth Shalom. Another event that was vastly attended and enjoyed was Grandparents and Special Friends Day. We filled Helfant Chapel with singing, laughter, and love led by J-JEP Director, Rabbi Larry Freedman. The PTO also planned and facilitated Teacher Appreciation Week in May, and stocked a cart throughout the year for teachers with snacks and drinks.

The educators have been busy preparing their classrooms and age group portfolios for our upcoming site visit with the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). This is a highly sought after accreditation which requires renewal every five years. We expect our visit to be early into the 2023-2024 school year.

We are busy preparing for summer camp and the 2023-2024 school year. I look forward to welcoming new students and families to our community in the coming months. As always if you have any questions or are interested in supporting the ELC please contact me at 412-421-8857.

ELC Calendar June 2023 - August 2023

Thursday, June 8

Last Day of Academic Year
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Friday, June 9

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Monday, June 12

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Tuesday, June 13

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Tuesday, July 4

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Monday, July 10

Camp Gan Shalom Session 2 Begins

Friday, August 4

Camp Gan Shalom Ends

Monday, August 7 - Friday, August 11

Teacher In-Service Week

Monday, August 14

First Day of 2023-2024 School Year



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Learning with J-JEP

Rabbi Larry Freedman
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Why are we the students here? What are we doing it for? And why, exactly, do you send your children to J-JEP or any Jewish education?



These are not easy questions but they are the questions that motivate me and drive our J-JEP mission. Once upon a time, parents could just shrug about it. You signed up because that's just what you did. But over my 30 year career, that attitude is, thankfully, almost entirely gone.

Some time ago, I had a parent literally (as in, with these specific words) say to their child in front of me, "I hated it, your grandfather hated it and you'll hate it but it's important to go." Gee, golly, didn't that make me feel good about my chosen profession! So good riddance to this sort of doleful sense of obligation that sends parents begrudgingly registering their children. However, with the loss of this sense of obligation, the raw numbers of Jewish children in religious schools are down everywhere.

The good news is that we, the teachers, need to work hard to create a program and a style that helps children feel connected and proud and, on balance, pleased to spend their Sunday mornings with us. The numbers may be down but the students have, for the most part, parents with better attitudes and more positive goals for their children.

Now J-JEP enters the free market no longer able to count on being a commodity that parents must buy. We have to compete by adding better personal connection to the fullness of Judaism, better sense of spirituality, better paths for the students to engage their souls, better instruction, better grasp of basic facts and customs, and more meaningful moments.

We are getting there. Our oldest grades took on leadership with a variety of project based learning units. The chugim program brings novelty and a different point of view to the students' heritage. This spring and summer J-JEP's curriculum will be getting a complete review.

So, after all of that, can we answer the questions, "Why are we here? What are we doing it for?" J-JEP exists to bring deep and meaningful personal, soul touching knowledge and understanding of our heritage. We do that to have our students be smart and proud members of the Jewish people who can use their connection to our heritage to make the world a better place and make themselves better people.

Help us spread the word. Tell your friends to give us a try and see how we do.



Photos taken at various J-JEP events during the 2022-23 school year.



J-JEP's first day of school is Sunday, August 27, 2023.

Visit JJEP.ORG to find out more about our program & register.

A Message from Our Derekh Coordinator

Shari Rapowitz Woldenberg

Derekh Coordinator

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Spring 2023 exploded with new Derekh programming as our collective desire to learn and gather as a community continues to grow post pandemic.



We began March with a Shabbat Shi'ur led by Dr. Rachel Kranson, where we learned about the history of women rabbis before Sally Priestland. On March 11, we read a Talmudic ghost story with Olivia Tucker. On March 18 Ilanit Helfand led our first musical niggun song circle. The next day, we toured the archives of the Forvertz Yiddish newspaper with Dr. Kranson at the Pitt Hillman library where we learned from the curator and archivist and even used the original printing press. March concluded with table games, including mahjongg and cards, and a supervised open gym for children, after which we hosted our first ever pickle ball clinic in our gym.

In April, Joshua Friedman presented Jewish perspectives on incarceration, and Jonathan Weinkle delved into Hallel. We commemorated Yom HaShoah with a powerful concert where Anne Frank's words were brought to life by the Pittsburgh Girls Choir. We celebrated Earth Day with a full weekend program. On April 22 we were updated on Beth Shalom's green initiatives including our solar roof, energy efficient lighting, garden and RACP grant from members Rich Feder, Bruce Rollman, Joe Jolson, Boaz Frankel and Rabbi Andy Shugerman, and were joined by Rep Dan Frankel. On Sunday April 23 we learned about how to bring green initiatives into our homes with solar panels, heat pumps, electric vehicles, tax incentives and more from Jordan Fischbach, Solar United and Shiri Friedman.

We began May learning about the plight of Ethiopian Jewry from Gil Schneider. On May 13, Rabbi Andy Shugerman delved into the roots of *Hag Ha Bik-kurim*. Then on May 20, we hosted Rabbi Danny Schiff, who discussed his new book, "Judaism in a Digital Age," with Rabbi Seth Adelson. For Shavu'ot, we hosted multiple study sessions with both rabbis and lay leaders.

We will kick off the summer with Barbara Oleinick leading a tour of the colorful history of Beth Shalom's stained glass windows. We will also continue to co-sponsor four sessions of Jewish/Christian dialogue. All this programming is in addition to weekly study with our Rabbis and lay leaders, please check our website for details as times are subject to change. Our weekly Shabbat Shi'ur program after kiddush will be taking a summer break in July and August but we will kick off the new year with a Shabbat Shi'ur on August 26th featuring our Assistant Rabbi Mark Goodman and his new book!

Please check our website for the most current learning opportunities, special events and Shabbat Shi'urim.





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Pirkei Avot 2:1 urges us not to separate from the community, which is great advice for teens and their families. Recent studies indicate the strong influence of parents in teen decision-making about continued involvement in Jewish activities such as youth groups, summer camps, and Israel trips. These are positive experiences in which teens continue to learn, grow, and socialize in settings defined by Jewish values, a wonderful antidote to the stress of their everyday lives. As the leaders of our youth groups, Eitan, Harris, and I, thank you for giving us your trust to create these opportunities for your children.



Beth Shalom
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Marissa holding the award she received for being named USY Advisor of the Year for 2022-2023 year



Mazal Tov to our outstanding Beth Shalom Youth Department on receiving the following awards:

USY Advisor of the Year
Marissa Tait

Regional General Board Member of the Year
Hannah Adelson

Strongest year-long commitment to Social Action

Jewish Education Award
7th year for Jews for Justice

Shabbat Experience Award
Teen Led Kabbalat Service, Dinner & Discussion



Beth Shalom Teens at the BSUSY Board Elections on Thursday, May 11, 2023



Presenting 2023-2024

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Alexander Joseph Friedman Gritzewsky, son of Jonathan and Ilana Friedman, will become a bar mitzvah on Saturday June 10, 2023, at Congregation Beth Shalom in Squirrel Hill.

Alex is the grandson of Richard and Dahlia Friedman of New York and Israel; and Benny and Silvia Gritzewsky of Monterrey, México. Alex has two brothers, Eyal and Arieh.



Alex is a 7th grader at Community Day School and is passionate about playing tennis, basketball, ultimate frisbee and soccer. He also enjoys cooking with his brothers, traveling, practicing his Spanish, and hanging out with his friends and his dog, Cooper.

Bar Mitzvah: 6/10/2023

Devorah Mirabel Hartz will become a bat mitzvah on Saturday August 26, 2023 at Beth Shalom.

Devorah is the daughter of Andrea Hartz and Edward Hartz and older sister to Evan. She is the granddaughter of the late Donna Askin as well as the late Catherine and Gary Regnier. She is also the granddaughter of Dan and Ronna Askin of Pittsburgh as well as Dr. Leo and Debra Hartz of Tampa, Florida.



Bat Mitzvah: 8/26/2023

A seventh grader at Pittsburgh Science and Technology Academy, Dev enjoys spending time with friends, swimming for JCC Sailfish, listening to music, summer camp at Emma Kaufman, and engaging others in thoughtful conversations that deepen her understanding of the world around her.

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 Ashley Burse, Rabbi's Assistant, at RabbiAsst@BethShalomPgh.org or **412.421.2288 x112**.

HOST YOUR EVENT AT BETH SHALOM

Whether you need space for a wedding, benei mitzvah, bris or birthday party, our elegant event spaces can be configured for any occasion.

Cheers!



Contact Jason Friedman,
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OUR LEADERSHIP

The Sisterhood Says

Judy Kornblith Kobell
Sisterhood President
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As the weather warms, Beth Shalom Sisterhood will be having a relaxing summer, with busy plans for the Fall.

As many have realized, after a quiet time during the pandemic, we are rejuvenating our Sisterhood Judaica Shop. In addition to shopping by appointment, we are now open every Friday morning for persuing and purchasing. Please come visit and see our new and attractive merchandise selection and competitive prices. Profits are used to support adult and youth programming, including Latkepalooza, Purim Carnival, *Mishloah Manot*, Shabbat dinners and many others, some in conjunction with Men's Club.

Sisterhood invites you to take part in our active Book Club and weekly Latin Cardio classes with Connie Pollack. We would be happy to hear suggestions and look for volunteers for further activities that Sisterhood can support.

A special thank you to Elinor Zaremborg for coordinating floral arrangements for holidays throughout the year. Please consider contributing to the Beth Shalom Sisterhood Flower Fund to support these beautiful holiday displays.

I hope you will join at my house on September 13, for our annual Potluck supper and meeting.

All good wishes for a wonderful summer.

Judy Kornblith Kobell
Sisterhood President

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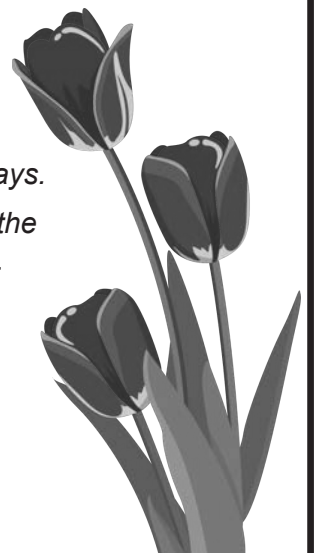
Please consider contributing to
the Beth Shalom Sisterhood
Flower Fund.

The money goes toward:

- *Beautifying our synagogue during Shabbat and holidays.*
- *Honoring our clergy during the High Holidays and Pesah.*

Donations can be made
by check payable to Beth
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The Men's Club

Ira Frank

Men's Club President
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Beth Shalom Men's Club is proud of the year we have had. We were able to hold most of our events and support the congregation in many ways.

We provided the following during the year:

- Helped with Ushers and Greeters during the High Holidays.
- Sponsored Pizza in the Hut with the Youth and General Membership.
- Sponsored Scotch in the Hut for Adults (after the youth left).
- Sponsored the Congregation wide meal in the Sukkah, along with Sisterhood.
- Sponsored the Pre-Passover Pizza which was another fun, well-attended event
- Sponsored the Youth Choir for Yom HaShoah and candles were available to anyone to take and use.

Our Sweepstakes continues to be a major fundraiser for us. We hope to sell 250 tickets at \$50.00 each. Prizes are given out each week, based on the PA Lottery on Fridays each week from April to November. Over the eight days of Hanukkah, we have the Hanukkah Gelt: The Final Drawings/Winners. There are 16 chances to win! Unfortunately, if we do not have support this year from the congregation, this may be the last year of the program. This would limit the amount of money and events we can sponsor at the shul.

We held our annual World Wide Wrap on Super Bowl Sunday. We teach ANYONE who is interested in learning how to use Tefillin and how to do so. This took place both with our regular Sunday morning service and at J-JEP. Breakfast was served at morning minyan. At J-JEP, all students were given a chance to use and experience *tefillin*. (Check out our Facebook page to see pictures.)

Our Yellow Candle Project ran without a hitch. We pack the candles at the same time as the Purim Bags, and volunteers deliver our yellow bags while the Purim Bags are delivered. This program allows our members to remember those that were lost in the Holocaust.

Our annual Sports Lunch returned and was as good as or better than ever. Over 500 attended and volunteered. We received proclamations from City Council, the Mayor, State Senator Dan Frankel, among others. With the help of our ANGELS, we can do this at NO CHARGE to anyone who attends.

With the help of Rabbi Mark Goodman, we had a special speaker, Pastor Dave Swanson, at this year's Men's Club Shabbat. It is always nice to hear from someone outside of the Jewish faith, as we strive to meet and listen to our neighbors.

We held our Flag Planting event (placing flags at the graves of US Veterans) at Beth Shalom Cemetery on Sunday, May 21. Thanks to everyone who attended.

In addition to the above, we work with Sisterhood to ensure many events happen and we help provide financial assistance to keep events affordable for those attending.

Please let us help you. If you want to get involved, let me know. If there is an event you would like to see happen, tell us! We can either try to plan it or let you plan it and cover some of the costs.

Thank you for those who purchased sweepstakes tickets, sponsored the yellow candle project and were ANGELS for the sports lunch.

Have a wonderful, safe summer. See you soon.

Ira Frank

Men's Club President



MEMBERSHIP

The Volunteer Awards Brunch was held on March 26 to express our deep appreciation for the dedication, leadership and commitment of our volunteers. Thanks to Sandy Zaremborg for being our emcee, Lisa Steindel for leading us in the national anthems, Rabbi Adelson, Paul Teplitz, Sabina Robinson, Rebecca Elhassid, Debby Firestone, Robbie Zaremborg Linda Safyan Holber and Marissa Tait delivering heartfelt messages and honoree introductions and Elana and Dalia Kolko and Abigail and Maya Zimmerman for leading the blessings. We want to extend a huge thank you to our generous sponsors and Starbucks and Lendable Linens for their generosity.

Our congregational family salutes our honorees:



Robert Garvin
Lester A. Hamburg
Member of the Year Award



Gerri Sperling
Nathan E. Snader
Distinguished Service Award



Adam Resnick
Ethel & Bernard Halpern
Young Leadership Award



Joseph Jolson
Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle
Volunteer of the Year Award

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This year we introduced the Daniel M. Plaut Youth Service Award. Our congregation remembers Daniel (z"l), beloved son of Marlene Behrmann Cohen and David Plaut and Benjamin's dear brother. With this award, we honor Daniel's loving spirit, the good he stood for and recall his kind, caring heart, his gentle, thoughtful ways, and his service to Beth Shalom and the world.



This year's honorees of the Daniel M. Plaut Youth Service Award were Dalia Kolko & Maya Zimmerman.

Excerpts from the speeches of the inaugural recipients:



It's especially meaningful that Maya and I are the first recipients of the Daniel M. Plaut Youth Service Award. I didn't know Daniel, but I realized we had several things in common. In addition to participating in USY, Daniel was an active member of Friendship Circle, as am I. I spoke with some of the Friendship Circle staff who told me a few things about Daniel. They told me that he overcame his shyness to develop into a committed leader at a young age, who was attuned, highly sensitive, and caring with the people around him. They told me he was passionate about taking care of the environment and about the humane care of animals. I hope I can live up to the example he set. May his memory be a blessing. -Dalia Kolko

I am so honored to be one of the first recipients of the Daniel M. Plaut Youth Service Award. While I never had the privilege of knowing Daniel, I have heard from many that knew him well that he was an incredible individual. Every conversation about Daniel speaks to his qualities of compassion, selflessness, and consistent eagerness to care for those around him. He was always volunteering in the community, whether at Friendship Circle, Repair the World, or J-Serve, Daniel was always enthusiastically giving back to his foundation. I am so grateful to be honored in Daniel's legacy and to preserve his memory with this award.



In addition to Daniel's many other pursuits, he was a very active member of USY, both in Beth Shalom and the Central Region. Like Daniel, I have found an immense amount of joy and comfort out of this organization. ... I am so fortunate to have discovered and immersed myself in this community. I know Daniel would be so happy seeing other individuals and youth gain as much out of USY as he did... I express my deep gratitude to all of you for joining us in commemorating Daniel....-Maya Zimmerman

Beth Shalom Welcomes Its Newest Members*

Lilly Andorsky & Logan Gants
Angela Hinchie
Michael Neft
Lucia Petrone

Dr. Levi Pettler
Shira Rascoe & Ben Weilerstein
Emily Reynolds
Kathy & David Turkewitz

Kathy and I met in 1978 when I was a first-year pediatric resident and Kathy was a pediatric oncology nurse at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). We married in 1981. After our CHOP years, we spent 13 years in Danville followed by 24 years in York, Pennsylvania. I held leadership pediatric positions at Geisinger Hospital and York Hospital, respectively, and Kathy continued to practice pediatric nursing and the mentoring of nursing students. Kathy then embarked on a career in real estate. With her great people skills and ability to outwork the competition, it took little time for her to develop one of the most successful realtor practices in York. In 2019, we moved to Pittsburgh. I did not want to retire but every third or fourth night on hospital call for emergency pediatrics, critical care, and child abuse cases along with handling Chairman responsibilities began to wear me down. So, we decided it was time for change. Our daughter (we have three children), son-in-law and three grandchildren live in Fox Chapel. The move to Pittsburgh was sealed when Allegheny Health Network gave me the opportunity to provide leadership to the newborn nurseries across the AHN system and to care for newborns at West Penn Hospital. Kathy developed new working relationships in York which allowed her to continue her realtor practice without commuting to York.

Finally, what led us to join Beth Shalom. In March, the Friedmans gave me the honor of attending their newborn's bris at Beth Shalom. The ambiance was wonderful and a reminder for me, that I missed this connection with my Jewish heritage. I talked to Kathy. We reached out to Beth Shalom and now we are new members.



Kathy & David Turkewitz



Michael Neft

Michael (Mike or Michael; doesn't matter) is a Pittsburgh native, who currently serves as a Clinical Professor of Nursing at Duquesne University. He has worked for PITT and UPMC as well. Fun fact: He served 21 years in the Army Nurse Corps, so he has lived all over the world; His favorite place to live was the Pacific Northwest (after Pittsburgh, of course).

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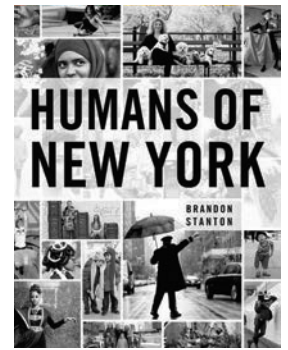
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**Watch for More New Member
Photos and Bios
in Upcoming Issues!**

**As of May 2023*

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 Friedman Family



The Friedman Family on their trip to Puerto Rico in January 2023.

Name in English and in Hebrew (phonetic).

Shiri Friedman (Shiri Elana bat haRav Shmuel Efraim veEster Leah)

Josh Friedman (Gid'on Ben Tziyon ben Mordekhai Shimon Barukh veHayah Rivka)

Niv (Zelig ben Gid'on Ben Tziyon veShiri Elana)

Lital (Perel bat Gid'on Ben Tziyon veShiri Elana)

Arbel (Wolf ben Gid'on Ben Tziyon veShiri Elana)

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

Shiri: Born in Pittsburgh. Lived in Queens, Philadelphia, Manhattan, Karmiel, New Haven and Brookline, Massachusetts.

Josh: Born in The Bronx. Lived in Ossining, Binghamton, Manhattan, Karmiel, New Haven, Brookline and Pittsburgh

Niv: Born in New Haven, Lived in Brookline and Pittsburgh.

Lital and Arbel: Born in Boston. Lived in Brookline and Pittsburgh.

We're all yinzers now.

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

We've been members of Beth Shalom since we moved to Pittsburgh in June of 2013 — 10 years ago!

Shiri was also a member of Beth Shalom as a child, when her father was the Rabbi. She became a bat mitzvah at Beth Shalom in March 1992.

She and Josh were married at Beth Shalom in April 2007.

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

During COVID we tried to keep busy with outdoor activities, including playing Squirrel Hill baseball, running and biking in Frick Park and hanging out with friends in our front yard "lawn salon."

Where were your Grandparents born and how have those cultures influenced your traditions?

Josh's paternal grandparents survived the war — his grandfather, Ziggy, spent most of World War II in a prisoner-of-war camp in Siberia while his grandmother, Bela, survived multiple camps in Poland. They met in France after the war and had a baby in Paris, in Israel, and then in Brazil before finally settling in New York. They lived as refugees and then immigrants and finally New Yorkers, and all of those experiences inform our values and lifestyles.

What books or films do you always find yourself recommending to people and from which period of your life did you first become familiar with them?

When Josh and I got married, we moved to Israel for a honeymoon year. Living in Karmiel we had plenty of time to cook and ride bikes, travel and read. We made frequent use of the library in Karmiel, which had lots of English books to choose from. I read a few classics that year, and very fondly associ-

ated them with that special year, which started our marriage, in Israel. Some of those books? *Roots* by Alex Haley, *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver, *The Caine Mutiny* by Herman Wouk, *East of Eden* by John Steinbeck.

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

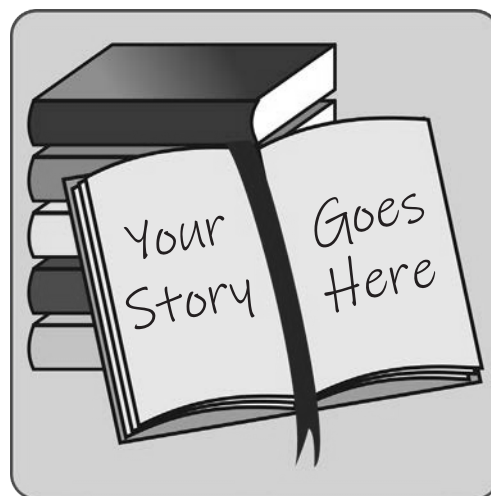
Niv: The founding of the State of Israel. I wouldn't necessarily want to be in the room with Ben Gurion, but maybe in a house where normal people learned of the independence and celebrated.

Lital: I'd like to see the 10 plagues actually happen, and figure out how much could be explained by science and weather, and how much was inexplicable miracle.

Arbel: I want to see the Maccabees take on the Syrians. They were out-numbered 10 to 1 and up against elephants — but still won!

Tell Us YOUR Story!

Contact Elinor Nathanson
at esnathanson@verizon.net
to be part of the growing
Humans of Beth Shalom project!



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**Lorraine, Rabbi Aaron Mackler &
Family on the birth of new baby**

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Jules Silberg

Adam Kolko & Eydie Moses-Kolko

Lillian Silberg

Adam Kolko & Eydie Moses-Kolko

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Relax between *Minhah* and *Ma'ariv* each week as we are led in study. We are seeking sponsors for \$100 per week, to provide for ritual necessities such as Torah repair.



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March 3, 2023

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March 10, 2023

sponsored by **Congregation Beth Shalom, Elegant Edge Catering Company, and Friends of Michelle** in honor of Michelle Vines.

March 17, 2023

sponsored by **Arielle Jacobs' "Bubbe" Rhoda and "Papa" Jerry Jacobs and Uncle Ben Jacobs** in honor of Arielle being called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah.

March 24, 2023

sponsored by **Tammy Shemesh & Or Shemesh** in honor of Noga and Yoav being called to the Torah as benei mitzvah.

March 31, 2023

sponsored by **Josh and Shiri Friedman** in honor of our incarcerated family, friends, and neighbors.

April 14, 2023

co-sponsored by **Beth Shalom Men's Club** for Men's Club Shabbat and proud grandparents **Kenny & Terry Steinberg** in honor of the baby naming for **Miriam & Ben Tillar** and welcoming **Stav Hadasa**, daughter of **Talia & Yoni Steinberg**.

April 21, 2023

co-sponsored by **Betsy Schwartz & Marc Schwartz** in honor of their daughter **Mira** becoming a bat mitzvah.

Nihum Avelim

(Comforting Mourners)

February 1, 2023 — April 30, 2023

Connie (Ian) Pollack on the passing of Connie's father **Jack Shenk** on February 3rd.

Cindy & Dr. James Tauberg and Dr. Brandon & Lauren Tauberg on the passing of Cindy's mother, Brandon's grandmother, **Irene Stoehr**.

Alan Finkelstein (Lisa Schlar) on the passing of Alan's uncle **Larry Stein** on February 14th.

Rebecca Mancoll (Nick Petesch) on the passing of Rebecca's father, **William ("Bill") Mancoll**, on January 27th.

Rosanne (Clifford) Levine on the passing of Rosanne's father, **Herbert Mandel**, on March 11th.

Allan Zytnick and Sheldon (Susan) Zytnick on the passing of wife and mother, **Ruth Zytnick**, on Monday, April 10.

Milestones – Mazal Tov!

February 1, 2023 — April 30, 2023

Parents Miriam & Ben Tillar and grandparents Terry & Kenny Steinberg (and **Sylvia & Jim Tillar** of Dayton, Ohio) on the birth of **Noa Judith Tillar** on January 27, 2023.

Janis & Arthur Davidson on the birth of **Delilah Clara Davidson** to son and daughter-in-law **Adam Davidson & Rebecca Stang**, on January 14, 2023, in Washington, D.C.

Fern & Alan Steckel on the birth of granddaughter **Daniella Mia Steckel** to son and daughter-in-law **Adam Steckel & Lee Ohayon**, on February 14, 2023.

Hannah Mackler & Mike Feurstein on the birth of a baby boy on February 13th, weighing 7 lbs., 10 oz. Mazal tov also to grandparents **Lorraine & Rabbi Aaron Mackler**.

Marlene & Art Silverman on the bar mitzvah on February 25 of their great-grandson **Chaim Silverman**. His parents are **Rabbi Shlomo & Chani Silverman**, and grandparents are **Rabbi Yosef & Fraydi Silverman**.

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Lorraine & Rabbi Aaron Mackler on the engagement of their son Daniel to Yaelle Goldschlag, daughter of Barbara & David Goldschlag of Silver Spring, Maryland.

Sara & Michael Safyan and big sister Nora on the birth of their son/brother Caleb Joseph on March 1.

Alex & Joseph Friedman on the birth of their son on March 9th.

Naomi & Elan Ullendorff on the birth of their son on March 14th. Mazal tov also to big sister Ari.

Audrey Glickman and Marty Dorfman on the wedding of their son George Dorfman to Jessie Casper, daughter of Sue & Rob Casper, on March 26th in Massachusetts.

Robbie Zaremborg who joined Tickets For Kids Charities as Development Manager.

Rabbi Amy Bardack on her installation at Congregation Dor Hadash on Sunday, April 23.

Jen and Joe Goldston on their daughter, Quinn, becoming a bat mitzvah on Saturday, April 29.

Neila and Danny Bendas on the birth of their grandson, Aden Amani Bendas, son of Alon and Stephanie Bendas.

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February 3, 2023

sponsored by **Diane Silberg & Stanley Kirshenbaum** in memory of their sisters Phyllis Kirshenbaum and Gail Silberg.

February 10, 2023

sponsored by **Patricia & Leonard Adelson** in honor of the birthday of their son Rabbi Seth Adelson.

February 17, 2023

sponsored by **Mark & Rhonda Horvitz, David & Teddi Horvitz, and Bruce & Debbie Horvitz** in loving memory of their beloved father and father-in-law Robert Horvitz.

February 24, 2023

sponsored by **Margaret & Gary Fischer** on the occasion of the *sheloshim* of Margaret's father, Reuben Eisenstein z"l and on the occasion of the *yahrzeit* of Gary's father, Theodore Fischer z"l.

March 3, 2023

sponsored by **Ira Rothstein** in honor of the *yahrzeit* of his father Shrug Fivel ben Yisrael Isser and his grandmother Razel bat Reuven.

March 10, 2023

sponsored by **Gil Schneider** in loving memory of his grandfather Isadore Schneider.

March 17, 2023

sponsored by **Mark & Rhonda Horvitz, David & Teddi Horvitz, and Bruce & Debbie Horvitz** in loving memory of their beloved mother and mother-in-law, Esther Horvitz

March 24, 2023

sponsored by **Anne Jackson** in honor of the *yahrzeit* of her mother Shirley Polhemus Cochran.

March 31, 2023

sponsored by **Yale Moses, Eydie, Adam, Elana, and Dalia Kolko** in memory of David Moses (z"l).

April 7, 2023

sponsored by **Gil Schneider** in loving memory of Gil's grandmother Rose Sandals Schneider (z"l).

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Supporting synagogue operations

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Establishing and maintaining the Hoffman Library

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Assisting deserving youth of Synagogue members

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Providing hearing devices for those who are hearing impaired

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Supporting synagogue operations

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Supporting people in need during Passover

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Beth Shalom members

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Providing scholarship support for Preschool students

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Supporting preschool programming

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Providing scholarship support for Preschool students

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Supporting youth programming

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