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## The Greatest “Mitzvah” of Purim

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Many of us know that there are four mitzvot associated with Purim:

1. Hearing Megillat Ester chanted from a kosher scroll, evening and morning
2. Mishloaḥ manot - sending gifts of food to friends and neighbors
3. Matanot la-evyonim - providing for the welfare of the needy
4. The Purim se'udah - enjoying a festive meal during the day

Since Purim day often falls during the week, and since it is not a Yom Tov and hence it is permissible to go to work, celebrating a communal Purim se'udah has fallen off the radar for many in the non-Orthodox world.

But hey, I have some great news! This year, Purim falls on Saturday night and Sunday, so we are hosting a se'udah at Beth Shalom. It will be potluck dairy (and of course following our potluck kashrut guidelines, which you can find on our website), and will feature entertainment and shtik. Since the evening reading of Megillat Ester will not start until Shabbat is over at 8:16 PM, we are going to make the daytime celebration of Purim our community's focal point, with a complete, joyous reading of the megillah at 11 AM, with the se'udah to follow.

Now, if you were to ask me what is the most important mitzvah of Purim from the perspective of our obligations vis-a-vis our fellow human beings, I would have to say matanot la-evyonim, because our responsibility for the well-being of others takes precedence over many other obligations, and all the more so on Purim, when we have not only the ordinary duty to give tzedakah, but also the added mitzvah of that day, as implied in Esther 9:22.

But the greatest “mitzvah” of Purim, using that term in the colloquial sense, is to be joyful and silly and just a wee bit overindulgent. Sure, we all know that some have the custom to imbibe heavily on Purim, but the point is not the intoxication; it is rather the confusion that results. Nahafokh hu, says Esther 9:1: our fortune was reversed, and to this day we reverse ourselves just enough on Purim to make things feel a little upside-down.

To that end, I am hoping that we can turn Beth Shalom upside-down with joy and food and silly fun on the 14th of Adar II, Sunday, March 24th. Please plan on joining us during the day, if not on the evening before as well. See you there!

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## OUR LEADERSHIP

### A Message from Our President

**Paul Teplitz**  
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As of this writing, it already feels as if Winter has yielded to Spring. It seems as if what Shakespeare described as the “darling buds of May” are trying to venture forth earlier and earlier.

Just as springtime brings growth and rejuvenation, Beth Shalom, too, is rife with programmatic splendor. Rabbi Adelson continues his lunch and learn series. Rabbi Goodman teaches Talmud and Torah every week. Our upcoming *Mishloah Manot* program for Purim is around the corner. We will have our community Seder on the second night of Passover. Derekh is planning an evening of acapella music in March. We will also honor our volunteers at our annual volunteer awards brunch. Our Israel speaker series, a collaboration with Rodef Shalom and Temple Sinai, continues in March and April. Of course, we also have the only conservative, egalitarian morning and evening minyan in the city. Please come and help to make a minyan if you are able!

On the building front, Beth Shalom is razing the roof! By the time this is published a contract will be in place to replace the roof over the main sanctuary. This roof replacement project will be completed before the high holy days. Thank you to John Williams, Robert Gleiberman, Joseph Jolson, Rich Feder, and the entire House Committee for shepherding this project from dreaming to planning to the execution of a contract!

This is the season of our Exodus. We, as a people and as individuals, move from slavery to freedom. It is hard to think about this season while Israel is at war and hostages are enduring inhumane conditions. I am thankful and proud that our community

has come together to help the state of Israel, both financially and through prayer, and I pray both that the hostages will soon experience their own exodus from bondage and for the safety and well-being of the Israel Defense Forces.

I would like to thank our amazing professional staff and clergy, our incredibly dedicated volunteers, and our tireless Executive Committee and Board of Trustees for continuing to enhance our spiritual home. And, finally, thank you to the entire congregation for continuing to support our spiritual home.

I look forward to seeing you in shul!



## A Message from our Executive Director

**Robert Gleiberman**

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Last year, at this time, I wrote that as the pandemic moves further and further into our rearview mirror, we are filled with excitement for what the future holds for Beth Shalom. At that time, we were offering more opportunities and options for you, and as a result we were seeing more of you coming back to Shul and fully participating.

Well, the future is now... I do not know if any of us could imagine how our community would have come together. It was amazing to see the depth and breadth of what was soon to come.

For this issue of our Mishpachtenu, I would like to spotlight Derekh. Derekh, as most of you know, is the programming department which concentrates on bringing our Congregational Family together with adult offerings.

A sample of some of our past year's adult offerings include;

- Rabbi Goodman teaching the weekly online Parashah Study, Talmud Study, and Life & Text Parashah Study as well as Rabbi Adelson teaching Lunch & Learns on different topics.
- Israel Speaker Series, (co-sponsored with us - Rodef Shalom and Temple Sinai) featuring, Avi Ben Hur, Dr. Hilla Nehushtan, and Gershom Gorenberg.
- Performances & Concerts, which included, The Clergy Boys/Cantor's Concert, the musicians from the PSO (Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra) Concert to benefit Kibbutzim victims, the Soul to Soul concert, and the upcoming Acapella Concert featuring Kol Sasson with HaZamir – Pittsburgh's Jewish Youth Choir.

- Numerous Shabbat Shiurim, which have many interesting topics led by Beth Shalom members and special guests.
- Miscellaneous community activities which include blood drives, United in Compassion, and our yearly Clues & Schmooze.

These noted offerings are not just a listing. They are a tribute to the success of Derekh's planning of high level offerings which shows in the quality and participation. All the Derekh accolades are due to the leadership of our Derekh Coordinator, Shari Woldenberg. Shari has been with us since November of 2022. From day one she went to work, duly investigating the opportunities that would benefit us all. As you are made aware of the programmatic prowess of our shul, I wanted you to know who has been leading the way. You can simply read the articles in this and other issues of Mishpachtenu, weekly emails, Shabbat bulletins as well as our website. Please join me in congratulating Shari and her committee on all their tremendous work.

I am asking you to look out for more information that you will soon receive about the holidays of Purim and Passover. You will receive information on our Purim *Mishloah Manot* baskets, Carnival, Megillah readings, and family fun with a festive Seudah. For Passover you will receive information about our Annual Second Night Seder, as well as all our Yom Tov services including Yizkor.

Lastly, I want to remind you of one of our most important programs of the year, our Volunteers Awards Brunch. Please save the date of Sunday, April 14th at 10:30am. This is the day that we annually acknowledge all our wonderful volunteers that make Beth Shalom the amazing place it truly is.

As we continue to move from strength to strength – all the best.

## OUR LEADERSHIP

### A Message from our Associate Rabbi

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#### Numbers

We're in the middle of Exodus - the book of 'Shemot' in Hebrew, but it's numbers that are on my mind.

As of my writing, we have:

127 days of war since October 7.  
112 hostages released.  
102 hostages still in captivity.  
32 hostages have died or been killed.  
501 IDF soldiers killed.  
764 Israeli civilians killed.  
More than 26,000 Palestinians have been killed - a number that includes 9,000 Hamas terrorists.  
21 journalists have been killed.  
2 million Gazans are without reliable access to food, water, medicine, and shelter.

It is all too much to bear. My heart is constantly heavy and my mind is distracted with the constant uncertainty of the future. The hope is that this war, in all its devastating awfulness, will serve as 'the last war'- one that demonstrates once and for all that killing each other and destroying homes over generations-old land claims and animosities is stupid. Perhaps tomorrow, people will realize that it is better to build a home, plant a garden, and raise a family than it is to destroy a building, kill your neighbor, and burn everything to ash. The way forward is the same today as it was yesterday and a thousand years ago - we must live alongside one another as siblings, and not as enemies. And even

when we have the desire to turn bitter or rageful against our fellow man, we must remember that in the end, it leads to nothing but more pain and suffering.

Each day I lead services - five days a week - we read the Prayer for Peace; that we see a day when nation will not lift up sword against nation, neither will they make war any more. And each day that passes makes me sad that my request before God is not heard. Yesterday, I wanted to give up - to skip the prayer for peace; for what good is it doing, anyway?

And that's precisely why tomorrow, I will ascend the bimah, and say that prayer again. We will persist. We will keep moving forward. The darkness and cloud will lift, and tomorrow will be better. And if not that day, then the next one.

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## A Message from our Development Director

### Development Isn't Just Fundraising!

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Early this past December, I had the pleasure of sharing the story of Beth Shalom's recent successes with a national audience at the Conservative/Masorti Movement Convening in Baltimore. Entitled "T'nuah B'yahad: Building our Movement Together" and co-organized by the Rabbinical Assembly and the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, the very naming of and process behind this conference inspired me to present at a large conference like this for the first time in my career. The opportunity made me think about how I might help to demonstrate what we have built together for Beth Shalom since the 2019 Strategic Plan that created my role here and especially since my hiring in early 2021. But there's more to our story than that!

When I proposed last summer to Rabbi Adelson the idea of us co-leading a workshop at the Convening, he enthusiastically joined me in crafting the application for a session with the title of this Mishpachtenu article. In doing that he helped me to understand far better the process he had led from his own hiring through the 2017 Centennial Gala and the fundraising campaign behind it. I now see how crucial this background was to the strategic planning process in 2019.

Finalizing our workshop, however, required the feedback of a Convening workshop committee member to point out how a major character wasn't just missing from our proposal but would be in Baltimore at the same time. Rabbi Amy Levin was not just the Interim Rabbi who preceded Rabbi Adelson's tenure; in exploring with her this past fall the idea of including her in a joint presentation, she

shared how uniquely and deeply involved she had been in the rabbinic search and hiring processes through which Rabbi Adelson came to succeed her.

After all three of us met over Zoom, the workshop took its final shape with the subtitle of "How Beth Shalom Transformed Over the Last Decade" and the following description:

*In 2014, the volunteer leadership of Congregation Beth Shalom in Pittsburgh sensed that the congregation was not on a healthy path. They turned to the first of three rabbis who would ultimately work with them to re-set the congregation's path to one of growth, transformation and a brighter future. This session will illustrate how professional and lay collaboration emerged from teamwork and mutual respect in which teams (not committees!) of staff and lay leaders have begun to realize goals of sustainability, both financial and environmental. Participants will learn about an example of a multi-stage change process and will leave with strategies to develop both a more relational synagogue culture and a viable framework for change in their own communities.*

What made this story-telling opportunity so compelling and helped to draw several dozen people from across North America into a standing-room only meeting space was at least as much about the format as the content of that gathering. However much other sessions at the Convening featured a combination of related speakers, if not a panel format, none told in the same unified way the story of a single congregation's transformation over such a short period of time.

If you've read this far, stay tuned for the next edition of our Re: Development Quarterly to learn more about what Rabbis Levin and Adelson said and how I connected my story to theirs!

## OUR LEADERSHIP

### Learning with J-JEP

**We all have our own reasons to march for Israel.**

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Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel Independence Day, will be particularly powerful for some this year, tricky for others. On the one hand, following the horrific, barbaric attack Israel suffered on October 7, 2023, many of us will want to be at events that support the right of a sovereign nation, our nation, to repel and suppress terrorism.

Yet given the level of Israel's response, many of us are concerned, to say the least, for the numbers of Gazans dead and displaced. We have been taught through the words of Isaiah to alleviate the suffering of the oppressed and no one can say the Gazans aren't suffering. But then again, their suffering hasn't come out of nowhere. We remember who started this and what exactly Hamas did. We know about the tunnels under civilian schools and hospitals and so forth. And yet, it gives many pause to see what it takes for a sovereign nation, our nation, to repel and suppress terrorism. War is hell. It is also deeply uncomfortable.

Yom Ha'atzmaut, the Hebrew date, falls on May 14 this year, the actual secular date; a happy calendrical coincidence. Jewish Federation is planning some activities that might include a short walk through the neighborhood on or around that date.

I think J-JEP should make a big showing. Because Israel is coming up on 76 years old, our children and our parents and not a few grandparents don't recall what it was like to be a Jew without international representation. We don't remember what it was like before a State of Israel inspired tremendous cultural outflowing and pride among Jews everywhere. We should relearn that and hold up signs and flags to celebrate what this astonishing achievement means

to us. And at the same time, we don't forget the problems a modern nation has. We don't forget the politics, the way Conservative and Reform Jews are treated by the Rabbinate, the frustration so many have with the Occupation in the West Bank. We don't forget any of that. And still we celebrate this amazing place that has done so much for the Jewish people. Each one of us has reasons to be proud. Each one of us has reasons to be critical. That's how it goes with sovereign nations. Raising a flag, raising our voice doesn't mean we set aside our values or dreams for the Jewish state. It means we support Israel and always demand the highest level of morality from her. It also means we ought not stay at home on May 14.

Each of us celebrates Israel for our own reasons. Come join in to express yours.



## 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.





## A Message from our Derekh Coordinator

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After a difficult few months reeling from the shock of October 7, Derekh started the new calendar year with a commitment to give back to our community and unite through education and music. We honored MLK Day with a sermon by Reverend Gavin Walton on January 13. On January 20, Chris Hall led a Shabbat Shiur discussion about different perspectives on conversion. And on January 27, we celebrated Shabbat Shira with a Niggun Song Circle led by Ilanit Helfand.

Then, January 28 was a busy day! The morning started at 8:00 am with a blood drive through Vitalant and a bone marrow donor drive through Gift of Life. We collected blood from 37 donors and added 7 new donors to the National Bone Marrow Registry. Thank you to our Blood Drive Committee, Ira Frank, Dr. Roy "Jake" Jacobson, Mark Frisch and Michael Neft, and to all the volunteers who helped make the morning a great success. After 2 hours to turn around the ballroom, we then hosted "United in Compassion," led by Drs. Jennifer Murizashvili and Abdasalem Saudi. We brought together Muslims, Christians, Jews and more to learn and discuss what we have in common, and to create empathy through greater understanding. Finally, the day ended with a fundraising concert featuring musicians from the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. Our community enjoyed beautiful music in the Sanctuary and helped raise \$15,000 for kibbutzim impacted by October 7th.

After a January full of music and giving back, Dr. Bruce Rabin led a session on reducing stress on February 4th. We learned how religion and spirituality play important roles in reducing stress, and participated in a stress reduction exercise. Coming up, as of this writing, we will be hosting Clues and Schmooze, our popular trivia night. We will also be presenting the National Yiddish Theatre Folksbiene's concert, "Soul to Soul" at the Kaufman

Center in Pittsburgh's historic Hill District. It will be an evening of music to deepen connections and celebrate the shared experiences of the African-American and Jewish communities.

Coming up in March and April, along with Purim and Pesach, we will again welcome music into our sanctuary with the University of Maryland's Jewish a cappella group, Kol Sassoon, and Pittsburgh teens in HaZamir. We will also host environmentally friendly pot lucks and continued learning through our weekly classes and Shabbat Shiurim. Check our website for the latest!





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As spring approaches, get ready for the excitement of two wonderful holidays: Purim and Passover. These occasions are all about gathering with family and friends to create cherished memories.

Purim is a time for donning fun costumes, diving into Esther's story, sharing delightful food and drinks, and contributing to those in need. It's a celebration of life's victories and an opportunity to make lasting memories with loved ones.

Passover, my personal favorite Jewish holiday, brings families together to indulge in tasty traditional foods and simply enjoy each other's company. It's a perfect excuse for family bonding, often accompanied by the shared anticipation of finally eating dinner.

Both Purim and Passover emphasize the importance of spending time with those we care about. These holidays provide a chance to connect with others and strengthen relationships through shared meals, thoughtful gifts, and the sheer joy of being together.

For our Beth Shalom community members, Purim is an especially exciting time. We've planned two weekends of Purim fun, starting with our Purim carnival on March 17 and an enjoyable Sunday, March 23, featuring Family-Friendly Megillah readings and a Purim Se'udah. Additionally, we'll host a Passover seder and offer engaging activities for our youth. Events like these create a sense of belonging and connection, reminding us of the power of togetherness.

During these challenging times, Purim and Passover gently nudge us to appreciate the people in our lives. Whether celebrating with family, friends, or our Beth Shalom community, let's soak in the joy and meaning of these holidays, allowing them to inspire lives filled with gratitude, kindness, and love.

### Throwback to 2016

Can you name these Beth Shalomers?





# Countdown to Pesah 5784/2024

## **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 [tbonner@bethshalompgh.org](mailto:tbonner@bethshalompgh.org). All requests will be kept confidential.

A form for donating to our Ma'ot Hittin fund is available on page 13.

## **BEDIKAT HAMETZ: SUNDAY NIGHT, APRIL 21**

The traditional search for hametz on the night before Pesah falls this year on Sunday 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 22. If you need help finding these prayers, please contact Rabbi Adelson.

## **FAST OF THE FIRST BORN & SIYYUM BEKHORIM: MONDAY, APRIL 22**

All first-borns should fast on this day, usually the day before Pesah 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 Monday morning in person and 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: MONDAY MORNING, APRIL 22, 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 13. Please return it to our office by April 22 first thing in the morning as the Beth Shalom offices close at 1:00 p.m.

## **BI'UR HAMETZ - MONDAY MORNING, APRIL 22**

The ritual burning of the hametz found during Sunday 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)

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

#2 - Sheheheyanu Blessing (1st night only)

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

Barukh atah Adonai, Elohenu melek ha'olam, sheheheyanu, vekייyemanu, vehigi'anu lazeman hazeh.



# Pesah Yizkor Appeal 5784

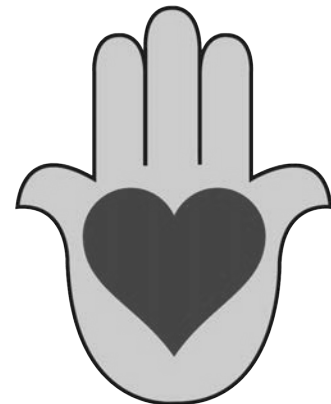
Each year, during the holidays of Pesah, Shavu'ot, Yom Kippur, and Shemini Atzeret, a special Memorial Service is held. It is a time when we honor the memory of our beloved departed family members. Yizkor Services are held on these four holidays and, in the tradition of the mitzvah of giving, an appeal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

**Our Passover *Yizkor* Service will take place on Tuesday morning, April 30, 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.

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# 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

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## 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. 14 for more details.)

Please take the opportunity to fill out the form below and return it to the synagogue **no later 11:00 a.m. on Monday, April 22** in order to have your hametz included in the sale. On Monday April 22, the Beth Shalom office closes at 1:00 p.m.

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 2024/5784

Online form available at [www.bethshalompgh.org/selling-hametz-5784](http://www.bethshalompgh.org/selling-hametz-5784)

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.

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## 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](http://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*.**



# 2024 FESTIVAL OF PESAH 5784

## Pre-Pesah Preparations

Sun., April 21	Home Search for <u>Hametz</u>	Evening	At home
Mon., April 22	Morning Service	7:30 a.m.	Homestead Hebrew Chapel followed by <i>Siyyum Bekhorim</i>

*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 11) at 7:48 p.m.**

Mon., April 22	First Seder	No evening service at Beth Shalom	
Tues., April 23	Early Morning Pesah Service with <i>Tal</i>	6:30 a.m.	Homestead Hebrew Chapel
	Morning Pesah Service with <i>Tal</i>	9:00 a.m.	Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary
	Youth Tefillah	11:00 a.m.	Stofman Zweig Libraries
	<i>Minhah</i> Service	1:00 p.m.	Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary

### Second Day of Pesah

**Candle lighting from existing flame 8:50 p.m. - Blessing #1 on page 11**

Tues., April 23	Second Seder	No evening service at Beth Shalom	
	COMMUNAL SECOND SEDER	6:00 p.m.	In person
Wed., April 24	Early Morning Pesah Service	6:30 a.m.	Homestead Hebrew Chapel
	Morning Pesah Service	9:15 a.m.	Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary
	Youth Tefillah	11:00 a.m.	Stofman Zweig Libraries
	<i>Minhah</i>	8:05 p.m.	Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary

**Havdalah 8:51 p.m.**

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**Friday night candle lighting is 7:52 p.m.**

Sat., April 27	Early Morning Shabbat Service	6:30 a.m.	Homestead Hebrew Chapel
	Shabbat Morning Service	9:15 a.m.	Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary
	<i>Minhah</i> / Discussion / <i>Ma'ariv</i>	7:55 p.m.	Homestead Hebrew Chapel

**Havdalah 8:54 p.m.**

### Seventh Day of Pesah

Sun., April 28	Evening Pesah Service	6:00 p.m.	
	<b>Pesah candle lighting at 7:54 p.m. - Blessing #1 on page 11</b>		
Mon., April 29	Early Morning Pesah Service	6:30 a.m.	Homestead Hebrew Chapel
	Morning Pesah Service	9:15 a.m.	Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary
	Youth Tefillah	11:00 a.m.	Stofman Zweig Libraries

### Eighth Day of Pesah

	Evening Pesah Service	6:00 p.m.	Homestead Hebrew Chapel
	<b>Candle lighting at 8:56 p.m. from existing flame - Blessing #1 on page 11</b>		
Tues., April 30	Early Morning Pesah Service with <i>Yizkor</i>	6:00 a.m.	Homestead Hebrew Chapel
	Morning Pesah Service with <i>Yizkor</i>	9:00 a.m.	Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary
	Youth Tefillah	11:00 a.m.	Stofman Zweig Libraries
	<i>Minhah</i> / <i>Ma'ariv</i>	8:10 p.m.	Homestead Hebrew Chapel

**Havdalah 8:57 p.m.**

BENEI MITZVAH

**Maayan Orli Aronson Dubowitz** is the daughter of Jay Aronson and Tamara Dubowitz, and granddaughter of Leslie and Jean Dubowitz and Karen and Richard Heilman.

She is in seventh grade at the Ellis School. Outside of school, Maayan swims for the JCC Sailfish. She spends her summers at her beloved Camp Yavneh in New Hampshire. She loves animals and hopes to own several golden retrievers and assorted rescue dogs when she is older. Maayan loves to travel and spend time with her friends, preferably in person but if not FaceTime is almost as good. She has an older brother, Ezra, an older sister, Talia, and two dogs, Thabo and Khaya.



**Bat Mitzvah: 4/13/2024**

**Marissa Steiman** will become a Bat Mitzvah on May 11th, 2024 at Congregation Beth Shalom. Joining her on the bimah for this special day will be parents Jen and Josh, sisters Rachel and Sammy, and grandparents Lynne & Alan Grusby plus Sandi & Gerry Steiman.

Marissa is currently a 7th grader at CAPA Middle School in downtown Pittsburgh, majoring in Visual Arts. She enjoys playing basketball on the school team, along with drawing, painting and sculpting. For her mitzvah project, she will be volunteering at the Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children by conducting an original art class weekly. During "Showcase Your Talent Tuesdays", Marissa will design different projects with tactile media for the children to create.



**Bat Mitzvah: 5/11/2024**

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**Arthur Katz** will become a Bar Mitzvah at *minhah* on **March 2, 2024**.

**Kimiko Evelyn Chow Smuckler** will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on May 4th, 2024. She is the favorite daughter of Elizabeth Chow and Aaron Smuckler.

She attends Community Day School, and she has helped both the CDS soccer and basketball teams maintain an undefeated record over her three years there. She has an older brother (Benjiro) and two younger brothers (Samuru, Tomio), and she is the grandchild of Margaret Chow and Tammie and Art Smuckler. She excels at soccer and futsal and travels the country weekend after weekend for tournaments, wearing her signature neon yellow headband. She plays the piano and enjoys both classical and contemporary music. In her free time, she loves to read, to ski, to listen to way too much Taylor Swift, to spend time with friends, to be active outdoors, and occasionally to torture her brothers.



**Bat Mitzvah: 5/4/2024**

**Judah Max Arnold**, son of Hadassah Max and Jonathan Arnold, will become a Bar Mitzvah at Congregation Beth Shalom on May 18, 2024. Judah is brother to Alia and Micah, and grandson of Paula and Jeffrey Max (Liverpool, England) and Laura and George Arnold (Pittsburgh). Great-grandmothers are Ida Powell and Doris Kennedy.

Judah is a seventh grader at Community Day School where he plays saxophone in the band and participates in Odyssey of the Mind. Judah loves building with Legos, playing complicated board games with his friends, and biking and skiing with his family.



**Bar Mitzvah: 5/18/2024**

**Emma Stavchansky**, daughter of Arie and Rachael Stavchansky and sister of Talia (TD) and Sam Stavchansky, will celebrate becoming a Bat Mitzvah on May 25, 2024 at Congregation Beth Shalom. Emma is the granddaughter of Frank Miller of Chattanooga, Tennessee, Bertha Miller and Salomon Stavchansky of Austin, Texas and the late Ruth Stavchansky z"l.



Emma enjoys art, theater, and video animation. She is in the 7th grade at Community Day School, and she bravely started middle school as a transplant to Pittsburgh from Austin, Texas. Emma has an interest in drawing and always beats the rest of her family in Monopoly.

**Bat Mitzvah: 5/25/2024**

**Talia (TD) Stavchansky** will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah at Congregation Beth Shalom on May 25, 2024. Talia is the daughter of Arie and Rachael Stavchansky and sister of Emma and Sam Stavchansky. Her grandparents are Frank Miller of Chattanooga, Tennessee, Bertha Miller and Salomon Stavchansky of Austin, Texas and the late Ruth Stavchansky z"l.



Talia enjoys singing, art, musical theater, and graphic novels. She started Community Day School as a transplant from Austin, Texas last year and is currently in 7th grade. Talia has an interest in creative writing and is a very good listener to family and friends.

**Bat Mitzvah: 5/25/2024**

## Mark Your Calendars



### Annual Congregational Meeting

**Tuesday, May 28, 2024  
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](http://BethShalomPgh.org/lifelong-learning/benei-mitzvah).

Please be in contact with Ashley Burse, Rabbi's Assistant, at [aburse@bethshalompgh.org](mailto:aburse@bethshalompgh.org).





## The Sisterhood Says

**Judy Kornblith Kobell**  
Sisterhood President  
jayeko@msn.com



As the season begins to change, Sisterhood continues with its inclusive activities. We continue to hold weekly Latin Cardio classes Monday nights with Connie Pollock. Our Book Club meets regularly and welcomes new members. Starting in March, we invite members to join us at Beth Shalom to work on their handicrafts and socialize every Friday morning from 10am to noon!

Judaica Shop is opened every Friday morning from 10am until noon and also by appointment. We stock beautiful merchandise at competitive prices from new and unusual Seder plates, Shabbat candlesticks and kiddush cups, tallesim and year-round Judaica. We are also looking for volunteers to come in once month for a couple of hours. For an appointment or to volunteer, contact me at jayeko@msn.com or 412-725-5566.

Sisterhood is very fortunate to have many volunteers in different venues. I particularly want to thank those who have taken roles for Sisterhood Shabbat. In addition to many who have taken parts in the service, a sincere thank you to Helen Feder who organized and arranged for participants, Linda Newman who did all the publicity and biographical material and Dina Rayzberg, Sandy Hirsch and Pat Weiss for ordering and organizing a delicious lunch. This year's Sisterhood Shabbat honorees are Shoshana Barnett, Tammy Hepps, and Beth Jacobs. These three accomplished women are so capable in leading Shabbat service roles, as well as sharing their time and talents in so many other capacities. Our deep appreciation to Rabbi Kara Tav, a creative educator, teacher, facilitator, and our excellent speaker.

Sisterhood continues to coordinate with Men's Club to help sponsor most congregational events, including Shabbat dinners, *Mishloah Manot*, Purim Carnival, recent Soul to Soul concert and youth activities.

All good wishes for a sweet and joyous Pesach.  
B'vrachot,  
Judy Kornblith Kobell, Sisterhood President

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## OUR LEADERSHIP

### The Men's Club

**Ira Frank**

*Men's Club President*  
natfabira@juno.com



Spring is almost here. The Men's Club will be launching the Men's Club Sweepstakes again. Please support the synagogue and purchase a ticket. Stay tuned for more details to follow. Congratulations to the Hanukkah Gelt Winners, who are listed below.

In 2025, the Men's Club Sweepstakes will be revamped. Watch for information on the new and improved sweepstakes starting next year.

This year, Yom Hashoah falls on the evening of Sunday, May 5. Please remember to light the yellow candle delivered with the Purim bags.

Finally, please join us on Sunday, May 19 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

### 2023/5784 Men's Club Hanukkah Gelt Winners

#### Congratulations to the Hanukkah Sweepstakes Winners!

##### Mid-day Winners

12/10/2023: Ann Adler  
12/11/2023: Harold Blumenfeld  
12/12/2023: Judith Kline  
12/13/2023: William Hershman

##### Evening Winners

12/7/2023: Meyer Simon  
12/8/2023: William Hershman  
12/12/2023: Ron Hartman  
12/13/2023: Cookie Elbling



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# Community



## Tu Bishvat Family Program

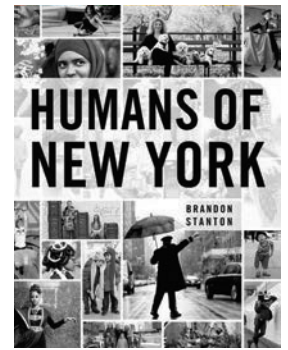


## Men's Club Annual Sports Luncheon



## 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 Lewis Family

#### Name in English and in Hebrew (phonetic).

Josh Lewis, he/him (Yehoshua)

Kate Wrenshall, she/her

Abe Lewis (Avraham)

Willa Lewis (Roni)

Eddie Lewis (Hebrew name to be decided upon conversion — Let us know if you have any good suggestions!)

**Kate:** For some additional context on our names, I'm Catholic and Josh is Jewish, and we're raising our kids Jewish. So Abe and Willa have been converted in the mikvah, and we still have to get our youngest, Eddie, converted in the mikvah.

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

**Kate:** The kids and I were all born in Pittsburgh. I grew up in the North Hills in a town called Ingomar. I lived in Charlottesville, Virginia for college and then DC for three years after college.

**Josh:** I'm from Albany, New York. I lived in Ithaca for college. Kate and I met at Pitt Law School.

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

We've been members since 2016.

#### Why did you choose Beth Shalom?

**Kate:** We were looking for childcare for Abe, our oldest, and Josh's mom suggested we look at synagogues to see if they had any programs. So we went to Beth Shalom because Josh grew up Conservative. Also the reviews for Beth Shalom's

*The lovely Lewis Family  
at a fundraiser for the  
Natural History Museum*



Early Learning Center were unbelievable. We were able to get a spot, so we quickly became Beth Shalom members. It's been a great part of our lives since we joined.

**Josh:** I'm not from Pittsburgh originally, so before we joined, we didn't have much of a connection to the Jewish community here. We weren't living in Squirrel Hill yet, so it was a very nice way to get great daycare and it also led us to the broader Jewish community.

**Kate:** I often wonder if we didn't need child care or if we'd gotten into the JCC daycare, would we be as involved in the Jewish community as we are? Beth Shalom just feels like our home and it's where we've met most of our friends. If we had just joined the JCC, it probably would have been more like a daycare, whereas here we have Shababababa and all those things that really enriched the Jewish aspect of our lives. And when we go to the High Holidays it's like, "Hey, friends! Let's all sit in the same row!"

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**Josh:** Beyond the ELC, we feel really happy and welcomed at Beth Shalom. Rabbi Adelson is fantastic and really sets an amazing tone for the entire congregation.

### **What food connects you to feeling Jewish?**

**Josh:** Brisket's the classic one. Brisket, kugel, and challah are by far the holy troika. My mother makes the brisket, and there's always been a debate in our family about whether brisket is better with sherry or ketchup.

### **What side do you take on the brisket with sherry versus ketchup debate?**

**Josh:** I'm on the ketchup end.

**Kate:** I think I like the sherry best.

**Josh:** When we have the extended family together like at Passover, my mom makes both the brisket with sherry and the brisket with ketchup. She caters to both family preferences.

**Kate:** It's like a brisket taste-off.

### **When do you feel most Jewish and why?**

**Josh:** We feel most Jewish on Shabbat. We've really taken to heart Rabbi Adelson's message that Shabbat is just as monumentally important as the High Holy Days. And it's an opportunity to embrace all the best parts of Judaism. We try to have as many Friday night meals as we can with our whole family, and we usually also try to invite another couple or two. So that's one of the things that's really landed with me from the Rabbi: Just light the candles, say the prayers, have a meal, and that's as good of an experience as you can possibly have both as a Jew and as a family. And I always think about that and appreciate that.

**Kate:** We don't even have to make it fancy. It's candles, prayer, challah — but we could just be having leftovers. It's a low barrier to entry. And I think one of the things we're trying to do because I'm not Jewish is to make sure the kids know they're Jewish, and that's where the Shabbat dinners really come into play. To say, "Hey, this is who you are." And really celebrate Jewishness within our family.

**Josh:** And a thing that's really great is that being in such a Jewish community here in Squirrel Hill, you have those regular reminders of Judaism like Shabbat — but then you're also surrounded by this great community of Jews with all different methods of practicing Judaism. And it's a unique feeling and a reminder that Judaism's really special.

### **Kate, in terms of your not converting, would you feel comfortable sharing the impact, if any, that that's had on your experience at Beth Shalom?**

**Kate:** Sure. I feel like there's been no judgment in terms of my not converting. Honestly it's been great. I think we've been very supported. Since I didn't convert, that's why we've had the mikvah conversions, which have really been an amazing celebration. Rabbi Adelson's been at our daughter's and our son's conversion, and he'll be at our youngest's too - whenever we find time to schedule it!

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

**Kate:** Josh, that question has your name written all over it.

**Josh:** I'd have to think about that one. I'd have to think long and hard. I mean, see the bush burn?

**Kate:** See the bush burn?! That would be awesome!

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

**Abe, age 7:** My favorite thing about being Jewish is that it is the oldest religion. I would tell my friends, Jewish is great because it's old and there are a lot of good stories.

**Willa, age 5:** I like the challah.

**Eddie, 1.5 years old, as per Kate:** Eddie didn't necessarily say, but we think he likes being Jewish because of the songs — especially Bim Bam.



## Beth Shalom Welcomes Its Newest Members

Tracy Davis  
Arielle Kroser & David Stein  
Sara & Jonathan Mayo  
Erin & Max Sussman



Erin & Max Sussman

Erin and Max Sussman are excited to officially join Congregation Beth Shalom. Erin is a Special Education Math teacher at Environmental Charter High School, and Max is a Network Engineer for Castle Biosciences. They moved to Pittsburgh from Phoenix, AZ two years ago and have been overwhelmed by the acceptance and welcome from the Jewish community here. Erin enjoys backpacking, knitting, and birdwatching. Max likes to bike around the city and on long-distance trips, and has thrown himself into Jewish life as a gabbai at Chabad Young Professionals. They are both excited to become more involved in the Beth Shalom Congregation.

**We look forward to being part of your memories.**

### ***Mishloah* Manot**

#### **Purim is coming!**

Place your  
***Mishloah* Manot** orders  
by March 11!



The sending of *mishloah manot*, or delivered portions of food, is one of the five mitzvot of Purim. Beth Shalom is coordinating delivery of *mishloah manot* (featuring products from Israel) to members' homes this Purim. Details on how you can order *mishloah manot* were included in the previously sent email (with your personal login), mailed letter or you can call the office.

To volunteer with packing and/or delivering bags, please email Mindy Shreve at [mindyshreve@gmail.com](mailto:mindyshreve@gmail.com).

Thanks for your support!



## Save The Date

Congregation Beth Shalom's  
*Annual Volunteer Awards Brunch*  
*Sunday, April 14, 2024*  
*at 10:30 a.m.*  
**Samuel & Minnie Hyman Ballroom**



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**Ruth Ganz Fargotstein on her  
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## ***Se'udah Shelishit (Third Meal)***

Relax between *Minhah* and *Ma'ariv*  
each week as Rabbi Adelson  
leads us in study.

We are asking for volunteers to  
sponsor the meal, which is now  
in person, for \$180.

Starting April 20, the third meal will  
be virtual, and a virtual third meal  
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If you are able to sponsor a third meal,  
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or [natfabira@juno.com](mailto:natfabira@juno.com).

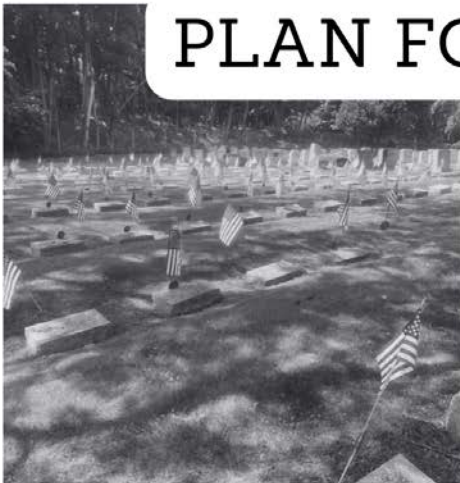
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Cemetery opens at 8:00 a.m. and closes at sunset. The cemetery is also closed at sundown on Friday through the Sabbath and all Jewish holidays.

### **Cemetery Closure Dates**

Due to the Passover holiday, the cemetery will be closed the following dates:

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Monday, April 29, 2024

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

For more information, contact Michael Smrek, Cemetery Director,  
at 412.421.2288 x293 or [cemetery@bethshalompgh.org](mailto:cemetery@bethshalompgh.org)

\*Note: No associated equipment or installation charges on grave-liners if purchased through the cemetery.



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#### **November 24, 2023**

sponsored by **Lou and Amy Weiss** in honor of and in gratitude of the Beth Shalom family members serving in the IDF.

#### **December 1, 2023**

sponsored by **Bev and Zack Block** in honor of Talia becoming a bat mitzvah.

#### **December 8, 2023**

sponsored by **Deb, Mark, Samantha, Cate and Noah Sindler, and the Lehman, Krasnow, Zell, Favish, and Levine families** for sponsoring this week's kiddush in memory of Minnie Cohen (z"l) and Marilyn C. Sindler (z"l) (both of whose yahrzeits is 23 Kislev).

#### **December 15, 2023**

sponsored by **Megan & Merle Neiman** in honor of Lily becoming a bat mitzvah.

#### **December 29, 2023**

sponsored by **The Arnold H. Lazarus and Belle G. Lazarus Annual Remembrance Fund** honoring the memory of Arnold H. Lazarus (z"l) and Belle G. Lazarus (z"l).

#### **January 5, 2024**

sponsored by **Kate and Ira Rothstein** in honor of Camille becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

### ***Nihum Avelim***

(Comforting Mourners)

*November 1, 2023 — January 31, 2024*

**Leslie Itskowitz and Dr. Lester Shapiro** on the passing of Leslie's daughter-in-law, Rina Itskowitz, on Monday, December 18, 2023.

**Jeffrey Finkelstein (Jennifer), and Tova and Joseph Finkelstein**, on the passing of their father and grandfather, Norman Finkelstein, on January 5, 2024.

**Nancy Roth**, on the passing of her husband, Sheldon Roth, on Thursday, January 18, 2024.

### **Milestones – Mazal Tov!**

*November 1, 2023 — January 31, 2024*

**Lori Plung** who received the Fred Rock Founders Award during the Friendship Circle Walk4Friendship event held Sunday, November 5.

**Marty Gaynor**, our member and CMU's Heinz College Professor, on his appointment as Special Advisor to the U.S. Department of Justice (Antitrust Division)

**Marty Gaynor and Ellen Vegh** on the marriage of their son Gabriel Vegh-Gaynor to Camilla Dohlman on October 28, 2023 in Asheville, NC.

**Elisa Recht Marlin** on the birth of her granddaughter, Aria Greene Marlin, daughter of Barry Marlin & Samantha Greene, on September 26, 2023.

**Yael Silk** for being elected to the school board for the Pittsburgh Public School in the November 2023 election.

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**Holly and Burt Wald** on their granddaughter, Elana Westfield, becoming a bat mitzvah at Rodef Shalom on Saturday, November 18.

**Connie and Harold Smolar** who celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary.

**Leslie and Lester Frischman** on the birth of their first grandchild, a baby girl named Leni Frischman, on Monday, November 20 in Herzliya, Israel. Parents are Max Frischman and Inbar Shuv-Ami.

**Megan & Merle Neiman, and Reva & Lee Neiman** on their daughter and granddaughter, Lily, becoming a Bat Mitzvah on December 16, 2023.

**Elisa Recht Marlin** on the marriage of her son, Zachary Marlin, to Orlea Miller in Boerne, Texas, on December 17, 2023.

**Kate and Ira Rothstein** in honor of Camille becoming a Bat Mitzvah on January 6, 2024.

Our members, **Rachel Albert, David Ehrenwerth, Judy Ehrenwerth, Rachel Firestone, Skip Grinberg, Adrienne Indianer, Joe Jolson & Max Sussman**, for being honored among the 2023 Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle Volunteers of the Year.

**David & Teddi Horvitz, and Rhonda Horvitz**, on the birth of their grandson, Eli Henry Bittenbender, to Rachel and Jeff Bittenbender In Beachwood, Ohio.

### Third Meal Sponsors

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#### November 3, 2023

sponsored by **Pat Weiss** in memory of her sister, Susan Weiss.

#### November 10, 2023

sponsored by **Paul Teplitz** in loving memory of his parents, Philip and Iris Teplitz.

#### November 17, 2023

sponsored by **Gil Schneider** in loving memory of Gil's maternal grandmother, Fannie Nydick Meltzer.

#### November 24, 2023

sponsored by **Elisa Recht Marlin** in celebration of the aufruf of her son Zachary Marlin and his fiancée Orlea Miller.

#### December 1, 2023

sponsored by **Elinor, Sanford, and Robbie Zaremborg** in loving memory of beloved parents and grandparents, Robert & Sara Davidson and Ruth & Samuel Zaremborg and also in memory of beloved sister and aunt, Lea Davidson.

#### December 15, 2023

sponsored by **Mindy Shreve, Bobby, Danny and Bella Bress** in memory of their beloved father and grandfather Kenneth Bress.

#### December 29, 2023

sponsored by **Sharon and Steven Schwartz** in loving memory of his father, Nathan Schwartz.

#### January 5, 2024

sponsored by **Jeffrey Rosenbloom** in loving memory of his beloved mother Natalie Rosenbloom's first yahrzeit.

#### January 12, 2024

sponsored by **Nate & Debby Firestone** in honor of their parents Ruth & Morton Sevel and Yetta & Isaac Firestone.

#### January 19, 2024

sponsored by **Gil Schneider** in memory of his grandmother, Rachel Schneider.

#### January 26, 2024

sponsored by **Erica Fox Zabusky** on the occasion of her father Norman J. Zabusky's 6th Yahrzeit.

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### **Operations Endowment**

Providing long-term support for synagogue operations

### **Rabbi Adelson Discretionary Fund**

Supporting Rabbi Adelson's Philanthropic Ideals

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Supporting synagogue operations

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### **Cemetery Endowment**

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### **Etz Chaim Chumashim Fund**

Purchasing of Chumashim

### **Andrew & Minnie Cohen Operations Fund**

Supporting synagogue operations

### **Reuben A. & Selma W. Cohen Youth Endowment**

Supporting Youth Department activities

### **Harry & Jean Davis Operations Endowment**

Supporting synagogue operations

### **Max Elinoff Youth Scholarship Fund**

Supporting Beth Shalom youth welfare

### **J. Leonard Frank Early Morning Minyan Endowment**

Supporting Shabbat and Yom Tov services

### **Goldberg Endowment Fund**

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

### **Lynda Herer Goldsmith Camp Ramah Fund**

Funding scholarships for youth members in need

### **Lillian & Leo Gross Sisterhood Keshet Fund**

Underwriting Keshet annual cost

### **Bernard & Ethel Halpern Young**

### **Leadership Award**

Paying the expenses associated with the Halpern Young Leadership award.

### **Lillian Halpern JTS Weekend Lectureship Endowment**

Bringing Seminary students to Beth Shalom for shabbat weekend

### **Morris Henderson Yahrzeit Fund**

Supporting synagogue operations

### **Hoffman Library Fund**

Establishing and maintaining the Hoffman Library

### **Israel Experience Scholarship Fund**

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

### **Allan & Betsy Kanarek Shabbat Alive Endowment**

Offering programming for Shabbat Alive events

### **Joan & Larry Lasday Memorial Education Fund**

Assisting deserving youth of Synagogue members

### **Mark Lasser Memorial Scholarship Fund**

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

### **Darrell H. Lazarus Hear O Israel Fund**

Providing hearing devices for those who are hearing impaired

### **Arnold H. Lazarus & Belle G. Lazarus Endowment**

Supporting synagogue operations

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

Providing funding for annual kiddush honoring Belle and Arnold Lazarus

### **Bessie & Aaron Maharam Education Endowment**

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### **Ma'ot Hittin Donation Fund**

Supporting people in need during Passover

### **Max Elinoff Fund**

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### **Mazerov Scholarship Endowment**

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### **Moscov Scholarship Fund**

Providing scholarship support for Preschool students

### **Preschool Enrichment Fund**

Supporting preschool programming

### **Philanthropic Fund**

Supporting charitable causes as defined by the  
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### **Prayer Book Fund**

Providing funds to purchase New Prayer Books

### **Preschool Scholarship Fund**

Providing scholarship support for Preschool students

### **Lynne Robins Memorial Scholarship Endowment**

Providing First-time Israel travel support for  
young female members

### **Rose K. & Harry Rosen Confirmation Class Endowment**

Financing education programs and activities

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Supporting synagogue operations

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### **Schiffman Music Fund**

Supporting music programming

### **Arlene Shapiro Memorial Fund**

Supporting synagogue operations

### **Samuel T. & Jeannette B. Shear Youth Lounge Endowment**

Establishing and maintaining youth lounge

### **Sisterhood Flower Fund**

Providing flowers for the Bima & our Rabbis for the  
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### **Sisterhood Torah Cover Endowment**

Purchasing of Torah Cover in honor of every  
Congregation President

### **Sigel-Mandel-Cohen Scholar in Residence Shulabration Endowment**

Supporting Scholar-in-Residence Program

### **Albert & Anita Smolover Scholarship Fund**

Supporting Preschool operations

### **Pearl & William Stark Humanities Library Fund**

Establishing and maintaining the Starks  
Humanities Library

### **Harry Steck Primary Enrichment Endowment Fund**

Providing books and other educational materials for  
Religious School Enrichment

### **Taubé Endowment Fund**

Supporting synagogue operations

### **Early Childhood TEACH Fund**

Supporting Professional Development of our  
Preschool Staff

### **Wagner-Klein Preschool Playground Fund**

Maintaining and replacing Preschool playground  
equipment

### **Alvin and Shirley Weinberg Preschool Scholarship Fund**

Providing scholarship support for Preschool students

### **Youth Fund**

Supporting youth programming

### **Zukerman Sukkot Endowment**

Providing Sukkot decorations and kiddushes and  
Sukkah construction/repair

### **Zweig Library Fund**

Establishing and maintaining the Zweig Library

### **Samuel & Mollie Zytnick Endowment**

Supports synagogue operations

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**We look forward to speaking with you!**

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# Purim

**SATURDAY NIGHT, MARCH 23**

**Traditional Full Megillah Reading**

Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary

Minhah - 7:15 p.m.

Ma'ariv - 8:00 p.m.

Full Megillah Reading - 8:20 p.m.

(Yes, this is late! That's why we want you to bring the kids Sunday morning.)

Adult costume contest, refreshments, adult beverages - 9:00 p.m.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 24**

**Family-Friendly Megillah Reading and  
Potluck Purim *se'udah* (festive meal)**

Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary and  
Samuel & Minnie Hyman Ballroom

Shacharit, including Torah Reading in Sanctuary - 10:15 a.m.

Family-Friendly Megillah Reading in Sanctuary - 11:00 a.m.

(includes songs, games, children's costume parade, prizes, etc.)

Potluck Dairy Purim *se'udah*\* (festive Purim meal) in Ballroom - 12:15 p.m.

(includes more songs, performances, and schtik)







# Save the Date

**Congregational Second Night Seder  
Tuesday, April 23 at 6:00 p.m.**

