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## Back Porch Magic on Shavuot

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While there are many moments throughout the Jewish year that I cherish, the first night of Shavuot is particularly special. Not just because of the always-fabulous Tikkun Leil Shavuot at the JCC, which brings together many wonderful teachers from across our community to hold forth on a dizzying array of topics until 1 AM, but all the more so because of what happens after: I host a late-night discussion on my back porch, and a dozen or so hardy souls, committed to Torah, come and learn.

Judy and I always put out cookies and offer drinks, but most participants do not partake; they are there for Torah. We have generally studied passages from Rambam's *Mishneh Torah*, his magnificent snapshot of Jewish law from the 12th century, and have covered by now much of Hilkhot De'ot, about human temperaments and advice for living a healthy spiritual and physical life, and Hilkhot Talmud Torah, about who is obligated to learn and teach Torah, and how to go about it.

What happens at these late night sessions always seems to me so intimate and special. It's not as though Rambam reads any differently at 2 AM than in the afternoon - it's just that the distillation of who is willing to demonstrate their love of Torah, of Jewish learning, of the companionship that one can derive only from studying in the manner of King David, after being roused by the magical harp on his wall at midnight, makes it seem somehow so much more resonant. *Aseh lekha rav, ukneh lekha haver*, says *Pirkei Avot* (1:6). Find yourself a teacher, and you'll acquire a friend. Find yourself a pick-up Torah team in the middle of the night, and you'll be bound together for an hour of magic.

There is a midrash, perhaps best known from one in the K'tonton series of children's books by Sadie

Rose Weilerstein, that tells that at midnight on the first night of Shavuot, the skies open up, and one can make a wish. The wish that floats somewhere above us, sitting out on the back porch in the wee hours, is that the unique moment of Torah and camaraderie is carried over from Shavuot into the rest of the Jewish year, that the sense of togetherness, abetted by ancient wisdom, will stick with us. And so it does.

When we wrap up at 2:30 or so, some go on to continue learning elsewhere - Beth Shalom offers all-night learning at a member's home. I have to get at least a few hours of sleep to be at least somewhat coherent at Yom Tov services the next morning. But the wish comes true - we hold onto our memories of our late night visit to the 12th century, and we carry Rambam with us, along with Moshe Rabbeinu, and Rashi, and Menahem Mendel of Kotzk, and all of the characters who join our cohort.

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### A Message from Our President

**Paul Teplitz**  
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I am extremely pleased that the Board of Directors recently voted to approve a new three-year contract with Robert Gleiberman, our Executive Director. Robert is a tireless advocate for Beth Shalom who works constantly to improve our operations, to make sure that our shul is running efficiently, and to work with all of us to ensure that we have the best possible experience at Beth Shalom. More importantly, he does all this with kindness and empathy. He constantly strives to do what is fair and best for all of us.

While it is not yet official as of my writing this, I have no doubt that the Congregation will vote to approve the contracts for Rabbi Adelson, our Senior Rabbi, and Rabbi Goodman, our Associate Rabbi. Rabbi Adelson has been our Senior Rabbi since 2015. He is a compassionate leader who is there for us both as we move through lifecycle events and as we struggle through these tumultuous times. Rabbi Goodman, who became our Associate Rabbi in 2022, continues to focus on teaching our sacred texts, developing our youth tefillah program, and overseeing the Benei Mitzvah program. Rabbi Adelson and Rabbi Goodman have fierce intellects and deep wells of lovingkindness.

And there are so many more professionals who attend to our magnificent spiritual home. They all work to ensure that our physical structure is well maintained, that the children in the ELC receive the best education, that our finances are in order, that our cemetery is maintained beautifully, that everyone receives timely information, that we have excellent programming, that we have a safe place in which to pray.

When you see our professionals, please thank them for all they do.

We are equally blessed to have a strong team of lay leaders and volunteers. Our Executive Committee, Board of Trustees, Committee members, and volunteers work long hours to ensure that the needs of the congregation are met.

I would like to thank the members who are rolling off the Board of Trustees for donating their time and talent to help make Beth Shalom such a special place.

Lastly, I would like to ask everyone to continue to stay involved. Thank you for showing up in Shul and supporting our spiritual home!

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### Cemetery Closure Dates

Due to the Shavuot holiday, the cemetery will be closed on Wednesday, June 12 and Thursday, June 13, 2024.

**For more info, contact us at 412.421.2288 x293 or [msmrek@bethshalompgh.org](mailto:msmrek@bethshalompgh.org)**

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

## A Message from our Executive Director

**Robert Gleiberman**

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The Beth Shalom Cemetery has been providing a final resting place for our beloved members and thousands of others since 1927. The Cemetery, located in Shaler Township, is on a beautifully manicured 65 acre parcel adorned by beautiful landscaping and majestic mature trees.

Beth Shalom takes immense pride in managing our Cemetery according to traditional Jewish guidelines. It is the responsibility of a Jewish community to look after the burial sites of not just our own loved ones, but the loved ones of others.

Rabbi Adelson explained, at a recent Shabbat service, that “the Jewish people do “Death” better than anyone.” He also said that “more Jews observe some aspects of Jewish mourning rituals than do anything related to Shabbat.” The part of “Death” I want to bring to your attention is that of the arrangements for burial.

When someone dies, immediate family members or close friends are not always able to process what to do. They typically begin the process by reaching out to their synagogue, the Rabbi, and the local funeral home that manages Jewish funerals. There are things to plan for, and because of Jewish tradition these things need to be decided quickly— usually within a day or two.

If you find yourself in a situation having or wanting to make funeral and/or burial arrangements, please contact our Cemetery Director, Michael Smrek first. Michael is an amazing resource and will be happy to speak and/or meet with you. Whether you need immediate services for a loved one or friend or pre-planning for yourself or for other loved ones, Michael will walk you through the entire process and help you make the necessary arrangements.

Pre-arrangements (pre-need) will give you peace of mind to know that when the time comes, you will have already taken care of many of the details. Please contact Michael Smrek, Cemetery Director, at [mmsrek@bethshalomppgh.org](mailto:mmsrek@bethshalomppgh.org) for our current and upcoming special provided services/ pricing of which you can take advantage.

Congregation Beth Shalom is also fortunate to have an amazing clergy team. If you ever have questions concerning Jewish tradition about death and dying, please reach out to one of our rabbis, Rabbi Seth Adelson or Rabbi Mark Asher Goodman.

The Beth Shalom Cemetery is a sacred ground dedicated to our ancestors and is entrusted to us to maintain. Please consider sending in a tax-deductible donation to the Beth Shalom Cemetery. It is forever a place for our loved ones to be remembered and visited.



## OUR LEADERSHIP

### A Message from Our Associate Rabbi

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#### Get Down

Descending is generally perceived by Jews, really all humans, as 'bad.' We 'went down' to Egypt, and into slavery, and exile. 'Going down' is generally bad in sports terminology: 'Down goes Frazier!' goes the famous boxing match call by Howard Cosell. 'Falling in the standings' for the Pirates, Penguins, and Steelers is obviously not a good thing. And generally, in Jewish religious language, lower is not as preferable as higher. We go up on our tippy-toes for Kedushah during morning prayer. We do not squat three times - which is good, because squatting at services would be pretty taxing for most, and downright impossible for others.

However, that's not always the case. The language of our tradition tells us that God lives on high, which is another way to say 'beyond our realm of comprehension.' And yet, that cannot be, because we pray to God and feel God's presence in our world all the time: in everything from the sun shining on our faces to the birth of a new baby to that first taste of morning coffee. God is 'down below' with us all the time.

This appears in Jewish spiritual texts as a concept called 'hishtalshelut' - descending. For God to be in the world, God must come down from God's high place. And if God comes down into a place, it must radiate with holiness. It cannot be a lesser place, or a worse place. Because if God is there, then it is good.

We go up and down in life too. There are peaks and valleys, highs and lows. They might feel good or bad, too - something that we treasure, or care not to experience again. But God is present in those moments; and we are present in those moments.

The unofficial Jewish beginning to summer is Shavuot: in which we have been counting 'up' from 1 to 49 with the counting of the omer, followed by the revelation at Sinai, in which God descends onto the mountain to give us the Torah. The Kabbalah counts the Omer by going through the seven sefirot - divine attributes - in clumps of seven, starting from the highest attribute of hesed (lovingkindness), then gevurah (strength), and then tiferet (balance), and on down, lower and lower. God descends. Sometimes we need to get down, too - to regroup, to ground ourselves, to feel our roots, to go backwards.

You don't need to always go onward or upward. Sometimes, you just got to get down.

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## A Message from our Development Director

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In my most recent Mishpachtenu piece, from this spring, I wrote about how development work in general requires a commitment to shared leadership, to a sense of mission and vision, and to patience and perseverance for transformative growth to take hold. That was the case in particular for the process I described in that column, and all the more so will the story below exemplify how, as each of these columns is entitled, “development” doesn’t just mean fundraising but so much else that leads to organizational growth.

I described in the previous publication how I (along with Rabbi Adelson and Rabbi Amy Levin, the interim rabbi who served immediately before his tenure) co-created a workshop this December in Baltimore for the Rabbinical Assembly / United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism Convening. The title of our session was “Development Isn’t Just Fundraising!” and presented a digest version of how “three rabbis helped to transform a synagogue [Beth Shalom] in ten years.” Indeed, as I introduced the three of us rabbis to our workshop participants, I emphasized that the story we would tell wasn’t just about the three of us! In fact, the session description we wrote together for the Convening schedule explained how, “in 2014, the volunteer leadership of Congregation Beth Shalom in Pittsburgh sensed that the congregation was not on a healthy path.” So, why were we hired and how were we effective?

I explained in my remarks to introduce the workshop that each of us rabbis were hired with a vision for Beth Shalom and enough humility, patience, listening skills and other leadership experience to partner with lay leaders to realize the ideas we brought to our roles in the congregation. That brief framing set the stage for Rabbi Levin to reflect on how she used her mandate at Beth Shalom to observe and report on its challenges as an opportunity not just to tell “hard truths” to our Board of Trustees but to re-frame their sense of what the synagogue’s mission needed to be.

Rabbi Levin quoted from a presentation on the concept of a house of worship serving the purpose of a “third place” that she made in February 2015 to our board members at that time:

“Your first place is home, your second place is work . . . your third place is where you gravitate to find friends and acceptance and community. Our tradition guides us to make any of our endeavors holy - not religious, but holy . . . how we parent and how we dance, how we eat and how we sing, the kinds of stories we tell and the way we treat each other.... Every one of these can be a holy enterprise and every one of these can be nurtured within these walls. And the Third Place model suggests, it’s ultimately about how we treat each other.”

Rabbi Adelson continued from that point forward explaining how vision is the key to cultural change for a synagogue in three ways: (1) ritual, as the most visible aspect of what any synagogue does; (2) programming, as an area for growth and a tool for reaching more people; and (3) lay leadership cultivation, as an essential element for organizational progress. Implementation of those pillars for change required knowing that challenges from the past often remain into the present, that listening to everybody is essential to making informed decisions, and that developing new leaders must coincide with collaboration from veteran leaders. Rabbi Adelson also noted how fundamental a sense of patience is to this work, as progress is slow, and he emphasized this by saying “the larger the institution, the slower the change.” He advised our audience to “roll with the punches” and be a non-anxious presence in handling doubts, misgivings and grievances through a change process.

I concluded our presentation with an overview of my own process of re-framing a development narrative for Beth Shalom from a “what” (a facility with two congregations, two preschools, the community newspaper’s offices, and a kosher caterer) to a “how” (safety, security, accessibility, sustainability, and resilience as guiding principles for organizing our needs and opportunities) and a “why” (the core concept of Beth Shalom as a “community asset” for the entire Jewish community and Pittsburgh’s East End as a whole).

This co-location narrative is not just a description of Beth Shalom’s present but as a vision for its future took shape largely due to the encouragement and feedback of our local elected officials and certain key staff members of theirs who helped us secure several major grants in the last four years. The takeaway that I offered our attendees was to articulate for their own synagogues a vision compelling enough that it can reflect out-of-the-box ideas for the broader community in which that institution is situated. Indeed, that remains one of the major projects still ahead of us as we continue to build a transformative vision for Beth Shalom’s future in the decades to come.

## OUR LEADERSHIP

### Growing Through the ELC

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A look back at this school year.

The 2023-2024 school year at Beth Shalom Early Learning Center was very successful for our educators and our students. The largest accomplishment as a staff this year, was our successful re-accreditation with the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). This accreditation shows that our center continues to provide high quality care and education to our families and children. In February, our center was visited by an assessor for two days. During this visit half of our classrooms were observed, all our prepared age group portfolios were reviewed, as well as our center portfolio and a tour was conducted. Our classrooms, educators, and administrators received outstanding reviews and scores. We are so proud of this accomplishment and are thankful for the amazing educators and teams we have here at Beth Shalom.

Our parent teacher organization conducted several events throughout the school year for our community and staff including snacks in the sukkah, winter and Passover playdates, parents' night out socials, teacher appreciation week, original works fundraising, a book fair, and more! With their support, we were able to raise funds from our families to purchase ten new iPads for our classrooms. This is a major piece of technology that we use daily, and we are thankful for our community's generosity.

This March we were excited to learn that we were awarded a \$7,000 grant from Keystone STARS which helped us purchase several large items for our classrooms, gym, and playground!

Our school year concludes on June 11th. Our pre-kindergarten graduation class consists of 13 graduates! It will be a wonderful evening on June 10th celebrating their years of learning and growth with us.

The Educators are busy preparing for the summer months here in the center. We will enjoy outside time on our playground, taking walks, and playing in water! We all look forward to welcoming our new students and families to our community when the 2024-2025 school year begins on August 19th.

As always, if you have any questions or are interested in supporting the ELC please contact me at 412-421-8857.

Thank you,

Hilary Yeckel  
Director



## ELC Calendar June 2024 - August 2024

**Monday, June 10**

Pre-kindergarten Graduation - 6:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, June 11**

Last Day of Academic Year

**Wednesday June 12 - Friday, June 14**

ELC Closed

**Monday, June 17**

Teacher In-Service Day

**Tuesday, June 18**

Camp Gan Shalom Session 1 Begins

**Wednesday, June 19**

ELC Closed

**Thursday, July 4 - Friday, July 5**

ELC Closed

**Monday, July 15**

Camp Gan Shalom Session 2 Begins

**Friday, August 9**

Camp Gan Shalom Ends

**Monday, August 12 - Friday, August 16**

Teacher In-Service Week

**Monday, August 19**

First Day of 2024-2025 School Year

## Learning with J-JEP

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Read this paragraph. We'll be referring to it in just a moment. Don't worry if it is confusing:

"For the last few hundred years, Jewish culture has been at a crossroads. The historian Hannah Arendt dated the problem to the 17th century Shabtai Zvi crisis; others have dated it to a century later, but the essence is the same. Judaism's new predicament, Arendt wrote, 'brought to a close -probably forever- the period in which religion alone could provide the Jews with a firm framework within which to satisfy their political, spiritual, and everyday needs... [The Jews were] henceforth to judge secular events on a secular basis and make secular decisions in secular terms.' This happened because the Jews lost 'their faith in a divine beginning and ultimate culmination of history' and therefore 'lost their guide through the wilderness.'"

This is from a book called *Israeli Judaism: A Cultural Revolution* by Rosner and Fuchs. It describes Judaism as experienced and lived by Israelis. It is not a dismal tale. It is not a story of religious coercion or religious abandonment. It is the story of what happens when 80% of a country share a common identity, Judaism, in all its varied ways. Israelis of a variety of stripes have embraced some traditions, rejected others, modified quite a few, and invented quite a few more. At a time when all we think about is freeing the hostages and the war with Hamas, it is heartening to remember the purpose for a State of Israel and its successes.

So what does this have to do with J-JEP? Read the quote at the top of the page again. The author quoting Arendt is explaining that in the pre-modern era Jews (and plenty of other groups) used their religion to organize just about everything in their lives. Such was the place of religion in people's lives. But Spinoza and other Enlightenment thinkers

changed that. There was a new reliance on science and philosophy that broke the stranglehold religion had on communities. That's good. But it also, slowly but inevitably, left people adrift from community mores, connections, culture. There was a distancing from communal expectations that, at the end of the day, could be joyous since we all did them together. We, modern Jews, didn't leave the wilderness but we lost our guide.

J-JEP will continue to encourage students to find that guide, to understand Judaism as more than a fun corner of their identity but something more to their core. That is a tall order for children and probably developmentally unfair. Better to set the foundation. But for parents, I'm betting, it's a little scary. To allow ourselves to be guided by the Jewish calendar and values from Torah is not in vogue among our set. We like to be in control of our own lives.

For the last two years, I have had a series of parent conversations where we can talk about how adding to our Jewish repertoire is good for the family as a whole. We've talked about testing out some new-to-us rituals and customs that can bring some richness, spirituality and holiness to the family. We'll keep this going. I won't try to insist on some new guide for the wilderness but perhaps some new wilderness skills to help us enjoy the journey even more.



*J-JEP students during Pesah*

## OUR LEADERSHIP

### Beth Shalom Youth Zone

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Wow, what a year it has been! As I look back on the past few months, I can't help but feel incredibly proud of each and every one of you.

It's been a year filled with growth, laughter, and unforgettable moments, from celebrating joyful holidays like Hanukkah and Purim to engaging in meaningful programs and activities.

Thanks to your enthusiasm and dedication, our community has truly shined bright. Whether you come together to learn, lead services, have a fabulous kiddush lunch, or simply have fun, you all have made a positive impact that is felt by everyone around you.

I am thrilled to announce that this year, BSUSY has been recognized with not one, not two, but four prestigious awards, including CHAPTER OF THE YEAR! These awards highlight our teens and advisors' incredible efforts and the unwavering support of our families and volunteers. It's a testament to the hard work and passion that each of you brings to our community every single day.

As we approach summer, I want to wish you all a fantastic break filled with relaxation, adventure, and lots of sunshine. Remember to stay connected, take care of yourselves, and cherish the memories you've made this year. I am eagerly looking forward to seeing you all back in September, ready to embark on another incredible year together filled with new achievements and exciting opportunities.

Wishing you all the best, Marissa



## A Message from Our Derekh Coordinator

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Both at home and abroad, this has been a head-spinning year. At home, we are facing a crucial election year and increased polarization. Abroad, we have witnessed unprecedented attacks against Israel and an uncertain future for the Middle East and Ukraine. While the news can be difficult, I have also seen remarkable strength from this community and a great desire to learn.

March began with a full calendar. Lunch and Learn continued with Rabbi Adelson on March 5th, with a study of Israel's History Through Pop Music. On March 9th, Ilanit Helfand led an exploration of Pi in the Torah. We celebrated the genius of the Torah, Albert Einstein, and mathematical calculations honored by Pi Day with a delicious assortment of pies. Not one bite was left after kiddush!

On March 17th, we filled the Sanctuary with beautiful music from Kol Sasson, the University of Maryland's Jewish a capella group. On March 20, Temple Sinai hosted the 2nd in our Collaborative Israel Speaker Series featuring Dr. Hilla Nehushtan, Israel Studies Fellow at the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Nehushtan took a deep dive into Israel's history and helped us better understand how we ended up where we are today. Then on March 23rd and 24th, we celebrated Purim with Megillah readings, costumes, music, games, shtick and a Seudah. March ended with a potluck Hod VeHadar musical kabbalat shabbat where we gave out Beth Shalom branded reusable cutlery as part of our commitment to green environmental initiatives.

April began with a fresh look at the past and future of Jewish Education on April 6th with Avi Baran Munro. Presenting a shiur entitled, "Our Client is the Jewish Future," we learned about the history of Jewish education and how critical it is to invest in and maintain Jewish education moving forward. After marveling at a rare total solar eclipse, we con-

cluded our 3-part Collaborative Israel Speaker series on April 10th with a presentation from journalist and historian Gershom Gorenberg. Along with our collaborators Temple Sinai and Rodef Shalom, we took a nuanced look at Israel and discussed how the war in Israel could lead to a new push for peace.

Pesah resonated with great significance this year as we retold our story and debated the future of Israel with different generations around our Seder tables. As we have seen over the past few months at Beth Shalom, learning about our history is critical for thinking about our future.

Starting on April 28th, we will count the Omer between Pesah and Shavuot with Tiferet Pittsburgh leading 7 yoga sessions on consecutive Sunday mornings. Tiferet is a group committed to strengthening our community through Jewish spiritual experiences and is the latest example of our commitment to collaboration and finding strength through working together with community partners.



### Congregation Beth Shalom Blood Drive

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### The Sisterhood Says

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As the temperature climbs, Beth Shalom Sisterhood will have a relaxing summer and looks forward to resuming activities in the Fall.

Fortunately, Spring was a busy time for the Judaica Shop. Sisterhood had a sale during April for Pesah and we were happy to help many people enhance their Seder tables. Of course, we also offer gifts and Judaica items for many occasions and are open every Friday morning as well as opening for several Beth Shalom events as well as by appointment. Our stock is beautiful and prices are reasonable.

Our Book Club and Latin Cardio classes are ongoing and all are welcome to join. Once again, through the Sisterhood Flower Fund, Sisterhood provided lovely Pesah floral Bima arrangements as well as holiday flowers for our Rabbis. Thank you to Elinor Zaremborg for her years of ordering these flowers and now, thank you to Rhoda Judd for so capably taking on this effort.

Sisterhood continues to support events, youth activities and Shabbat dinners along with Men's Club.

I wish all of you a pleasant and happy summer and look forward to seeing you in September for our opening Potluck supper and meeting.

Judy Kornblith Kobell  
Sisterhood President



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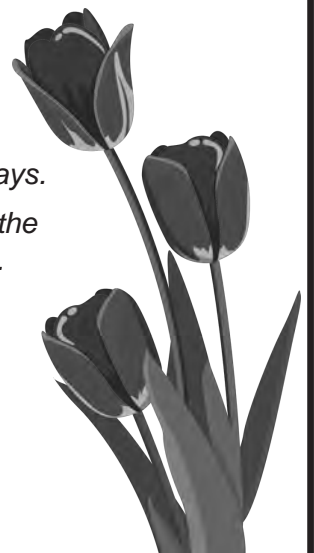
Please consider contributing to the Beth Shalom Sisterhood Flower Fund.

***The money goes toward:***

- *Beautifying our synagogue during Shabbat and holidays.*
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Donations can be made by check payable to Beth Shalom Sisterhood Flower Fund or online at:

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## The Men's Club

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



Beth Shalom Men's Club has been keeping busy this year.

In February, we held our annual Sports lunch with more than 500 attendees. Thanks to our ANGELS, there is no charge to anyone who attends.

We continued our Yellow Candle Project by packing candles at the same time as the Purim Bags. Volunteers delivered our yellow bags while also delivering the Purim Bags. This project allows our members to remember those that were lost in the Holocaust.

With the help of Dr. Jennifer Murtazashvili, we welcomed guest speaker Hasina Jalal for this year's Men's Club Shabbat. Hasina is a PhD student and research fellow at the University of Pittsburgh. She is an advocate for human rights and gender equality in Afghanistan.

The Men's Club Sweepstakes is BACK! Tickets are \$50 each. There are 16 winners over the 8 days of Hanukkah. Watch for more details to follow.

We held our Flag Planting event (placing flags at the graves of US Veterans) at Beth Shalom Cemetery on Sunday, May 19. Thanks to everyone who attended.

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



*Photo taken during Yellow Candle packing*



*Flag Planting event at the Beth Shalom Cemetery*

### Sponsor a Virtual Se'udah Shelshit (Virtual Third Meal)

We are asking for volunteers to sponsor the virtual third meal for \$100. The cost goes toward repairing ritual items.



If you are able to sponsor a virtual third meal, please contact Ira Frank at **412-849-2937** or **natfabira@juno.com**.

### Shabbat Kiddush Sponsorship



We are seeking sponsors for our Shabbat Kiddushes.

If you are able to sponsor a kiddush, please contact Ira Frank at **412-849-2937** or **natfabira@juno.com**.

## BENEI MITZVAH

**Theo William Finer** is the son of Bryna Siegel Finer and David Finer. He is the grandson of Marcia and Howard Siegel (Pittsburgh) and the late Sheila and Carl Finer z"l.

Theo is a student at Community Day School where he enjoys math, science, playing on the ultimate frisbee team, serving on student council, and participating in the school musical. As a burgeoning young chef, he volunteers regularly at Our Giving Kitchen. He loves video games, playing guitar, hanging out with his friends, and his golden retriever.



**Bar Mitzvah: 8/31/2024**

**Noa Yogman** will be called to the torah as a bat mitzvah on July 27, 2024 at Congregation Beth Shalom.

## 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](https://BethShalomPgh.org/lifelong-learning/benei-mitzvah).

Please be in contact with Ashley Burse, Rabbi's Assistant, at [aburse@bethshalompgh.org](mailto:aburse@bethshalompgh.org) or **412.421.2288 x112**.



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**TUESDAY, JUNE 11  
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**JOIN THE BETH SHALOM  
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# 2024 Festival of Shavu'ot 5784

## First Day Shavu'ot

Tuesday, June 11	<i>Minḥah / Ma'ariv</i>	8:30 p.m.	Homestead Hebrew Chapel
🕯 <b>Candle lighting at 8:32 p.m. – Blessings #1 and #2 listed below</b> 🕯			
	Community-wide Tikkun Leil Shavu'ot	10:00 p.m.	At JCC
Wednesday, June 12	Learning with Rabbi Adelson	1:15 a.m.	Rabbi Adelson's house
	All Night Learning	2:30 a.m.	Chris Hall's house
	Early Morning Shavu'ot Service	6:30 a.m.	Homestead Hebrew Chapel
	Morning Shavu'ot Service	9:15 a.m.	Faye Rubenstein Wess Sanctuary
	Youth Tefillah	10:30 a.m. - Noon	Stofman Zweig Libraries

## Second Day of Shavu'ot

🕯 **Candle lighting after 9:41 p.m. from existing flame – Blessing #1 on listed below** 🕯

Wednesday, June 12	<i>Minḥah / Ma'ariv</i>	6:00 p.m.	Homestead Hebrew Chapel
Thursday, June 13	Early Morning Shavu'ot Service, with <i>Yizkor</i>	6:00 a.m.	Homestead Hebrew Chapel
	Morning Shavu'ot Service, with <i>Yizkor</i>	9:00 a.m.	Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary
	( <i>Yizkor</i> at approximately 10:30 a.m.)		
	Youth Tefillah	10:30 a.m. – Noon	Stofman Zweig Libraries

## Concluding Service and Havdalah

Thursday, June 13	<i>Minḥah / Ma'ariv</i>	9:00 p.m.	Homestead Hebrew Chapel
🕯 <b>Havdalah 9:42 p.m.</b> 🕯			

# Candle Blessings

## BLESSINGS FOR KINDLING FESTIVAL LIGHTS FOR YOM TOV EVENINGS

### #1 - Yom Tov Candle Lighting Blessing

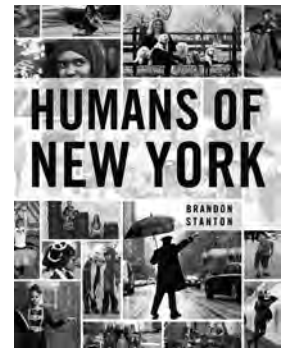
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Barukh atah Adonai, Elohenu melekh ha'olam, asher kiddeshanu bemitzvotav, vetsivanu lehadlik ner shel Yom Tov.

### #2 - Sheheḥeyanu Blessing (1st night only)

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהֶחְיֵנוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה.  
Barukh atah Adonai, Elohenu melekh ha'olam, sheheḥeyanu, vekiyyemanu, vehigi'anu lazeman hazeh.

## 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 Glick/Slayton Family

### Names in English and Hebrew (phonetic):

**Carolyn Slayton** (Cryndle Miriam)

**Seth Glick** (Catriel)

**Arthur Glick** (Tzvi Moshe)

**Reuben Glick** (Reuven Yaakov)

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

**Carolyn:** All four of us were born at Magee-Womens Hospital, so we're all native Pittsburghers. Seth and I actually grew up on the same street, and we didn't meet until I was done with college. I was 21 and he was 23.

### Was this one of Pittsburgh's long streets that you two grew up on?

**Carolyn:** It was Northumberland, so yes, it's a pretty long street. We lived about three blocks from each other. I was on Northumberland where it intersects Inverness, and Seth lived on the block with the fire station, between Murray and Shady. We also both went to Allderdice — he was two years ahead of me. But we didn't meet until my last night of college.

**Seth:** Of course, after we met, we quickly realized that we knew a lot of people in common. Carolyn did BBYO with my younger sister and cousin, and I went to school and played soccer with her cousin. We're pretty sure that we were both at his Bar Mitzvah party in 1998.

### So where did you two finally meet?

**Carolyn:** We met at a bar in Oakland. Seth's friend Yoni Steinberg [son of Beth Shalom congregants Terry and Kenny Steinberg] dragged Seth out to



*The Glick/Slayton Family*

meet a bunch of AEPHi girls. And while Yoni did not end up marrying a sorority girl, Seth did.

**Seth:** I really did not want to go out that night, but I'm glad that Yoni convinced me to get out of the house.

### How long have you been members of Beth Shalom?

**Carolyn:** Seth grew up at Tree of Life, and I grew up at Beth Shalom. So Beth Shalom has always been my spiritual home. In terms of when Seth and I joined Beth Shalom and became official members, that happened maybe three years ago? I don't even remember. Time has no meaning these days. So

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maybe we joined after our first son was born, when he was one or two years old. Let's go with that. Around 2017.

**Seth:** It's one of the few, small ways that we were a mixed marriage, so to speak — the other being our split allegiance to Mineo's and Aiello's. Growing up, I didn't have a ton of friends who went to Beth Shalom, but I always remember being super jealous that they had a basketball court in the building.

### **Is your family involved with Beth Shalom's Early Learning Center?**

**Carolyn:** Yes, our older son went to ELC, and our younger son is currently there now. And my position on the Board's Executive Committee is Vice President of Youth, so as part of that, I'm on the ELC Committee.

### **When did you join Beth Shalom's Board?**

**Carolyn:** About a year ago, in May of 2023.

### **So it sounds like the Executive Committee has some age diversity?**

**Carolyn:** It does. I'm the youngest member of the Executive Committee, and I'm in my mid-30s.

### **In terms of joining the congregation, were there any other reasons — beyond ELC — that the synagogue was a good fit for all of you?**

**Carolyn:** Definitely. Beth Shalom was the obvious choice for us because it has a lot of young adults, a lot of families, and a strong sense of community.

**Seth:** We are committed to the Conservative movement and typically find ourselves in the center on a lot of Jewish issues. We feel comfortable at Beth Shalom because it is the shul that best aligns with our values.

### **Okay, so to switch gears, what food connects you to feeling Jewish?**

**Carolyn:** I'd say pastrami sandwiches. We keep Kosher, so that's a very special treat to go to New York to the 2nd Avenue Deli, somewhere that has a ko-

sher deli where we can eat meat. Having pastrami sandwiches just feels very Jewish. Especially with pickles and pickled tomatoes.

**Seth:** The usuals: Lox and bagel is the ultimate comfort food; brisket reminds me of holidays and family; Passover meatballs remind me of being a kid in my grandparents' house; pickles make me think of our kids, because they eat them like Cookie Monster eats cookies.

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

**Seth:** Great question! A ton of answers come to mind . . . but I'd probably have to go with Poland and Eastern Europe between the World Wars. Times were tough, obviously, but I would love to be around the incredible amount of avant-garde literature and art that came out of those important cultural centers. My second answer would be the writers' room of *Seinfeld*.

**Carolyn:** I don't know where I'd want to land right now. We're definitely living in a huge part of Jewish history at this moment in time . . .

### **What books, films, or shows do you find yourself recommending?**

**Carolyn:** Seth and I just finished watching the HBO Max series Tokyo Vice that we really liked. But every time I bring it up, I feel like nobody else has heard of it! It's loosely based on events from the 1990s. It's about Jake Adelstein, an American journalist, who ends up going to Japan and reporting on all these Japanese gangs.

**Seth:** I recommend that everyone should read *The Emigrants* by W. G. Sebald, and also sign up for the Rauh Jewish History Program & Archives' weekly e-newsletter by director Eric Lidji.

### **Last question, for your kids: What is your favorite thing about being Jewish?**

**Arthur, age 6:** I don't know . . . Challah I guess.

**Reuben, age 4-and-a-half:** Being with my family and friends and love!

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## OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

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*February 1, 2024 — April 30, 2024*

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### February 3, 2024

sponsored by **Shiri and Josh Friedman** in honor of Lital becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

### February 17, 2024

sponsored by **Debbie & Matt Graver** in honor of Shoshana becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

### March 2, 2024

sponsored by **Beth Shalom Sisterhood** in honor of Sisterhood Shabbat.

### March 9, 2024

sponsored by an **anonymous donor**.

### March 16, 2024

sponsored by **Ryna & Naftali Lustig, Marty & Dana Izenon, and Sue & Warren Strauss** in honor of their parents, Sondra and Richard Glasser.

### March 30, 2024

sponsored by **Beth Shalom Men's Club** in honor of Men's Club Shabbat.

### April 13, 2024

sponsored by **Jay Aronson & Tamara Dubowitz** in honor of their daughter, Maayan, becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

### April 20, 2024

sponsored by **Emily Reynolds and her parents, Paul and Thelma Reynolds**, in celebration of her daughter's and their granddaughter's baby naming.

## ***Nihum Avelim***

(Comforting Mourners)

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**Harold Oker** on the passing of his brother, Ray Oker, on Saturday, January 20, 2024.

**Bobbee Kramer** on the passing of her son-in-law, Harry "Hank" Katzen, on Friday, January 26, 2024.

**Avi Baran Munro (Paul Munro), Joseph, Boaz, Isaac, and Eliana Munro** on the passing of beloved father and grandfather, Moshe (Morris) Baran on Saturday, February 3, 2024.

**Dr. Neil Diamant (Debbey Altman-Diamant), Ilana, Eli and Aviv Diamant** on the passing of beloved father and grandfather, Ralph Diamant, on Monday, February 5, 2024.

**Evelyn "Huvvy" Simon, Freada Jaffe (David) and children Emily, Jennifer and Alexandra** on the passing of their husband, father and grandfather, Meyer Simon, on March 11, 2024.

**David Topolsky (Susan)** on the passing of his brother, William Topolsky, on March 12, 2024.

**Marissa Tait** on the passing of her grandmother, Tanya Burres Miller, on Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

**Marissa Tait** on the passing of her uncle, William Keller, on Sunday, April 7, 2024.

**Josh, Shiri, Niv, Lital & Arbel Friedman**, on the passing of their father and grandfather, Michael Friedman, on Tuesday, April 9, 2024.

**William Lopatin (Rebecca)** on the passing of his mother, our long-time member, **Anita Stewart Lopatin Smolover** on Saturday, April 13, 2024.

**Laurie Zionts (Harry) and David, Shana and Kayla Zionts** of the passing of their sister and aunt Shari Matthews on Sunday, April 21, 2024.

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### Milestones – *Mazal Tov!*

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**Avi Munro** for being honored at her retirement for 20 years of service as Head of School for CDS.

**Casey Weiss** for becoming the new Head of School at CDS.

**Maddie Herrup** on getting accepted to the Jewish Theological Seminary for Rabbinical school.

**Cheryl Blumenfeld and Harold Blumenfeld & Sheryl Riddle** on the birth of their granddaughter, Eliza Rose, on Saturday, February 24, 2024. Parents are Brandon and Casandra Blumenfeld.

The **Online Parashah Study Group** who celebrates their fifth anniversary. All are welcome to join the group, which meets every Sunday night at 8:30pm on Zoom.

**Emily Reynolds** on the birth of her daughter, Naoma Benson Reynolds, who was born on Wednesday, March 13, 2024.

Hebrew Free Loan honored our members, **Richard Feder and Mark Fichman**, for a successful project they had invented and initiated during Covid (2020) to help small business owners in Squirrel Hill. Together they were able to collect \$108,000 in order to fund this project.

**Molly and Zach (Robert) Zacharias** on the birth of their daughter, Ruth Olive Zacharias, who was born on Wednesday, March 27, 2024.

### Third Meal Sponsors

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#### February 3, 2024

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 10, 2024

sponsored by an **anonymous donor** in honor of Rabbi Adelson's birthday.

#### February 17, 2024

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

#### February 24, 2024

sponsored by **Diane Silberg and Stanley Kirshenbaum** in memory of Phyllis Kirshenbaum and Gail Michelle Silberg, Aunt & Sister.

#### March 9, 2024

sponsored by **Rabbi Stephen and Lisa Steindel** in memory of father and teacher Rabbi Ben Zion Steindel.

#### March 16, 2024

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 30, 2024

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

#### April 6, 2024

sponsored by **Jay Lieber** in honor of the yahrzeits of his mother, Elaine Lieber, and his grandmother, Lena Myers.

#### April 13, 2024

sponsored by an **anonymous donor**.

#### April 20, 2024

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

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**Check out the full list of Congregation Beth Shalom endowments and funds.  
You can donate to any ones of these funds.  
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### **Operations Endowment**

Providing long-term support for synagogue operations

### **Rabbi Adelson Discretionary Fund**

Supporting Rabbi Adelson's Philanthropic Ideals

### **Mildred & Isadore Berkowitz Memorial Fund**

Supporting synagogue operations

### **Beth Shalom Judaic Museum Fund**

Providing funds for Judaic Museum purchases

### **Bregman Minyan Endowment**

Supporting morning minyan social activities

### **Cemetery Endowment**

Providing cemetery maintenance

### **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**

Providing books and other educational materials for preschool

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

Supporting people in need during Passover

### **Max Elinoff Fund**

Hebrew School Technology Fund

### **Mazerov Scholarship Endowment**

Providing scholarship support for children of Beth Shalom members

### **Moscov Scholarship Fund**

Providing scholarship support for Preschool students

### **Preschool Enrichment Fund**

Supporting preschool programming

### **Philanthropic Fund**

Supporting charitable causes as defined by the Philanthropic Committee

### **Prayer Book Fund**

Providing funds to purchase New Prayer Books

### **Preschool Scholarship Fund**

Providing scholarship support for Preschool students

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

Providing First-time Israel travel support for young female members

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

Financing education programs and activities

### **Thomas Mordechai and Simcha Rosenstein Memorial Fund**

Supporting synagogue operations

### **Dolores Rubin Prayerbook Fund**

Providing funds to purchase New Prayer Books

### **Schiffman Music Fund**

Supporting music programming

### **Arlene Shapiro Memorial Fund**

Supporting synagogue operations

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

Establishing and maintaining youth lounge

### **Sisterhood Flower Fund**

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

### **Sisterhood Torah Cover Endowment**

Purchasing of Torah Cover in honor of every Congregation President

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

Supporting Scholar-in-Residence Program

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

Supporting Preschool operations

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

Establishing and maintaining the Starks Humanities Library

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

Providing books and other educational materials for Religious School Enrichment

### **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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