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# A Message from our Development Department

Welcome to the Fall 2025 edition of Re: Development Quarterly! For some of you, this Beth Shalom newsletter will look very familiar, but perhaps others may be reading it for the first-time now in 2025. During the past year, we have streamlined our communications in general and the Mishpachtenu in particular. This publication now appears four times a year, and the latter twice a year, in time for Passover and for the High Holy Days specifically.

In this edition, our readers will find a feature interview with Daniel Berkowitz and Ella Ziff who shared their personal journeys into our community.

Other features of Re: Development Quarterly will look familiar to regular readers of the old Mishpachtenu. The section entitled "Our Congregational Family" will list all donations made to various congregational funds, in this edition specifically between May 1, 2025, and July 31, 2025. Donations are often made in memory of loved ones or in honor of special occasions, and in this publication we report on contributions to many of our named funds as well as to our Cemetery, Derekh (programs for community engagement), our General Fund. specific funds for annual programming at Beth Shalom, and our rabbis' discretionary funds, among others. Many of these gifts to our congregation mark events such as anniversaries, births and baby-naming ceremonies, Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebrations, birthdays, bridal showers, weddings and yahrzeits.

Most of all, we hope that the Re: Development Quarterly illustrates why and how our Beth Shalom members have invested so much of themselves and their lives in our congregation that it feels like a second home to so many of us. We welcome any feedback you wish to share with us so that we can continue to showcase all that makes Beth Shalom so special.

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PLEASE download the birthday form from our weekly emails or get the form from our office. Thank you!

## A Message from our President

Paul Teplitz
President
pteplitz@me.com

Dear Friends,



I am honored to share a few words with you in this issue of Re:Development Quarterly, our congregation's philanthropic and development magazine. This publication does much more than simply report a list of financial gifts and giving. It is, in its heart, a celebration of the benevolence and commitment that sustains our community.

Congregation Beth Shalom is our spiritual home where we pray, socialize, learn, and grow together. This vibrant institution relies upon your generosity of spirit to flourish. This publication gives us the opportunity to recognize and thank the people and organizations who have stepped forward to ensure that our congregation remains strong and responsive both to the needs of today and to the opportunities of tomorrow.

Re:Development Quarterly continues to thank and highlight an individual or family who has stepped forward with extraordinary leadership, whether through wealth, wisdom, or work. Their generosity inspires us to consider how we, too, can play a role in writing the next chapter of our collective story.

Our vision is clear – to deepen our engagement, to strengthen our programs, and to expand our capacity to serve as a beacon of Conservative Judaism at the corner of Shady and Beacon! With your continued support, I know we will succeed.

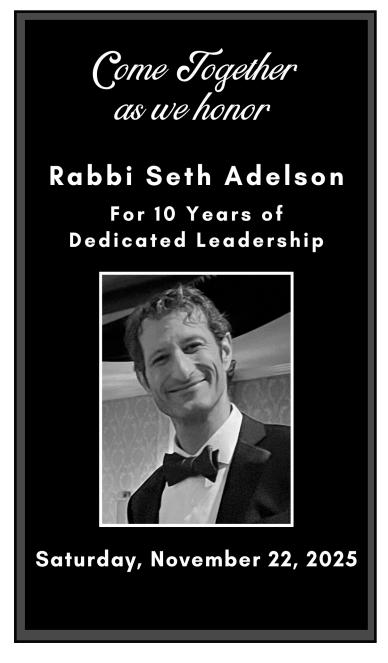
On behalf of the Board of Trustees, thank you for everything you do to keep our congregation thriving!

May this season be filled with sweetness for everyone and may we all know peace.

I look forward to seeing you in shul.

With gratitude,

Paul M. Teplitz





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# Spotlight on our Members Daniel Berkowitz and Ella Ziff

A conversation: Debby Firestone, Ella Ziff and Daniel Berkowitz

**Debby:** Tell me about your Beth Shalom journey.

**Ella:** Dan and I were members of Dor Hadash and decided to join Beth Shalom because our children/step-children and grandchildren are members. Moreover, I am a native Pittsburgher and know many Beth Shalom members. I am a conservative Jew and felt comfortable at Beth Shalom because I had attended Tree of Life in my youth.

Daniel: I was a Beth Shalom member years ago. It is worth noting that at that time my son, Sam, was very much influenced by Beth Shalom's famous Gabbai, Abe Salem. And Sam is now the de facto Gabbai at Congregation Beth Sholom in San Franciso. Sam and his wife, Yuxi, are frequent Torah readers and develop programs for young families.

**Debby:** How have your families influenced your connection to Judaism?

Ella: Growing up, my father ushered every Shabbos at Tree of Life. At home inter-generational Friday night Shabbos dinners and other Jewish holidays were part of the fabric of my life. As a youth I was active in Jewish programs at the Y\*IKC and attended Emma Kaufman Camp. My family taught me the importance of staying connected: extended family were always a part of celebrations, holidays and even in the difficult times.

**Daniel:** I grew up in Philadelphia at Har Zion Temple, where my parents and grandparents were members for decades. I attended Hebrew school, had a Bar Mitzvah and confirmation. Our family observed traditions and participated in Jewish study groups. My father exemplified the mitzvah of tzedakah: he helped many people earn a living and get educations and engaged in multiple philanthropic activities including manag-

ing the construction of the University of Pennsylvania Hillel and serving as chair of the Jewish Theological Seminary's Philadelphia Division.

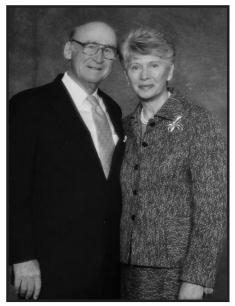
**Debby:** What do you find most attractive about Beth Shalom?

**Ella:** It's gratifying to see in real time our children and grandchildren pray and shmooze with youngsters and oldsters (like Dan and me). There is great programming including study sessions with the Rabbis, the Jewish Book Fair and the monthly Hod veHadar instrumental Shabbat.

**Daniel:** Beth Shalom is a centrist and tolerant religious organization which is rare and precious in our very polarized society. I appreciate that Rabbi Adelson and Rabbi Goodman have created a safe place that is spiritually and intellectually exciting.

**Debby:** Are there any other meaningful experiences that you've had at Beth Shalom?

**Ella:** I particularly really enjoyed participating in Michael Solomonov's presentation and I am excited about being a member of a Havurah.



Edwin & Barbara Berkowitz, Daniel's Parents and Founders of the Berkowitz Family Foundation

**Daniel:** I love playing in the Hod veHadar monthly special Shabbat instrumental service, taking my grandchildren to Manny's Service and connecting with people at the Shabbos Kiddush.

**Debby:** Can you talk about the Edwin J. and Barbara R. Berkowitz Foundation?

Daniel: The foundation was established in 1999 and ran for 25 years. The areas of focus have been Jewish life, education and local organizations supporting those needs. My siblings have had an equal say on our board. Each grandchild has served in a rotating board position to choose and present specific projects for consideration for support from the foundation. There have been many grantees over the years including the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, the Women's Law Project- Pittsburgh Branch, Bike Pittsburgh, Beth Sholom in San Francisco, the Highmark Caring Place, City of Asylum and many organizations in Israel.

**Debby:** Why have you chosen to fund new audio systems for Beth Shalom?

**Daniel:** Ella and I often struggle to hear the prayers, drashes, announcements and music in the Faye Rubinstein Weiss Sanctuary and the



Daniel, Ella, Orli, Hannah, Jake and Lev

Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom. So, we feel we are missing important nuances. The gift from our family foundation is meaningful because we believe it can help our congregants appreciate the amazing spirituality of Beth Shalom and enable the synagogue community to continue growing.

**Debby:** Daniel and Ella have emphasized their deep commitment to Beth Shalom and a desire to invest in our congregation's future. They see Beth Shalom as their spiritual home and are pleased to contribute to something that will strengthen community engagement and accessibility.

Thank you, Daniel and Ella!

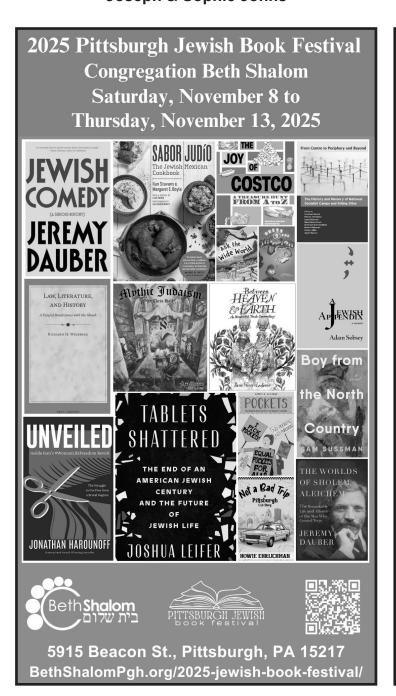


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**Bunny Morris** 

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birthdays

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Alan & Lois Kopolow

Mazal Tov to:

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of your granddaughter & grandson Pauline Rifton

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Speedy Recovery to: Rabbi Seth Adelson

Sally (Sarah) Greenwald

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The birth of Debby & Nate Firestone's granddaughter

Elaine Berkowitz

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Elaine Berkowitz

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Elaine Berkowitz

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My well being and birthday

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Fern Moscov

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#### Preschool Scholarship Fund Lea Szlinski

In Memory of:

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Lea Szklinski

Linda Buchman

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Speedy Recovery to: Rabbi Seth Adelson

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In Honor of:

50th anniversary of Sondra & Richard Glasser & the 90th birthday

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Jerome & Rhoda Jacobs

In Memory of: **Arline Siegelman** 

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Mitch Dernis & Brenda Kurland

Rabbi Goodman for performing my father, Harry Drucker's, unveiling

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In Memory of: **Edward Goldston** 

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Barbara Rosenstein

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**Carol Beth Yoffee** 

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(Comforting Mourners)

May 1, 2025 — July 31, 2025

**Jeanne Tenenouser** on the passing of her husband, Dr. Barry Tenenouser, on Friday, April 25, 2025.

**Joe (Jennifer) Goldston** on the passing his father, Edward M. Goldston, on Monday, April 28, 2025.

**Mitchell (Rhonda) Letwin** on the passing of his father Myron "Buddy" Letwin on Thursday, May 29, 2025.

Harold Szklinski, Esther Karni Szklinski, Brian Szklinski and Fern Moscov on the passing of their mother and sister Lea Stander Szklinski on Thursday, June 26, 2025.

Brian Cohen (Ilyssa Manspeizer), Jacob (Emily), Tal, Gili, Ori, Sonny and Lou Cohen on the passing of their father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Laurence Cohen, on Thursday, July 3, 2025.

# Barukh Dayyan Ha'Emet

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We were sadden by the passing of **Fern Moscov** on Monday, July 14, 2025. She was a long-time member and served as the director of the Beth Shalom Early Learning Center for 20 years.

## Milestones – Mazal Tov!

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**Daphne Macedonia** for being elected as the USY International President.

**Alex Kiderman** for concluding his two-year term as the Vice President of Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs.

**Robbie Zaremberg** for being elected as the Vice President of the Tri-State Region of Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs.

**Jeff Rosenbloom** for being honored as Beth Shalom's Man of the Year at the Tri-State FJMC Honoree Brunch.

**Aliah and Daniel Trompeter** on their marriage on Sunday, May 18, 2025. Danny is the son of our members Toby and Joe Trompeter.

**Ella Ziff** for being honored at Hillel Academy's "A Night of Gratitude and Celebration" on Tuesday, May 20, 2025.

All of the 2025 graduates.

**Debby and Nate Firestone** on the birth of their granddaughter, Hannah Izzy Firestone. Also, mazal tov to parents, Jay & Julia Firestone and big brother Abe Firestone.

Miriam & Ben Tillar, and Noa on the birth of their daughter and sister, Zoe Elizabeth Tillar, who was born on Saturday, June 7, 2025. Mazal tov also to grandparents Kenny & Terry Steinberg and Jim & Sylvia Tillar of Dayton, Ohio.

Lois & Alan Kopolow on the birth of their granddaughter, Quinn Whitman Kopolow, who was born on May 13, 2025, and the birth of their grandson, Jacob Claude Cassis, who was born on May 23, 2025. Mazal tov also to parents Adam Kopolow & Hannah Whitman and Andrea & Noah Cassis.

Rabbi Howie Stein for recently being named the rabbi of Temple Emanuel in Roanoke, Virginia. Best wishes to Rabbi Stein, his wife, Debbie Swartz, and daughter, Aspen (Yona) on their move and new chapter in Virginia.

Jennifer Murtazashvili for receiving a Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program Award from the U.S. Department of State and the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. Jennifer will serve as the distinguished scholar at Tel Aviv University in Israel.

**Cindy Goodman-Leib and Scott Leib** on the joyful marriage of their daughter Elena Leib to Omead Kohanteb in Dana Point, California on Sunday, June 29. Elena and Omead reside in Berkeley, California.

**Mark Frisch and Shari Woldenberg** on the birth of their granddaughter, Lauren Fanya. Also, mazal tov to parents David Frisch and Pammy Brenner.

# **Virtual Third Meal Sponsors**

May 1, 2025 — July 31, 2025

#### May 3, 2025

sponsored by **Joe Brophy & Rachel Fauber** in gratitude to Jonathan Weinkle, Ira Frank, Robert Gleiberman, the Russ Shalman Family and the Pomerantz Family for their assistance with Joe during a medical situation.

#### May 10, 2025

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#### May 31, 2025

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#### June 7, 2025

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#### June 14, 2025

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sponsored by **Gil Schneider** in memory of his grandfather Abraham Meltzer.

#### June 28, 2025

sponsored by **Mindy Shreve**, **Bobby**, **Danny and Bella Bress** in memory of beloved mother and grandmother Jan Bress.

#### July 5, 2025

sponsored by **Rick & Shari Sweet** in memory of the yahrzeit of Rick's beloved mother, Shirley Sweet.

#### July 12, 2025

sponsored by **Friends of Dee Selekman** in honor of her birthday.

#### July 19, 2025

sponsored by **Friends of Brenda Kurland and Mitch Dernis** in honor of their upcoming Aliyah

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#### **Operations Endowment**

Providing long-term support for synagogue operations

#### Rabbi Adelson Discretionary Fund

Supporting Rabbi Adelson's Philanthropic Ideals

#### Rabbi Goodman Discretionary Fund

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#### 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

#### **Bunny and Marvin Morris Family Arts Fund**

Providing support for art

#### **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 Kesher Fund

Underwriting Kesher 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 Endownment

Providing books & other educational materials for preschool

#### 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

#### **Carol Beth Yoffee Yad Fund**

Providing a YAD for all benei mitzvahs

#### 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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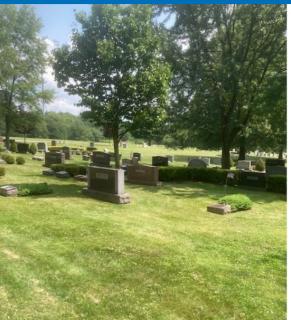
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- Memorial Park & Mausoleum Bronze Memorials
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Morning sunlight through the stained-glass window of the chapel



For more information contact Congregation Beth Shalom's Cemetery Director, Michael Smrek, at 412.421.2288 x293 or msmrek@bethshalompgh.org



















