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A Message from our Development Committee Co-Chair

Welcome to the Winter 2025-26 edition of RE: Development Quarterly, the sixth edition of this publication. It includes all donations made in memory of loved ones or in honor of special occasions plus other contributions to the many named funds, endowments as well as our cemetery, Derekh programming, our General Fund and our rabbis' discretionary funds. This issue will include specific donations made between August 1, 2025 and November 30, 2025.

In this edition, our readers will continue to find a section entitled "Member Spotlight." We will be focusing on individuals or families who have stepped forward in extraordinary ways through wealth, wisdom or work. This edition's interview is with the Kolko family who shared their personal journeys into our community. We would also like to feature and explain several funds and an endowment.

We have listed several ways for members to make contributions to Beth Shalom.

One way to acknowledge a simcha or a heartfelt lifecycle event is to sponsor a kiddush. Each week members of our congregation are able to sponsor a full or partial kiddush, a third meal kiddush and a virtual/third meal (depending on the time of year) and at daily minyan services. Some of the funds collected from the virtual kiddush are used to repair ceremonial objects. There are many types of kiddush sponsorships such as one in memory of a loved one, a baby naming, bris, bat/bar mitzvah, aufruf, birthday, noting a kindness, or any special family celebration. Kiddush sponsorships are listed in this publication four times a year. If you have a question concerning hosting a kiddush, our executive director, Robert Gleberman, will help you. There are also a small number of sponsored kiddushim during the year such as the Zukerman Sukkot Endowment, a kiddush honoring a past

president such as Arnold Lazarus, and Men's Club and Sisterhood Shabbats. Sharing a simcha on shabbat with our Beth Shalom family has become a beloved tradition in our congregation. We have all found that a post-service kiddush is a great way to enjoy and renew friendships.

Another way contributions have been made is through endowments such as the Sisterhood Torah Cover Endowment, which was created during the sisterhood presidency of Margie Herer and the synagogue presidency of Arnold Lazarus in 1983. During the High Holidays and for our weekly Sabbath services in the main sanctuary, many of you may have noticed the changing of our Torah covers from blue to white.



Photos of Past Presidents Harriet Kruman (left) and Jay Fingeret (right) white Torah covers used during the High Holidays

President Lazarus happened to have visited Rodef Shalom Congregation and admired the Torah covers and other needlepoint created by Barbara Trellis. He connected our rabbi, Moshe Goldblum with Barbara, the covers' creator. Rabbi Goldblum and Barbara Trellis decided on "The 5 Books of Moses" as the theme for Beth Shalom's covers and Barbara subsequently designed our five covers. A competition was held to determine the best five stitchers. The sister-

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DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT'S MESSAGE

hood members chosen were: Dorothy Greenfield, Marion Hershman, Marianne Silberman, Nancy Cohen and Cookie Elbling. Every two weeks the needle-pointers met with Barbara, who supervised their progress. The project was completed within two years. A \$5,000 donation to the "Torah Cover Fund" enabled five families to have their name needlepointed on a cover. The name of the person who did the needle-pointing was also stitched on the cover. The five families who endowed this project are: Morris and Lilyanetta Berger family, Marian Neustadt Hershman, Abraham Goldblum, Harriet and Julius Kruaman, and Doris Keisler Rubin family. Over the years, our synagogue family has enjoyed this wonderful gift to the congregation. It's important to note that this fund has also been used to repair torahs.



Photo of needle-pointed Torah covers

It has been customary for Beth Shalom to honor all past presidents with the purchase of a personalized white torah cover. During all of the High Holiday services, the white Torah covers are used. It is especially memorable at the beginning of the Kol Nidre services, when the past presidents and executive officers carry the Torahs around the sanctuary and remain on the bimah expressing the continuity, strength, love and commitment of our lay leadership through the years to our congregation.

Through this publication we hope to remind members of the way our congregants have made meaningful contributions to our Shul in the past and to make them aware of future possibilities for giving to Beth Shalom, thereby continuing to deepen our members' spiritual investment and dedication to Congregation Beth Shalom.

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Spotlight on Members

Adam Kolko and Eydie Moses-Kolko

An Interview by Helen Feder

Helen: Tell us about your Beth Shalom journey. How did you find Congregation Beth Shalom, and what brought you here?

Adam & Eydie: We each found Congregation Beth Shalom independently, before we even knew each other. Both of us explored different synagogues around Squirrel Hill before landing at Beth Shalom.

Adam: I first came to Beth Shalom as a Pitt student in the 1980s for High Holiday services. I remember sitting in the back row of the balcony—and inevitably being asked to move because I was sitting in someone else's seat. Beth Shalom felt familiar to me, very much like the traditional Conservative synagogue I grew up in back in Rochester, New York.

Eydie: I found Beth Shalom in the mid-1990s while I was a psychiatry resident looking for a spiritual home. I was drawn to the egalitarian service and the amount of Hebrew in the service.

Some of our earliest memories together are connected to Beth Shalom, including one of our early dates at Kabbalat Shabbat in the Helfant Chapel. When it came time to raise a family, there was never any question—we knew Beth Shalom would be our home.

Helen: How have your families influenced your connection to Judaism?

Eydie: My mother comes from a long lineage of Yerushalmis, and my grandfather was a rabbi and scholar. I began traveling to Israel at eight months old and went often while growing up. My father loved the practice of Judaism and spoke Hebrew fluently.

I grew up in Baltimore, attended Beth Tfiloh Jewish Day School, and walked to our Modern Orthodox synagogue every Shabbat. I learned

my bat mitzvah haftarah from my father, using the trope passed down from my grandfather. I didn't learn to read Torah until later, after joining Beth Shalom. Shabbat dinners and holiday celebrations were family traditions, and my brother and I went to Jewish summer camps every year.

Adam: I grew up in a family deeply rooted in the Conservative movement, in a home where Judaism was central to daily life. Both my maternal and paternal grandfathers were among the founders of Hillel Community Day School in Rochester, the city's first Jewish day school. My three brothers and I all attended Hillel School through eighth grade.

My first trip to Israel was in 1973, when my family went to celebrate my parents' 25th wedding anniversary—just three months before the Yom Kippur War. Our Shabbat table was often filled with family, friends, and new members of the community. We built a sukkah every year (even in the Rochester snow), and Seders were often boisterous affairs, much to my mother's chagrin, with 7 or 8 cousins, uncles, and aunts. I spent six summers at Camp Ramah Canada and was very involved in Kadima and USY.

Helen: How have you experienced Beth Shalom as part of the Pittsburgh community and the Conservative Movement?

Eydie: For me, Beth Shalom was my first real experience in an egalitarian synagogue where I could fully participate in the service and continue learning new skills, like reading Torah, and taking on mitzvot like covering my head and wearing a tallit.

Beth Shalom has been our home for so many important milestones, including both of our daughters' baby namings and bat mitzvahs. Many of our closest friendships were formed here, and it continues to be a place where we connect to the broader Jewish community.

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Helen: When did you begin taking on lay leadership roles at Beth Shalom?

Adam: I think it really started when our kids were younger—about 15 years ago—when they were going to Junior Congregation. I remember Leah Ackner teaching Torah trope to kids who were only in second or third grade. They would learn a pasuk or two, practice for a few weeks, and then read in the service, often inviting teachers or family to come watch.

Seeing how excited our daughters were made a big impression on me. I realized that I couldn't encourage them to learn synagogue skills and take on leadership if I wasn't willing to do that myself. At the time, I wasn't very involved, and it felt hypocritical. That's when my own involvement really began.

Helen: What keeps you so deeply invested in the life of the synagogue?

Adam: For me, it's partly the people. I'm inspired by the dedication of so many members of this community, and that motivates me to stay involved. I also try to focus on the parts of synagogue life that I genuinely enjoy, like reading Torah and attending services.

I also see Rabbi Adelson as a powerful role model, especially when it comes to daily prayer, kavanah, and gratitude. Watching him “walk the walk” has been a big influence.

Helen: Why have you chosen to volunteer so much of your time to Beth Shalom?

Adam: I really love this place and the community we have here. There was a time, when our kids were very young, when I felt more distant—coming late, sitting in the back, feeling disconnected. I didn't like that feeling and wanted to be more immersed. Now, hearing children's voices during services feels like a sign of a healthy, vibrant synagogue.

Helen: What do you find most attractive about Beth Shalom?

Adam: I love the eclectic mix of people—young, old, and everyone in between—and the strong commitment to egalitarianism. Beth Shalom most closely resembles the synagogue I grew up in, even though it's a different era and less formal. I especially value that our services are predominantly lay-led.

Helen: Are there any other meaningful experiences you'd like to share?

Adam: One experience that stands out for me is attending morning minyan at Beth Shalom after the Tree of Life shooting, when the Tree of Life minyan began meeting here. Being in that space with Rabbi Myers, Judah Samet, Audrey Glickman, Joe Charney, and others who were so deeply affected was incredibly powerful.

I also remember being in a small minyan with two nearly 100-year-old regulars—Moshe Baran and Moe Lebow. Sharing that intimate prayer space across generations remains one of my most meaningful memories of Beth Shalom.



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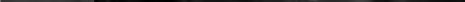
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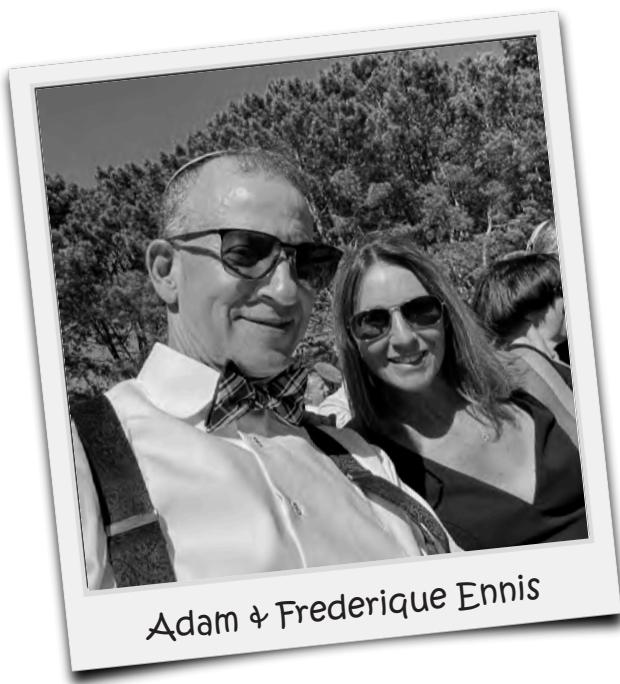




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Frederique and Adam Ennis are excited to join Congregation Beth Shalom. Frederique is a Planning Manager with American Eagle Outfitters and Adam is a Member of Steptoe & Johnson PLLC, where he is in the Litigation Department. They have three grown children: Jordan is a lawyer in Pittsburgh; Maya recently graduated college and plans to attend medical school, and Andre is a senior in college and hopes to attend veterinary school. Although Frederique and Adam live in the north hills (Bradford Woods), they have many friends in Squirrel Hill and are active in the Pittsburgh Jewish community. Among other things, they have served in roles with the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh and chaired the Diller Teen Fellows Advisory Panel, in which all their kids participated. Frederique and Adam love running, travel, binging Netflix, and taking walks with their goldendoodles Leo and Cash.

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November 1, 2025

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November 29, 2025

sponsored by **Miriam & Ben Tillar and Terry & Kenny Steinberg** in honor of the naming of their daughter and granddaughter, Zoe.

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(Comforting Mourners)

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Nicole Valinsky (Howard) on the passing of her mother, Mira Rei Cohen, on Tuesday, August 12, 2025.

Sharon & Rachel Dobkin on the passing of their husband & father, Larry Dobkin, on Monday, August 18, 2025.

Bernice Meyers on the passing of her husband Jack Meyers on Thursday, August 28, 2025.

Rabbi Mark Goodman on the passing of his grandmother, Rachel Freisleben, on Thursday, August 28, 2025.

Rachel Krasnow (Ed Fine), Evelyn Favish, and Melissa B. Krasnow (Corey Cochran) on the passing of their mother, sister and grandmother, Jocelyn Lehman, on Saturday, September 5, 2025.

Rabbi Stephanie Wolfe on the passing of her mother, Elaine Gail Wolfe, on Wednesday, September 10, 2025.

Evan (Adrienne) Indianer on of the passing of his father, Paul Simon, on Wednesday, October 8, 2025.

Deborah S. Ziskind on the passing of her mother, Norma Jean Ziskind, on Wednesday, October 22, 2025.

Danny (Debby Gillman) Kass, Judah and Nava Kass on the passing their father and grandfather, Rabbi Dr. Alvin Kass, on Wednesday, October 29, 2025.

Cherie Maharam, Alexis Maharam and Edie (Matthew) Styen, Morgan and Clayton Styen on the passing of their husband, father and grandfather, Stanley Maharam on Monday, November 10, 2025.

Stanley (Patty) Levine on the passing of his brother, Lawrence Levine, on Monday, November 17, 2025.

Barukh Dayyan Ha'Emet

August 1, 2025 — November 30, 2025

We are saddened to share the news of the passing of our previous longtime member, **Dorene Binstock Cohen**, beloved wife of the late Eugene R. ("Huey") Cohen on Monday, September 8, 2025.

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Milestones – *Mazal Tov!*

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Shira, Ben, and big brother Elliya Rastein (Rascoe/Weilerstein) on the birth of their newest family member, Maayan Shai Rastein, who was born on Sunday, July 20, 2025.

Lilly & Logan Gants on the birth of their son Noah Uri Gants who was born on Saturday, August 9, 2025.

Ella Ziff for recently being honored by Hillel Academy of Pittsburgh for 13 years of service as Director of Special Services at the Jewish day school.

Carol & Ken Turkewitz on the birth of their granddaughter, Hazel, on Sunday, August 23, 2025. Parents are Hannah Perham & Jonathan Shuster.

The staff of the Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle, including member Jim Busic, for receiving the Lion of Truth award from StandWithUs in recognition of their courage, leadership, and commitment to standing up for Israel and fighting antisemitism.

Lee & Marnin Fischbach on the wedding of their son Dr. Shane Fischbach to Dr. Yael Koren this past weekend in Boston. Mazal tov also to grandparents, Oscar and Elaine Singer.

Tika Bonner whose brother, Charles R. Bonner II, received a promotion to Colonel in the United States Army on Friday, September 12, 2025.

Simone & Dr. Daniel Rubin on the engagement of their daughter, Jamie Rubin, to Eric Kurss. Mazal Tov also to Eric's parents, Robin and Dr. David Kurss of Buffalo, NY.

Shana Zions, daughter of our members Harry and Laurie Zions, on the occasion of the naming of her baby daughter, Leora Shir.

Elisa Recht Marlin on the birth of her granddaughter, Maya Harper Marlin, daughter of Zachary and Orlea Marlin of New York City.

Patty (Sherman) & Alan Barnett and Roma Beth Olitt on the joyful marriage of their children, Michael Craig Barnett and Jordyn Bari Herman, in Rye, N.Y. on Sunday, November 2, 2025. Grandparents are the late Connie and Samuel Sherman (z"l), the late Sonya and Charles Barnett (z"l) of New York City, NY, and Joyce Olitt and the late Jerry Olitt (z"l) of Old Greenwich, CT.

Ilyssa Manspeizer on winning the AARP Purpose Prize that honors older Americans who spend their lives helping others.

Miriam & Ben Tillar and Terry & Kenny Steinberg on the naming of their daughter and granddaughter, Zoe Elizabeth Tillar.

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Establishing and maintaining the Hoffman Library

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