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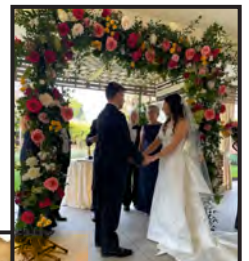
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CELEBRATIONS INCLUDE:

- Anniversaries**
- Baby Namings**
- Benei Mitzvah Parties**
- Birthday Parties**
- Bridal Showers**
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A Message from our Development Committee Co-Chairs

Debby Firestone and Alan Himmel

An Unwavering Funding Partner: The Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh

The Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh has played a vital and transformative role in supporting the Jewish community and in turn Congregation Beth Shalom. It has helped by strengthening our programs, enhancing educational opportunities, and ensuring the safety and vitality of this community. Through a combination of direct financial contributions, security funding, and broader community initiatives, the Federation has made a meaningful and lasting impact.



From 2024 through 2026, Beth Shalom has received significant direct monetary support that has enriched many areas of congregational life. One of the most impactful contributions comes through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Pre-K Scholarship program, which provides funding to support early childhood education for families in need. Additional support through the Federation Educational Enrichment Fund has strengthened the JJEP/Unified Religious School, ensuring that students receive high-quality Jewish education.

Youth engagement has also benefited from Federation funding, including subsidies that allow teens to attend USY regional conventions, fostering leadership and connection among Jewish youth. Programs such as Shababababa and One Happy Camper have expanded opportunities for children and families to engage in Jewish life both locally and through summer camp experiences.

The Federation has further demonstrated its commitment to education by investing in professional development for educators. Initiatives such as the ElevatEd Early Childhood Education Initiative and various professional development grants ensure that teachers continue to grow in their practice, ultimately benefiting the students and families they serve. Subsidies for events like the Coming Together Annual Celebration Dinner and memberships such as OpenDor Media's Unpacked for

Educators further enhance educational resources available to Beth Shalom.

Cultural programming has also flourished with Federation support. The Beth Shalom Book Festival, for example, received two generous grants totaling \$10,000 from Federation-associated funds, enabling the continuation of a vibrant literary and cultural tradition within the community.

In addition to programmatic support, the Federation has prioritized the safety and security of Beth Shalom. Funding for armed security during high holiday services and early childhood programs, training staff and congregants in security protocol as well as investments in critical response mapping, have ensured that congregants can gather with confidence and peace of mind.

Beyond direct financial assistance, the Federation provides indirect benefits that strengthen the broader Jewish community. These include state-level advocacy, social justice initiatives, educational programs like Moving Traditions, the Shinshinim program bringing young Israelis to Pittsburgh as cultural ambassadors for a volunteer gap year before their Israel Defense Forces (IDF) service, and community health planning efforts. Together, these initiatives create a network of support that extends far beyond any single institution.

In sum, the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh has been an essential partner to Congregation Beth Shalom. Its investments in education, youth engagement, cultural programming, security, and community-building have not only enhanced the congregation's offerings but have also reinforced the strength and resilience of Jewish life in the region.

Help Your Shul...

by wishing our friends a Happy Birthday!

As part of the birthday greetings program, you can write one larger check and draw down on your deposit as you send greetings during the year.

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

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Spotlight on Members Ronna and Dan Askin

An Interview by Debby Firestone

Among the most well known and well liked members at Beth Shalom are Dan and Ronna Askin. At our Shul, they have found not just a place of worship, but a true community. Together, their personal stories highlight the importance of tradition and individual choice in shaping Jewish life.

Ronna was raised in Pittsburgh's East End Jewish community, where she grew up immersed in synagogue life at Congregation B'nai Israel, like Beth Shalom, a large and vibrant shul housed in an imposing and beautiful building. Her upbringing was rich with holiday traditions, cherished family recipes, and a strong maternal influence, all of which fostered a deep and lasting Jewish identity.

The closure of B'nai Israel, due to demographic and financial challenges, was a significant loss to Ronna and the community. However, it led her family to Congregation Beth Shalom, where Ronna formed new connections through her children's involvement and her own participation.. Beth Shalom became a place of renewed meaning, as well as the setting for important family milestones and ongoing spiritual growth.

When Ronna lost her husband, Richard Harris, she found that attending daily minyan provided comfort, structure, and a sense of continuity, reinforcing the importance of community, which further deepened Ronna's connection to Jewish practice and Beth Shalom.

Ronna's contributions extend beyond the synagogue. She has demonstrated a lifelong dedication to leadership and service, including her work with the Disabled Israeli Veterans program as chair of School of Advanced Jewish Studies (SAJS) and a distinguished career in education and public health research, with a focus on supporting caregivers. Her core values—family, responsibility, and community—have been passed on to her children. She played an important role in creating the successful merger of Community Day School and the Solomon Schechter School.

Dan and his late wife, Donna, were also active members of Beth Shalom, bringing with them strong roots from the Baltimore Jewish community. Both were raised in kosher homes and carried those traditions into their own family life. Dan played a central role in synagogue



life as a passionate educator, teaching Holocaust studies to Beth Shalom's older students and at the School of Advanced Jewish Studies (SAJS). He also chaperoned annual trips to the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C., helping younger generations engage meaningfully with Jewish history. At Shabbat services, he was a welcoming presence at the Library Minyan, fostering a strong sense of belonging.

Following the loss of his wife, Donna, Dan's connection to Congregation Beth Shalom deepened. Rabbi Stephen Steindel remarked that attending daily minyan became a particularly meaningful experience for Dan. It was during this time that Ronna and Dan developed a close relationship, eventually leading to their marriage and a mutual commitment to Jewish life and education.

Dan's daughter, Andie, who relocated to Pittsburgh after several years in Portland, contributed additional perspective to this narrative. She recalls a home grounded in strong traditions, including weekly Shabbat dinners that provided a steady sense of connection and identity.

Ronna's and Dan's shared experiences of loss and resilience have shaped their Jewish journeys. Through it all, Congregation Beth Shalom has remained a central source of connection, continuity, and community.

Planting the Seeds for Our Future...



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TODAY!



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Making a legacy gift assures that Beth Shalom will be here for future generations. Joining the Legacy Circle is easy – simply let us know you are thinking about making a legacy gift to the shul through your will, trust, retirement plan, life insurance policy or other option. For information about how you can create your Jewish legacy, please contact Robert Gleiberman, 412-421-2288 Ext. 226, or rgleiberman@bethshalompgh.org.







BIRTHDAYS



June

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|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Jacob Katchen (1) | Jesse Plung (6) | Nancy Merenstein (12) | Reta Murray (17) | Aaron Morgenstern (24) |
| Judi Rosen (1) | Paul Reznick (6) | Isaac Munro (12) | Benjamin Miller (18) | Samuel Shear (24) |
| Eric Valinsky (1) | Eliza Shiffman (6) | Marc Schwartz (12) | Omri Raz (19) | Joel Mackler (25) |
| Adam Feinberg (2) | Josh Steiman (6) | Benjamin Kogan (12) | Cheryl Bernstein (19) | Sandy Oker (25) |
| Gary Fischer (2) | Goldyne Rubin (6) | Ellen Leger (12) | Laurie Zionts (19) | Benjamin Yahr (26) |
| Terri Gould (2) | Miriam Shiffman (7) | Hannah Pomerantz (12) | Gabriela Morin (19) | Joseph Finkelstein (27) |
| Laurie Hirschman (2) | Elaine Sokol (7) | David Smiga (12) | Alan Barnett (20) | Herbert Shear (27) |
| Eli Kranjec (2) | Rebecca Dupuis (7) | Daniel Rubin (13) | Simone Karp (20) | Sophie Johns (27) |
| Steven Santman (2) | Ariel Raz (9) | Matt Samberg (13) | Avi Baran Munro (20) | Sivon Feinberg (28) |
| Erica Zabusky (2) | Benjamin Simon (9) | David Held (14) | Mark Sutcliffe (20) | Benji Himmel (28) |
| Scott Horvitz (3) | Daniel Berkowitz (10) | Brett Weingart (14) | Marylyn Baker (21) | Elisa Marlin (28) |
| Adam Indianer (3) | Alex Friedman (10) | Michael Zinkovsky (14) | Richard Lappen (21) | Micah Rabin (28) |
| David Chesson (3) | Judy Light Yailen (10) | Bella Chudnovsky (16) | Yevgeniya Litman (21) | Joshua Resnick (28) |
| Sheila Altshuler (4) | Linda Ehrenreich (11) | Michael Schwartz (16) | H. David Stein (21) | Max Zack Yoffee (28) |
| Dana Ascherman (4) | Natan Litman (11) | Stephen Steindel (16) | Judith Bardack (21) | Lawrence Paper (29) |
| Nathan Firestone (5) | Mark Rollman (11) | Lloyd Myers (16) | BJ Friedman (21) | Joshua Geller (30) |
| Joseph Munro (5) | Boris Yurovsky (11) | Lawrence Glanz (17) | Pearl Averbach (22) | Jessica Savitz (30) |
| Barbara Shear (5) | Hannah Berkowitz (12) | Joshua Grill (17) | Samantha Holzer (22) | Joan Weinbaum (30) |
| Brooke Barker (5) | Darya Fischbach (12) | Lynda Flom (17) | Sara Morrison (23) | |
| Justin Blumenfeld (6) | Shane Fischbach (12) | Josh Lewis (17) | Iris Nahemow (23) | |
| Lilia Dolgosheev (6) | Stacey Horvitz (12) | Paige Tuckfelt (17) | Wendy Russman-Halperin (23) | |

July

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Toby Ascherman (1) | Adam Hoffman (7) | Vita Nemirovsky (15) | Nancy Roth (21) | Elana Slesnick (26) |
| Jill Millstone (1) | Jonathan Arnold (9) | Natalie Wolf (15) | Howard Reinfeld (21) | Alan Himmel (27) |
| Ruth Weiss (1) | Myriam Levine (9) | Martha Printz Safyan (16) | Elyse Averbach (22) | Paul Teplitz (27) |
| Emily Weiss (1) | Theresa Eisner (10) | Olga Zinkovsky (16) | Anna Lizunov (22) | Max Harlow (27) |
| Yan Dolgosheev (2) | Kathryn Friedman (10) | Lauren Ruben (16) | Jonah Baron (23) | Anna Aynbinder (28) |
| Christopher Hall (2) | Reva Neiman (10) | Karen Goldman (17) | Marianna Chudnovsky (23) | Stanley Horn (28) |
| Joshua Tauberg (2) | Dana Hecht (11) | Daniel Hoffman (17) | Gloria Janavitz (23) | Jo-Ann Lieber (28) |
| Lev Freedman (2) | Clarice Katz (11) | Jackie Perlow (17) | Harold Smolar (23) | Jaclyn Moldovan (28) |
| Theo Rothstein (3) | Stephanie Pomerantz (11) | Diana Rayzberg (17) | Ian Fishman (23) | Roger Zimmerman (28) |
| Neal Shenderovich (3) | Nicole Valinsky (11) | Melissa Seldin (17) | Jordan Finkelstein (24) | Ann McDonough (29) |
| Micah Ziff (4) | Melvin Luterman (12) | Cheryl Blumenfeld (19) | Esther Lofenfeld (24) | Roxanne Podlipsky (29) |
| Barry Palkovitz (4) | Rebecca Gamble (13) | Josephine Morgenstern (19) | Beth Paransky (24) | Amelia Oleander (29) |
| Roni Semins (4) | Barbara Rosenstein (13) | Ayala Rosen (19) | Andrew Rabin (24) | Malorie Schecter (29) |
| Marcia Sokolow Spitz (4) | Dee Selekman (13) | Hannah Busis (20) | Robert Garvin (25) | Boaz Munro (30) |
| Jason Cohen (5) | Jack Kessler (14) | Alexandra Friedman (20) | Daniel Kass (25) | Max Sussman (30) |
| Michael Garvin (5) | Adina Schiff (14) | Evan Stein (20) | Judah Gillman Kass (25) | Rory McCarthy (31) |
| Joshua Friedman (6) | Fern Steckel (14) | Shari Sweet (20) | David Saul (25) | |
| Hannah Mackler (6) | Seth Glick (14) | Jonathan Weinkle (20) | John Thomas (25) | |
| Lynn Rosenthal (6) | Sharon Brody (14) | Naomi Ullendorff (20) | Donna Gordon (26) | |
| Dan Zandberg (6) | Arlana Sherman (15) | Rachel Adler (20) | Judith Kadosh (26) | |

August

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|------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Jonah Rosenberg (1) | Erik Franey (6) | Nicholas Petesch (15) | Patricia Barnett (22) | Rachel Albert (28) |
| Paul Shapiro (1) | Mikael Kimelman (7) | Marjorie Rice (15) | Neila Bendas (22) | Jordana Yahr (28) |
| Ilene Cohen (1) | Elisheva Reynolds Schreiber (7) | Daniel Trompeter (15) | Frank Bartos (22) | Caedyn Krahlung (28) |
| Irwin Ehrenreich (2) | Jonah Rosenthal (8) | Steven Berger (16) | Margaret Fischer (23) | Julia Holber (29) |
| Sarah Grill (2) | Benjamin Plaut (9) | Elan Ullendorff (16) | Louis Liss (23) | Benjamin Kimelman (29) |
| Ellina Lantsman (3) | Shiri Friedman (9) | Eli Ziff (17) | Jane Rollman (23) | David Kimelman (29) |
| Samantha Resnick (3) | Ezra Dubowitz (10) | Peter Brusilovsky (17) | Elinor Zaremborg (23) | Bryan Ghingowiz (29) |
| Nicholas Trompeter (3) | Niv Friedman (10) | Bruce Klein (17) | Robin Freyberg (24) | Daphne Ippolito (29) |
| Jane Liebschutz (3) | Joseph Trompeter (10) | Irving Segal (17) | Gina Levine (24) | Ilya Aronin (30) |
| Mimi Halpern (4) | Ellen Kessler (12) | Benjamin Altshuler (18) | Gili Cohen (25) | Robert Bettinger (30) |
| Steve Hoffman (4) | Ria David (12) | Alberto Altshuler (18) | Rebecca Mancoll (25) | Jonah Grail (30) |
| James Kossis (4) | Joel Smalley (12) | Robert Ginsburg (18) | Noa Goodman (25) | Adi Kadosh (30) |
| Edie Styen (4) | Anna Binstock (12) | Rochelle Glanz (18) | Jay Fingeret (26) | Toby Neufeld (30) |
| Holly Wald (4) | Richard Feder (13) | Rochelle Wagner (18) | Ian Pollack (26) | Samuel Simon (30) |
| Michael Yoffee (4) | Ronald Hartman (13) | Hannah Vered Adelson (19) | Eli Diamant (27) | Linda Supowitz (30) |
| Elliott Blum (5) | Benjamin Kline (13) | Meryl Gotlieb (19) | Amy Bardack (27) | Marisa Sobol (30) |
| Peyton Klein (5) | Lynn Hecht (14) | Leonard Adelson (21) | Ellen Siegel (27) | Merle Levine (31) |
| Aaron Rubin (5) | Samantha Schwartz (14) | Drew Feiner (21) | Shayna Valinsky (27) | James Schuster (31) |
| Chris Mueller (6) | Timothy Tallon (14) | Stephanie Lappen (21) | Brett Weinberger (27) | Meyer Grinberg (31) |
| Liz Smuckler (6) | Susan Kimelman (15) | Nadav Gilboa (21) | Erin Sussman (27) | |

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HAPPY Anniversary

June

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Louis & Amy Weiss (1)
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Ira & Kate Rothstein (10)
Alan & Judy Maglin (11)
Harvey & Beverly Robins (12)
Jared Magnani & Amy Bardack (14)
Rory McCarthy & Lauren Herckis (14)
Murray & Donna Gordon (15)
Jack & Mimi Halpern (15)
Aaron & Emily Weiss (16)
Samuel & Kimberly Simon (17)

Mark & Bari Weinberger (17)
Richard & Stephanie Lappen (18)
Jeffrey & Jennifer Finkelstein (19)
Gary & Eva Friedman (19)
Stanley & Patricia Levine (19)
Lonnie & Natalie Wolf (19)
Matt & Diana Samberg (19)
Arthur & Janis Davidson (20)
Mitchell & Rhonda Letwin (21)
Harry & Laurie Zions (22)
Nathan & Sheila Altshuler (24)
Robert & Pamela Slayton (24)

Paul & Karen Shapiro (25)
David & Marisa Boevers (26)
Alan & Patricia Barnett (27)
Daniel & Theresa Eisner (27)
Gerald & Paula Sokolow (27)
Paul & Mara Svoboda (27)
Joshua & Debbie Resnick (28)
Daniel & Anne Schiff (28)
Richard & Shari Sweet (28)
David & Rachel Danenberg (28)
Michael & Ann McDonough (29)
Owen & Daniella Schwartz (29)

July

Joseph Jolson & Sabina Robinson (1)
Jon & Lisa Marcus (1)
Joseph & Sophie Johns (2)
Michael & Ellen Siegel (3)
Evan & Jackie Stein (3)
Jeffrey & Lynn Rosenthal (4)
Phillip & Barbara Barnett (5)
Benjamin Weilerstein & Shira Rascoe (5)
Alan & Fern Steckel (8)

Barry & Yvonne Stein (8)
Boaz Frankel & Brooke Barker (10)
Daniel Berkowitz & Ella Ziff (12)
Lawrence & Eileen Paper (12)
Charles & Judith Perlow (15)
Richard & Helen Feder (16)
Howard Kline & Lynda Flom (16)
Paul & Rae Wallach (16)
Stanley & Nikol Marks (17)

Aaron & Lorraine Mackler (20)
Daniel & Ronna Harris Askin (25)
Emanuel Schreiber &
Elisheva Reynolds Schreiber (27)
David Stein & Arielle Kroser (28)
Leon Valdes & Naomi Stein (29)
Adam & Shoshanna Shear (31)

August

Zach & Robin Freyberg (5)
Charles & Ellen Wilf (5)
Peter & Valeria Brusilovsky (6)
John & Diane Katz (6)
Doug Frisbee & Casey Weiss (6)
Eric & Sheila Scott (8)
David & Amelia Oleander (8)
Stanley & Reva Horn (9)
Merle & Myriam Levine (9)
Jason & Sara Berliner (10)
Neal & Maria Shenderovich (10)
Lawrence Weber & Ellen Mandel (11)
Daniel & Neila Bendas (12)
Pinchas & Aviva Rosenberg (13)
David & Joan Weinbaum (14)
Ian & Sarah Fishman (14)
Stan & BJ Friedman (14)

Edward & Kathryn Friedman (15)
Alexander & Massy Paul (15)
Ian & Connie Pollack (15)
Ilya & Mariya Aronin (16)
Scott Leib & Cindy Goodman-Leib (16)
Gregory & Laurie Weingart (16)
Earl & Barbara Kaiserman (17)
Jan & Margaretha Levinson (17)
Mitchell Dervis & Brenda Kurland (18)
Jay & Ilene Fingeret (18)
Robert & Ellen Garvin (18)
Aaron & Liz Smuckler (19)
Jeffrey Kobi & Kara Tav (20)
Drew Feiner & Maggie Whelan (21)
Howard & Beth Grill (21)
Larry & Adrienne Savitz (21)
Michael & Roxanne Podlipsky (22)

Robert & Celia Liss (23)
Samuel & Dorothy Greenfield (24)
Alan & Laurie Hirschman (24)
Ariel & Elana Raz (24)
Melvyn & Nancy Goldstein (27)
Harry & Patty Schneider (28)
Jeremy Gongola &
Elizabeth Greenwald (28)
Lev & Marianna Chudnovsky (29)
Thomas Holber & Linda Safyan (29)
Jay & Jo-Ann Lieber (30)
Herbert & Barbara Shear (30)
Benjamin & Natasha Berman (31)
Jeffrey & Linda Newman (31)
Paul & Jean Reznick (31)
Steve & Judi Rosen (31)

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BENEI MITZVAH

Sara Mekhala Chester is the daughter of May (Pawanya) and Ari Chester. Her proud grandparents are Andrea and Joseph Chester, and Payong and Kittipat Sokuma. Sara's sisters also participated in the Torah service: Rachel, Evelyn, and Adeline (Babe). Sara is named in loving memory of her great-grandmother, Sarah B. Caplan, of blessed memory, who was among the founding members of Beth Shalom. Sara loves spending time with her friends, sports (flag football, basketball), swimming, cooking, and her new puppy, Taco. Sara's Bat Mitzvah project is to raise money to send sweaters and art supplies to children in Northern Thailand.



Bat Mitzvah: 6/6/2026

Benei Mitzvah Planning

We begin working with families of students in fourth grade, toward their becoming benei mitzvah.

Please remember that all information related to bat/bar mitzvah and so much more about the process can be found online in the Beth Shalom Benei Mitzvah Handbook, which you can download as a PDF at BethShalomPgh.org/lifelong-learning/benei-mitzvah.



Please be in contact with Ashley Burse, Rabbi's Assistant, at aburse@bethshalompgh.org.

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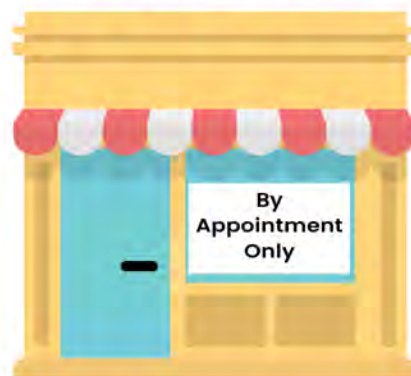
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Bunny Morris

Sean Perkin

Bunny Morris

Howard Weiss

Bunny Morris

Nathan Young

Bunny Morris

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squad**

Chris Hall & Jessica Hammer

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Ann Langman

Kenneth & Terry Steinberg

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Boaz Frankel

Noah & Aviva Lubowsky

Alan Himmel

Noah & Aviva Lubowsky

Zarky Rudavsky

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Rabbi Mark Goodman

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Hannah Bein & Aaron Balleisen

Richard & Helen Feder

Judy Adelson & Shari Woldenberg

Richard & Helen Feder

In Honor of:

Alan Himmel

Derek Smith & Nicole Evoy

Rabbi Seth Adelson

Stanley & Nikol Marks

David Horvitz's 70th birthday

Morris & Adriane Horvitz

Scott Leib & Cindy Goodman-Leib

Raychel Franey

Richard & Helen Feder

The birth of Rae & Paul Wallach's grandson Samuel Raphael

Rosenheck

Richard & Helen Feder

Judith Kadosh's son's marriage

Sanford & Elinor Zaremborg

The birth of Rae & Paul Wallach's grandchild

Barry & Yvonne Stein

Arbel Friedman's Bar Mitzvah

Barry & Yvonne Stein

Speedy Recovery:

Paul Wallach

Barry & Yvonne Stein

In Memory of:

Ann Langman

Russell Cain

Richard & Helen Feder

Mark Frisch & Shari Woldenberg

Joseph Jolson & Sabina Robinson

Jeffery & Rabbi Kara Tav

Dee Selekman

Mindy Shreve

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Mindy Shreve

Barbara Berkowitz

Mindy Shreve

David Kornblum

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Leila Friedman

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In Memory of:

Ann Langman

Sharon Dobkin

Judaica Museum Fund

In Memory of:

Muriel Friedman

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In Honor of:

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Elaine Berkowitz

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Lynn Gleiberman (Robert) on the passing of her mother, Ann Langman, on Monday, March 9, 2026.

Daniel (Ella Ziff) Berkowitz and Hannah (Dr. Jacob) Pomerantz on the passing of their mother & grandmother, Barbara Berkowitz, on Sunday, March 29, 2026.

Karen Kornblum (Paul Andrew Pagano) and Molly (Bobby) Zacharias on the passing of Karen's brother and Molly's uncle, David Kornblum, on Monday, March 30, 2026.

Shirley Estner on the passing of her husband, Milton Estner, on Sunday, April 5, 2026.

Mindy Young-Secunda & Jeff (Laura) Young, and Jake, Izzy, Addie, & Evan on the passing of their father and grandfather on Wednesday, April 15, 2026. Also, condolences to Nathan's cousin Nathan (Deborah) Firestone and Nathan's sister-in-laws Susan Young and Racille Lazar.

Sorley Faye Rosenthal, Laurie (Victor) Mizrahi, Elan (Vanessa) Mizrahi and Mia Mizrahi on the passing of their husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Irving Phillip Rosenthal on Tuesday, April 28, 2026.

Renée Ramo, Debi Gilboa, Ari, Nadav, Oren & Gavri on the passing of their husband, father & grandfather, Arthur Goldberg on Wednesday, May 20, 2026.

Milestones – *Mazal Tov!*

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Deborah & David Baron and Iris Nahemow on the marriage of their son and grandson Jonah Baron to Abby Shulman in late January 2026 in Delray Beach, Florida.

Barbara & Herb Shear on the bat mitzvah of their granddaughter, Talia Miriam Shear, on September 27, 2025 in Palm Springs.

Dani Lyon Zionts & Rachel Parker on the birth of their daughter, Leni Kaplan Zionts in Portland, Oregon. Leni is the granddaughter of Nancy & Leon (z"l) Zionts, the niece of Allison Zionts & James Curtis, the great niece of Laurie & Harry Zionts, and the great-great niece of Mimi & Jack Halpern.

Karen Gal-Or for receiving the Community Lamplighter Award from Chabad of Squirrel Hill on May 7, 2026.

Dr. Stanley Marks for receiving the 2026 PNC Elsie Hillman Distinguished Scholar Award, honoring his decades long impact on cancer care and research on Thursday, March 26, 2026.

Brayden Lewinter, Daphne Macedonia & Sylvia Svoboda who received the 2026 Nathan H. Kaufmann Scholastic Award from the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame Western Pennsylvania on Sunday, May 3, 2026.

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Madelyn Daffner, daughter of Randi and Marc Daffner, who became a bat mitzvah on Saturday, May 16 at Beth El Congregation in South Hills. Grandparents are Alva and Richard Daffner of Mt. Lebanon, PA and Phyllis Wiener and the late Barry Wiener of Boca Raton, FL.

Theo Finer, Natanel Fischbach, Benji Friedman, Rosie Marcus, Eliana Mirvish, Alia Neivert and Noa Yogman who graduated from Community Day School on Friday, May 15, 2026.

Fern and Alan Steckel on the recent birth of their grandson, Jonathan Moshe. Also mazal tov to parents, Adam and Lee Steckel, and grandparents, Maurice and Coalit OHayan who reside in Israel.

Rabbi Mark Asher Goodman for receiving an honorary doctorate from the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies.

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We are seeking sponsors for our Shabbat Kiddushes. A sponsorship is \$500.

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



Sponsor a Virtual Se'udah Shelishit (Virtual Third Meal)

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

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OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

**Check out the full list of Congregation Beth Shalom endowment and funds.
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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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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

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Supporting Youth Department activities

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Supporting synagogue operations

Max Elinoff Youth Scholarship Fund

Supporting Beth Shalom youth welfare

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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

Mimi & Jack Halpern Event Assistance Fund

Providing financial assistance to a CBS member who would like to attend or participate in a CBS event

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

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Bessie & Aaron Maharam Education Endowment

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 and 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

YAD Carol Beth Yoffee Fund

Giving the gift of a yad to all bar/bat Mitzvot students in the Pittsburgh community

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

Please reference this directory for professional leadership contact information.

We look forward to speaking with you!

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