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Torah with the Night Owls

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The best night of the year in Squirrel Hill is that of the 6th of Sivan, the first night of Shavu'ot, when the hardy souls who love digging into our traditional texts learn all night long at the JCC and around the neighborhood, including at Beth Shalom. And since this year will be in person once again after two years of online learning (which is certainly better than no learning, but everything is better in person!), I expect that this year's *Tikkun Leil Shavu'ot* will be especially meaningful.

What is it that drives some of us to stay up all night learning Torah on Shavu'ot? What is it about our ancient texts that keeps drawing us back to them? Why are there more people engaged in *Daf Yomi*, learning one page of Talmud per day, than ever before? The Judaism of my youth - regular Shabbat attendance at synagogue, USY and Camp Ramah, family meals for Shabbat and Yom Tov - did not necessarily highlight learning rabbinic text. Talmud was for my rabbi and his colleagues and maybe some of the old guys who used to study together after minyan on Sunday mornings.

But there are so many new ways to learn today: podcasts and Sefaria and videos and daily emails and so forth. The veil of ancient obscurity provided by rabbinic Aramaic patois, with its curious grammar and insider jargon, has been lifted, revealing the magical contents of the Jewish bookshelf. Widespread access and good teachers who are willing to bring inspiring texts to life have made the democratization of Jewish text, a project begun by Rashi in the 11th century CE, nearly complete. It is so easy today to fulfill the weightiest mitzvah of the 613: getting busy with words of Torah.

So come and learn with the night owls on Saturday night, June 4th. Come and find out why Torah continues to appeal, how to unlock the secrets of ancient texts, what the fuss is all about. Join us as we learn into the wee hours, and I promise you that your time will be better spent than just about anything else you could possibly be doing at that time. See you there!

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A Message from Our President

Alan Kopolow

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It has now been one year since the beginning of my presidency of Beth Shalom. It has been a challenging and incredibly fulfilling year with more challenges ahead for the coming year. We have weathered a number of storms such as dealing with a new strain of COVID and when and how to best bring congregants back to shul, challenging financial issues, unexpected repairs to our building, searching for an additional clergy to partner with Rabbi Adelson, maintaining adequate staffing, finding a new IT system and many other issues. Despite these very difficult tests with which we were faced, we found ways to successfully get through them. This was due to the strength of our spiritual leader Rabbi Seth Adelson (we never missed a service throughout the pandemic), our staff led by Executive Director Robert Gleiberman, and the efforts of our COVID Task Force which was guided by some of the most able, knowledgeable and caring doctors and public health experts in the area. In addition, our successes can also be attributed to our Executive Committee and Board of Trustees who regularly went above and beyond to make sure Beth Shalom succeeded and made meaningful progress implementing our Strategic Plan. Lastly but certainly not least, I want to send a thank you to our volunteers who somehow always showed up or made contributions when they were needed. Many thanks and Yasher Koach to all. Our congregation's successes clearly demonstrated why we are such a strong and vibrant community. We still have many daunting challenges ahead. We will face these head on. With the continued support, generosity and skills of our membership and staff, I am very confident we will continue to make our shul a better and more welcoming place. Let's make Beth Shalom feel like home!

While I have delineated some of the tests we faced over the past year above, we had a long list of successes and good things to be happy about as well.

- We have hired Rabbi Mark Goodman as Associate Rabbi, to partner with Rabbi Adelson. This will free up Rabbi Adelson to do some of those things he has not had time for in the past and will also be transferring some of his current duties to Rabbi Goodman. Rabbi Goodman will also be in charge of Youth Tefillah and teach some Derekh classes.
- We are proud of our decision to offer health benefits to all of our employees, as well as increasing wages of our hourly wage earners. We hope this will reduce the amount of turnover and potentially attract new employees. These are parts of our strategic plan that were long overdue.
- Our ELC enrollment is beginning to return toward pre-pandemic levels significantly helping our budget.
- We are installing four new air conditioners on the synagogue roof to replace those that are well past their useful life.
- The cornice on the outside of the sanctuary is being replaced which will prevent broken sections from falling down thereby eliminating potential accidents.
- We now have a tent for outdoor activities and services in warmer weather.
- There is a new IT system in place making us much more efficient and effective.
- We have been awarded several large grants to help with ELC operations and are actively applying for others to potentially help our infrastructure needs. Thanks to our Development Director, Rabbi Andy Shugerman and Treasurer Fred Newman for these.
- We are painting the ballroom and have replaced the curtain on the stage making it more desirable for rental opportunities.
- Our cemetery is in good shape with several capital projects being slotted for the coming year.
- We have completed leadership training for our Board of Trustees through the USCJ and have streamlined our meetings to make them more effective.

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A Message from our Executive Director

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It is amazing how time flies when you're having fun...

I realize what Congregation Beth Shalom and the world has been dealing with, for over two years now, has not been exactly fun. As a matter of fact, I can only think about how this plague, known as COVID-19 including all of its variances, has realigned civilization to the extent of being unrecognizable to how people have always lived their lives. As we begin to understand that the world as we knew it is going to be different than what we have been accustomed to, we realize we must find ways to adapt. What does that mean for Beth Shalom? That is what the leadership of the Congregation must grapple with over the coming days, weeks and months.

As I am writing this article during the holiday of Passover, I am reflecting back on my last 12 months, my first year working for this amazing Congregation. Many things have happened - good and let's just say challenging. God had a plan and this plan definitely tested us in many ways. I believe that the challenges we all faced together have brought us closer, where many of these things could have driven us apart.

Everyone does not always see eye to eye. However, the care and thoughtfulness for most, no matter how difficult the situation we found ourselves, helped us to get through it and persevere.

When I talk about time flying while having fun, I was referring to the fact that I look forward, each and every day, to come to work at Beth Shalom. Even though we have been somewhat limited in our in-person offerings we have continued to provide many opportunities for our young and more mature in praying, learning, and socializing. Beth Shalom is an incredibly busy place and a beacon for the community.

Each day flies by. Every time I blink it is Friday and it is time to reflect, as Shabbat begins, on how many things were accomplished in such a short amount of time. I truly love this place and everything for which it stands. I continue to look forward to personally meeting more and more of our members as more and more of you continue to join us in person. As the Rabbi has been saying for over a month now #ComeBackToShul. The fundamental principle of Shul is community. And that means community in person. We must get back to that way of supporting each other.

The Beth Shalom community has made me feel so welcome. You have allowed me to step right in and help shape and guide the future with you together.

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A Message from our Development Director

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One of the fun challenges of my still-new role at Beth Shalom is that I often need to write about one aspect or another of our property for a potential funder despite my having only moved here a year ago. I call that a “fun challenge” because I am curious about so much of the history of our synagogue and how that history informs a sense both of what we are today and where we are headed in the future.

Among the almost half-million dollars in grant awards that I have managed in various ways during my inaugural year at Beth Shalom, I am particularly proud of the successful application I submitted on behalf of our Development Committee last winter to the Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation (PHLF), whose sign one can see below the scaffolding they helped to finance for our Sanctuary cornice repairs.

Here is how our team explained the need for those repairs to folks who likely have never visited Beth Shalom or even passed by the intersection of Beacon Street and Shady Avenue:

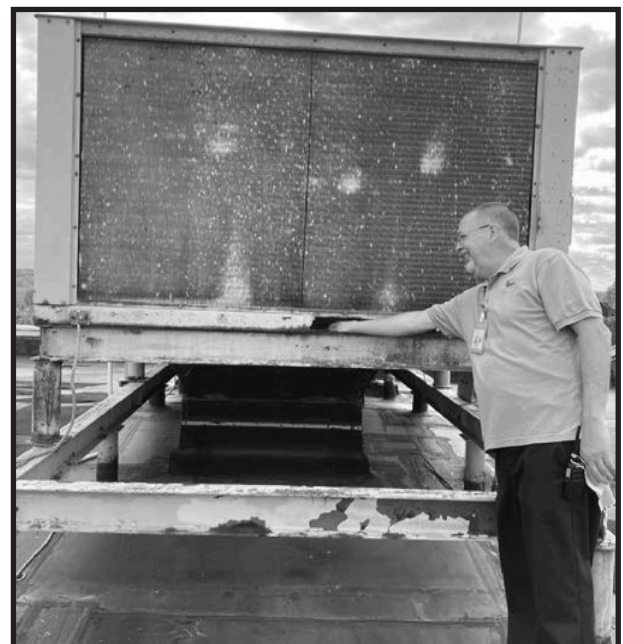
“Deterioration at the cornice level is a safety hazard to pedestrian traffic and also threatens the structural integrity of the sanctuary building. Pieces of the southern façade have been falling down for years. As a result of this safety hazard, the street entrance to the sanctuary was long ago closed. More recently, falling cornice pieces forced the closure of our Shady Avenue sidewalk adjacent educational garden, displacing La Escuelita’s activities and requiring construction of a temporary garden in a section of our parking lot instead. Water ingress from the disintegrating façade and portico is also damaging the main sanctuary building, and our next major project will involve repairing and/or replacing much of the sanctuary roof.”

The previous paragraph exemplifies what made our grant application successful. We made a clear case not just for the needs of our sanctuary building and its repairs, but its disrepair has been disruptive for our community partners and our neighbors. In fact, both New Light Congregation and La Escuelita wrote to PHLF with enthusiastic support for our funding request and demonstrated how essential Beth Shalom is to the Squirrel Hill community beyond our congregation alone.



Cornices being replaced on side of building on Beacon Street

As the cornice repairs continue, we look ahead to our next major project for the Sanctuary building: new HVAC units on its roof will provide better ventilation, higher energy efficiency and cost savings.



Maintenance Supervisor John Williams puts his hand through one of the HVAC units on the Beth Shalom roof.

Walking the Derekh

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Holy Chevre,

The big event for Derekh this summer was our Lag Ba' Omer concert on May 19. Josh Warshawsky and his band rocked the main sanctuary for our entire community. We hope to continue a fantastic legacy of amazing concerts at Beth Shalom. For those who wanted to enjoy the event in style and with a little nosh afterwards, there was a VIP event with dinner, drinks, and dessert, plus a more intimate meet and greet and a little music with Josh and crew.

Youth Tefillah is looking forward to the impending grand opening of our long awaited (and yet to be more eloquently named) prayground - a space in the back corner of the main sanctuary that is designated for families with young children, so that parents can pray while the kids can play. When the space is all completed and ready to move in, we'll be holding a dedication/ribbon cutting/play session for the whole community to see. Bring Your Own Sippy Cups.

Finally, some happy news from your friendly neighborhood Interim Director of Derekh and Youth Tefillah - my one-year gig at Beth Shalom will be extended to beyond Summer of 2022, albeit with a new role and new title, which at time of writing is not yet public. I will keep doing most of the things I have been doing for the past year - Monday Talmud, Life and Text, Intro to Judaism, Derekh adult Torah learning, and Youth Tefillah - plus a bunch of other, different responsibilities. As a former member who has transitioned into being a helpful staff member here at CBS, I'm very happy to be continuing on with this community which I love so much.



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Growing Through the ELC

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Every Friday at Shabbat BaBoker, Rabbi Adelson leads our students and educators in *Hine Ma Tov* - focusing us on the joy that comes from being together. This ELC School Year has been a testament to "how good it is to be together."

We began the year welcoming back families and teachers who had taken the 2020-2021 year off due to COVID concerns. Morah Elana and Morah Katie returned to lead our Older Threes and Older Toddler classes. Morah Diane came back to assist in our PreK. Morah Debbey, our Music Specialist, and Morah Elaine, our Science Specialist, returned in person after teaching our students via zoom last year. The sounds of joyous song and intellectual curiosity abound as the children greet and engage with them each week in their classrooms.

Parents re-entered the building, as we resumed drop off and pick up at the classrooms, allowing them to see their children, teachers and one another within the learning environment. Our older age groups are able to spend a bit of time together during gross motor time in the gym.

The playground may once again be used by two to three classes at a time. It is wonderful to see the children as they greet their siblings, friends, and teachers from other classes, no longer separated for the full eight hour day from one another.

Shabbat BaBoker required virtual attendance via zoom, with only one class in person with the Rabbi at the start of the year. This spring, with the decrease in COVID numbers, all of our two year olds and up are able to come together in the sanctuary each Friday! Grandparents and Special Friends Shabbat welcomed PreK guests in person and all others via zoom, allowing all to share the joy of being together.

Our PTO has done an amazing job this year, as they established a Teacher Appreciation cart, offering snacks and drinks for our teachers. They planned our Hanukkah and Purim parties, recruiting volunteers and setting up games and activities for each class to enjoy with their parents in the ballroom. They coordinated Passover Playdates in the gym and are planning a Parent's Night Out and School Picnic for our ELC Families.

We are busily preparing for Summer Camp and the 2022-2023 School Year which promises to bring more togetherness and joy. More occasions to happily sing "*Hine Ma Tov*"!



ELC Calendar

June 2022 - August 2022

Thursday, June 9

Last Day of Academic Year
Prekindergarten Graduation - 6:30 p.m.

Friday, June 10

ELC Closed

Monday, June 13

Teacher In-Service Day

Tuesday, June 14

Camp Gan Shalom Session 1 Begins

Monday, July 4

ELC Closed

Monday, July 11

Camp Gan Shalom Session 2 Begins

Friday, August 5

Camp Gan Shalom Ends

Monday, August 8 - Friday, August 12

Teacher In-Service Week

Monday, August 15

First Day of 2022-2023 School Year

Learning with J-JEP

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Lydia Kukoff, a pioneer in welcoming and educating conversion students, can be credited with the maxim that every Jew is a Jew by choice. The meaning, in case you haven't heard it, is that given nothing forcing Jews to remain connected, each one of us ultimately chooses to stay connected. This reality leads us to wonder, what exactly is it about Judaism that motivates us to choose to keep it in our lives? That is the million dollar question.

The answer isn't guilt, that's for sure so if you've tried that on your children or grandchildren, you will get a positive response once or twice and then diminishing returns, to put it nicely. Don't bother with guilt.

It isn't tradition. Doing something just because it's been done doesn't work either. Oh, you can force family to maintain a tradition to mollify some other family member but when that person is gone, so is the tradition.

Bottom line, you can't make Jews be Jewish. But perhaps we can make Jews want to be Jewish. I've been thinking a lot about how to make Judaism personal. Well, more personal than we might have articulated in past religious schools.

Judaism is a great communal endeavor. It relies on the corporate body that is the Jewish people. But each individual member of the Jewish people has to feel something personal to remain in that community. For example, I've been thinking about reframing prayer as having "secret meanings" that each J-JEP student can be empowered to tease out in a way that speaks to the individual. Prayer itself might be less a communal experience of liturgy recitation and more a quiet moment of reflection on the themes we tease out. And it is a chance to have a spiritual moment if we can reframe

prayers as speaking to eternal and, therefore, contemporary concerns. I'm not talking just about the meaning of the prayers. I'm talking about the usefulness of the prayers and the usefulness of *tefillot* in general. For those of you accustomed to going to Shabbat services, ask yourself why you do this. Is there anything you find useful about the experience? Is there something the experience does for you? No doubt you would say yes and years of adult experience has taught you that it feels good and meaningful. But can you articulate it? (Seriously, let me know.)

When working with children, we don't have years for them to grow into the experience. We have to help them discover how prayer can bring added value to their lives right now. Right now! We don't have years for them to enjoy the regularity of tradition. We have to show them how it is meaningful and fun right now.

And that is what I will be planning over my summer vacation. I will be working with some rabbis and cantors in the community as we struggle to identify direct, personal, useful aspects of tefillah and our traditions and then figure out how to teach that to the children so they can experience meaning and uplift of their Jewish heritage. I also will be teaching similar things to parents throughout the year so that they can keep up with their kids. I've already begun that process!

If you have any thoughts, ideas, musings, I would love to hear them. Let me know what worked and what didn't work when you were in religious school. And let me know what connects you to your heritage. I would love to know why you continue to choose Judaism.



J-JEP's first day of school is
 Sunday, August 28, 2022.

Visit JJEP.ORG to find out more about
 our program and register.

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Beth Shalom Youth Zone

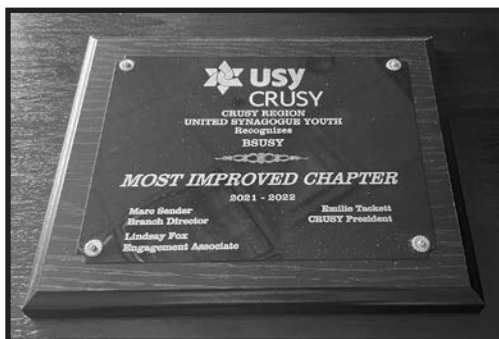
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The Youth Department thrives to create dynamic and diverse events that engage our youth and build relationships with each other, staff, clergy, and the Beth Shalom community. Ultimately we want to provide a safe place for our young voices and leaders, where they can be their authentic selves and develop a deeper commitment to our community. Through intentional and thoughtful youth programs, we help them gain a strong sense of Jewish identity, develop into life learners and be active members of our *kehillah*. This is made possible by our wonderful advisors and director who lead our youth with passion and dedication. We are proud of the progress and look forward to building onto our success!

Following USY's lead we are making exciting changes to include more youth under the USY umbrella. Now, Geshet USY will serve 5th-7th grades and BSUSY 8th-12th grades! Geshet USY is a time where we engage youth in planning their own events and provide a basis for future involvement within Congregation Beth Shalom. BSUSY also allows for an enormous amount of growth and leadership opportunities. Both groups meet for monthly programs, open lounge nights every other Monday evening, as well as several convention weekends throughout the year. This change allows for new cohorts to emerge pre-benei mitzvah and post-benei mitzvah!!



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*Picture taken at Yom Teen Yom HaAtzma'ut event on
Wednesday, May 11*

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To the Ruth Ganz Education Fund

FROM CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM'S YOUTH



This grant was made possible by the generosity of Ruth Ganz Fargotstein, who was a long-standing member and "Honorary President" of Congregation Beth Shalom. As a volunteer, she managed the Book of Remembrance for 28 years, was an amazing proofreader, and enjoyed the many educational opportunities provided by our congregation. Ruth regularly attended Shabbat services when she was physically able. She was very devoted and cared deeply for our shul. Our Beth Shalom youth department is extremely fortunate to be the recipient of Ruth's legacy and love.

Thank you to the Ruth Ganz Education Fund for providing opportunities for our youth to come back together finally! This fund provided free transportation to USY regional events and local educational and wellness programming for our BSUSY members and other Pittsburgh Jewish youth.

Thank you to Karen Valeri, Ilene & Jay Fingeret, and Debby Firestone for working tirelessly for our youth.



2022 Festival of Shavu'ot 5782

First Day Shavu'ot

Saturday, June 4	<i>Minḥah / Ma'ariv</i>	8:30 p.m.	Homestead Hebrew Chapel and Zoom
🕯 Candle lighting after 9:27 p.m. from existing flame – Blessings #1 and #2 listed below 🕯			
	Community-wide Tikkun Leil Shavu'ot	10:00 p.m.	At JCC
Sunday, June 5	Beth Shalom Tikkun Leil Shavu'ot	1:30 a.m.	The Feder's Household
	Early Morning Service	6:30 a.m.	Homestead Hebrew Chapel
	Morning Service	9:15 a.m.	Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary and Zoom
	Featuring Baby <i>Bikkurim</i>		
	Youth <i>Tefillah</i>	10:30 a.m. – Noon	In person

Second Day of Shavu'ot

🕯 Candle lighting after 9:28 p.m. from existing flame – Blessing #1 on listed below 🕯			
Sunday, June 5	<i>Minḥah / Ma'ariv</i>	6:00 p.m.	Homestead Hebrew Chapel and Zoom
Monday, June 6	Early Morning Service	6:30 a.m.	Homestead Hebrew Chapel
	Morning Service, with Yizkor	9:00 a.m.	Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary and Zoom
	(Yizkor at approximately 10:30 a.m.)		
	Youth <i>Tefillah</i>	10:30 a.m. – Noon	In person

Concluding Service and Havdalah

Monday, June 6	<i>Minḥah / Ma'ariv</i>	8:45 p.m.	Homestead Hebrew Chapel and Zoom
🕯 Havdalah 9:29 p.m. 🕯			

Candle Blessings

BLESSINGS FOR KINDLING FESTIVAL LIGHTS FOR YOM TOV EVENINGS

#1 - Yom Tov Candle Lighting Blessing

ברוך אתה ה' א-להינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצותיו, וצונו להדליק נר של יום טוב.
Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheni melekh ha'olam, asher kiddeshanu bemitzvotav, vetsivanu lehadlik ner shel Yom Tov.

#2 - Sheheḥeyanu Blessing (1st night only)

ברוך אתה ה' א-להינו מלך העולם, שהחיינו וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה.
Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheni melekh ha'olam, sheheḥeyanu, vekiyyemanu, vehigi'anu lazeman hazeh.

Elisheva Devorah Miriam Yogman, daughter of Ben & Shayna Yogman, sister to Jonah, Shoshana, Isaiah & Zahav, will become bat mitzvah on June 25, 2022, at Congregation Beth Shalom.

Elisheva is really into dinosaurs and always has been. When she was very little, she used them as a distraction to escape some rough stuff. But she genuinely loves learning about them and wants to be a paleontologist. Her bat mitzvah present will expose her to behind-the-scenes knowledge of a paleontology lab and dinosaur exhibit.



Bat Mitzvah: 6/25/2022

She loves her parents and siblings and feels like they became a real family when her Mommy came, and later, her littlest siblings. Her bat mitzvah devar Torah is about optimism, and she seeks to make the world a better place for animals (especially the African wild dog) and the environment.

Zev Isaac Adelson, son of Rabbi Seth and Judith Adelson, brother to Oryah and Hannah and grandson to Patricia and Leonard Adelson and the late Anna Marie and Ervin Hoenig, will become bar mitzvah on August 27, 2022, at Congregation Beth Shalom.

A seventh grader at Community Day School, Zev studies cello at Pittsburgh Music Academy and enjoys playing in recitals in the CDS band and at PMA. He also loves performing in musicals at the JCC and CDS as well as riding his bike and waveboard. His other passions are Star Wars and LEGO.



Bar Mitzvah: 8/27/2022

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 Audrey Glickman, Rabbi's Assistant, at **RabbiAsst@BethShalomPgh.org**.

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As the temperature climbs, so is Beth Shalom Sisterhood climbing out of the reduced activities and beginning to plan for the future.

After a busy Spring with Sisterhood Shabbat and the Beth Shalom Blood Drive, we are now planning for a belated Torah Fund event. Torah Fund is Women League's and, therefore, Beth Shalom Sisterhood's way of supporting the Jewish Theological Seminary, the Ziegler School of The American Jewish University and other United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism institutions as they train future rabbis, cantors and educators. Our Torah Fund event will take place on Sunday, June 12. We are so pleased to announce that Lidush Goldschmidt has agreed to be our 2022 Honoree. Lidush has been a long time member of Congregation Beth Shalom and Sisterhood. She has given her time and talents to many events over the years and we are thrilled that she will be our honoree for this year's campaign. Lynn Hecht and Rhoda Judd are, once again, our co-chairs and they have a strong and vibrant committee.

Sisterhood continues to financially support Beth Shalom in its many activities as well as offers our Book Club, Latin Cardio classes with Connie Pollack and our well-stocked Judaica Shop, chaired by Barbara Kaiserman. Through the Sisterhood Flower Fund, Sisterhood has provided flowers in the Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary and for our Rabbi for the holidays throughout the year. I want to thank Elinor Zaremborg for her effort in timely ordering and following through with the beautiful arrangements. I know those who attended services and on Zoom were appreciative.

I look forward to seeing many of you soon and wish you a pleasant and happy summer.

Judy Kornblith Kobell
Sisterhood President

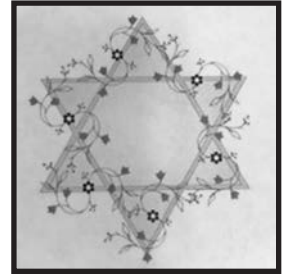


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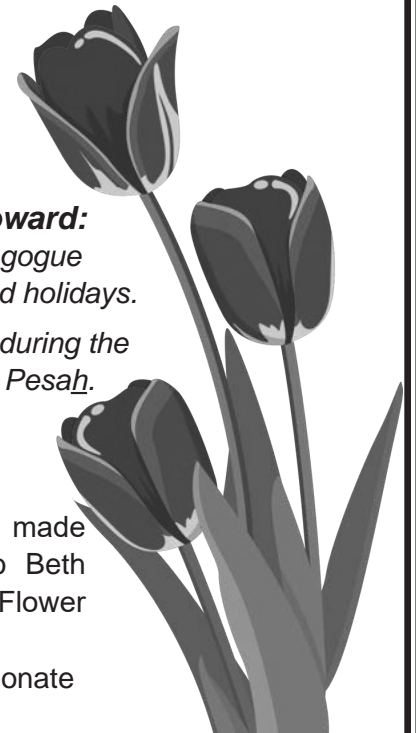
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The Men's Club

Ira Frank

Men's Club President
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For the upcoming summer months, there are currently no planned Men's Club events. However, we are hoping to plan a shabbat dinner co-sponsored with the Beth Shalom Sisterhood especially now with the new tent in the rear parking lot. Watch for details.

The Beth Shalom Men's Club now has its own Facebook page. We've been posting upcoming Men's Club events on our Facebook page so please check us out and like our page. To find us on Facebook page, go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/Beth-Shalom-Mens-Club-111611988063086>

Continuation from page 4 of our President's article

- Our Daily minyanim are now back to being substantially in person even though we are still providing Zoom access for all services.
- Rabbis Adelson and Shugerman will be attending the Jewish Federation of Pittsburgh's Mega Mission to Israel in June along with approximately 25 Beth Shalom members.
- We will have a new play and pray area in the back corner of the sanctuary for our young families.
- We will be introducing some new sources of revenue which are included in the budget passed by the Congregation in May. They are needed to sustain our operations and are common in many shuls in the area and across the country. More details will be forthcoming.

We are approaching summer with much to do to get ready for the High Holidays. It is also a time to relax, get away and enjoy the warmer weather and outside activities. I wish everyone a relaxing summer and look forward to my next year as President of Beth Shalom and accomplishing more for the congregation with our incredible staff, lay leadership, clergy and volunteers.

May we go from strength to strength.

Alan Kopolow
President

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Contact Ira Frank with questions,
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by wishing our friends a Happy Birthday!

As part of revamping the birthday greetings, you can now write one larger check and draw down on your deposit as you send greetings during the year. Look for more improvements soon!

PLEASE download the birthday form from our weekly emails, pick it up in our office or request one to be emailed/mailed to you. When completed, please return it to our office. Thank you!

Legacy Circle

Greetings from Everyone's Favorite Jewish Female Soldier

I included Congregation Beth Shalom in my will MANY years ago. Now, I am part of the Legacy Circle. My parents Isadore and Mildred Berkowitz (z"l) were very active at Beth Shalom. My mom worked in the Judaica gift shop and was a committed member of the Sisterhood. My Dad "ran" the shul when the Rabbi was away. He even had a key (way before fobs existed).

Beth Shalom was a second home to us. I grew up here attending Sunday and Hebrew school. My dad was in shul every day and as a child I joined him.

I decided to provide for Beth Shalom in my will because Beth Shalom gives to me in so many ways. I am as active as I want to be. I feel that belonging to the Legacy Circle is the right thing to do for as much as one can afford. Providing a legacy gift to Beth Shalom also is a wonderful way to honor my parents.

Dr. Elaine H. Berkowitz



What Jewish tomorrows do you want to assure at Beth Shalom...religious services, education, youth programs, a caring and compassionate community, a beautiful building for life-cycle events? 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 and we are happy to sit down and chat with you about creating your Jewish legacy. Please contact Rabbi Andy Shugerman, at 412-421-2288 Ext. 317, or rabbianti@bethshalompgh.org, Ira Frank (natfabira@juno.com) or Mindy Shreve (mindyshreve@gmail.com).

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Beth Shalom Welcomes Its Newest Members*

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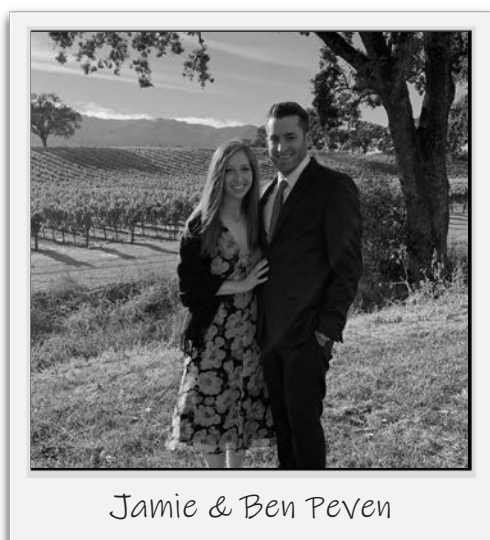
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Hannah and Jake Pomerantz enjoy cooking, gardening and spending time with their baby, Lev. Hannah grew up at Beth Shalom, Jake's originally from New Jersey and Lev is a "born and bred Yinzer."



Rachel and Jeff Bittenbender just moved to Pittsburgh from Boston with their young son, Robbie. Rachel grew up at Beth Shalom – her father is past president David Horvitz – and is excited to return with her family after over a decade away.



Jamie and Ben Peven moved to Pittsburgh in 2015 and are excited to join the Beth Shalom family. Jamie is a clinical neuropsychology fellow at UPMC and Ben is a firefighter.

We Look Forward to Being Part of Your Memories!

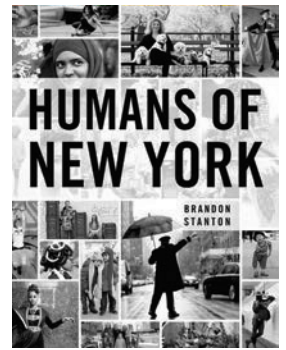
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Watch for More New Member Photos and Bios in Upcoming Issues!

*As of May 2022

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.



Kenny and Max Steinberg, Father-Son Duo!



Kenny and Max root for a victory

Name in English and in Hebrew (phonetic).

English: Kenny Steinberg

Hebrew: Akiva ben Rachmiel and Chaika; the names of my parents, as my mom remembers best, were Yiddish names. Chaika was translated to Chickie, my mom's nickname.

English: Max Steinberg

Hebrew: Meir ben Akiva and Tovah

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

Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh.

Kenny: Like the Beach Boys, I Get Around and have traveled to all four corners of the US with Terry and with my friend, Jack. Some people don't think I know Jack. But I do 'cause I traveled with him.

Max: I have traveled too, mostly to see baseball games and concerts. Have music, will travel.

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

Kenny: For about 32 years.

Max: I go where my mom goes. I'm with her.

When congregants were not allowed to come to the synagogue during the pandemic, how did you maintain a sense of community?

Kenny: Zoom actually helped a bit because I got to see people's faces. In shul sometimes I only saw the backs of their heads.

Max: It's so good to be back in shul again!

How and why did you choose Beth Shalom as your Congregational community?

Kenny: We were shul-shopping; the synagogue that we belonged to at that time did not have child-sitting arrangements for Saturday mornings. They said we had to leave the kids at home. We came to Beth Shalom and were greeted by Barbara and Yale Rosenstein. 'Nuf said. We stayed (and it led to a lifetime friendship with Barbara and Yale and so many others!).

Max: I like Beth Shalom more than going to a Pirates game. Everyone has always been so nice to me!

When do you feel the most Jewish?

Kenny: In so many of the regions where I practice law in Northwest PA and other areas, I am the only Jew that people know. That means I have a special responsibility to let them know I am Jewish and to give them a positive impression of what a Jew is — as if I am somehow a typical Jew!

Max: Going to shul is one way, Friendship Circle is another, but just growing up in our community makes me feel the most Jewish.

What is something about you that people may be surprised to know?

Kenny: I didn't really intend to be a lawyer. I wanted to be a baseball player. But someone told me I had to know how to hit and to field, so that ended the dream.

Max: I can throw a football thirty yards on a spiral.

Tell Us YOUR Story!

Contact Elinor Nathanson
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February 18, 2022

sponsored by **Beth Shalom Sisterhood**

March 11, 2022

sponsored by **Jonathan & Lisa Zeidner Marcus** in honor of Leo becoming a bar mitzvah.

March 25, 2022

sponsored by **John & Diane Katz** in honor of their son Henry becoming a bar mitzvah.

April 1, 2022

co-sponsored by **Beth Shalom Men's Club and the Fischbach Silk Family** in belated celebration of Jacob's Bar Mitzvah one year ago,

April 8, 2022

sponsored by **Elana & Ariel Raz** in honor of their son Barak becoming a bar mitzvah.

April 15, 2022

sponsored by **Paul and Avi Baran Munro, grandparents, and Moshe Baran, great-grandfather**, in honor of the naming of Florence Malka Munro, daughter of Emily Silverman and Boaz Munro.

Nihum Avelim

(Comforting Mourners)

February 1, 2022 — April 30, 2022

Harry & Laurie Zionts, Nancy (Leon z"l) Zionts, Gail (Micha) Raz, Elana & Ariel Raz, and Omri, Keren, and Barak Raz, & other grandchildren & great-grandchildren, and sister Mimi (Jack) Halpern on the passing of longtime member Shirley Lyon Zionts on February 9, 2022.

Audrey J. Silverman, wife of 67 years, children Dr. Stuart L. Silverman (Patty Evans) and Ellen (Bob) Garvin and grandchildren and great-grandchild, on the passing of longtime member Ralph Silverman on March 1, 2022.

Gerri Sperling (David Slesnick), on the passing of Gerri's father Mitchell "Mickey" Sperling on March 3, 2022.

Barbara Rosenstein, wife of 67 years, and family, on the passing of longtime member and past congregation president Yale Rosenstein on March 11, 2022.

The family of Richard Kantrowitz (z"l), who passed away on April 1, 2022.

Paula Eger, on the passing of her brother Michael I. Mallinger, MD, on April 23, 2022.

Milestones – ***Mazal Tov!***

February 1, 2022 — April 30, 2022

Rachel J. Krasnow and Jeffrey & Debra Krasnow on the wedding of their daughter Melissa Beth Krasnow to Corey Nicholas Cochran, on October 2, 2021.

Lois & Alan Kopolow and Debra & Doug Whitman on the engagement of their children Adam Jacob Kopolow and Hannah Beth Whitman.

Maureen & Jim Busis on the engagement of their son Ethan Busis to Sarah Hull, looking toward a May 2022 wedding.

Ken & Carol Turkewitz on the birth of grandson Ezra Robin Bello-Turkewitz to Sarah Bello and Avi Turkewitz on February 23rd, the first grandchild of all six grandparents.

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Lori Graubard Plung on receiving this year's National Rosenthal award from the Crohn's Colitis Foundation for all of her work in patient advocacy and support.

Debbie & Lloyd Myers on the wedding of their son Zack to Vicky Castro on February 20, 2022.

Parents Casey Weiss & Doug Frisbee and grandparents Lou & Amy Weiss on the birth of Maya Weiss Frisbee on March 22, 2022.

Audrey Glickman on the engagement of her son George Dorfman to Jessie Casper on March 21, 2022.

Elana & Ariel Raz and family and extended family on Barak becoming a bar mitzvah.

Fern & Alan Steckel on the marriage of their son Adam to Lee Ohayon, on March 24, 2022, in Haifa, Israel. Lee is the daughter of Galit & Maurice Ohayon.

Lilly & Alex Madrid and big sister Olivia on the birth of Eliana Baer Madrid on April 8, 2022, at 1:00 a.m., weighing 5 lbs., 6 oz.

Jessica Hammer who will receive the 2022 Barbara Lazarus Award at the CMU Celebration of Education awards. Jess is the Thomas & Lydia Moran Associate Professor of Learning Science, jointly appointed in the HCI Institute and the Entertainment Technology Center.

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February 25, 2022

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March 18, 2022

sponsored by **Gil Schneider** in memory of his grandfather Isadore Schneider (Ezriel ben Feival) (z"l).

March 25, 2022

sponsored by **Anonymous** in honor of Ira Frank's birthday.

April 1, 2022

sponsored by **Rick & Shari Sweet** in loving memory of father Melvin Sweet.

April 8, 2022

sponsored by **Gil Schneider** in loving memory of his grandmother Rose Schneider (Risa bat Yaakov Zvi).

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Supporting Beth Shalom youth welfare

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Supporting Shabbat and Yom Tov services

Goldberg Religious School Endowment

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

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Providing hearing devices for those who are hearing impaired

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Supporting synagogue operations

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Providing funding for annual kiddush honoring Belle and Arnold Lazarus

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Providing books and other educational materials for preschool

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Supporting people in need during Passover

Mazeroov Scholarship Endowment

Providing scholarship support for children of
Beth Shalom members

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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

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Supporting music programming

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Establishing and maintaining youth lounge

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Providing flowers for the Bima & our Rabbis for the
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Supporting Scholar-in-Residence Program

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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

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Ethel and Bernard M. Halpern Young Leadership Award recognizes a young leader in our congregational family who has set an example of volunteerism and decision-making.

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Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle Volunteers of the Year Award celebrates a member whose devotion and involvement has positively impacted Beth Shalom and Pittsburgh's Jewish community.

Youth Member of the Year Award recognizes a youth who epitomizes volunteerism and leadership within Beth Shalom and the larger Jewish community.

Please submit nominations to our Administrative Assistant, Tika Bonner, at 412.421.2288 x114 or receptionist@bethshalompgh.org.



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