



Beth Chaim Bulletin

Beth Chaim is a Reform Jewish congregation whose mission is to provide an environment for the learning of Torah; to satisfy the religious, cultural, educational and social needs of the local Jewish community; and to present an understanding of Jewish values to the community-at-large.

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Iyar – Tammuz 5781 / May – June 2021

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In case of pastoral emergency, please call (609) 799-9401, ext. 9 so our clergy team may assist you.

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The holiday of **Shavuot** marks the wheat harvest in the Land of Israel (Exodus 34:22) and according to the Sages, it also commemorates the anniversary of the giving of the Torah by God to the Children of Israel at Mount Sinai. The word **Shavuot** means “weeks” and it marks the conclusion of the Counting of the Omer.

Sunday, May 16 at 7pm, please join us for an Erev Shavuot service created and led by our 10th Grade Confirmation Class. Each student has spent the year studying different Jewish views of God. The class then worked with *Theatre Dybbuk* to create their own Torah story - their memory of standing at Sinai and the impact this moment had on their lives. They will share these narratives during our holiday service.

Confirmation Class of 2021 / 5781

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| <i>Hannah Blank</i> | <i>Haylee Resnick</i> |
| <i>Hannah Feldman</i> | <i>Lucy Simon</i> |
| <i>Zoe Lipman</i> | <i>Seth Singer</i> |
| <i>Kayla Makarowitz</i> | <i>Charles Wachtel</i> |
| <i>Allison Millinger</i> | <i>Kaiya Winters</i> |
| <i>Shane Mitchell</i> | |



Our holiday observance continues with Yizkor, a service of remembrance, on Monday, May 17 at 9:30am. Weather permitting, this service will be outdoors and in person.

Finding God at the Beach

I love the beach. Growing up in New Jersey, my parents would regularly take my sister and me to Point Pleasant for a day at the shore. My teen travel camp went to Belmar every week, so I got to know that boardwalk very well. And my family's annual summer vacation was always by the ocean. With Memorial Day weekend approaching, I am not alone in wondering how soon I can get to the beach.

For as long as I can remember, I have enjoyed the feel of the sand between my toes. I find the sound of the waves to be calming. Just the smell of the salty sea breeze lowers my heart rate and blood pressure. When I am bobbing in the waves, being tugged by the tide, I am reminded of the magnanimity of God's Creation. On the third day of Creation, God created the Seas, and they covered most of the earth (Gen. 1:9-10). Our bodies are made mostly of water, so no wonder I feel at home in the surf. I was taught at a young age not to turn my back on the ocean.

There is a power in it to be respected that we cannot control, a fitting metaphor for God.

I am not the first person to find spirituality at the shore, and I doubt that I will be the last. One such person was Hannah Szenes, the Hungarian Jewish WWII resistance fighter who immigrated to Palestine before it became the State of Israel. She wrote the following poem in Hebrew in 1942, and it was later set to music by Israeli composer David Zehavi in 1945. Szenes wrote this poem while residing in Kibbutz Sdot Yam, which is located a short distance along the Mediterranean coast from the ancient port city of Caesarea. The words are terse but evocative, and the music is stirring, even more so when recited with the sand between your toes. I hope that when you read Szenes' words, you will be as moved as I am. And the next time you visit the beach, I invite you to take a deep breath and connect to something bigger than yourself.

A Walk to Caesarea

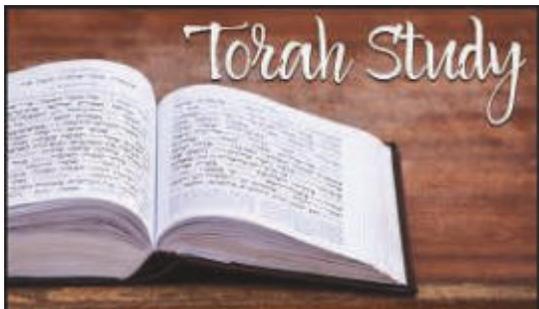
My God, my God,
I pray that these things never end:
the sand and the sea,
the rush of the waters,
the crash of the heavens,
the prayer of the heart.

Halicha l'Keisariyah

*Eli, Eli,
shelo yigamer l'olam
Hachol v'hayam,
Rishrush shel hamayim
B'rack hashamayim
T'filat ha-adam*

הליכה לקיסריה

אֱלֹהִי, אֱלֹהִי
שְׁלֹא יִגְמַר לְעוֹלָם
הַחוּל וְהַיָּם
רִשְׁרוּשׁ שֶׁל הַמַּיִם
בְּרַק הַשָּׁמַיִם
תְּפִלַּת הָאָדָם.



Join us every Saturday morning at 8:45am
for Shabbat Torah study.

Engage in a lively discussion of
the weekly portion.

No knowledge of Hebrew necessary;
new members are always welcome.

Kesher-Caring Task Force

"A kindness is never wasted."
Aesop



Remember the little Mouse who helped the Lion:

- Contact the temple office if you need a ride, a meal, shopping or some tech assistance in order to participate in on-line worship or programming.
- Volunteer to help others. Please contact Lori Watson (609-290-5867) or Hagit Sten (609-876-6809) or BCKesherCare@gmail.com if you would like to help. Thank you.

Cantor

cantor@bethchaim.org

Confessions of a Childhood Atheist

I never had much use for God as a kid. As soon as I was old enough to realize that being an atheist was edgy and fashionable, I was in. Just like all the other nonconformists.

Knowing people of dignity and intelligence who took their Judaism very seriously certainly didn't hurt, but it wasn't a great rabbi or teacher who brought me back into the fold. It was Mother Nature.

No matter how you look at it, the world around us is an astounding place. In fact, the only way not to be utterly amazed every time you go outside would be not to look. Unfortunately, many of us have become experts at not looking. We go about our business every day without once taking a moment to think about the very air we breathe, which envelops our planet like an incredibly thin blanket, held in place by the exact same force that holds our tires to the road. We work and play without noticing that every blade of grass we walk by is a miracle of biology in balance; every insect and every animal the product of millions of years of patient evolution.

Once you allow yourself to fully appreciate the magnificence and beauty that surrounds us all the time, it becomes harder to dismiss the idea of a Creator. A Source of being. I don't know what God is, but I'm grateful, and I want to give thanks. I'm amazed and overwhelmed and I need to give thanks.

The winter is over (thank God!) and we can go outside and breathe the air, enjoy the sunshine and the warm summer rain. We can look up at the night sky like our ancestors did and marvel at the wonders of creation. We know a lot more about what's up there than they did, but that doesn't make it any less miraculous. So go ahead. Take a few moments to fully appreciate the wonders that surround us all the time, and see if that doesn't make you look for someone to thank.

Cantor Stuart Binder

President

president@bethchaim.org

Beth Chaim Never Stops

These last few months at Beth Chaim have been filled with celebration and optimism. Rabbi Blum's Installation weekend was joyous! We are so blessed to have her as our Senior Rabbi, and I look forward to her leading our congregation for years to come. Prior to that, we enjoyed a beautiful virtual Passover Seder, and our Purim Schpiel was perfect for the times we are living in! Spring is always filled with many wonderful activities, like graduations and weddings. I wish you Mazel Tov if you have a special family event in the weeks ahead.

At Beth Chaim, we're getting ready for Pre-School Summer Camp and looking forward to many weeks of Shabbat under the Stars. Even though it's early, we are starting to think about what fall will look like at the synagogue. We don't yet know what High Holy Day services will look like this year, but the Reopening Task Force continues to meet with the senior staff several times a month to explore possibilities for increased in-person opportunities.

July 1st will mark the start of the new fiscal year at Beth Chaim, and I feel like this past year has flown by. As I reflect back, I'm grateful for all of the programs we held and connections we made, even in the Zoom world. Hats off to Sisterhood, Men's Club, the Membership Committee, Nefesh, Racial Justice Task Force, and Israel Task Force for filling the year with amazing programming. And of course, the Installation Committee planned a very successful weekend for Rabbi Blum! On top of that, Tikkun Olam continued all of their collections, which were greatly needed this year, and many other volunteers worked hard to ensure that our synagogue continues to run smoothly.

I hope you participated in some of our wonderful events, and I hope you renew your commitment to Beth Chaim for the next fiscal year. We are pleased that our new budget includes no increases in fees or annual commitments. I want to thank the Finance Committee, led by outgoing Treasurer Dan Valentine, and the staff for all the hard work done on reducing costs without sacrificing our programming.

There are more great things to come for Beth Chaim in the year ahead. Make sure you don't miss out!

L'shalom,
Rhonda Wydra

To Everything There is a Season

I have always existed on the “academic schedule.” For all of my life, I have been a student, a teacher – or both. There has never been a year without the start of school or final exams; without homework, group projects and deadlines.

For me, “work” begins in September – when the leaves start to change, and the air becomes crisp. There is always a new pair of “school shoes” and a special outfit for the First Day! After all these years, there are still Opening Day jitters – both a sense of “what could go wrong” as well as the feeling of “potential” as the new unfolds.

And then there’s June – the official “end” of the year. While September is about filled calendar squares, June is the beginning of blank spaces and endless possibilities. Warm weather and hours of sunlight bring a lightness and brightness to the world – and to my soul. Summer is about everything and nothing – the chance to fill my days in a different rhythm. June, July and August are about vacation and relaxation, freedom from routines, a time to renew and recharge.

Yet, for those of you who know me – you know I thrive on routine, on planning, on a road map. Summer, with its different pace, simultaneously excites and frightens me. I love the thought of time and space, it’s the reality that is hard! I need to balance my need to plan with my need to “go with the flow,” my need to be structured with the freedom that summer promises. It is by managing this dilemma, that I am able to find spiritual renewal to carry me through the months ahead.

In education, there is a theory of “enduring dilemmas;” those problems we can only manage and never solve. Summer is an enduring dilemma – how do I balance the vast openness with the finite nature of this break? How do I make use of the sunny days to move me forward; to nourish and heal my soul? How can I make sure that I am not overprogrammed and yet the weeks do not feel like a waste?

And so, I turn to my knitting, which provides the answer. I find the process of wrapping string around stick to be both meditative and exciting. I am often more interested in the creative process than the creation – the finished product – itself. I use summer to blend both. I use the summer to finish unfinished projects, to clear my needles of the lingering last stitches; and, when that is complete, I start something new. Summer teaches me to find closure – and then begin again. Summer gives me the space to complete old tasks, without the looming deadlines of the busy Fall. The long hours of sunlight beckon me to sit outside, creating stitch after stitch. There are only so many loose strings I want to carry into September: June, July and August help me see endings as a way to deepen my spiritual connections.

Rabbi Tarfon teaches *“it is not your responsibility to finish the work of perfecting the world, but you are not free to desist from it either.”* (Pirke Avot 2:21)

The looming openness of Summer is made manageable by these small moments of completion. The process of completion and beginning mirror that of life itself, providing me both spiritual comfort and a sense of renewal. Casting off and casting on, counting stitches and weaving in ends, the cycle continues.

Dedications and Memorials



Many want to find a way to permanently mark or memorialize events and milestones, both happy and sad. Please consider donating a plaque on our **Tree of Life** or **Noah’s Ark**.

The Tree of Life is a very special way to celebrate the joyous occasions in your family’s life such as B’nei Mitzvah, Confirmation, weddings, births of children and grandchildren, anniversaries, graduations, etc.



Our **Noah’s Ark** is another perfect place for celebrating all your family’s milestones!

If you’re interested in having a plaque or leaf engraved, contact the Temple office.

You Made the Difference!

WE GAVE UNTIL IT FELT GOOD

Fundraising, fundraising, fundraising! You are probably tired of my articles asking you over and over to make charitable donations throughout the year. First it was "Support the Sustaining Membership campaign", then "Make a High Holy Day gift". Oh yes- "It's Giving Tuesday." Then, last month, "Let's celebrate the Installation of our Senior Rabbi" - buy an ad, be a sponsor, contribute an item to the silent auction and more. I can't blame you for thinking, now what do we want?

What we want is to shout a **GIGANTIC THANK YOU** to all who stepped up and responded to the many requests for support. You, indeed, made a difference! Thanks to more than 645 individual gifts and the enormous generosity of our Beth Cham community we were able to surpass our fundraising target for the year and help balance our budget for the 2020-2021 year. Your generosity allowed us to provide assistance for those impacted by Covid19 and continue to provide a full range of creative programming through the year.

I further want to thank our outstanding staff for working to minimize costs where possible, without impacting the services provided to the membership and to the more than 25 members who worked on our various fundraising committees.

You know that our fundraising efforts are a critical component of our annual revenue. The Fundraising Committee has already begun to plan for future years. At the Annual meeting we unveiled our multi-year fundraising effort "Securing Beth Chaim's future." In a effort to assist with long term budget planning, we will be asking our members to consider committing to three-year charitable donations.

As we look ahead to our 50th year, we can proudly say to our Beth Chaim founders, "Thank you for providing us with a vibrant and strong foundation." As is our tradition, we will continue to plant seeds of Jewish Learning, Jewish values, tzedakah, social Justice, Inclusion and Repairing the world for our the next generation of Reform Jews in the Greater Mercer, Middlesex region .

As a congregation, we did give until it felt good.

Thank you, Todah Rabbah, Thank you, Todah Rabbah,
Thank you, Todah Rabbah,
Drew Staffenberg
VP Financial Affairs (Kesef)

Are We There Yet?

My grandmother lived in Bayonne. Every Sunday afternoon, my parents would put us in the back of my mother's station wagon, and we would make that long trip from Marlboro up to Hudson County for Sunday night dinner. Inevitably, we'd get stuck in traffic, or someone would have to stop and go to the bathroom at a rest-stop, and one-time we got a flat-tire and had to wait hours. What I remember most is my brother and I sitting in the back-seat repeating, over and over, "Are we there yet?"

Our goal is to reopen Congregation Beth Chaim for full indoor activities as soon as possible, when we can do so safely. While the State of New Jersey has allowed for religious institutions to begin having limited reopening, like the makers of Hebrew National Hotdogs, we answer to a higher authority. We are concerned about the spread of aerosols that would create a "super-spreader" event. These are the same concerns shared by Broadway, live concerts, and sporting events. Singing and praying out loud, such as we enthusiastically do at Congregation Beth Chaim, is one of the top ways to spread the virus.

All of our Temple events since last March have been available online. Our Board has approved a comprehensive policy developed with the Senior Staff to allow for limited in-person indoor B'nei Mitzvah and other life cycle events. Religious school has developed a policy to allow for limited indoor activities, as well as continuing our "Learning in the Lot" programming. We are actively investigating the capacity and quality of our HVAC system, and double-checking our PPE and cleaning supplies. Our pre-school students and teachers continue to thrive in their classrooms. We are proud of how far we have safely come and are excited to move ahead together. Thank you to our dedicated staff and faculty for serving on the frontlines of this pandemic, making this possible.

We all look forward to a return to being together inside Congregation Beth Chaim. There have been false-starts, set-backs, and unforeseen circumstances that none of us could have imagined. However, like my father would say whenever we asked him if we were finally at my grandmother's house: "not yet, but soon..."

Todd Wachtel
Chair, Reopening Task Force

Help Us in this Social Media Driven World



WE NEED YOU!

Be a Congregation Beth Chaim Social Media Ambassador
With Just 5 Minutes a Day, YOU Can Make a HUGE Impact.

Help build our community, just by spending time on social media. We always say that our best advertisement is word-of-mouth, so let's shout it from every corner of the internet!

Sign up at ambassadors@bethchaim.org

Our world has been crazy and thanks to social media many of us have been able to find vaccine appointments, travel the world and see what's happening on Broadway. We have all learned to utilize Facebook and Instagram more readily to connect with friends old and new. We at Congregation Beth Chaim love seeing our congregants' posts and responses to our posts but sadly we know that many of you may never see our social media posts due to the algorithms these forms of social media utilize. We know that liking, sharing and commenting helps keep us at the top of people's streams. Why am I telling you all this? The answer is simple we need your help- we are looking for Social Media Ambassadors.

What is a Social Media Ambassador you ask? Simply put, it's a group of dedicated congregants who follow our pages and then take a moment each day to interact with them. If we share a post on Facebook about a Holiday, a Service or a program that is upcoming, we would want you to like it, comment about attending and then share to your own wall so that others can see it. If we post a picture on Instagram with a question- like "what's your favorite type of rugelach," we would want you to answer and even tag a friend so that they can answer as well. For those who belong to other groups such as WWPeeps or Lawrenceville Ladies where questions are asked about preschools or synagogues, we would also like for you to share our information- let people know about us, what our phone number is and who to ask for directly. What it comes down to is we are asking that you, our congregants, to become active participants in helping us spread the word. A personal reference to join our community is always the best one. If you would be willing to become a Social Media Ambassador or have more questions about this new program, please email VPCommunity@bethchaim.org or director@bethchaim.org.

Robin Valentine
VP Community (*Kehilla*)

CONGREGATION BETH CHAIM HAS SO MUCH TO OFFER!

- Warm, Nurturing Pre-School and Summer Camp with the strictest level of COVID safety precautions.
- Innovative Religious School
- Musical, Meaningful, Upbeat Religious Services
- Jewish Classes and Culture for All Ages
- Inspiring, Empathetic, Energetic Clergy
- Supportive Community for All Stages of Life

OBJECTIVE:

- Boost the Signal of Our Marketing and Outreach on Social Media
- Help Build Our Community by Attracting Friends, Neighbors and Fellow Travelers in Your Network
- Speak About Your Own Beth Chaim Story When People are Seeking a Place to Connect
- Although We are a Jewish Congregation, Parents of All Backgrounds LOVE our Warm, Nurturing Pre-School Environment

START WHERE YOU CONNECT:

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- Like/Share/Repost postings from Congregation Beth Chaim and Beth Chaim Pre-School.
 - Actively engage in community/interest groups where you already connect.
 - Repost key posts from our pages, especially EVENTS with broad interest.

START WHERE YOU CONNECT:

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- Jump in to recommend Beth Chaim whenever it is an answer to a question.
 - We'll send periodic emails to ask Ambassadors to share a particular post or give feedback on how we can get the message out better.
 - In just 5 minutes-a-day, a few days-a-week YOUR impact will be invaluable to building our community.

One Mitzvah at a Time

The outpouring of generosity, persistence and energy from a growing roster of Beth Chaim congregants in support of Tikkun Olam's selected programs and beneficiaries, despite the challenges of pandemic-related changes, continues to be truly remarkable! Although our logistics have needed to shift during this pandemic, we have persisted in helping to improve the lives of others, fulfilling our longstanding mitzvot focused on helping the poor and feeding the hungry, our part to "repair the world."

Here are a few updates and call-outs. Regarding **Dinners for HomeFront**, even without access to Beth Chaim's kitchen, we have increased the meal delivery frequency from monthly pre-pandemic to bi-monthly, accommodating HomeFront's shift from onsite evening tutoring at Lawrence Community Center to feeding people of all ages in motels. Many thanks to Judi Strober for hosting the collection, storage and meal assembly, especially with this frequency! In addition to our popular comfort food menu, we have added non-perishable high protein items, much appreciated by the motel residents.

Thanks to Linda Feldstein for organizing our annual **February Diaper Drive for Womanspace**. The program was a success, even without the pre-pandemic traffic flow of school families through the building. We collected diapers, wipes, bottles and formula. Womanspace was very appreciative.



Shout out to Fran Lichtenstein for leading our successful **Kosher-For-Passover Food Drive** in March for Jewish Family and Children's Services (JFCS)! Beth Chaim's generosity was greatly appreciated by JFCS. We collected 22 bags of food!



Fran Lichtenstein and Matt Lichtenstein delivering the Kosher-For-Passover Food Drive donations

At the time of writing this column, we are looking forward to collaboration with Sisterhood on behalf of the annual **Mother's Day Gift Bags**, with personal items collected in April for donation to HomeFront.

This summer we will resume our annual **HomeFront Camp Lunches** and **Back-to-School Sneaker Drive**. Stay tuned for details.

We are always looking for new members and new ideas for our committee. Our meetings are generally monthly on Sunday at 11:00 am. Dates, time and minutes are posted on bethchaim.org/tikkun-olam

Keep a lookout for Tikkun Olam's Sign-Up Genius messages. To find out more about what we do and how to get involved, please reach out to co-chairs, Helene Molter at helene.molter@gmail.com and Holly Singer at singereland@gmail.com.

Strength of Community

Even without our building in full swing, Beth Chaim continues to be a place for our community to celebrate, comfort and connect with one another. Beth Chaim is more than just our building. Our House of Life is made up of individuals who each have our own stories and our own voices, but who are stronger together than alone. One way in which we come together and build something stronger is through our many committees, task forces and auxiliaries.

I would like to thank the Sisterhood Board for their hard work and support of our community over the past year. Together, we have come up with new programs to interest a broad range of members and have helped to raise significant funds not only for Beth Chaim, but for Jewish Family & Children's Services. Highlights of this year include our annual brunch with a fabulous speaker, Deborah Feldman, author of *Unorthodox: The Scandalous Rejection of My Hassidic Roots*; and our success in raising enough funds to support the JFCS Mobile Food Pantry for an entire year! We also offered many programs ranging from the arts and exercise to literary discussions and culinary delights.

We have two more programs coming up in May, both about meaningful

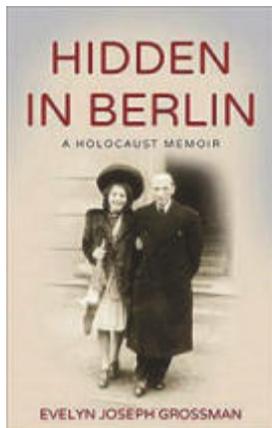


Donation to Jewish Family & Children's Services, to support the JFCS Mobile Food Pantry

topics. On May 6, Evelyn Grossman, local author of *Hidden in Berlin*, will talk with us about her book, a memoir of her mother's journey during the Holocaust. On May 23, Melissa Bernstein, co-founder of toy company Melissa & Doug, and author of the new book *LifeLines*, will talk with us about her journey to triumph over anxiety and depression. Both of these programs will offer examples of working through dark and difficult times to emerge in the light with hope and strength.

Our Beth Chaim community has grown stronger this past year, and I am grateful for the connections I have made and have seen others make with one another. Without community, we are alone. Even while we are apart by necessity, we can build a stronger community and we can count on our community to make us stronger.

Mindy Lipman,
Sisterhood President



Literature in Your Living Room: Author Talk with Local Memoirist, Evelyn Grossman Thursday, May 6 at 7:00pm on Zoom

Join Congregation Beth Chaim's Sisterhood to hear from local author, Evelyn Grossman, about her memoir, *Hidden in Berlin: A Holocaust Memoir*, that tells the story of her parents and grandmother's escape from Germany to America during World War II.

This program is free of charge and open to all.
RSVP by April 29 at bethchaim.org/sisterhood

Congregation Beth Chaim Sisterhood is honored to bring you
Melissa Bernstein, Author of *LifeLines*
and Founder of toy company, Melissa & Doug
Sunday, May 23 | 3:00-4:30pm on Zoom



Melissa Bernstein will share her inspirational journey and the *LifeLines* that enabled her to triumph over existential anxiety, depression, and despair. She hopes that her story will help others find their path to meaning and inner peace.

RSVP by May 15 to judeekins1@aol.com. The Zoom link will be sent to you via email.

Exclusive to Beth Chaim Sisterhood members: RSVP by April 25 to be entered into a drawing for a FREE copy of *LifeLines* which you will receive prior to our discussion with Melissa.

To become a member, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/7mejanb4>

Sponsored by Congregation Beth Chaim Sisterhood

Israeli Krav Maga

Women's Self-Defense Class

Krav Maga is an easy to learn self-defense system for all women regardless of age or physical ability.

Thursday, June 10 | 6:30-8:30pm

Rain Date June 17

In the Beth Chaim Parking Lot (also available on Zoom)
Masks are required and physical distancing will be enforced.

FREE for Sisterhood Members | \$18 non-members
Please check bethchaim.org/sisterhood for RSVP information.



Mazel Tov to Our Upcoming B'nei Mitvah

Sarah Safronov

Parents: Rowena and Victor Safronov

Sibling: Hannah

Being Jewish is important to me because everything about Judaism is unique. I like the uniqueness of it as well as the importance of our religion and embracing every part of it. Being Jewish isn't just about learning how to read Hebrew and lighting Shabbat candles, it's more than that. It's important to know about our history, for example the Holocaust. Despite seeing anti-Semitism, I think that people should take the time to read books about our history, to keep the legacy alive. I also remind myself what it means to be a proud Jew.

B'nei Mitzvah: May 1, 2021



Silvano L. Massa

Parents: Jane Elefant and Salvatore Massa

Sibling: Elio

Beth Chaim is special because everybody is kind, and they respect each other. Nobody is mean to one another at Beth Chaim. Also, Beth Chaim is very welcoming.

B'nei Mitzvah: May 22, 2021



Joel Isaac Smolarz

Parents: Robin and Gabriel Smolarz

Siblings: Jacob and Ruthie

Grandparents:
Adrienne and Jerry Sava,
Sari and Roy Smolarz

Beth Chaim is special to me because it is more than just a synagogue. It's a community, a preschool, another home. Literally, it's called the house of life for a reason. It has been a pleasure spending the first 13 years of my life here and I hope to continue coming for confirmation, and even longer.

B'nei Mitzvah: May 29, 2021



Joshua Rafael Pastor

Parents: Allison Dorlen Pastor and Jonathan Pastor

Sibling: Lucas

Being Jewish is important to me because I get to be a part of a community that performs mitzvahs and does good for others. I am looking forward to becoming a Bar Mitzvah and reading the Torah in front of my family and friends.

B'nei Mitzvah: May 8, 2021



Eliana Winters

Parents: Symma and Jason Winters

Siblings: Danya and Kaiya

Being Jewish is important to me because of the values Judaism carries with it. Some of my favorites are kindness, positivity, honesty, caring, and community. These values of Judaism are important to me because they help us grow and create the future we want. I love how Judaism brings people closer together to create a community and a family who help each other grow to be the best they can be.

B'nei Mitzvah: June 5, 2021



Dylan Jakob Spector

Parents: Michele and Evan Spector

Sibling: Samantha

Beth Chaim is special to me because it is a place where they make learning fun, I get to see my friends, we sing, and celebrate various holidays together like the Purim Carnival.

B'nei Mitzvah: May 15, 2021



Mazel Tov to Our Upcoming B'nei Mitvah

Stella Witriol

Parents: Melissa Witriol, Andrew Witriol

Siblings: Dylan

Being Jewish is important to me because I enjoy spending time with my family during holidays and being with my friends at my Jewish sleepaway camp.

B'nei Mitzvah: June 12, 2021



Chloe Salles-Acevedo

Parents: Sharee Salles and Maggie Acevedo

Being Jewish is important to me because it represents who I am and who my family is. It also shows where I come from and where my heart is meant to be. When you are Jewish, you look up to one G-d, and that is the G-d who guides me to be the best version of me.



B'nei Mitzvah: June 26, 2021

Beth Chaim Pre-School Gallery of Fine Art & Literature presents



Art in the Park (an outdoor art show)

The Author & The Book



Tuesday, May 11 @ 4:30-6:00pm

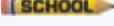
Art on view outside all evening

Kindergarten Author Readings begin at 5:00pm

The event will be outside. Masks are required and physical distancing will be enforced.

Rain date is Thursday, May 13.

MAY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45am Torah Study 10:30am B'nei Mitzvah: Sarah Safronov
2  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00am Religious School: Learning in the Lot 9:00am Men's Club and Scholarship 10:45am Religious Practices 11:00am Zoom School 11:00am Religious School Enrichment Elective 12:00pm Racial Justice Task Force 	3	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00pm Security Supplemental Meeting 	5  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30pm Religious School: 4th-6th grades 7:00pm Religious School: 7th-10th grades 7:00pm House Committee 7:00pm Securing BC Future Committee 8:30pm Reopening Task Force Placeholder 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00pm Sisterhood – Author Talk with Evelyn Grossman 8:00pm Reimagining Dues Task Force 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00pm Shabbat Under the Stars 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45am Torah Study 10:30am B'nei Mitzvah: Joshua Pastor
9  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00am Religious School: Learning in the Lot 11:00am Zoom School 11:00am Religious School Enrichment Elective 	10	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30pm Art in the Park: Pre-School Young Artists and Author Night 7:30pm Executive Committee 	12  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30pm Religious School: 4th-6th grades 7:00pm Religious School: 7th-10th grades 7:00pm Security Committee 7:00pm Sisterhood Board Meeting 8:30pm Reopening Task Force Placeholder 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:30pm Nosh and Knowledge 4:30pm Art in the Park RAIN DATE 6:00pm Struggling for the Soul of Public Education 7:00pm Israel Task Force 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30pm Tot Shabbat in the Lot 8:00pm Shabbat Service 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45am Torah Study 10:30am B'nei Mitzvah: Dylan Spector
16  Erev Shavuot <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00am Religious School: Learning in the Lot 11:00am Zoom School 11:00am Religious School Enrichment Elective 7:00pm Erev Shavuot / Confirmation Service  	17 Shavuot <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Shavuot Service & Yizkor  	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00pm Finance 7:00pm Gateways: Nefesh 8:00pm Membership Committee 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00pm Fundraising Committee 8:30pm Reopening Task Force Placeholder 	20	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00pm Shabbat Service 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45am Torah Study 10:30am B'nei Mitzvah: Silvano Massa
23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30am Board Meeting 3:00pm Sisterhood Speaker, Melissa Bernstein, author of <i>LifeLines</i> and Founder of Toy Company, Melissa & Doug 	24	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00pm Gateways: Keshet 	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30pm Reopening Task Force Placeholder 	27	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00pm Rock Shabbat Under the Stars 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45am Torah Study 10:30am B'nei Mitzvah: Joel Smolarz
30	31 Memorial Day Building CLOSED					

JUNE 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00am Who Are You and What Do You Want: The Color of Your Soul 7:00pm House Committee Meeting 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm A Proud Heritage: The African American Presence and Contribution in the Sourland Mountain Region 8:00pm Reimagining Dues Task Force 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last Day Pre-School 4:45pm Pre-School Moving-On Ceremony 7:00pm Shabbat Under the Stars 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45am Torah Study 10:30am B'nei Mitzvah: Eliana Winters
6	7 Camp - Week 1	8 Camp - Week 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30pm Executive Committee Meeting 	9 Camp - Week 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00am Who Are You and What Do You Want: The Color of Your Soul 7:00pm Security Committee 	10 Camp - Week 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm Sisterhood Krav Maga 	11 Camp - Week 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30pm Tot Shabbat 8:00pm Shabbat Service 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45am Torah Study 10:30am B'nei Mitzvah: Stella Witriol
13	14 Camp - Week 2	15 Camp - Week 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00pm Finance 7:00pm Israel Task Force 8:00pm Membership Committee 	16 Camp - Week 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00pm Fundraising Committee 	17 Camp - Week 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm Sisterhood Krav Maga RAIN DATE 	18 Camp - Week 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last Day Kindergarten Enrichment 8:00pm Shabbat Service 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45am Torah Study
20	21 Camp - Week 3	22 Camp - Week 3	23 Camp - Week 3	24 Camp - Week 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00am Summer Reading Series – <i>The Lost Shtetl</i> 	25 Camp - Week 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00pm Shabbat Service 	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45am Torah Study 10:30am B'nei Mitzvah: Chloe Salles Acevado
27	28 Camp - Week 4	29 Camp - Week 4	30 Camp - Week 4			



SHABBAT
Under the Stars

Fridays at 7:00pm

April 30 May 7

May 28 June 4
(Rock Shabbat)

Social Distancing Observed
Masks Required



TOT
SHABBAT

Friday, May 14

Friday, June 11

5:30pm

Tots and their parents are invited to join Rabbi Blum, Cantor Binder and Anne Berman-Waldorf for songs and stories to welcome Shabbat.

This program is free and open to the community; please bring your friends.

Yom Yerushalayim

Yom Yerushalayim celebrates the reunification of Jerusalem during the Six Day War in 1967. This year it falls on May 10.

Shavuot

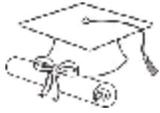
This holiday is one of the three pilgrimage festivals specified in the Torah. Agriculturally, it commemorates the time when the first fruits were harvested and brought to the Temple, and it is known as Chag haBikurim (the Festival of the First Fruits). Historically, it celebrates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai and is also known as Chag Matan Torateinu (the Festival of the Giving of Our Torah). To reaffirm our people's acceptance of Torah on Shavuot, many have the custom of studying Torah through the night (known as Tikkun Leil Shavuot). In many Reform congregations, Shavuot is the time when tenth graders participate in Confirmation, affirming their faith in Judaism before their community. This year Shavuot falls on May 16-17. Please join us for our Confirmation Service on Sunday, May 16 at 7pm and a Yizkor (memorial) service on Monday, May 17 at 9:30am.



Tzom Tammuz

Shiva Assar B'Tammuz (the 17th of the Hebrew month of Tammuz) commemorates the breach of Jerusalem's walls by the Romans in 70 CE; the Second Temple was destroyed three weeks later, on the ninth of Av (Tisha B'Av—see below). This is a minor fast day (tzom meaning “fast”). For those who choose to fast, the fast begins at sunrise and ends at sunset. Many liberal Jews do not fast on the three minor fast days connected to the Temple: Shiva Asar B'Tammuz, Asara B'Tevet, and Tzom Gedaliah. Rabbi David Golinkin has concluded that these three fast days should be considered optional, in recognition of the redemptive possibilities of the rebirth of the State of Israel. We should, however, fast on Tisha B'Av, in order to acknowledge that we are still far from peace. This day begins the three-week mourning period ending in Tisha B'Av. The traditional practice is to avoid live music and public celebrations during these three weeks. This year Tzom Tammuz falls on June 27.

Simchas (Joyous Occasions)



Mazal tov to all our high school and college graduates! Good luck on your next chapter.

Mazal tov to Hagit and Ron Mass on the birth of their granddaughter Layla Dalia on March 10.



Mazal tov to Scott and Kim Sussman on the Hebrew naming of their niece Emily on April 17.

Mazal tov to Helene and Paul Gottlieb on the wedding of their son, Zach to Alexa Sapper on May 1.



Mazal tov to Stacy and Harvey Mitgang on the wedding of their daughter, Morgan to Adam Solomon on May 22, and



on their son, Michael beginning his rabbinical studies at HUC-JIR in Jerusalem.



Conversations with Rabbi Blum

Rabbi Blum will be holding "Zoom chats" with the congregation. She is hopeful to meet with as many congregants as possible in small groups to get to hear your Beth Chaim stories and to discuss her vision for Congregation Beth Chaim.

If you are interested in joining one of these meet-ups, please feel free to reach out to Darra, dlipper@bethchaim.org, to schedule for an upcoming date.

Nosh & Knowledge

Pirkei Avot The Wisdom of our Ancestors

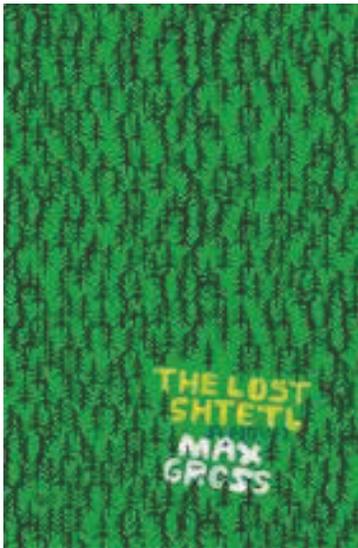
12:30 – 1:30pm
Thursday, May 13

Join Rabbi Adena Blum for an hour devoted to Pirkei Avot, Chapters of Our Ancestors. This text contains keen observations of the human condition, penned by our sages. Join us to look at the ethical dilemmas our ancestors faced – all still relevant as we seek to create lives of meaning in our modern world.



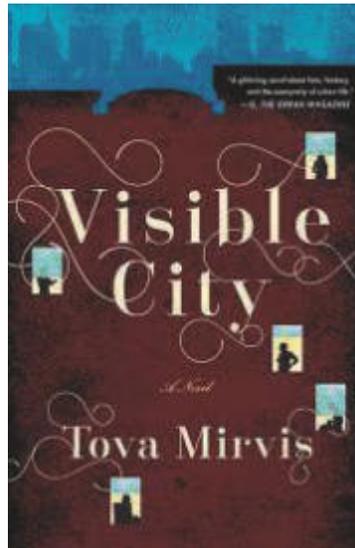
It has been a pleasure for Beth Chaim to work with this local family-owned business, as they generously donated a gift to our congregation.

Please visit and say hello to our friends at Dave's Jewelers! They sell fine jewelry, do repairs, change watch batteries and also buy gold.



June 24, 2021

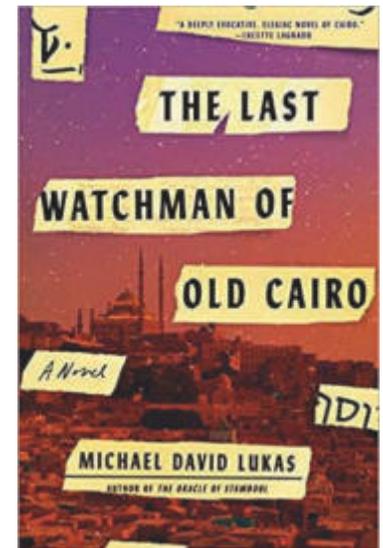
What if there was a town that history missed? For decades, the tiny Jewish shtetl of Kreskol existed in happy isolation, virtually untouched and unchanged. Spared by the Holocaust and the Cold War, its residents enjoyed remarkable peace. It missed out on cars, and electricity, and the internet, and indoor plumbing. But when a marriage dispute spins out of control, the whole town comes crashing into the twenty-first century. Divided between those embracing change and those clinging to its old-world ways, the people of Kreskol will have to find a way to come together ... or risk their village disappearing for good.



July 29, 2021

After chaotic days of wrangling and soothing her young children, Nina spends her evenings spying on the quiet, contented older couple across the street. But one night, watching the same window, she spies a young couple in the throes of passion. Confused and intrigued, Nina wonders who these people are, and what happened to her symbol of domestic happiness. This novel explores the boundaries between our own lives and the lives of others.

Book discussions will take place from 11am – noon. Please watch the website for location.



August 26, 2021

Joseph, a literature student at Berkeley, is the son of a Jewish mother and a Muslim father. A mysterious package arrives on his doorstep, pulling him into a mesmerizing adventure to uncover the centuries-old history that binds the two sides of his family. This tightly woven tale illuminates the tensions that have torn communities apart and the unlikely forces that attempt to bridge that divide and is a poignant portrait of the intricate relationship between fathers and sons and an unforgettable testament to the stories we inherit and the places we are from.



2021 SUMMER JEWISH LEARNING AT BETH CHAIM

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**Who Are You & What Do You Want
The Color of Your Soul
Wednesdays, June 2 & 9 at 11am**

Judaism teaches that the body and soul are separate yet indivisible partners in human life. Rather than imprisoning or corrupting the soul, the body is a Divinely given tool for doing sacred work in the world. Both body and soul require protection, care and respect as each are holy. Join Cantor Binder for an examination of this “breath of life.”

**A Musical Tour of the Jewish World
Wednesdays, July 21 & 28 at 11am**

Spend an hour turning the radio dial in Israel or attend a Jewish music festival anywhere in the world and you’ll realize that all the moving around the Jewish people have done over the past few thousand years has seeped into our music. Join Rabbi Adena Blum for a discussion of what IS Jewish music and how our songs reflect the lives and tell the stories of our people.

july

AUGUST

**Opening Ourselves to God
Spiritual Preparation for the Days of Awe
Wednesdays, August 11 & 18 at 11am**

Anne Berman-Waldorf will take participants on a journey of seven distinct stages, based on Rabbi Alan Lew’s book, [This is Real and You Are Completely Unprepared](#), designed to awaken our souls to the meaning behind the Days of Awe.

Please watch the weekly blasts for location and links for these classes.

Struggling for the Soul of Public Education



Thursday, May 13 at 6:00 pm on Zoom
This event is virtual, free, and open to the public
Register at tinyurl.com/thbw9a78

Decades of research point to significant educational and social benefits of integration. Yet public schools across the country are highly segregated, especially in New Jersey. Professor Boddie will discuss the peculiar challenges of integration in the north and why school segregation is a threat to public education and to democracy. Professor Boddie's talk will be followed by a conversation with Professor Lynda G. Dodd, JD, PhD of Princeton University.

Elise Boddie is a Professor of Law, Henry Rutgers Professor and Judge Robert L. Carter Scholar at Rutgers University where she teaches constitutional law, civil rights, and state and local government law. An award-winning legal scholar, Boddie's research focuses on the spatial regulation of race and how dynamic systems perpetuate racial inequality.

Lynda G. Dodd is a Lecturer in Public Affairs at Princeton University's School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA). She was the Joseph H. Flom Professor of Legal Studies and Political Science at The City University of New York - City College from 2010-2018, and prior to that was a law professor specializing in civil rights and constitutional law at American University's Washington College of Law.

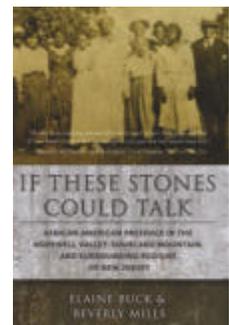
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A Proud Heritage: The African American Presence and Contribution in the Sourland Mountain Region & Surrounding Area

*The Beth Chaim Racial Justice Task Force invites you to this
 special virtual presentation and Q&A with local authors and historians*

Elaine Buck and Beverly Mills
Thursday, June 3 at 6:30pm on Zoom
Register at bethchaim.org/racialjustice.

A contribution of \$18 per household is suggested to cover the cost of the event.
Profits will be donated to the Stoutsburg Sourland African American Museum.



About the Presenters: Sharon Elaine Buck, who prefers to be called Elaine, and Beverly Mills are co-founders of the Stoutsburg Sourland African American Museum and members of the Advisory Board. Both are also long-time trustees of the Stoutsburg Cemetery Association, a historic cemetery for people of African descent located in the Sourland Mountains in Hopewell, NJ. Elected in 2016, Mills is also the first African American woman to hold the elected position as a Councilwoman in Pennington, NJ.

Buck and Mills co-authored *If These Stones Could Talk*, based on more than a decade of research on the contribution of African Americans who lived in the Sourland Mountain region and surrounding area. Through the Museum, and its partners, they helped to launch the Sankofa Collaborative to help individuals in schools, museums and libraries present, interpret, and discuss African American history. They are also co-founders of Friday Truehart Consultants, which works with K-12 educators to infuse African American history into curricula.

Celebrate Shavuot foods from around the world: **World Map of Recipes**
on our Racial Justice page, <https://www.bethchaim.org/racialjustice>



Recipe	Origin	Notes; more info - www.bethchaim.org/racialjustice (green-Vegetarian, purple-vegan, red-meat/fowl, fish)
3-Cheese Broccoli Pull-Apart Buns	Palermo, Italy	Making broccoli calzones into pull-apart buns, not only saves you on calories, it's also cheesier, gooier & prettier.
The Baker's Apprentice: Rugelach	Poland	Rugelach is a pastry made with cream-cheese dough that is rolled around a filling (such as nuts, jam, or chocolate) and baked.
Belarus Kutya	Belarus	This delicious dessert from Belarus is similar to a rice pudding.
Cheese Blintz	Krakow, Poland	A thin crepe stuffed with sweetened ricotta and cream cheese. Origins in Poland, Ukraine & Hungary. Traditionally served for Shavuot
Cheese Sambusek (borekas) with step-by-step directions - Dairy	Konya, Turkey	A real treat for Shavuot, a buttery flaky dough filled with cheese. It is worth the time it takes to make them.
Cheese, spinach & quinoa bites - Dairy	Cusci, Peru	Perfect bites to make ahead and use for a quick breakfast, lunch, or dinner. One of our most versatile Shavuot recipes.
Cucumber Feta and Watermelon Salad- Dairy	Larissa, Greece	The sweetness of the juicy watermelon meets the rich, salty feta creating an explosion of flavor on every perfect bite.
Dairy-Free Cream Cheese Tartlets	Dallas, TX	No dairy or gluten, however, this is also delicious with regular cream cheese, dairy cream, and a graham cracker crust. Either way, enjoy!
Greek Spinach Pie	Athens, Greece	A light, low-fat dish, brilliant for lunch at work served hot, warm, or cold.
Indian Cardamom Rice Pudding (Kheer)	Kolkata, India	The Jewish community in India is one of the world's oldest continuous diaspora communities. Jews were welcomed & adapted their food.
Indian-Spiced Salmon (Pareve)	Kolhapur, India	Garam masala allows this easy dish to taste complex. Yogurt-based sauces (raita or tzatziki) complement the fish & add dairy for the holiday.
Kaye (Hasson) Israel's Burekas Recipe	Rhodes, Greece	A savory filled moon-shaped pastry, filled with a 'conduchu' (filling) of rice & cheeses, also filled with sautéed eggplant, onions & tomatoes!
Malai	Tulcea County, Romania	Romanian pudding of cornmeal and ricotta cheese is the perfect Shavuot dish; when dairy foods are traditionally eaten, or for any breakfast.
Mashed Potato Burekas	Bursa, Turkey	Burekas are favorite Israeli treats, and they are the perfect way to use up leftover mashed potatoes
Matcha Cheesecake for Shavuot	Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan	For Shavuot, an Ashkenazi-American-style traditional cheesecake. with matcha (green tea powder) to honor this new gathering of "Jewpanese".
Pea and Artichoke Pasta	Tripoli, Italy	This s a light, refreshing warm weather dish tossed with capers, fresh tomatoes, and lemon. It's a perfect dish to enjoy on Shavuot!
Savory Texas Cheese Tart	El Paso, Texas	This tart recipe was created to use jalapeño jelly from store inventory. It makes a delicious appetizer.
Shavuot Persian Rice Pudding	Bandar Bushehr, Iran	As likely to grace the breakfast table as be included in a Shavuot spread, when dairy dishes are served. https://globaljews.org/articles/food/light-and-sweet/
Spaetzle with caramelized onions, wilted greens & gruyere	Munich, Germany	Spaetzle is a cross between pasta and dumplings.
Spinach jibn (Syrian Frittata)	Danascus, Syria	Spinach jibn is a traditional Syrian way to prepare vegetables, akin to a crustless quiche.
Spinach Matzo Ball Minestrone Soup	Salerno, Italy	Festive with an Italian twist--spinach added to matzo ball - it's beautiful, with lots of veggies from the minestrone. Irresistibly delicious! (Pareve)
Sweet Vidalia Onion Pie	Sweet Vidalia Onion Pie	Mellow onions baked in a custardy cream and topped with a blanket of melty cheese is yummy.
Västerbotten cheese tart	Sweden	A great Swedish flan served at many festivals
Vegan Lokshen Kugel (Noodle Pudding) Just Like Mom's	New York, NY	This recipe makes a big, casserole-dish-sized kugel.

Good & Welfare

The Board and Trustees of Congregation Beth Chaim wish to extend their sincerest condolences to the families of the following individuals upon their passing:

Barbara Lefcourt, mother of Patti Wold
Edward Bershad, husband of Susan Bershad
Nessa Holmes, mother of Fiona Platton
Howard Bailin, father of Jeff Bailin
Aaron Wold, father of Rich Wold
Marion Berman, mother of Anne Berman-Waldorf

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*In loving memory of our dear friend,
Ed Bershad*

Eileen & Russ Palumbo

In memory of Marion Berman

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In memory of Barbara Lefcourt

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*In memory of Ed Berhsad, beloved
husband, father, grandfather and friend*

Bunny & Marty Sacharoff
Barbara & Stan Bershad and Family

In memory of Aaron Wold

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Camp Harlam Scholarship Fund

*Congratulations, Barbara & Kent
Hochberg, on Ben's engagement!*

Marcey & Jeffrey Mandell

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Cantor's Discretionary Fund

*In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of William
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In memory of Dorothy Cambon

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*In memory of my mother-in-law
Tillie Weisenberg*

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*Thinking of Barbara Miller during this
difficult time*

Evelyn & Sheldon Boyarsky

In memory of Mollye Blumberg

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*Congratulations to Lauren Molter on
achieving Eagle Scout*

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In memory of Marion Berman

Donna & Phil Sher

Senior Rabbi Discretionary Fund

Thank you, Rabbi for a most interesting Bible Study!

Leslie Brodsky

In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of William Frole

The Adler Frole Family

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Barbara Sarfaty

The Riviera at East Windsor Women's Club

In memory of my grandfather, Maurice

Louis Berman

Gerald Siegel

In loving memory of Louis Mattis

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Phyllis Daniel Stoolmacher

In memory of Marion Berman

The Nefesh Committee

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Wishing Peggy Sergio a speedy recovery

Arlene Munkacsi

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Yahrzeit Fund

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Love, Susan, Steve, David, Jessie & Lindsay

In memory of Renée Sachs

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In memory of Josef Ermann

Zvia & Stuart Hermann

In memory of my father, Louis C. Zlotkin

Dee Carlton

Prayer Books Purchased

In memory of Sarah Kaufman, wife of Seymour, mother of Alison & David and the rest of her family and friends

Joann & Les Friedeman

In loving memory of Eddie Bershad (3 prayerbooks)

Michele & David Greenfield

GOOD & WELFARE

You can recognize any occasion, be it joyful or sad, for someone you care about.
Just make a contribution for as much as you like to the fund of your choice.

All donations are welcome. Acknowledgement cards and listings in the bulletin will accompany donations at the minimum amount or greater.

Make your donations **ON-LINE** with a credit card or electronic check...
go to **www.bethchaim.org/good-and-welfare**.

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1. No calls after 9pm, please! No calls during Shabbat, Friday evening and all day Saturday.
2. Good & Welfare is run by volunteers - please be understanding about human errors.
3. Please be sure to have complete information about your donation, including a full address.
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