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Thursday, May 25, 2023

TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT

A NIGHT OF
JEWISH LEARNING
AT BETH SHALOM

JOIN US!

DINNER AT 6:30PM

STUDY SESSIONS BEGIN AT 7:30PM

SESSION LEADERS TO BE ANNOUNCED

COFFEE, TEA, SNACKS PROVIDED

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CO-SPONSOR A KIDDUSH

KIDDUSH LUNCHES

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Our Shabbat luncheons are a wonderful opportunity for all of us to relax and spend time with friends and family. With a \$450 contribution to the Kiddush fund, you can co-sponsor one of our non B'nai Mitzvah kiddushim with Sisterhood & Beth Shalom. Sponsor in celebration of your special occasion. Another way to support our Kiddush Lunch is to join the Kiddush Club for \$180.

Co-sponsored Kiddush or Kiddush Club can be in honor of a birthday, a wedding anniversary, the anniversary of your Bar/Bat Mitzvah, or in memory of a special yahrzeit. Co-sponsors & Kiddush Club members will be recognized in our weekly e-blast, from the bimah and in our Friday flyer.

To reserve your date, contact the Beth Shalom Office at 770-399-5300 or email us at office@bethshalom.net

Do a Mitzvah for the shul and let's all celebrate your special simcha!

FROM OUR RITUAL COMMITTEE

Celebrate a milestone with us on Shabbat Morning. We are asking you to participate in our Shabbat morning service by commemorating a milestone in



your life and/or your childrens' lives. If it is an anniversary of a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, please let us know. Maybe you or a family member would like to chant their Haftorah, a Torah portion, or have an Aliyah. Shabbat is your time and we welcome you to participate.

Please contact Michael Cohen at mikecohen27@gmail.com or Marsha Fish at marshakfish@gmail.com.

FROM OUR RABBI

Does God Still Speak to us Today?

Shortly, we will be observing the holiday of Shavuot, which our tradition marks as the anniversary of the Great Revelation at Mt. Sinai. We recount the giving of the Ten Commandments and the people of Israel famously responding with the words: na'aseh v'nishma or 'we will do and we will understand.'

We might have expected the turn of events at Mt. Sinai to have unfolded in the opposite order – first we understand an instruction, then we decide whether to accept it and do it. You don't sign a contract before you have read and understood it (unless you're at a real estate closing where I don't think anyone really grasps all the papers that are being tossed at them). The Torah, however, seems to be telling us that the people did indeed sign onto the covenant before even knowing what it was all about, or what would be required of them. And as it turns out in life, we often can't really understand something until we do it. Perhaps that is the main lesson here.

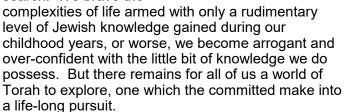
So was that revelation a one-off event or does God continue to speak to us even today? The Talmud teaches us that God continues to reveal Himself throughout the generations, not only through the ancient written words of the Torah, but through an ongoing oral tradition as well. That tradition of interpretation is what we call the *Torah sheb'al peh*, or the "Oral Torah". So what began at Sinai was the process of human beings delving into the deeper meanings of the Torah, and understanding how Torah would impact us well into the future.

You may wonder, how exactly does this take place today? It only happens when we continue to take Torah study seriously in each generation; when we continue to dig into the deeper meanings of the Torah and discover anew God's will and God's teachings.

In other words, we discover God **only** when we continue our seeking, and search for a greater understanding of our sacred tradition. If we don't embark on that path, divine revelation eventually becomes lost to us. This is why throughout our history, devoted Jews have always been engaged in this process of searching for and discovering God's teaching by interacting with our sacred texts.



The challenge today is that too many of us have given up on participating in that search. We brave the



The Mishna teaches us that we must schedule our lives so that we set aside a regular period of time for the Torah study. And what's more, it warns us that if we do not continually add to our body of knowledge, we actually subtract from it. You can never stand still, remaining at the same level of understanding. You are either moving ahead or falling behind. To put it bluntly, if you don't use it - you lose it...

The way we celebrate the Holiday of Shavuot underscores Judaism's unique religious perspective. While based on a supernatural event at Sinai, we don't dwell only on the miraculous as the source of our relationship with God. Televangelist preachers rely on the miraculous, but not Judaism. Sinai may have been a one-time occurrence. But what we were left with was the written record of that great event, and the capacity to study it and discover new meanings in each and every generation. Rabbi Louis Finkelstein, *alav hashalom*, the greatly respected Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary for over 30 years famously said: "When I pray, I speak to God; when I study, God speaks to me."

On Shavuot, we celebrate the season of the giving of the Torah by spending the first night engaged in a marathon session of Torah study. This study session is called "*Tikkun Leyl Shavuot*". What better way can there be to commemorate God's revelation than pouring over that very tradition in study? The commitment we make on Shavuot is not just one of obedience or action, but one of pursuing greater knowledge of Torah itself.

So let me invite all of you to join us on Erev Shavuot (Thursday night, May 25th) at Beth Shalom for a Shavuot dinner followed by our annual *Tikkun Leyl Shavuot*. Let us learn together, deepen the understanding of our traditions, and explore new ways for Torah to touch our lives going forward. I hope to see many of you there!

Hag Sameach, Rabbi Mark Zimmerman



FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Shalom to my CBS Mishpacha,

I am truly amazed by how much we have "going on" at Beth Shalom. None of it is meaningful without you and at the same time, none of it is possible without you. You are the heart, soul, spirit, strength, blood, sweat, and tears of Beth Shalom. While we have a terrific office staff and Rabbi managing the day-to-day administration of Beth Shalom, you are what bring our many events to life either through planning or participation.

I'm writing this article for the Bulletin in the wake of our last Executive and General Board meeting and just before our Shabbat Service dedicated to our many volunteers. Our Board is working tirelessly on so many different efforts that it is hard to keep up. Board meetings are lively productive events where we discuss the shul's needs and what we can do better, mixed with some status of major efforts. Our successful events and activities are the product of the hard work by our very enthusiastic committees of volunteers. Yasher Koach to all of you...and a special yasher koach to Ellen Doft, our Harry Charp award winner of 2023.

While I don't have enough room in this Bulletin to describe all of our activities, I do want to touch on a few highlights.

- a. Rockin' Shabbat services are always fun. We've updated our programming so that we have a bit of music, a nice dinner, followed by our Kabbalat Shabbat services. You might call it a musical and gastonomical experience.
- b. In addition, we also occasionally plan "Share Shabbat" evenings and they have really taken off. This is where various congregants open their homes to guests for Friday night Shabbat Dinner.
- c. We extended the concept this year to include "Share Pesach", for folks looking for a seder to attend...and was also very well received.
- d. Shabbat services are growing and are always followed by a delectable Kiddush luncheon. Services are from 9:30am-12pm. This is a similar schedule for regular Yom Tov services. While we try to keep to that schedule, they have run a little long and also short on occasion. I implore you to join us and detach from your normal daily routines. For that couple of hours turn off your cell phones, commune with your CBS family, sing, relax, and rejuvenate. What could be better?
- e. Over 150 bricks have been sold for our Israeli Garden commemorating Israel's 75th anniversary. Mark your calendars for the big unveiling on May 21. It will be a spectacle with music, food, and fun.
- f. We have started our Legacy and Endowment initiatives. You will hear more about this over time, however in summary it is about securing our shul's future...something I believe we are all interested in.

One of the things we do when we are signing up as members is share our interests on our applications. Congregants write in that they are interested in voluntary opportunities in ritual, education, membership, youth commission, chessed, social action and etc all the time. This information is helpful and passed to each of our VPs and you are contacted on occasion. If you haven't been contacted and would like to get involved, please feel free to contact the appropriate committee contact and they will help you. Having shared that, one of the things we've heard several times from congregants is "where do I go to find out more about our committees".

I finally have an answer in the form of a new page on our web site that you can get to from the bottom of "Our Board" page. To find it, first open our shul website on your computer (bethshalom.net) and point at "About Beth Shalom" (below our logo). On that menu,



point at the words "Our Board" and press the left button on your mouse. Next, scroll down to the bottom of the page. Point at the words "Board Committee Organization Chart" and finally press the left button on your mouse. While it is a work in progress, this will pop up a a new page with a list of all of our shul officers and their committees. In many cases, the committee chairperson's name is listed. Today, to contact these leaders, you may need to look them up in our shul's "Member Directory", however in the future we will turn this into an active page with links to more information. If there is a committee you are interested in joining, please reach out to the appropriate chairperson right away.

Speaking of "Member Directory", did you know that our full membership directory is available online? You can find all of your friends contact information by pointing at "Membership" (under the word "CONNECT" in the shul logo), then by pointing at the words "Member Directory", and finally by pressing the left button on your mouse. From here, you can search and find all of your shul family's contact information. If you can't find the words "Member Directory" it is likely because you are not logged in to the web site. If you are having trouble logging in, please feel free to contact the office (770-399-5300) or give me a jingle (678-296-7166) and we'll try to help you out.

The web site has a lot of really great information and I hope you are using it. In addition to reaching the web site on your computer, we have a handy dandy app for your cell phone that also gives you access to a lot of the same information (including the Membership Directory) in the palm of your hand. To use the app, you will need an Android (eg Samsung, etc) or Apple cell phone. If you have one of these, you can find the app in the Google or Apple Playstore. On the Google Playstore, search for "Beth Shalom" and select the one with our logo (eg the star-menorah) to download the app to your phone. I'm sure you can find it the same way in the Apple store. Once you have the app on your phone, open it and log in. You'll be amazed and what you'll find at your fingertips.

Welcome to Eric Feld in his new role as Assistant Rabbi and Director of Life Long Learning. Many of you already know Eric through his work as our Director of Membership & Religious Engagement. We are excited to have Eric continue with us in this new capacity.

Finally, as Linda Zimmerman is stepping down I want to publicly thank her for all of her achievements as our Director of Lifelong Learning. We appreciate all that you have done in that role and continue to do as our favorite Rebbitson. Yasher kochecha!

B'shalom,

Dan Frankel

FROM OUR ASSISTANT RABBI

Within the Jewish liturgical calendar, there is a tradition of reading from the Ketuvim section of the Hebrew Bible in connection with the corresponding holiday. The most well-known instance of this practice is publicly reading from the Book of Esther at Purim. Lesser known, however, is the custom of reading the Book of Ruth on Shavuot.

The holiday of Shavuot is known as *zman matan torateinu*—a time to commemorate God's giving of Torah to the Jewish people. It is somewhat mysterious why the rabbis would connect Shavuot with Ruth—a story about the commitment of a Jewish convert and the presumed forebear to the messianic line. On the most basic level, the story of Ruth is seasonally set at the beginning of the barley harvest, which coincidentally ends at Shavuot in Israel.

At another level, the Book of Ruth features careful adherence to Jewish legal obligations that are virtually unrecognizable to society today. Within the narrative, Ruth engages in *pe'ah*—the requirement that the corners of one's field be left available for the poor to glean (Ruth 2:3), Boaz makes a *yibum*—a commitment to marry a deceased relative's widow (Ruth 3:9), and Naomi practices *ge'ula*—the obligation to return land to its former owner after being lost (Ruth 4:3). One might say that we read Ruth at Shavuot to glimpse into a world steeped in Torah.

Perhaps there is a deeper, more subtle lesson to be learned.

The Book of Ruth is frequently lauded as a sacred text abounding with *chesed*—acts of steadfast lovingkindness. Most famously, after Ruth's mother-in-law, Naomi, loses her husband and two sons, Ruth proclaims her commitment saying, "Wherever you go, I will go" (Ruth 1:16). Moreover, its protagonist heroes are poor, widowed women—a category of people toward whom the Torah continually demands acts of charity. This comes to teach us that the essence of Torah is that the ideal performance of legal obligations happens with a spirit of generosity. As we reconstitute our acceptance of Torah this spring, may we do so with the fullness of open hearts.

Bivracha,

GRADUATIONS...RABBINICAL SCHOOL... MAZEL TOV RABBI ERIC!

Eric is receiving his ordaination as Rabbi Eric Feld from Hebrew College Rabbinical School located in Boston, MA in June. Starting July 1, he will be Congregation Beth Shalom's Assistant Rabbi & Director of Life-long Learning.

Eric has also served as the Assistant Director of the Genesis summer program at Brandeis University, the Hillel Director at Boston College, and the Rabbinic Intern with the Hillel Council of New England and with Hebrew College. Prior to rabbinical school, he was a town planner in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He is a

Southerner at heart, originally hailing from Knoxville, TN.

Eric and his wife, Ashley, live in Dunwoody with their two young children—Ezra and Isaac, who are students at the Epstein School.



WE MOURN THE LOSS

Marian Jorgensen, mother of Mark Wancket, April 10, 2023

Beni Berger, mother of Dan Berger, April 21, 2023



"MAY THEIR MEMORY BE A BLESSING"

Lori Bryan, wife of David Bryan, Daughter in law of Alan & Terrie Bryan and Beth Shalom Member, April 27, 2023

FROM THE VP OF RITUAL

A Special Thanks...

Friday Night and Shabbat morning services are in person. We are continuing to stream for those who are not comfortable coming in person.

We would like to thank our Torah readers, Gabbais, and Ushers/Greeters for their support during Shabbat during the months of February and March 2023:

Torah Readers:

Shai Robkin, Rebecca Cheskes, Ellen Doft, Meryl Romeu, Miriam Gentin, Katie Vogin, Mark Blum, Robin Kramarow, Gary Vogin, Michael Cohen, David Cohen, Jill Vogin, Jeff Budd, Ariel Lempel, Dodie Sachs, Eric Feld, Dan Frankel, Sherry Rudnak, Howard Fish, David Schattner, Gail Foorman, Mike Sabin, Kathye Schattner, and Jennifer Levy

Gabbais:

Dan Frankel, Lee Newman, Stuart Levin

Bimah Buddies:

Elain Strauss, Anna Shakhnovsky, Michael Funk, Alan Kaplan, Jodi Frankel, Marsha Fish, Emily Cohen & Jodi Beck

Ushers / Greeters:

Bethann Johnston, Ellen Doft, Jodi Frankel, Amber Dequiroz, Carrie Budd, Marsha Fish, Meryl Romeu, Julie Horowitz, Terrie Bryan, Marci Schulman & Penny Rosenfield

Yasher Koach,

The Ritual Committee

Anyone who would like to read regularly at a service or would like to celebrate an anniversary of an event such as your Bar/Bat Mitzvah by reading the Torah or Haftorah for that Shabbat, please go to www.bethshalom.net and click on forms and then click on Torah readers or contact our Torah Reader Organizer, Michael Cohen at

mikecohen27@gmail.com or bethshalomritual@gmail.com.





B'NAI MITVAH



Binah Yael Leinwand May 13, 2023 Daughter of Shilvi & Yoel Leinwand

Binah is a kind and talented young lady who enjoys theatre, piano, basketball and spending time with her family and friends. She is thrilled for her upcoming bat mitzvah and celebrating with the Beth Shalom community which she has been apart of since birth. She cares about others and is determined to help minimize food insecurity. She will be soon launching a mitzvah project dedicated to supporting the JF&CS Food Pantry - the only Kosher Food Pantry in metro Atlanta. Proud and loving grandparents are Bracha & Kenneth Leinwand and Sheela & Viresh Gandhi. Binah is in the 6th grade at the Epstein School.



Vivian Heller
June 3, 2023
Daughter of Matthew & Ilene Heller

Vivian enjoys writing, drawing, gaming, and coding. For her Mitzvah project, she is asking people to donate money or supplies to FurKids, the local pet shelter where we got our cats. Vivian is in the 8th grade at Smoke Rise Prep. Her grandparents are Amy and Bernie Heller (both of beloved memory), Helen Goldenberg, and Harvey Goldenberg (of beloved memory). She will be in 9th grade in Lakeside High School in the fall.

MAZEL TOV!

Elana Axler and Greg Berger were married on February 19, 2023.

Greg & his family are from Connecticut. The Wedding was officiated by Rabbi Zimmerman along the beautiful 30-A Gulf Coast.

Proud Parents are Beth Shalom members, Louise Short and Joel Axler and Lala and Brian Berger.

Elana and Greg will be residing on the Upper East Side of NYC where both are employed. Greg is Director of Enterprise Partnerships at Spring Health in NYC and Elana works as a Senior Consultant at West Monroe Partners in NYC and will be completing her MBA at NYU in the fall 2023



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jade Rouzeau and her son, Bennett

Donald & Alisha Meertens and their daughters, Zahara, Zamora & Zariah



CATERING

JOIN US FOR SHABBAT KIDDUSH LUNCH!

Chef Jan Adler and I thank all our volunteers who helped prepare and serve the food for our Shabbat kiddushes in February and March.

Phyllis Abrams, Marcy Liberty, Lisa Sturt, Julie Horowitz, Samra Robbins, Deborah Shapiro, Ellen Levy, Bill Mahle, Jill Vogin, Arlene Horesch, Donna Salus, Jessical Buckles, and Dianne Rich.

Be on the lookout for our Sign Up Genius schedule that comes out 1-2 times per month.

Lisa Sturt, Kitchen liaison & volunteer coordinator for Sisterhood



TODAH RABAH

SHABBAT CO-SPONSORED KIDDUSH

Thank you to the following who graciously co-sponsored a Kiddush during the months of March & April:

Fran Bay & Dale Joiner, Neal & Fran Drucker, Ronald & Samra Robbins, Sharone & Anna Nooromid, Beth Shalom Men's Club.

Thank you Dianne & Fred Rich for sponsoring a Kiddush Lunch.

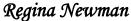
We so appreciate your support!

CHILDREN READS

School is almost over and it's time to clean out some book shelves. Please put some of your gently used children's books, especially those for pre-schoolers, in the containers for Children Read.

These books will be cleaned up and given to children six and under to help them have a good start in learning to read. Books for older children can be shared with older siblings and even libraries in under privileged areas.

Thank you for helping us support this worthy organization.



Children Read's Liaison



GRADUATIONS...HIGHER LEARNING



Emily Bachner

Emily is graduating from the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York City. She is going to receive her MD degree as well as an MPH (Master in Public Health). She is the recipient of the Dr. Joseph R. Jagust Anesthesia Dept award as well as the Excellence in Public Health award. She is excited to be spending her next four years at Mt. Sinai for her Anesthesiology residency. Her parents are Robert & Connie Bachner



Elayna Harris

Elayna is graduating from Kennesaw State with a Master's of Social Work. She is magna cum laude and member of Phi Alpha Social Work Honors Society. Elayna has accepted a job as a clinical social worker with Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health Georgia. Her parents are Stephen & Roz Harris



Adam Stoumen

Adam will be receiving his MS (Masters of Science) in Ecological Landscape Design from The Conway School. After graduation, Adam plans to help design residential, commercial and community projects with a focus on sustainability - preserving and respecting the local area and its indigenous plants and animals. His parents are Jill and Larry Stoumen

GRADUATIONS...COLLEGE



Lindsey Gelernter

Lindsey is graduating from the University of Georgia with a Business Marketing Degree and a certificate in Music Marketing. Lindsey will be pursuing a job in music marketing. Her parents are Margie & Andrew Gelernter.



Simon Green

Simon is graduating from Georgia Southern University with a Bachelor of Business Administration: Information Systems with a concentration in Business Analytics. His future plans will be decided at a later date. Simon is the son of Sherie Green.



Brandon Levin

Brandon is graduating from Georgia Southern University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design with a concentration in Photography and an emphasis in Sport Management. Brandon wants to work in Digital Marketing and Design for Sports Franchises. He is the son of Alyson & Glenn Levin.

GRADUATIONS...COLLEGE



Sarah London

Sarah is graduating from Georgia College and State University with a Bachelor of Science in Public Health. After completion of her internship with SenseAbilities Pediatric Therapy, she plans to pursue an advanced degree in Speech Language Pathology. Sarah is the daughter of Lori & Joel London.



Sam Mahle

Sam graduated early in Dec 2022 from Georgia Tech. He became a successful DJ while in college and also completed a degree in computer science with highest honors. Following several months of backpacking in Asia, he will join Deloitte in Arlington, VA as a GPS analyst. He is the son of Debbie Sumner & Bill Mahle



Josh Mermelstein

Josh is graduating from the University of Georgia with a BS in Mathematics. He will be working in Atlanta as a Data Analyst. Josh is the grandson of Roberta London.



Amit Nechmad

Amit is graduating Suma Cum Laude from the Terry Business School at the University of Georgia with a Degree in Marketing. She will be taking some time off to travel as she gets ready for the world of corporate marketing. Amit is the daughter of Edye & Hagai Nechmad

GRADUATIONS...HIGH SCHOOL



Ilan Cheskes

Ilan is graduating from Saint Francis High School. He was the captain of the soccer team and participated in theatre during his time in school. Ilan will be attending Georgia Southern University and plans to study business. He is the son of Rebecca Cheskes and Izzy Cheskes.



Eli Gelernter

Eli is graduating from Centennial High School. He will be taking a GAP year in Israel where he will be attending a Technology based program. Eli is the son of Andrew & Margie Gelernter



Julia Harris

Julia is graduating from Dunwoody High School. She was President of the National Science Honor Society Recipient of many awards, President of BBYO Greater Atlanta Region plus interned at Reproductive Biology Asso. Lab. She will attending University of Georgia Honors College in the fall majoring in biology on a premed track. Julia is the daughter of Stephen & Roz Harris.

GRADUATIONS... HIGH SCHOOL



Caleb Mahle

Caleb will graduate from Dunwoody High School. Caleb is a National Merit Finalist and Valedictorian of his class as well as a varsity cross county runner. He will attend Johns Hopkins University in the fall. He is the son of Debbie Sumner & Bill Mahle,



Millicent "Mili" Nadler-Sachs

Mili is graduating from North Gwinnett High School. She has been involved in the Air Force JROTC program for all 4 years and a member of the HIgh School Chorus. Mili is planning on studying Library Science. Mili is going to start as a Freshman at Western Washington University in Bellingham, WA. She is the daughter of Jeremy Sachs and Karen Nadler.



Zev Reiter

Zev is graduating from Lakeside High School, where he has competed as part of the Lakeside Golf Team among other sports. He will be attending the University of Georgia in the fall, where he plans on studying finance. Zev is the son of Dani & Carolann Reiter.

GRADUATIONS... MIDDLE SCHOOL



Micah Buckles

Micah will be graduating from 8th grade from Haynes Bridge middle school and moving to Centennial High School. His parents are Jessica & Kenny Buckles



Sophia Liniado

Sophia will be graduating from Chamblee Middle School, magnet program. Sophia plays the drums and club volleyball & plans to continue both at Chamblee High School in the fall. Her parents are Jennifer Liniado, and Scott Liniado.



Ava Shaffren

Ava is graduating from 8th grade. She was recently accepted into a renowned high school theatre conservatory program. Ava is the daughter of Douglas & Gina Shaffren.



Kayla Shoshana Shroeder

Kayla is graduating from Lakeside Middle School. She will be in Color Guard and join teaching as a profession career path in Forsyth Central High in the fall. Parents are Keisha & Michael Schroeder.



Isaac Weinberg

Isaac is graduating middle school and will be attending high school at The Howard School. He is the son of Michael & Diane Weinberg.

GRADUATIONS...ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Tori Liniado
Tori is graduating from
Austin Elementary School.
She is an actress and plays
guitar and plans to continue
both in Peachtree Middle
School. She is the daughter
of Jennifer Liniado and Scott
Liniado.



Emily Meddin
Emily is graduating
from Northwood Elementary
where she has earned Honor
Roll, has participated in many
activities and awarded the
Golden T-shirt for being
respectful, responsible and
engaged in her learning.
Emily will be attending Webb
Bridge Middle School in the
fall. She is the daughter of
Louis & Michele Meddin.



Luke Shaffren
Luke is graduating from 5th
grade. He is looking forward
to his first Summer as a
member of the neighborhood
swim team. He will also be
participating in the Boy
Scouts Troop 1818. He will
be attending Middle School
in the fall. Luke is the son of
Douglas & Gina Shaffren.



Tovah Ruth Schroeder
Tovah is graduating from
Mashburn Elementary
School. She will continue to
hone soccer skills and
Lyrical dance in Lakeside
Middle School in the fall.
Tovah is the daughter of
Michael & Keisha Schroeder

GRADUATIONS...PRESCHOOL



Ezra Cohen
Ezra will be graduating from the Weinstein PreK. He will be attending Kindergarten in the fall. His parents are David & Emily Cohen



Elise "Cece" Shaffren
Cece is graduating from Pre-K. she
is on the swim team as a junior swimmer and will be attending
Summer Camp at her Montessori
school. Cece will be attending Kindergarten in the fall. Her parents are
Douglas & Gina Shaffren

GRADUATIONS...GILNER RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



On May 6th, join us for Shabbat Services when our Gilner Religious School students will be graduating from 7th grade.

Big Mazel Tov to:

Vivian Heller, daughter of Matthew & Ilene Heller David Kaplan, son of Alan & Zhenia Kaplan Ava Shaffren, daughter of Douglas & Gina Shaffren

SHAVUOT 5783 / 2023

Thursday, May 25, 2023

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A NIGHT OF JEWISH LEARNING AT BETH SHALOM



Dinner 6:30 pm

Study Sessions Begin at 7:30 pm

Session Leaders

To Be Announced

Coffee, Tea, & Snacks Provided





RSVP TO RESERVE PIZZA & SALAD DINNER

COST: \$8.00



SHAVUOT SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday, May 25, 2023 Shavuot First Day - 9:30am Services Kiddush Lunch following services

Saturday, May 26, 2023
Shavuot Second Day 9:30am Services
with YIZKOR (at approximately 11:00am)
Kiddush Lunch following services

Services will also be streamed.



Food Menu— Sabich which includes pita with falafel, hummus, Israeli salad or pita with fried eggplant, boiled eggs, parsley tomato salad & tahini and French Fries!

BETH SHALOM HAPPENINGS



SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023 7:30PM

In Person
Beth Shalom

Join us to hear about our accomplishments and future goals for 2023-2024.

We hope you can attend and participate in the Annual Meeting.

Refreshments will be served.



ON GOING AT BETH SHALOM



BETH SHALOM LIBRARY FOR ALL YOUR READING AND VIEWING NEEDS!

Visit our Library for the books you love

plus DVDs from all movies shown at the Beth Shalom mini-movie festival. Books and movies are FREE check outs. It is simple!

For books, sign the card in the book and leave the card in the plastic box on the first shelf near the door.

For movies, select the movie you want to watch, bring the empty case to Helene in the office, and she will give you the DVD to put in the case.



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

HELP US WITH OUR SHABBAT KIDDUSH LUNCHES.



WE NEED HELP IN THE KITCHEN ON THURSDAYS FOR PREPPING THE FOOD AND ON SHABBAT MORNING FOR PREPARING AND SERVING THE FOOD.

Do a Mitzvah and Sign up today on Signup Genius

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4BADA722A0FD0-kiddushes3

If there are any questions or concerns, please email <u>lesturt@comcast.net</u> or text/call her cell phone at 404-803-4164.



BETH SHALOM MEN'S CLUB MONTHLY TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER

Beth Shalom Chapel at 7:00pm

May 7th, June 18th and July 9th

Come one. Come all. Texas Hold Em Poker is NOW ONCE A MONTH!! Men and Ladies are invited to join us for an evening of Texas Hold Em poker. Anyone can enter with a \$20 donation. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes will be awarded. Come and have fun with old and new friends! Complimentary snacks & drinks

To make your reservation contact Steve Kaufman at 770-597-2066

MAH JONGG NIGHTS



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FROM OUR MEN'S CLUB

As we head into summer, it is usually quiet around Beth Shalom. However, your Men's Club still has activities going on. As I write this, we haD a brunch and speaker at the end of April (hopefully you were able to attend). We have a couple of Texas Hold 'Em poker games to round out the year. The next game is on May 7 and the June game is still to be decided. There are also some projects going on over the summer. This includes refurbishing the benches in the driveway circle that will be part of the Israeli Garden.



The Beth Shalom Men's Club is your Men's Club. Please support the Men's Club not only by being a paid up member, but also support the Men's Club by taking part in the activities - brunches, dinners, cooking, poker games, Back Pack Buddies, sukkah construction, shul support and much more.

If you have questions about how you can be involved or have an idea for a program, please let me know. Drop me a line at MensClub@BShalom.net.

See you around shul.

Ed Heller

President / Beth Shalom Men's Club.

BACKPACK BUDDIES

I would like to thank each of you who have participated in helping us pack and deliver for the Backpack Buddies program this school year. Last delivery will be May 17, 2023.

After May 17th, we will be on Summer Break. We really appreciate all of you! Looking forward to your continued support when we resume in August and throughout the school year.

Thank you,

Terrie Bryan

Congregation Beth Shalom Backpack Buddies coordinator



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SISTERHOOD NEWS

As I write this, we've survived another Passover of eating Matzo for a week. There was no repeat of the Dunwoody tornado of 25 years ago (although there were some weather forecasts in the week before the holiday that had me worried) and we're getting back to normal. Sisterhood has been taking a bit of a breather so we could focus on our families and the Holiday.

On March 1st we had a well-attended program about human trafficking presented by an Atlanta-based FBI agent who serves on the Human Trafficking task force. We learned about the prevalence of the problem and, more importantly, how to report something you see.

We got together again after Pesach, on April 16th, to see (via Zoom) a one-woman play called "Bella, an Immigrant's Tale" written and performed by Vicki Summers, Bella's granddaughter. It was really interesting, following Bella's life from living through pogroms through retirement in Miami Beach.

After seeing a recording of the play, Vicki came on live to discuss the importance of keeping family history and getting stories from your older relatives before it's too late. One resource that was discussed is Storyworth.com, which is a website from which you purchase a service which provides a new question each week that will elicit family memories. After a year, the subscription price includes a printed book and a PDF of the content. Many of our members have used this with great results.

Upcoming Sisterhood events for May and June include:

Book Club, which meets via Zoom each month. (see below) If you want to receive the Zoom link, please contact Eileen Cohn at eileensc6@gmail.com.

Mah Jongg continues each Thursday at 6:00pm. To register, email Helene Urbaitel at office@bethshalom.net Chai Mitzvah will meet for the last time this year on May 8 at Beth Shalom. Next year's topic will be announced soon. Volunteer Opportunities.

The last Backpack Buddies food packing date is May 14th at 10 am. Contact Kathy Heller to find out if any more people are needed that day.

Kitchen volunteers are always needed, both for Thursday morning prep and Shabbat morning. Lisa Sturt coordinates this, and there is a Sign-up Genius where you can see what dates need to be filled.

The theme for donations for the JF&CS Food Pantry for May are Breakfast items such as raisins, other dried fruit, oatmeal. The last day for drop-off is May 22.

From July 16-19, Womens' League for Conservative Judaism will be holding our Biennial Convention in Schaumberg, Illinois. We hope to be sending a delegation from our Sisterhood. Please let us know if you're interested in attending. Check the website for more information: https://www.wizevents.com/wlcj2023.

Finally, don't forget the Israel 75th Birthday Celebration and the unveiling of the Israeli Garden on May 21st from 12 pm to 2 pm. See you then!

Laurie Besmertnik, Ellen Levy and Tanya Cohen

Sisterhood Management Team

SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB

Sisterhood Book Club...
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Join us virtually for our monthly Book Club meetings when we read the newest books by popular authors.

The books for discussion for May, June & July:

May 17th –"A Very Typical Family" by Sierra Godfrey
June 21st- "Tomorrow, Tomorrow and Tomorrow" by Gabrielle Zevin
July 19th- "The Women in the Castle" by Jessica Shattuck

Questions and to RSVP, contact Eileen Cohn at eileensc6@gmail.com.

Zoom Link—Go to https://tinyurl.com/cbsbook



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Harriet Walter

May 05 / 14 lyar

Abe Besser Irene Lane Arleen Taffel

May 06 / 15 lyar

Ida Ramon

May 07 / 16 lyar

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May 08 / 17 Iyar Theodore Feinberg Nathan Jonas Kraar

May 09 / 18 lyar

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May 19 / 28 lyar

Joseph Besmertnik Daniel Leeds Henry Tovey Benjamin Zimmerman

May 20 / 29 Iyar David Hersh

May 21 / 1 Sivan

Phillip Izenson Helen Schwager Bertha Sussman

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Michael Miller Rose Sall Patricia Villyard

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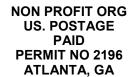


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