



Volunteers of All Ages Make Mitzvah Month a Resounding Success!

Read more about it on page 8

VSB'S ISRAEL CANCELLATION

by Rabbi Martin P. Beifield, Jr.

Everybody practicing law in Virginia must belong to the Virginia State Bar, an agency of the Virginia Supreme Court. The VSB does many things including regulating the practice of law in the Commonwealth, overseeing disciplinary actions against lawyers, planning conferences and seminars, and managing the continuing education program for lawyers. While most Virginians have probably never heard of the VSB, it is by all accounts, a well-respected organization and serves an undisputedly important function for lawyers, and by extension, all Virginians.

One of the VSB's activities is a Midyear Legal Seminar which this year was planned

for November in Israel. At the end of March about thirty people submitted a petition to the VSB demanding that the seminar be cancelled because of "unacceptable discriminatory policies and practices pertaining to border security" in Israel. Without engaging in a discussion of the issues with members of the Bar or even taking the time and making the effort to research the allegations and their likely impact upon the planned seminar, the VSB president, Kevin Martingayle, and president-elect, Edward Weiner, cancelled the trip. After receiving many complaints about the decision to cancel the seminar, Weiner said "This was not a political decision and is not a boycott....Our decision was not based on any political factors or influences."

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Rabbi Martin P. Beifield, Jr.
Sophia and Nathan Gumenick Senior Rabbi

I beg to differ. The purpose of the petition demanding cancellation of the trip was entirely political. Its purpose was to cast Israel in a negative light and, by doing so, make the political statement that members of the VSB should stay away from Israel because Israel is a terrible place which discriminates against Muslim travelers trying to enter the country. By cancelling the trip, the VSB agreed with that statement.

In case one might think the statement being made by the VSB is not political, one only has to read the letter applauding the cancellation sent to the VSB by over two dozen organizations which support and/or are part of the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement which has as its aim the elimination of the state of Israel. The good news travelled fast.

Inadvertently or intentionally the leaders of the VSB have made an anti-Israel, and an obviously political, statement. This brings shame upon the organization, casts doubt on the intelligence and common sense of its leaders, and adds momentum to the BDS movement.

What could Martingayle and Weiner do now? They could continue to give contradictory explanations about their decision. They could continue to put their feet in their mouths by offering lame explanations and excuses. They could refuse to say or do anything more. They could hope this all goes away.

Or they could admit they made a series of mistakes. They could publicly and privately try to restore the trust between the VSB and its members which they undermined. They could apologize for giving in to exaggerated and unfounded accusations against Israel. They could make decisions in a more transparent manner. They could reinstate the seminar in Israel. They could criticize the petitioners for injecting their political views into the workings of the VSB. They could criticize the petitioners for taking advantage of and manipulating the goodwill of the VSB's leaders for the petitioners' political ends. They could release the names of the petitioners.

I can hope for the latter but I expect the former.

(In a slightly different format this was also sent to the Chief Justice of the Virginia Supreme Court and the editor of the Virginia State Bar Register, the monthly magazine of the VSB.)

SUMMER DAYS

by Russell M. Finer, Executive Director

During these summer months the staff here at Congregation Beth Ahabah is focused on the upcoming year which begins with preparation for the High Holy Days. We feel a sense of both anticipation and excitement as members and prospective members come back to the temple.



Russell M. Finer, FSA, Executive Director

We will soon come together to pray and allow ourselves to look back to our past – to our childhood, to this past year, to our friends and family (some of whom are no longer with us). We who work for the synagogue wish that you all gain strength from being a part of the temple community as we assess the direction of our lives for the new year that is just ahead of us.

Beth Ahabah is a place of worship, a place of study, and a place of gathering. We work hard to be a true community. Here there are so many opportunities for us as individuals and as a community to enrich our lives and our Jewishness. Please take advantage of all the temple has to offer.

As Rabbi Hillel taught so many years ago, "Do not separate yourself from the community." As you look at the direction for your life in this coming new year, you are encouraged and invited to make Congregation Beth Ahabah a vital part of your life, a part of your extended family.

Russ

Having a Moving Experience?

If you're hanging your mezuzah on a new doorpost, please be sure to let us know right away. That will keep the Bulletin and other mailings coming to you promptly—and save us postal fees. We want to keep you posted!



PREPARING TO LEAD OUR SACRED COMMUNITY

by Katie Roeper, President

Four years ago, when I was elected to the presidential line of leadership, I was both honored and apprehensive. Having managed a non-profit and my own business, I felt confident that I could provide the guidance necessary to ensure that the operational side of our Temple would continue to thrive. But, serving in a leadership role for our congregation is about much more than operations. I wondered how one prepares to lead a “sacred community.”

Over this four-year journey to my presidency, I have discovered a number of ways that the leadership preparation at Beth Ahabah is different from the secular world (and in fact, from many other congregations). To begin, in our sacred community, the transition from one leader to the next is a collaborative and incredibly supportive experience. I want to thank Chuck Rothenberg, our Board of Managers, and Beth Ahabah’s past presidents who have offered their expertise, institutional knowledge, valuable guidance and words of encouragement. I have never before felt so supported as I have moved up the rungs of a leadership ladder, now standing sure-footed on the strong shoulders of this exceptional network of champions.

Additionally, the mutual respect and partnered approach between clergy, lay and professional leadership are unparalleled in any career or volunteer arena that I have experienced. I thank Rabbi Beifield, Rabbi Gallop, Russ, Ramona, Natan and Sarah, for their continued support. I am confident that this exceptional lay/professional partnership will be mirrored as we transition from our beloved Rabbi Beifield to our new Senior Rabbi, because it has become so ingrained in the culture of Beth Ahabah.

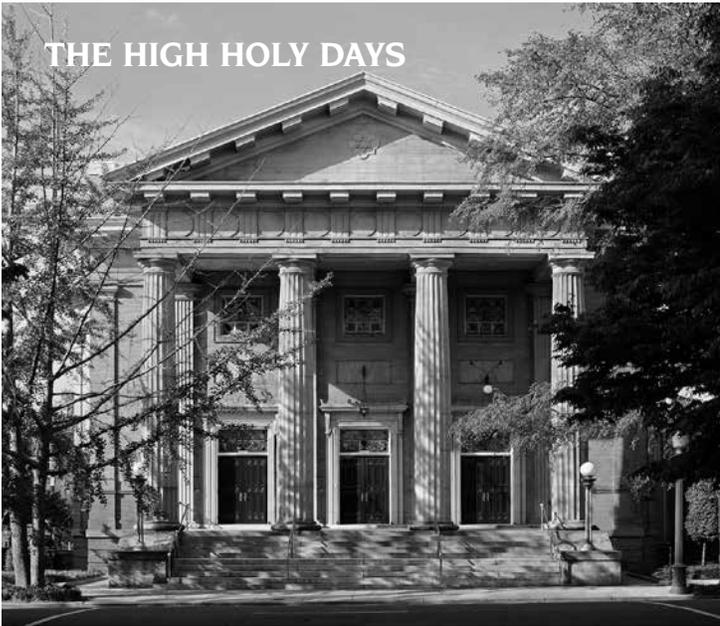


During her participation in the Union for Reform Judaism’s 17th Annual Scheidt Seminar, Katie Roeper met with with Rabbi Aaron Panken, President of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and Amy Asin, Union for Reform Judaism’s Vice President for Strengthening Congregations.

Beyond the support that I have felt within our congregation, I also had the privilege in April to join 92 other presidents and presidents-elect from Reform congregations throughout North America for the Union for Reform Judaism’s 17th Annual Scheidt Seminar. Together we spent three extraordinary days in Atlanta exploring Torah-based governance, discussing solutions to universal congregational challenges, improving leadership skills, and sharing best practices and successful program ideas. Moreover, it provided a venue to develop relationships with peers who will serve as a unique and valuable reservoir of knowledge and expertise throughout my presidency. Additionally, as a member congregation of the Union for Reform Judaism, we have access to a number of specialized list-serves to explore trends and new ideas with other Reform congregations and to access professionals, many of whom I met at Scheidt, with expertise in areas such as synagogue engagement, leadership development, and change management.

At this incredible moment in time, Beth Ahabah is embarking on a transformation that is the culmination of years of discussion, research, and planning. The transformation will bring about exciting and necessary changes to ensure that our sacred community remains relevant and addresses the needs of the next generation.

I am humbled by this opportunity to lead our congregation at this particular moment and grateful to have this generous network of support and culture of care and collaboration. Guided by the wisdom of our ancestors and inspired by the promise of generations to come, I look forward to working together with you, for the future of our sacred Beth Ahabah community.



Ticket Policy

Tickets are required for all High Holy Day Services

Tickets will be issued free of charge to congregants who are in good standing. All arrears must be paid in full through 9/1/15. For those congregants that pay once annually, 100% of the 2015 - 2016 dues must be received by 9/1/15. Those on the quarterly system must have paid 25% by 9/1/15. All others must be on automatic monthly withdrawals. Please contact Russell Finer our Executive Director if you need to make special financial arrangements.

Family members will receive 2 ticket blocks; individual members will receive 1 ticket block. Additional blocks of tickets for members may be purchased for \$100. Children's tickets will be sent based on completion and return of a requested form.

College students will be given a ticket by showing a valid college ID.

Guests who are affiliated with a Congregation in other communities need only request that their home synagogue fax, mail or email us a High Holiday Courtesy Seating request to receive reciprocal tickets.

Non-members wishing to attend all of our High Holy Day services may purchase a complete block of tickets for \$300. Ticket blocks cannot be split between the two High Holy Day events. Should non-members choose to join the Congregation after the High Holy Days, the \$300 will be credited toward their financial commitment to the Congregation.

Guest Tickets

If you know anyone new to Richmond who would be interested in attending our High Holy Day services as our guest, please contact the Temple office so that we may invite them to worship with us.

Please let us know if you require handicap seating.

Babysitting

Professional babysitting for children ages 2 through 8 will be available for the 7:30 PM and 11:00 AM services on both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The cost for babysitting is \$10 per child, per service. Please contact us by August 28th to make your reservations.

Security

Every effort will be made to create a sense of security for congregants as they enter and leave the building. We will have taken every reasonable step to ensure the safety of all. An important security measure is to require tickets for all High Holy Days services. Please be prepared to show an usher your ticket when parking in the deck. Backpacks and large packages are prohibited in the Sanctuary. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Parking

The parking deck and parking lot will be open for all services. The parking deck is entered from Franklin Street and you must exit through the rear into the alley. Please do not attempt to exit onto Franklin Street.



Leven



GENERATIONS
BETH AHABAH FOR TODAY & TOMORROW



Generations Capital and Endowment Campaign - Update

Please mark your calendar and join us for a community "Wine and Design" this summer. Enjoy a glass of wine with friends and get a sneak preview of some very preliminary design ideas for the Beth Ahabah Campus. This is not a "Campaign Ask" but an opportunity to hear about how the ideas shared over the past year are moving forward. More importantly, it's another opportunity to share your thoughts and dreams for our future.

July 15, 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Wine and Cheese in the Joel House

Aug 12, 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Wine and Cheese in the Joel House

Please RSVP to the Temple office (358-6757) to let us know which event you plan to attend.

All questions, thoughts and ideas are important. To share them, please contact a member of the Generations Steering Committee.

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mother of Jane Sper

William Kirk

stepfather of Randi (Josh) Weiss

Jake Mast

father of Chris (Elissa) Mast



CONGRATULATIONS TO....

Deborah Greenberg on the birth of her granddaughter, Madeline Eve Goodman, born May 2, 2015. Also to parents, Amanda & Campe Goodman of Boston. Amanda is the daughter of Deborah K. Greenberg and the granddaughter of Dr. David J. Greenberg (OBM) and Marilyn & Nathan (OBM) Evens. Campe is the grandson of Julian & Betty (OBM) Jacobs.

Hilary Nicole Schultz, daughter of Terry Schultz and granddaughter of Marilyn & Marshall (z'l) Lowenstein on her recent marriage.

CBA SENIOR BRIDGE

by Rachel Schmidt, Program Co-ordinator

Congregation Beth Ahabah along with Jewish Family Services started a senior in-reach program this past August. The goal of the program was to enhance the quality of life and preserve the independence of our seniors. As of today, 23 volunteers help bring Jewish flavors and traditions to those who may no longer be able to participate in Jewish life the way they once did. Congregational volunteers make telephone reassurance calls wishing their senior a "Shabbat Shalom". Other volunteers make friendly visits and sometimes take in a movie or have a lunch date. The program is providing a

meaningful opportunity for Synagogue volunteers to engage Jewish seniors in our congregation. Besides, from individual activities both volunteers and seniors have had two social gatherings. These functions give both groups the opportunity to share in each other's Jewish lives. There are approximately 100 congregants over the age of 80. Beth Ahabah's Senior Bridge is crucial to the continued connections between our congregants and the congregation. Please consider becoming a volunteer or contact us with the name of a senior who might benefit from this program.

For more information contact Rachel:
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**DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT
CONTACT INFORMATION?**

If you've recently moved or changed your email address, please contact the Temple office at 804.358.6757 to make sure our records are up-to-date. Thank you.



CBA members at a recent Rabbi search Focus Group Session

Barbara & William B. Thalhimer, Jr. Religious School

by Ramona Brand, Religious School Director



Ramona Brand
Barbara & William B. Thalhimer, Jr.
Religious School Director

HAPPY SUMMER!!

Religious School Resumes on
September 13, 2015

Don't miss out on Summer Fun at CAMP SABABA

Monday-Friday, August 10 - 14, 2015
from 9am-2pm

Looking for a fun way for your kids to explore their Jewish roots this summer? Come to Camp *Sababa*! For the last four years, kids from all over Richmond have enjoyed the fun way of getting better at Hebrew through singing, dancing, nature, crafts, drama, and special events like Israel Day, *Mayim* (water) Day, and Sports, Lake Activities and more! Make sure your child is in on the action! *Sababa* is Hebrew slang for "cool," and *Camp Sababa* is the coolest way for your children to make new friends over the summer while having fun in a Jewish environment!

*** NEW LOCATION ***

Congregation Or Ami

9400 Huguenot Rd, Richmond, VA 23235

For whom: For ALL rising Kindergarten - 6th grade Jewish students

Counselor in Training Program for rising 7th & 8th grade Jewish students

Goals:

- TO HAVE FUN through outdoor activities, music, crafts, games, etc.
- To meet Jewish students from around Richmond
- To review & refresh Hebrew language skills

Staff: Education Directors and teachers from the participating schools and teen madrichim

Cost: \$100.00 for all 5 days final Registration Deadline July 17, 2015

For more information or to obtain an application, contact Ramona at r.brand@bethahabah.org or Sara Rosenbaum at the Federation office at 545-8629 or srosenbaum@jewishrichmond.org.

Jewish camping builds a foundation for Jewish living. Children who participate in Jewish camps create a positive Jewish self-identity, feel more engaged in community and retain connection to the Jewish community into adulthood. There are many choices for Jewish camping from day camps to overnight camps geared toward a great variety of interests. Check out our camp board in the lobby of the Religious School to see where your children's friends will be this summer!

Religious School Registration

Information for 2015 - 2016

Children currently enrolled in Religious School will be automatically re-enrolled for the 2015-2016 academic year. Withdrawal forms will be available through our regular Wednesday School E-news and on our Web-site.



Baseball Tzedakah box, photo courtesy of
Beth Ahabah Museum & Archives

Tzedakah

Mazel Tov to our students who collected \$1919.39 in *Tzedakah* this year and donated hundreds of cans of food for the Central Virginia Food Bank.

Recipients of our *Tzedakah* include:

- Breanna's Gift: An Art Program for Children with Cancer and other serious illnesses
- JCC Camp Hilbert Tuition Assistance fund
- Neve Michal Children's Village in Israel: A Home for Orphan and At Risk Children
- CHAI Organization (Concern for Helping Animals in Israel)
- Richmond SPCA
- Israel Guide Dog Center for the Blind
- Alyn Hospital in Israel: a comprehensive rehabilitation center for physically challenged and disabled children, adolescents and young adults

Our students care for people and animals here and in Israel!!

Mitzvah Month WAS A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

"Spring into Action" was designed to celebrate Mitzvah Day 2015 with a variety of projects and programs throughout this spring. We hosted many wonderful events, including the Caritas Table Build with John Marshak as the Brotherhood coordinator, and Sisterhood collected bed sheets for shelters and put together pink ribbon informational bookmarks about breast cancer, projects coordinated by Beryl Holzbach and Laura Davidson. The Uplift Project, a joint health and wellness project sponsored by Hadassah and Congregation Beth Ahabah and co-coordinated by Rebecca Young and Terry Schultz, offered two wonderful speakers from Henrico Doctors Hospital (Dr. Leslie Cohen and Meg Helsley) to raise awareness of breast cancer. *Midrasha* teen projects were led by Rabbi Gallop and Ramona Brand, as the groups designed and sewed blankets for the NICCU infants at MCV-VCU, collected and made baskets for the Home Again Children shelters, and

baked casseroles for the Men's Home Again shelter. *Ruach Chadash* visited and entertained the Beth Shalom Home residents with their beautiful music; Lilly Kerwood, one of our own Sunday School students, collected dog treats and foods for Bark VA as a part of her *Bat Mitzvah* project; and Sunday School teachers worked with their students on individual classroom *mitzvah* projects.

Stop Hunger Now! was again co-coordinated by the dynamic duo of Sharon Brager and Sarah Kim, and had an amazing response from our community. There were over 80 participants, with everyone getting into the action, young and old! The volunteers put together 10,000 packages of dehydrated, high protein, nutritious food for those in need around the world. It was an amazing day. Special thanks to Dr. Thad Williamson for his inspirational speech that kicked off the last official day of "Spring into Action" and inspired us to go forth and continue to do meaningful *mitzvahs* throughout the year!

We would be remiss not to mention the assistance we received from Russell Finer, who provided oversight for "Spring into Action," guiding us through our planning meetings, contacting key individuals, and sending out important information regularly to our congregants. Susan Gaible and Pam Feibish worked together to enhance our announcements and blogs on the Temple websites and in the newsletters, and Steven Longstaff and his daughter, Sarah Jane, took photographs to capture these wonderful events.

Our hope is that this *Mitzvah* Day and those that follow will continue to inspire and enrich the lives of all of our congregants and their families. May everyone "spring into action" during the coming year!

Sincerely,
Terry Schultz, Debbie Cook, & Sharon Bassell

Mitzvah Month Photo Credits: Sara Jane Longstaff



A Message From Stop Hunger Now:

Stop Hunger Now is delighted to announce that the meals from CBA's Mitzvah Day packaging event have been shipped in a container totaling 277,992 meals from Richmond!

Also included in this shipment were three pallets of donated medical supplies.

The meals will be received by Salesian Missions, Stop Hunger Now's in-country partner in Honduras. The Salesians of Don Bosco have been working in Honduras for more than 100 years. Each Salesian work combines the aspects of an orphanage, a school, a church and children's recreation center in addition to varied social programs. Feeding the children, youth and needy adults is an integral part of the Salesian program in Honduras, because a satisfied stomach is a prerequisite for other learning and development activities.

Many thanks to everyone who made CBA's Mitzvah Day meal packing project so successful. Stop Hunger Now is sincerely grateful for your dedication

and for sharing their vision of a world without hunger.



SISTERHOOD (WRJ)

by Beryl Holzbach, President

Why is Sisterhood important?

Beth Ahabah Sisterhood is proud to be a member of Women of Reform Judaism whose core values include:

- ✧ Strengthening the voice of women and advocating for women's rights in religious practice and public policy;
- ✧ Connecting Jewish women around the world through events and a global network of sisterhoods and women's groups;
- ✧ Nurturing spiritual growth and deepening Jewish engagement by providing program ideas, *Torah* study guides, and a wide variety of publications on worship, holidays, and more;

✧ Cultivating the next generation of Reform Jewish leaders through the WRJ Fried Leadership Conference and WRJ Assembly, the YES Fund, which include youth and clergy scholarships, and partnerships with other arms of the Reform Movement.

At the local level, Beth Ahabah WRJ supports our Congregation by providing baked goods for *Onegs*, supporting Religious School activities, providing candlesticks and bibles for *B'nai Mitzvahs*, Confirmations and Baby Namings. Supports educational opportunities for girls in third world countries while our YWCA sheet drive

We also support social action initiatives near and far. Our "Half the Sky" project provided linens for the YWCA domestic abuse safe house program.

We also like to have fun! We are in the midst of planning our calendar for next year. Some of the events we have planned include Yoga, field trips, safety seminars and more.

So why is Sisterhood important? It is the collective voice and presence of women in our Congregation. We support each other, our community and our world to ensure the future of Reform Judaism.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer.

Beryl Holzbach
President

Beth Ahabah Sisterhood_WRJ



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TREASURES FROM THE MUSEUM & ARCHIVES COLLECTION



19th century German silver
Tzedakah box

This German silver Charity Box was given to the Archives in 1985 in memory of Sylvan Rothschild by his cousins. The box, also known as a *pushke*, is shaped like a tankard, with a slot for money in the lid and a hasp and staple for a padlock. It is inscribed *Tzedakah*, the Hebrew word for charity or correct behavior. *Tzedakah* is given as part of the process of seeking a just world. In many homes a *Tzedakah* box is placed prominently so that monies are given particularly before the Sabbath and festivals. This box is approximately 4 inches in height and was made in the 19th century. Mr. Rothschild was a friend and worker on behalf of the Museum and Archives and the personification of *Tzedakah*, and this gift was a most appropriate tribute to his memory.

CBA TEENS: MEET BRIAN STRAUSS



Brian Strauss

Hey y'all! My name is Brian Strauss and I am excited to be Beth Ahabah's Teen Engagement Specialist for the coming year! Originally, I am from outside Philadelphia and made my way to Richmond via the University of Richmond, where I graduated last May with a double major in International Studies and Arabic Studies. Growing up, I was very active in the Reform movement: attending Camp Harlam and NFTY-PAR; leading my synagogue's youth group board; participating in the RAC's L'Taken seminar; going on NFTY in Israel; and graduating from Gratz College's Reform High School program. At the University of Richmond, I was active in Hillel (and other Chaplaincy

programs) and was a member of Jewish Family Service's Board through our partnership from Draw Back the Curtain.

Besides the laundry list of Jewish related activities I was a part of, I also was active in U of R's Arabic Culture Club and sometimes spent my Sundays volunteering at BARK (a local dog shelter). Now, I am working for Jewish Family Services as a Project Specialist, which basically means business analysis, community outreach, event planning, human resources, and "other duties as assigned." In my free time, I can often be found trying new restaurants (mostly due to the fact that I can't cook), relaxing at Maymont, perusing the VMFA, and hanging out with friends. In case you were wondering (and if you've read this far then I guess you are interested) I am a huge Beyoncé fan, an avid curling watcher, and a pretty big TV junkie.

If you see me around, feel free to introduce yourself! I look forward to meeting you!

Gifts That Make A Difference...*Simchah* or Remembrance

Charitable Giving in honor of or in memory of a loved one is an important tradition for the Beth Ahabah congregation. Making a gift to the temple offers a positive way to affirm your values and priorities and protect our future Jewish way of life. Honoring a friend or loved one through charitable gifts is often an especially meaningful act of paying tribute to someone special, while assuring that worthwhile giving continues to influence our children, grandchildren and the world around us.

Beth Ahabah has a wide range of donation opportunities available. The list can be viewed on the Temple website or you can call the Temple office at 804.358.6757.



Thank you for your consideration.

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Ken & Katie Roeper

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Katie & Ken Roeper

Fran Ecker's appointment by

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Katie & Ken Roeper

Congregation Beth Ahabah's 2015

B'not Mitzvah Class

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Katie Roeper

Leta & Peter Greenberg

My Dear Friend, Katie Roeper

becoming President

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Maddie McElgunn for receiving the Lewis Held Award

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IN MEMORY OF:

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An armed security guard is on duty at Hebrew Cemetery on the first and third Sundays of the month from Noon to 3:00 p.m.

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IN APPRECIATION:**

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IN HONOR OF:

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Leta & Peter Greenberg

Rabbi Beifield

The *Torah* Study Group

**The babynaming ceremony of
Shirley Louise & Samuel Caylor
Tate, our grandchildren**

Marianne & Ted Metzger

IN MEMORY OF:

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Joanne Berdall

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Karen & Ken Olshansky

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BROTHERHOOD

By David Feibish, President

I very much look forward to serving as CBA's Brotherhood President for 2015-16. Thank you to our membership for this honor.

First, just to clarify in case any of our congregants are confused, Beth Ahabah's Brotherhood and Men of Reform Judaism are one in the same. While "Brotherhoods" at the URJ national level became Men of Reform Judaism (MRJ) several years ago, "Brotherhood" voted to continue to call our men's auxiliary Brotherhood. It is so recognizable and has such a stellar history at Beth Ahabah, nothing else felt right. Truth be told, we have a strong independent streak as well.

MRJ recognizes our Brotherhood and we share/participate with MRJ programs (i.e. Men's Seder), educational materials, service awards and we partially fund an MRJ representative.

Brotherhood at Beth Ahabah is not an exclusive fraternity. We all qualify for membership by simply being men who are members of our Congregation.

Brotherhood welcomes your membership. It's not work to be a member of Brotherhood, it's a privilege. We create, assist, participate and fund CBA projects/programs throughout the year. More involvement by "YOU" is very much needed and welcomed. We also subsidize family-fun events, and my goal is to have a social event for Brotherhood members as well.



This summer we will be meeting to refine/finalize plans for programs already on the calendar, like our [MRJ] award-winning [Annual] Congregational Picnic, to be held this year on Sept. 27.

I welcome you to reach out to me any time to discuss Brotherhood, inquire about becoming a member or simply attend a meeting to nosh and observe. Doing something for yourself and serving the needs of our congregation can be great fun and very rewarding.

I look forward to seeing you at the High Holy Days, which is Brotherhood's first "seasonal" volunteer responsibility - coordinating and providing ushers for *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* services.

Kayits Tov (Have a great summer)!

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BETH AHABAH MUSEUM & ARCHIVES

SAD, BUT TRUE.

We never learn about people until they are gone.

by David Farris, Director



David Farris, Director

When the Museum & Archives staff is not showing visitors the Museum and the Sanctuary, we do a great deal of genealogical research on our own and at the request of both family members and strangers researching their roots. Our acid-free boxes and folders contain thousands of pages of letters, notes, clippings, and obituaries from various newspapers.

We begin every day by looking at the obituary pages of the Times-Dispatch searching for names of Jewish Richmonders or their relatives, relying on our knowledge of the Beth Ahabah and JCC membership lists, and other

knowledge that comes our way through our associations with people in the Museum, and at congregational activities. Members of other congregations (or of no congregation) do not escape our attention, as everyone in the Jewish community is important to our history.

It is sad, but true, that obituaries are frequently the best source of fascinating information about our relatives, friends and acquaintances, information that we wish we had known earlier.

When a loved one dies, there is a flurry of activity centered around the collection of facts and memories about the deceased, and discussions about what to put in the paper and what to leave out. It is during this process that important things come to light about the person that would have been valuable to know when they were still alive. We may have believed that we knew them well, but it seems that we always learn something new and interesting in this brief research project.

I have a suggestion and a request. Sit down with the oldest members of your family and ask them to talk about themselves. If they seem reluctant, be gently persistent. In my experience, a glass of wine works wonders as a remover of inhibitions and a jogger of memories.

Small audio recorders are plentiful and inexpensive. Family photos can often trigger stories and memories, too.

Preserve these audio recordings for future generations to hear, but transcribe them as well. Give copies to family members, and by all means bring copies to the Archives to be placed in your family's files (if there is no file on your family, we will create one). That file is a good place for the original or a copy of the audio recording as well as family photos and documents.

We know from experience that things tend to lose their identities and end up in the trash if they are not stored properly, and that is the business we are in here at 1109 West Franklin St.

Remember that we are here to help entertain your summer visitors as well. Our hours are 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, Sunday through Thursday. Call us at 353-2668 to arrange a special visit, or just drop by during regular hours.

JEWISH RICHMOND TRIVIA



Bill "Bojangles" Robinson

Sylvan Rothschild's father, Ralph, was a grocer who once employed Bill "Bojangles" Robinson as a deliveryman. Sylvan encountered the entertainer once in Cincinnati at which time Robinson proceeded to show him dance moves, one after another, all named for the streets of his native Richmond.

BETH AHABAH MUSEUM & ARCHIVES

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Currently on Exhibit in the Galleries:

- **The Other Side of the Curtain:**

Soviet Jews Create New Lives in Richmond, Virginia

- **That You'll Remember Me:**

Jewish Voices of the Civil War

- **Commonwealth & Community:**

Jewish Virginia 1585 to the Present

Museum Hours:

10 am to 3 pm Sunday - Thursday

The Museum & Archives is located next door to the temple office on Franklin Street.

Please call in advance to make an appointment to work in the Archives, for group tours; if you have visitors who require special treatment; or if you need to visit outside of our usual working hours.

We will do our best to accommodate you.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR JULY/AUGUST

Schedule of *Shabbat* Worship

Friday, July 3

Oneg Shabbat 6:00 PM
Shabbat Service in Gumenick Chapel 6:30 PM

Friday, July 10

Oneg Shabbat 6:00 PM
Shabbat Service in Gumenick Chapel 6:30 PM

Friday, July 17

Oneg Shabbat 6:00 PM
Shabbat Service in Gumenick Chapel 6:30 PM

Friday, July 24

Shabbat in the Park at Bryan Park 5:30 PM
Oneg Shabbat 6:00 PM
Shabbat Service in Gumenick Chapel 6:30 PM

Friday, July 31

Oneg Shabbat 6:00 PM
Shabbat Service in Gumenick Chapel 6:30 PM

Friday, August 7

Oneg Shabbat 6:00 PM
Shabbat Service in Gumenick Chapel 6:30 PM

Friday, August 14

Oneg Shabbat 6:00 PM
Shabbat Service in Gumenick Chapel 6:30 PM

Friday, August 21

Shabbat in the Park at Bryan Park 5:30 PM
Oneg Shabbat 6:00 PM
Shabbat Service in Gumenick Chapel 6:30 PM

Friday, August 28

Oneg Shabbat 6:00 PM
Shabbat Service in Gumenick Chapel 6:30 PM

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HIGH HOLY DAYS WORSHIP

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Selichot

Saturday, September 5

Study & Service @ Temple Beth El 8:45 PM

Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, September 13

Evening Service 7:30 PM

Monday, September 14

Young Family Service (2nd grade & under) 9:00 AM

Morning Congregational Service 11:00 AM

Informal Youth & Teen Service (3rd grade & above) 2:30 PM

Taschlich "Throwing Away our Sins" at Pony Pasture 4:30 PM

Shabbat Shuvah

Friday, September 18

Evening Service 7:30 PM

Yom Kippur

Tuesday, September 22

Evening and Kol Nidrei Service 7:30 PM

Wednesday, September 23

Young Family Service (2nd grade & under) 9:00 AM

Morning Congregational Service 11:00 AM

Ask-the-Rabbi Discussion Session 1:00 PM

Informal Youth & Teen Service (3rd grade & above) 2:30 PM

Closing Service w/ Yizkor 4:15 PM

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SHABBAT IN THE PARK

Come and celebrate a song filled Shabbat in the Park

Friday, July 24th

Friday, August 21st

Bryan Park Shelter #1

4308 Hermitage Road

6:00pm

Service followed by drinks and dessert oneg

Please feel free to bring your own picnic basket for a pre-service dinner beginning at 5:30pm

For more information contact Rabbi Gallop at rabbi.gallop@bethahabah.org.

There will be a parallel service held in the Gumenick Chapel on these evenings.

