The answers are “Richmond,” “no definite plans yet,” and “I hope not.” For the past year and a half I have kept an informal, mental scorecard of the questions people have asked me about my upcoming retirement. These are the answers to what have been, by far, the most frequently asked questions.

“Where are you going to live after you retire?” We have grown very fond of Richmond these past eighteen years. We have accepted that we will never be “Richmonders” in the classical sense of the word – born and raised, but in this way we are typical of how Richmond has changed and continues to change. As adults we have lived here longer than any other place. In a few years it will be the longest we have lived in any one place for our entire lives. It’s comfortable. It’s pretty. The weather is wonderful, especially compared to Buffalo where Ina grew up. There are lots of interesting things to do. But most important it is filled with wonderful people many of whom we are privileged to call friends. It is, simply, home and we
are not thinking of leaving home. That our son, Adam, lives here, is an added bonus of incalculable value.

“What are you going to do when you retire?” This question has often been accompanied by advice. I’ve been advised to get another job because men are used to getting up and going out every day. I’ve been told that a busy, structured day is essential to my well-being. I’ve been told that unless I keep busy I will get in Ina’s way since she is used to me being out all the time. I’ve also been told that I will get in Ina’s way since she is used to me being out all the time. I’ve also been told to pick up new hobbies, relax and watch television, sit around the house and read, putter in the garden, and travel around the world. The advice may be contradictory but it has all been well-intentioned. What I’ve learned is that people are different and no one approach to retirement works for everybody. We hope and expect to find the retirement that works best for us. It is a phase of life both of us are looking forward to. I know a few things. I do not plan on getting another job. Ina and I do plan to spend more time in Israel visiting our grandchildren. We will do things, some together and some singly, we haven’t been able to do for forty years. And eventually we’ll see all of you, too.

“Rabbi, is this your last High Holy Days? or Chanukah? or Shabbat dinner? or”...you get the idea. Well, I surely hope not! I plan to have many, many more holidays, Shabbats, etc. It is correct, though, that I won’t have any more of them as a working rabbi, as the senior rabbi of Beth Ahabah. And this is my last rabbi’s message for B’Yachad. Ina and I will be scarce for a while around the Temple, includ-
WHAT’S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CHANGE AND TRANSITION?

by Katie Roeper, President

What’s the difference between change and transition? Change suggests that something is different—the state of being that exchanges one entity for another. Transition is the process by which we move from “A” to “B.” It manifests as an evolutionary development; progression; advancement. Change is the difference between the origin and the destination; Transition is the journey.

Both are of equal importance and to be successful, both are not without thought. The changes occurring at Beth Ahabah have been prompted by months and in some cases, years of thought and discussion. But the “return on investment” is dependent not only on the decisions made around the change but also on the strategic plan for transition. There is great value in identifying and acknowledging these changes, understanding their impact, and exploring our transition plans. I’d like to begin, with this article, to focus on our change in Rabbis and the related transition.

Change: Rabbi Beifield will retire and Rabbi Nagel will begin serving as the next Sophia and Nathan Gumenick Senior Rabbi.

Change: Rabbi Gallop has accepted a position as the Senior Rabbi at Temple Beth El in Monroe, N.Y. In the coming year, Beth Ahabah will be led by a single clergy.

Transition: A Transition Team of lay leadership is in place to ensure that we are thoughtful as we say good-bye to both of our beloved Rabbis, leaving in June, and as we welcome Rabbi Nagel and his family into our congregational community, beginning in July. While the transition planning will involve as many congregants as possible, the core Transition Team is being led by Robert Freed, with the support of Katy Yoffy, Julie Mullian, Beth Rosenthal, Brian Meyer, Chuck Rothenberg, Cullen Seltzer, Heather LaMont and Erin Calloway.

Additionally, clergy, professional, and lay leadership want to be as comprehensive as possible in our transition planning. In order to prepare, Beth Ahabah invited Rabbi Samuel Joseph to Richmond to facilitate a Transition Retreat for congregational leadership. On March 13th, members of the Board, Trustees and Past Presidents joined the Transition Team for a day of learning. Rabbi Joseph, a renowned expert in Synagogue transition and professor of Jewish Studies at the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, shared insights with leadership about challenges some congregations face when changing clergy and the importance of planning. Studies show that successful Rabbinic transitions depend on careful planning and intentional support. The Retreat offered leadership the opportunity to discuss roles and responsibilities, communication, culture change, and the idea of successful change management.

Communication is key to ensure that each of us, as congregants, knows how to engage in and support the transition process. To that end, the following information may be helpful to better understand what is planned over the coming months. Additionally, we are developing an FAQ (frequently asked questions) document that will be posted on our website in the “News” section, under the “Rabbi Search.”

Both Rabbi Beifield and Rabbi Gallop will lead services and have regular office hours through the beginning of June. Services during the latter part of June will be lay-led. We are also planning a number of events to honor Rabbi Beifield and Rabbi Gallop.

Sunday afternoon, May 15th
Farewell Family Cook-out/Picnic in honor of Rabbi Beifield and Rabbi Gallop
12:00 noon, immediately following Religious School in the Beth Ahabah Breezeway
(Thank you to the Brotherhood for hosting this event.)

Friday night, May 27th
Shabbat Service and Special Oneg in honor of Rabbi Gallop
Special Presentation by Family Connection

Friday night, June 3rd
Shabbat Service and Special Oneg in honor of Rabbi Beifield
Service to include the music of three cantors and our adult choir as well as reflections by three visiting Rabbis

Saturday evening, June 4th
Cocktail reception in honor of Rabbi Beifield
5:00 – 7:00 pm at the Dominion Club.
(There will be a charge of $25 per person to attend this event. Many thanks to Babs Jackson, Linda Ferguson, and Katy Yoffy for chairing Rabbi Beifield’s Retirement Weekend Celebration.)

The Transition Team is coordinating opportunities for Rabbi Nagel to meet with Beth Ahabah committees and congregational groups. There will also be lots of social opportunities for congregants to get to know Rabbi Scott Nagel, his wife, Rabbi Randi Nagel, and their three wonderful boys, Daniel, Lev,
A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR...

Please remember that the congregation’s fiscal year ends on May 31, 2016.

Among my responsibilities (as outlined in my last column) is the monitoring of income and expense to help keep our synagogue operations run smoothly. As you are well aware, expenses come along regularly—payroll, utilities, insurance premiums, school supplies, office supplies, and facility maintenance.

Why I am stating the obvious? Well, I am making an appeal for your timely payment of your congregational obligations. Please review your most recent statement and at least make a payment for the items marked “currently due.” Your commitments and contributions are our largest sources of income. You are welcome to make payments for operational charges by cash, check, bank debit, or credit card. Your support and generosity is greatly appreciated.

To the many of you who have paid your accounts in full, we say “thank you” for doing so and remind you that this is a great time for you, if you are financially able to do so, to consider making an additional contribution to Beth Ahabah.

I offer all of you and your entire families a wish that the new fiscal year will be a year of fulfillment, good health, and happiness.

Russell M. Finer, FSA

“WE ARE SHOMRIM – GUARDIANS OF THE DEAD”

The Hebrew Cemetery Company has charge of the cemetery, including its care and maintenance, sale of lots and plots, and all general interment matters, subject to the approval of its Board of Directors. It adopts rules and regulations which are binding on members of the congregation and their family. It may amend its rules and regulations which become effective upon approval of the Board.

The committee, appointed by the President of the Congregation, also has charge of all arrangements pertaining to burials in the congregational cemetery.

In an effort to assist congregants and their families, funeral pre-planning is offered. As has been said before, the time of bereavement is not the time to make many of the decisions which survivors must face. Preparation of a will is usually the first step to help relieve anxiety and anguish. Advance purchase of cemetery plots is another important step.

There are many other ways to pre-plan and you are encouraged to call me here at the synagogue to request a copy of a guide to a few key items which will help your survivors make the necessary arrangements. If you decide that you would like to have one of these forms, I encourage you to complete it and keep it in a well identified location.

Russell M. Finer, Executive Director

A NOTE FROM THE TRANSITION COMMITTEE...

Dear Congregants,

As Katie Roeper informed you in her recent letter, the Transition Committee has begun planning to give every congregant at least one opportunity to meet Rabbi Nagel and his family in a small-group setting. Rabbi Nagel is interested in meeting as many members as possible to establish relationships, learn about you and your family, and listen to suggestions about how he can best serve his new congregation. To accomplish these goals, we are planning different events for different groups of our members, in different locations.

To reach our goals, we need your help.

First, we need you to sign up for BethAhabahConnect, complete the information requested and,
most importantly, upload a picture of yourself. This information will help us identify congregants with common interests and identify the demographics of the congregation to plan events around the city. Your photo will aid Rabbi Nagel in learning our names. BethAhabahConnect also has uses beyond the transition. Your joining and contributing your information is the first step in our ability to learn your interests. We will use this information to plan for those interests, to talk with various members, and to enhance and encourage communication within our sacred community in a meaningful way.

Second, we need you to host an event in your home or in a facility in the complex in which you live. The different events we are considering include lunches, wine and cheese gatherings, cookouts/BBQs, possibly including a Havdalah service if the event is held on a Saturday in the late afternoon. If you are willing to host an event, please email me at rfreed@freshlaw.com or call me at 804.330.5528, extension 223. If you call and get my voicemail, please leave your contact information and the best time to contact you.

The congregation was totally involved and invaluable in helping the search committee choose Rabbi Nagel and helping Rabbi Nagel choose us. Now we need your help to make his integration into our Beth Ahabah community complete and successful. So please sign up for BethAhabahConnect, volunteer to host an event, and attend at least one event to avail yourself of the opportunity to meet our new rabbi.

We thank you for your help.

Robert Freed &
The Transition Committee
Dear Congregants:

At the request of Katie Roeper, President of Congregation Beth Ahabah, the Leadership Development Committee has met and developed a slate of nominees for our Officers, Board of Managers and Trustees for the 2016-17 year. We are pleased to submit these names to you for consideration at our Annual Meeting on Friday, May 13, 2016.

For a 1 year term ending in 2017:
President: Katie Roeper  
First Vice President: Larry Salzman  
Second Vice President: Charley Scher  
Treasurer: Lee Katz

For a 2 year term ending in 2018:
Board of Managers:  
Lisa Kaplan (2nd term)  
Larry Salomon (2nd term)  
Jim Weinberg (2nd term)  
Judy Malloy (2nd term)  
Julie Mullian (1st term)

For a 4 year term ending in 2020:
Trustees: Jimmy Yoffy

As our bylaws state, nominations for the various officers and Board of Managers may also be made by written petition of at least 75 members in good standing, accompanied by a written statement from the candidate so nominated of his or her willingness to serve in that position. Petitions must be received at the Temple office thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting.

I would like to thank Lisa Kaplan, Martin Miller, Brian Meyer, Adam Strauchler, Charley Scher and Dan Neuwirth for serving on the Leadership Development Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Rothenberg, Chairman  
2015-2016 Leadership Development Committee  
crothenberg@hf-law.com

The Confirmation Class of 2016 requests the honor of your presence at their Confirmation Service on Friday evening, the 20th of May

Daniel Beal  
Robert Boswell  
Eric Brenner  
Dylan Conley  
Matthew Cook  
Jack Godin  
Alexander Jacobs  
Mackenna Kerwood  
Madison McCabe  
Emily Mendelson  
Megan Miller  
Ana Mullian  
Lyndsay Nelson  
Owen Scher

7:30 PM Service  
Oneg Shabbat Immediately Following
CBA MEMBERS IN THE NEWS:

Herbert Heltzer
Congratulations to Herb Heltzer, who was named 2015 Richmond Times Dispatch (RTD) Correspondant of the Year at the RTD’s annual Correspondant of the Year celebration in March. Herb’s letter, originally published on September 16, was selected for the honor from a group of 10 finalists.

In his letter, Herb argued that September 17—Constitution Day, the date in 1787 the document was signed—deserves as much renown as the 4th of July, and identifies James Madison as the essential force leading to that date.

He wrote: “From all we know of James Madison, he would not be much distressed that his country’s Constitution is not commemorated with hot dogs and beer. He would be troubled, however, were he to discover that his countrymen failed to remember the purpose of the Constitution— to preserve the ideals of the Republic and advance ‘liberty of conscience,’ which he believed to be the birthright of all its citizens.”

An avid student of American history in general and American Jewish history in particular, Herb is an avid supporter of the Beth Ahabah Museum & Archives, having served on the Board of Trustees for many years and authored numerous articles for its Generations publications.

James Schuyler
Kudos to Jim Schuyler, the executive director of Virginia Community Action Partnership, an organization of 31 private nonprofit and public anti-poverty agencies in the commonwealth. Jim recently received the Extra Mile Award by the National Community Action Foundation in Washington, D.C. The national award is presented to the individual who is consistently first to answer the call and help the Community Action Network achieve its legislative and political objectives.

Jim has served on the Temple’s Board of Managers and was the executive director of the Beth Ahabah Museum & Archives for two years.

CBA COMMUNITY IN SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF....
Helen Wren
mother of Matt (Linda) Wren
Howard Greenspan
father of Susan (Neil) Cohen
Harvey Urbach
brother of John Urbach (Cheryl Krueger)
Nathan Weiss
father of Joshua (Randi) Weiss
Harry L. Cohn
father of Wendy (David) Miller brother-in-law of Dina Boettcher
A. Robert Marks
husband of Helen Marks
Sue Goldstein
mother of Ira (Maureen) Goldstein
Elizabeth Ranly
daughter of Don Ranly (Barbara Boyan)

JEWISH IDENTITY AND THE JEWISH FUTURE

By Rabbi Martin P. Beifield, Jr.

One might have thought that America’s first Jewish presidential candidate would inspire lots of commentary about his involvement in Jewish life, but there’s barely been a peep. Maybe it is because Bernie Sanders, unlike most of the other candidates, rarely talks about religion or God. Maybe it is because he doesn’t fit neatly into the image of what most people think of when they think about Jews.

Early in the campaign Diane Rehm, a talk show host on NPR, bizarrely asked Sanders about his Israeli citizenship. I don’t want to speculate where that might have come from.

During a town hall meeting in New Hampshire this winter, Sanders was asked about his spirituality. I thought his response was interesting: “So my spirituality is that we are all in this together and that when children go hungry, when veterans sleep out on the street, it impacts me. That’s my very strong spiritual feelings.” When the subject of religion usually arises, Sanders doesn’t shy away from being Jewish but he usually makes clear that his Jewish identity is connected to his New York, secular Jewish, and socialist background. In New Hampshire, rather than repeating his typical response and owning his non-spiritual Jewish identity, he expressed a significant sense of spirituality, and one with no clear connection to Judaism. Personally I think he was trying to appeal to “religious” voters. I was disappointed but not surprised that he didn’t own his secularism.
More recently Anderson Cooper asked Sanders about his Jewish identity and this time Sanders gave a totally different kind of answer. Nothing about spirituality this time. Saying he was proud to be Jewish (no surprise there) he went on to explain that the Holocaust was “an essential part of who I am.” This prompted a fascinating response from Charles Krauthammer, the nationally syndicated commentator, which I encourage you to read in its entirety. Here is the link: https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/the-holocaust-and-the-jewish-identity/2016/03/10/0cfe842c-e702-11e5-b0fd-073d5930a7b7_story.html

Krauthammer’s op-ed piece is an insightful observation about American Jewish identity, not just about Sanders’ identity. He explains three ways American Jews tend to identify. One is through religious practice. He cites former Senator, and Orthodox Jew, Joseph Lieberman as an example. I don’t know if Krauthammer thinks that only Orthodox Jews fall into this category – he’d be wrong about that – but he’s right about the “type.”

Another form of Jewish identity is through involvement in social action, what Krauthammer calls Tikkun, or as most Jews say it Tikkun Olam. By the way this seems to be where Sanders belongs though he didn’t own up to that in the interview with Anderson Cooper.

The third way, and the way Sanders identified, is through the Holocaust. Jews in this category refer to the Holocaust and the victimization of the Jews as the primary component of their identification with Judaism and the Jewish people.

Without trying to diminish the importance of the Holocaust in Jewish and world history, Krauthammer asserts, correctly I believe, that this third form of Jewish identity is a weak foundation on which to base Jewish identity and the Jewish future.

We need to be knowledgeable about the past. We need to know about Jewish suffering. We need to honor Jewish memory. We also need to celebrate the miracle of our people’s existence for thousands of years, the realization of Jewish national sovereignty in Israel, the wisdom of our sages, the truth of our teachings, and the beauty of

Call for Entries
CONGREGATION BETH AHABAH

“*My Jewish Connection*”
Grab your camera and capture an image that depicts your Jewish connection.
**Prizes will be awarded!**

Get creative, and most of all, have some fun. The contest is open to all ages. (Ideas, just to name a few: lighting the Hanukkah candles at home; baking challah together; family shabbat dinner; outings with Temple classmates; volunteering at Beth Ahabah.)

The top three images selected in each division (under 18, and over 18), will be published on the Congregation Beth Ahabah website, social media and in the newsletter. Submit your best image of what your Jewish connection means to you.

**Photos taken from May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016 will be accepted.**

Enter the contest by going to: https://bethahabah.org/photo-contest-submission/ to upload your best photo!

Details: There are two divisions:
under 18 years of age, and over 18 years of age.

Prizes will be gift cards $50 for first, $25 for 2nd and $10 for 3rd in each division, or a bookplate recognizing you or a loved one in the High Holy Day Prayer books.

By entering you agree to have your images published in selected Beth Ahabah communications.

For additional information contact Steven Longstaff longstaff@verizon.net
20 Years of Mitzvah Day

At Congregation Beth Ahabah we tell time by the Jewish holidays: autumn (Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur), winter (Chanukah); spring (Passover). Because we are a Reform congregation, we also tell time by the events that reflect our commitment to Tikkun Olam, a central tenet of Reform Judaism: winter (Caritas); spring (Mitzvah Day).

The idea of having a Mitzvah Day, a day of service to aid our neighbors, began in the 1990s. When Janice Freed learned that congregations throughout the country had begun instituting Mitzvah Day as a way to help the larger community of which they were a part, she brought the idea to Congregation Beth Ahabah. Under her able leadership we held our first Mitzvah Day in 1996.

And now, here we are, all these years later, preparing to hold our twentieth annual Mitzvah Day. Please mark your calendars and join us on

**Sunday, May 22**

9:15 in the Joel House

coffee and bagels hosted by Brotherhood

9:30 – Noon

(or until projects are completed)

For more information on the projects and to register, look for an invitation in your e-mail inbox in the near future. For more information contact

Karen Hough at houghkz@aol.com

Vicki Lynn at lynnv@stcva.org
B'SHEVAT

by Rachel C. Schmidt, Senior Bridge Coordinator

A Beth Ahabah Senior Bridge gift!

Hello Rachel and Meryl,

Thank you so much for attending the service. I am so relieved that my dad is resting in peace now, as the past month had been difficult for him. It has meant so much for my father to have a continued connection to Temple Beth Ahabah which you had provided for him. We thank you so much for that!

Fondly,
Wendy & David Miller

BETH AHAHABAH TEENS

by Brian Strauss, Teen Engagement Specialist

Beth Ahabah Teens are off to King’s Dominion!

Join Beth Ahabah’s teens in going to King’s Dominion on Saturday, May 21st.

All kids in 6th through 12th grades are invited to attend! Drop off will be at Beth Ahabah at 9:30 am and pick-up will be at 5:30 pm.

If you RSVP by May 6th, the cost is $35 per person. RSVP to Lori Lacy at (l.lacy@bethahabah.org) to attend.

We also need parents and chaperones to help drive and make sure the event is a success. If you are interested in helping, please let Lori know when you RSVP!

Mazal Tov!
Hart Whitman Isaacoff will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on June 4, 2016. He is the son of Dana Isaacoff and Raphael Seligmann, and younger brother of Niccolo Seligmann.

Hart is an "A" student in the 7th grade at Seven Hills School for Boys. In addition to boating, swimming, Dungeons and Dragons, and being an Anime aficionado, he is studying to be a classical ballet dancer, is a second degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do, and acts in numerous amateur and professional theater productions throughout Richmond. He is an avid reader and an aspiring Manga artist. Hart intends to dedicate his life to the arts and thereby help to uplift the human spirit.

For his Mitzvah Project and in keeping with his love of the arts, Hart collaborated with a group of Haitian students every week for several months over Skype. Working with Haitian Partners, his mission was to help the students improve their English and connect with the world by cooperating to write an original song that will be performed by their school’s choir and our Ruach Chadash.

We are very proud of Hart and look forward to sharing his special day with him and his friends and family.

Hannah Silverman will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on June 11, 2016. Hannah is the daughter of Deborah Jonas and Joel Silverman.

Hannah is an honor student in the 7th grade at The Steward School where she plays volleyball and soccer. She also enjoys cooking, ice skating and roller coasters. One of her favorite Jewish experiences has been attending Camp Louise the past 3 summers.

For Hannah’s Mitzvah Project, she is organizing a collection of new and gently-used sports equipment and school supplies for the Richmond Downtown YMCA, which services the communities of Fox, Woodville and Oak Grove Elementary Schools. At the beginning of the school year, she volunteered at Oak Grove Elementary School and was really sad and disappointed to find out that there is not a gym at the school. So the kids have to have their gym class outside or in their classroom.

We are very proud of Hannah and are excited to share this special day with family, friends and the Beth Ahabah community.

New Scholarship Fund Established for the Barbara and William B. Thalhimer, Jr. Religious School!

In memory of Elaine Schein and in honor of her lifelong commitment to teaching as well as her passion for learning, Mark and Joshua Schein have established the Elaine L. Schein Religious School Education Scholarship Fund “to provide tuition assistance to families of Beth Ahabah who cannot meet the full tuition for their child(ren) to attend Beth Ahabah’s Religious School, to participate in Beth Ahabah’s Religious School activities, or to attend Beth Ahabah’s mid-week Hebrew classes.”

It is Mark and Josh’s hope that this Fund will be augmented with contributions by the friends of the family of Elaine Schein of blessed memory.

The congregation thanks Mark and Josh for their caring, concern and generosity.

Religious School Registration for 2016-2017

All students currently enrolled in Religious School will be automatically re-enrolled for the 2016-2017 school year.

To add First Steps or Midweek, or to withdraw from Religious School, please contact Ramona Brand at r.brand@bethahabah.org or visit the Temple website www.bethahabah.org.

The first day of Sunday School will be September 11, 2016.
CBA LIFE: A VISIT TO PHILADELPHIA

In March, thirty-one 6th and 7th grade Religious School students, their parents, teachers and chaperones traveled to the “City of Brotherly Love” to visit the National Museum of American Jewish History, the Liberty Bell and more! Read all about their trip on page 14.

Visiting Congregation Mikveh Israel, a Sephardic Orthodox synagogue in the heart of old Philadelphia, just a few blocks away from Independence Hall.

Purim in Philadelphia!
CBA LIFE:

Visiting The Liberty Bell Center

Sampling Philly’s famed cheesesteaks at Sonny’s

A care package of delicious, hot Philly pretzels; a surprise gift from Jane Heffron’s aunt and uncle.
Jewish American History Comes Alive in the City of Brotherly Love

Thirty-one 6th and 7th graders, parent chaperones and teachers experienced a fantastic way to learn history up close and personal with a trip to Philadelphia. This trip was the culmination of the 7th grade study of American Jewish history and took place over the weekend of March 18th – 20th. The travelers journeyed by bus to Temple Beth David in Gladwyne, Pennsylvania, where we were warmly welcomed by Susan Levey, the education director at Beth David and Michael Perice, their youth advisor. We attended a lively, musical Shabbat and heard a speaker from Coalition Against Hunger give a thoughtful talk about the needs of people in the Philadelphia area who experience food insecurity. After the oneg our students settled into their new “home” for the weekend and prepared for the night.

Saturday was a whirlwind day beginning with a visit to the National Museum of American Jewish History. Jane Heffron’s uncle and aunt met us at the museum with a wonderful surprise of fresh Philly pretzels complete with mustard. These didn’t last too long! In the museum the interactive exhibits followed Jewish American history from the landing of the first Jews in America in 1654 through present day. Special exhibits on Early Jewish America, westward travelers, and passing through the immigration tests at Ellis Island were favorites! Jonah Ratner made a very moving video on What Religious Freedom Means to Me. This video is archived at the NMAMH. We also learned about several very important contributions of our Congregation to American Jewish history!

A few blocks away we found Sonny’s Cheesesteaks and dined on this Philadelphia favorite. Then off to Benjamin Franklin’s print shop and landmarks of his first neighborhood. The students were quite intrigued with both the printing presses and the interesting sanitation situation in 1700s Philly (the Franklin’s well was located a mere few yards from the privy!) The kids made the connections between the ideals of a free press and how that assisted Jews to live a more free and open life in America. Then to the Liberty Bell and a quick visit to the Visitor’s Center. The day ended with bowling, pizza and camaraderie at Wynnewood Lanes. The kids still had energy to hold a talent show back at Beth David in the late evening.

On Sunday, Harlan Loebman (one of the 7th grade teachers) led a thoughtful discussion about what the kids had experienced thus far and how it related to the Jewish American experience past and present. Then off to downtown Philly again to Congregation Mikveh Israel, a Sephardic Orthodox synagogue in heart of old Philadelphia, just a few blocks away from Independence Hall. We were greeted by one of the synagogue members who gave us an impromptu tour and spoke to the students about the history of Mikveh Israel and about Sephardic practice, which we learned was much changed from 1740. We also learned how Leonard Nimoy created Dr. Spock’s famous “Live Long and Prosper” hand gesture and saying. We learned that it came from the ancient priestly blessing and saw a chair in their Sanctuary beautifully carved with the priestly hands.

The National Constitution Center was our last stop. This highly engaging museum had students and parents making connections between the history of the Jewish people in America and the impact of America’s development of the Constitution and what it means to us as citizens and as Jews. We then departed Philadelphia for home. This exciting trip furthered our students’ understanding of the growth and development of the Jewish American people and the American Jewish impact on the social, cultural and governmental development of the United States.

Special thanks to Harlan Loebman and Madeline Paul, our 7th grade teachers, Josh Jeffries, our 6th grade Judaics teacher, Alex Berger, Mark Schein, Mary Jacobs, Lara Lavelle, and Marty Conn for chaperoning the trip. We especially thank Susan Levey and Congregation Beth David for their hospitality and making this trip possible. We set out to learn about our past and made new friends for the present and future.
A LETTER FROM OUR HOST SUSAN LEVEY, CONGREGATION BETH DAVID

Dear Families,

It is 6:30 last Shabbat (March 18th) and Michael Perice and I are so excited to welcome our weekend guests. We hear the roaring of the bus bearing down on Vaughan Lane, unusual, as we are used to the comings and goings of just the usual carpools. This weekend will be different for us. The bus rattles down the lane, welcoming in Shabbat in what will be a very different manner.

Almost nine months ago, Ramona Brand, Director of Education at Congregation Beth Ahabah in Richmond, Virginia needed a Congregation to host her teens for a spring weekend. I responded that we would make it happen and a conversation began. Keep in mind that when they were free to come up, Pennsylvania schools were involved in one spring break or another. Breaks always are a conflict, but energy, excitement, Ruach remain the same from trip planner to trip planner! I saw Ramona at the Biennial in Orlando and our details became even more collaborative as we looked at ways that the Beth David could welcome Beth Ahabah. After such an uplifting Scholar in Residence experience that addressed including and welcoming aspects throughout our membership, Michael and I knew that we would bring the Beth Ahabah group to the WRJ Shabbat service and that warmth and kindness would lead as the connectors.

Our guests rolled in after being stuck in a little traffic on the highway, with smiles and nothing but gratitude, graciousness and welcoming. The adults, chaperones and 6th and 7th graders changed for the Shabbat service. As it turned out, we didn’t need to do a thing, except to learn through observation. Through Ramona’s guidance, these students appropriately and respectfully participated joyfully in the service and speaker on Hunger. They were so “in awe” of how we took care of them, yet the takeaway message for the weekend for me was the exact reverse.

On Saturday evening at 11:30 p.m., the 26 students were having a talent show. They were hanging out, spending time together after touring Philadelphia, bowling at Wynewood Lanes, and were just plain exhausted. Michael slept over as the staff member Friday evening and I was staff Saturday night. Checking the place as usual, everything was perfect, the cheeriness in the Youth Lounge made me almost feel like I didn’t want to intrude. I asked the mixed group of teens in jammies if they were ok and the chaperones and one group encouraged me to stay and vote on the talent show. Me- I had to check to see if anyone was behind me, but yes, they were talking to “ME!” On cloud nine for being included in something that normally is rather “off-limits”, I was the one who felt welcomed by our guests. And by the way, they never missed a “Thank You”.

Thank You Congregation Beth Ahabah for the wisdom to drive down Vaughan Lane.

With Love,
Susan

7TH GRADE: VISIT TO THE VIRGINIA HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

Sunday, May 15

Parent chaperones and drivers are needed. Please contact Ramona Brand at r.brand@bethahabah.org to volunteer.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSING PROGRAM & AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

SUNDAY, MAY 22

9:15 AM
Students to class as usual

9:30 AM
Mitzvah Day Activities

11:15 AM
Closing Program with Award Presentations in the Goldburg Auditorium

Parents and Congregants are invited to attend!
our rituals and ceremonies. The richest and most meaningful identity is one which incorporates all of these facets of Jewish life.

In an essay written in 1982 Rabbi David Hartman, the founder of the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, made a similar plea. Even though he was writing specifically about Israelis and how they understand the rebirth of Israel, his words have a larger significance. (Here is a link to Hartman’s full essay: http://hartman.org.il/Blogs_View.asp?Article_Id=394&Cat_Id=414&Cat_Type=Blogs) He asks whether Auschwitz or Sinai should “be the orienting category shaping our understanding of the rebirth of the State of Israel?” The former focuses on the suffering of the Jews; the latter focuses on the Jewish covenant, entered into at Sinai, which challenges Jews to build “a moral and just society which mirrors the kingdom of God in history.” He wrote, “Auschwitz, like all Jewish suffering of the past, must be absorbed and understood within the normative framework of Sinai. We will mourn forever because of the memory of Auschwitz. We will build a healthy new society because of the memory of Sinai.”

We may frame the question of what should form the basis of American Jewish identity in the very same way, and I suggest the answer should also be the same.

YOM HASHOAH REMEMBRANCE

Yom HaShoah, also known as Holocaust Remembrance Day, occurs on the 27th of Nisan. Shoah, which means catastrophe or utter destruction in Hebrew, refers to the atrocities that were committed against the Jewish people during World War II. This is a memorial day for those who died in the Shoah. The Shoah is also known as the Holocaust, from a Greek word meaning “sacrifice by fire.”

This year, Beth Ahabah will observe Yom HaShoah with a musical program on April 29 and at Shabbat services on May 6. The Richmond community will remember the victims of the Shoah at the Virginia Holocaust Museum, 2000 E. Cary Street, on Sunday, May 1st from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

I Remember: A Poem for Yom HaShoah

by Stacey Zisook Robinson

I remember the absence of sound,
dereper than silence
and more lonely,
like the moment just before Creation,
all stretch and
attenuated, waiting,
except there was no time
to measure
eternity,
so waiting was
Now.

I wait for God to
say my name,
so that I will come to be.

So that I will
once again remember
the scent of blue
and the feel of sand
between my toes,
and how my hand fit
against the gentle curve of
your face.
I will once again remember
all that was taken.

And so I wait,
in this absence of sound,
Waiting for God
to remember
my name.

http://www.reformjudaism.org/blog/2015/04/16/i-remember-poem-yom-hashoah
WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM (Sisterhood)
by Beryl Holzbach, President

It’s hard to believe that two years have passed since I was asked to serve as President of Beth Ahabah’s Women of Reform Judaism. I want to thank all of you who have financially supported Sisterhood during this time. Your membership and donations enabled us to gift each of our B’nai Mitzvah students Shabbat Candlesticks and our Confirmands Bibles. We also provided financial support for many other functions such as the picnic commemorating the 225th anniversary of our Congregation’s founding, Purim Shpiel, and assistance with Religious School holiday activities such as Sukkot and Hanukkah.

Thank you to those “few but mighty” who volunteered their time and expertise to ensure these programs were planned, organized and executed. A special “thank you” to Lori Bekenstein for spearheading our Hanukkah college outreach program which sent gift cards to over 30 kids! Thank you to Laura Davidson, Sandy Corbett, Meg Marshak, Sharla Meyer, Jane Brown, Leslie Seller, Linda Ferguson, Rebecca Eichelbaum, Marilyn Flax and Ramona Brand for your service to the Beth Ahabah WRJ board.

Beth Ahabah WRJ is at a cross roads. While dues membership has remained constant over the past few years, the lack of participation in planning and attending activities as well as a lack of potential leaders is a concern. While your financial contributions are always appreciated, please consider giving Beth Ahabah WRJ a gift of your time and talents.

The future of Beth Ahabah WRJ depends on all of us.

Thank you.

Shalom!

-Beryl

MEN OF REFORM JUDAISM
by David Feibish, President

THANK YOU RABBI BEIFIELD!!

Because this bulletin will be the last for the Beth Ahabah calendar year, and I am the last Brotherhood President standing at the time of Rabbi Beifield’s retirement: On behalf of all Brotherhood Past Presidents, Officers and Board Members during Rabbi Beifield’s 18-year tenure, I want to emphatically say THANK YOU!

Over the years Rabbi Beifield has been invaluable to Brotherhood in many ways. He’s provided help and guidance to us in preparing Brotherhood Shabbat services, educational brunch programs and relevant advice on all matters Judaism. Generally, if we needed Rabbi Beifield, he did not hesitate to help or get us grounded with honest, prescient advice and helpful suggestions. Rabbi Beifield has also been a good sport being active in games or fun at our picnics and events.

His willingness to support us is most evident by dutifully ingesting his share of Brotherhood-sponsored bagels, lox, cream cheese, hot dogs, burgers, grilled chicken, pizza and latkes at 18 years’ worth of Brotherhood picnics, Shabbat dinners and Jewish Holiday events. His stomach must have a touch of iron lining and for that too, our Brotherhood is most grateful. As Beth Ahabah Brotherhood awarded you Life Membership at the 2015 Brotherhood Shabbat, you are forever welcome at any and all our events.

Mazel Tov to you (and Ina) on your retirement.

-Please note:
Brotherhood is sponsoring with Religious School a Farewell Cookout for Rabbis Beifield and Gallop on the Beth Ahabah campus, May 15th, 2016, at the end of Religious School. All are invited.

During the early summer, Brotherhood is going to offer a Squirrels Baseball Event. Watch for and read your Temple emails for details and sign-up information.

Brotherhood welcomes all men who are members of Beth Ahabah to become active in any way and to any extent you are comfortable. Volunteering for a Brotherhood activity helps to serve our entire Congregation, making us a stronger community.

-David (oldbenz@aol.com)
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The pictured ketubah comes from Italy and dates to 1723. It is handwritten and illuminated with the signs of the zodiac. The text in part signifies a contract between Benjamin Chaim, son of David Romavili and Rachel, daughter of David Castilita. It details the payments to be made in Scudi, coins, garments, jewelry, and metal.

This ketubah was the gift of Rabbi and Mrs. Ariel Goldburg. The Museum & Archives has many ketubot, Rabbi’s marriage record books, and other wedding related accessories, such as bride’s Bibles. Please consider sending in copies of your family’s marriage invitations, announcements, or licenses to add to our fabulous research files at the Museum & Archives.

A GEM FROM THE ARCHIVES

Rabbi Michelbacher, the first Rabbi of Congregation Beth Ahabah, recorded the ketubot for the marriages that he performed between 1846 and 1859 in a record book that is housed in the Museum & Archives. It has text in German, English, Hebrew and Aramaic and often has the signatures of the witnesses, Rabbi, and the stamp of the early congregation.

As we think about this change in clergy, we are well guided by our vision. Certainly “inspiration” and “community” are the “destination” and were core to the selection of our new Rabbi. But the transition, “the journey” is equally as important. I look forward to us traveling this road together.

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I have just returned from the 2016 meeting of the Council of American Jewish Museums (CAJM), one of the two professional organizations that our Museum & Archives supports (the other being the Southern Jewish Historical Society which was founded by Beth Ahabah’s Saul Viener, OBM). Beth Ahabah is active in the management of both organizations, I am proud to say, as our members Leah Sievers and Bonnie Eisenman serve on their boards, Leah for CAJM, and Bonnie for the SJHS.

CAJM’s membership consists of 80 Jewish museums in the United States and several other countries. Individuals with an interest in the field are also welcomed as members. Without exception the conference attendees are well-educated, sharp, and creative. They network, schmooze, and learn from each other. The presentations and round table discussions are invariably of the highest order scholastically, and are frequently the source of good ideas for future exhibits or programs. This presents challenges, however, when we try to convert one of these scholarly concepts into an exhibit that will educate and entertain our visitors.

Museum professionals tell us that the written labels that generally accompany exhibit objects, pictures, etc. must be written in simple, clear language that can be understood by anyone with an eighth grade education. Some even say that the appropriate grade level is even lower, such as the fifth grade level. On top of that, professional museum studies have shown that the average visitor spends only four or five seconds in front of each object or picture. Given these realities, the museum experience sounds like historically-oriented speed dating. We can, however, ignite sparks that make our visitors want more information.

There is an idea bouncing around in my head that was suggested by something that was said in one of the sessions. The writings about the contributions of Jews are many, and cover almost all areas of human experience. Maybe looking at these achievements in another way would be interesting. Most of us remember the Jimmy Stewart movie in which he is shown what life in his town would be like had he never been born. Suppose we looked at a group of Jewish achievements and imagined what life here in Richmond would be like today if they had not occurred? Maybe I will suggest this to my Board of Trustees. I am open to suggestions, if anyone reading this has any ideas. Don’t mention this to anyone on my board - I want to surprise them.

In the meantime, visit us and see how well we have told the stories of Richmond’s Jews during the Civil War years, shown what happened to many of the Soviet Jews who came here twenty or more years ago, reviewed the life of a Richmond lady who became a celebrated song lyricist, and told stories of the contributions Jews have made to Virginia since the year 1585 when the first Jew came here on a ship from England with Sir Walter Raleigh.

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Sunday, May 1  Religious School  9:15 AM
Monday, May 2  Confirmation Rehearsal  6:15 PM
Wednesday, May 4  Midweek Hebrew  5:30 PM
Friday, May 6  Yom HaShoah  Service with Adult Choir  7:30 PM
Wednesday, May 11  Midweek Hebrew  5:30 PM
Monday, May 9  Confirmation Rehearsal  7:00 PM
Friday, May 13  Annual Meeting Congregational Dinner  6:00 PM
Installation Shabbat Service and Presentation of the Lewis Held Scholarship Award  7:30 PM
Saturday, May 14  Bar Mitzvah of Quinn Green  10:30 AM
Sunday, May 15  Religious School  9:15 AM
Friday, May 20  Confirmation Shabbat  7:30 PM
Sunday, May 22  The last day of Religious School  9:15 AM
Mitzvah Day  9:30 AM
Religious School Closing Program for all students, parents and congregants in the Goldburg Auditorium  11:15 AM
Friday, May 27  Shabbat Service with tribute to Rabbi Gallop  7:30 PM
Saturday, May 28  Bar Mitzvah of Kaylah Roben  10:30 AM
Friday, June 3  Shabbat Service with tribute to Rabbi Beifield  7:30 PM

JUNE 2016

Saturday, June 4  Bar Mitzvah of Hart Isaacoff  10:30 AM
Friday, June 10  Shabbat Service  7:30 PM
Saturday, June 11  Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Silverman  10:30 AM
Erev Shavuot Study Session  7:30 PM
Friday, June 17  Oneg Shabbat  6:00 PM
Shabbat Service in the Gumenick Chapel  6:30 PM
Friday, June 24  Oneg Shabbat  6:00 PM
Shabbat Service in the Gumenick Chapel  6:30 PM

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