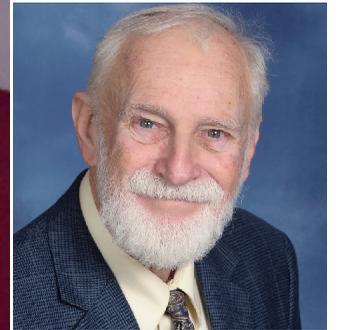




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To The Esteemed Members and Friends of Congregation Har Shalom,

The Rabbinical Assembly is honored to write this letter in tribute to our esteemed colleague, Rabbi Leonard Cahan on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of his bar-mitzah. We are eternally grateful to Rabbi Cahan for his decades of service to his colleagues, Har Shalom, the Jewish people and especially the Rabbinical Assembly. For more than a decade Rabbi Cahan devoted himself selflessly to the publication of both *Siddur Sim Shalom for Shabbat and Festivals* for which he served as chair of the Editorial Committee published in 1998 and *Siddur Sim Shalom for Weekdays* published in 2002. These works began as a simple revision but burgeoned into an innovative liturgical work with a new translation, inspirational readings and the introduction of the matriarchs in a siddur of the Conservative movement. These works made history in the annals of the American Jewish community as it transitioned into the 21st century.

Rabbi Cahan's service extended beyond these historical publications to the entire scope of the American rabbinate. For decades, he served as the RA's representative to the Jewish Welfare Board's (now known as the JCCA) Joint Commission on the Chaplaincy which among other activities certified Conservative rabbis to serve in the U.S. military. He was our ambassador to broader Jewish World.

Rabbi Cahan served on many RA committees in his almost six decades in the rabbinate including Membership and the Joint Placement Commission. He was president of the Washington-Baltimore region of the RA when women were first admitted in 1985 and stood on the floor of the convention in Miami Beach where he announced that a rabbi in his region was proposed for membership into the RA and the membership was spread around the room to count the votes. His advocacy for the equality of women in Jewish ritual practice dates to early in his career. It was well known from the 70s that the girls from Har Shalom were excellent daveners and Torah readers.

We wish Rabbi Cahan, Liz and his family including his son, Joshua who is among our most learned colleagues many years of good health and joy.

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Julie Schonfeld
Chief Executive Officer

You presided over the b'nai mitzvah ceremonies of our daughters, Julie (Yoselle) Wolfson and Stefanie Yoselle-Vargas. Your wisdom, spiritual leadership, and theological knowledge has been an inspiration to our family. We want to say "Thank You" and express our appreciation for your rich contribution to the life of Har Shalom!

Harriet and Michael Yoselle



We are genuinely distressed that we will be unable to join you and your family this weekend. From day one you have been our rabbi and friend sharing so much. We love you and wish you love, strength and blessings in the future. Mazeltov!!

Elaine, Stanford Steppa and the rest of the mispocha



Our dear friends and teachers, travel companions and confidantes Elizabeth and Leonard Cahan, Mazel Tov and best wishes always!

Helene, Richard, Kimberly and Jason Meltzer



The Comprehensive Leonard Cahan Factsheet

Rabbi Leonard S. Cahan, born Philadelphia, PA.

Married to Elizabeth. Four children: Jonathan, Benjamin, Sara, and Abraham Joshua

Education and Degrees:

1946-52 Akiba Hebrew Academy, Philadelphia, PS (Day & High School)

1952-55 Gratz Hebrew Teachers College, Philadelphia

Teaching Certificate – 1954, BYL – 1955

1952-56 University of Pennsylvania, B.A. 1956

Honors graduate in Experimental Psychology

1956-61 Jewish Theological Seminary of America, New York

Rabbinic Ordination – 1961

Rabbinic Experience:

1961-65 Chaplain, U.S. Navy, reserve Commander (Ret.)

1965-70 Associate Rabbi, Adas Shalom Synagogue, Detroit MI

1970-74 Rabbi, Temple Beth Abraham, Oakland, CA

1974-Pres. Rabbi, Congregation Har Shalom, Potomac, MD

Community Activities:

1967-70 State of Michigan Regional Chaplain, Jewish War Veterans

1968-70 Board Chairman, Fair Access to Integrated Residences, Inc. Detroit, MI

1970-74 Officer, Hillel Academy of the East Bay, Oakland, CA

1972-74 President, East Bay Council of Rabbis

1978-81 Jewish Chaplain, Potomac District, Boy Scouts of America

1978-80 Membership Chairman, Rabbinical Assembly

1977-81 President, Seven Locks Ministerial Association

1978 Promoted to Commander, Chaplain Corps, U.S. Navy Reserve

1980 Command Chaplain, Military Sealift Command, Washington DC

1984-86 President Washington Board of Rabbis

1983-87 Board Member, Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School, Rockville, MD

1990-92 President, Washington – Baltimore Region, Rabbinical Assembly

1991-Pres. Member of Rabbinical Assembly Committee and Chairman of Siddur Sim Shalom

revision subcommittee



It is with love and appreciation that we thank Rabbi Cahan for all the wonderful years of his leadership. We have been lucky to celebrate with him 3 Bat Mitzvahs including Leah's, 2 confirmations, 2 weddings, a baby naming and even special get well wishes for Howard. Thank you, Rabbi.

Howard and Leah Cohen



Our sincere appreciation to Rabbi Cahan and Elizabeth for their religious guidance and friendship. He officiated at our daughter Evelyn's Bat Mitzvah, one of his first when he came here and then at our son Jordan's Bar Mitzvah. Also our Israel trip led by him was very memorable.

Marilyn and Norman Cohen and Family



Congratulations and best wishes Rabbi Cahan. We very much miss studying Talmud with you and wish you mazel tov on this wonderful occasion

Howard and Nancy Cooper



Mazel tov on this memorable anniversary! From Bar Mitzvah, to Rabbi, to Rabbi Emeritus, you first solidified yourself as a Jew, and then helped countless others to do that for themselves. You have touched, taught, and supported so many! Wishing you every joy and happiness on your special day!

Susie, Rick, Aaron, and Rachel Edelson



One can never fully know, and appreciate someone until one shares with them a common understanding, and labors with them for a common cause. We will have that link forever! Wishing you all the joy and happiness you so deserve on this special anniversary of your Bar Mitzvah. Mazel tov!

Susie and Rick Edelson



Mazel tov on this amazing anniversary! We feel honored to have gotten to know you during my years at Har Shalom.

Shelley and Todd Engel



Rabbi Cahan, you truly are a pillar and the heart of the Har Shalom community. You've celebrated with us during our joyous times and lifted us during the difficult ones. Mazel tov on your second Bar Mitzvah! Such a wonderful milestone and our warmest wishes on this very special occasion!

Helene Feldman

Paula Feldman Michael



It was a hot day, August 10, 1974, when our daughter Suzanne Paige Freed was born. Two weeks later, we brought her to Har Shalom to be named. We were told that the new rabbi would be officiating.

"His name is Rabbi Cahan", they said. Shabbat morning came and Hal, our older daughter Lisa Joy, myself and baby Suzanne stood next to Rabbi Cahan on the bima as he pronounced her new name, Sura Pesah. It was a wonderfully spiritual moment for our family thanks to Rabbi Cahan. Later, we found out that this was the first baby naming, at Har Shalom, for Rabbi. Our family left for California in 1978 and returned in 2000. Rabbi Cahan has always meant Har Shalom to us. Mazel Tov! Rabbi on becoming a bar mitzvah!

Hal and Laurie Freed



Dear "Pop" -- You have been our family Rebbe and close friend for 50 years, back to the 1960s in Detroit (Hannah) and 1970 in Oakland, CA (Alan). When you moved to Har Shalom in 1974, Alan (1975) and then Hannah (1976) followed. You introduced us, performed our wedding, Hannah's Bat Mitzvah, bris for both our sons, Pidyan Ha'Ben, and Bar Mitzvahs. You were with us for crises and times of joy, up to Evan's June graduation from nephrology fellowship. You asked our sons to call you "Pop." You encouraged us to grow as individuals, spouses, parents, and grandparents. You introduced Alan to Torah study – a process that is now the Potomac Torah Study Center. You encouraged us to send our children to top Jewish schools. When David and Evan visited, you would ask what they were studying in Gemorah and then quote from memory whatever page they were studying. You co-officiated at their weddings and have watched our grandchildren in their early years. You are our mentor and close advisor. We fondly remember many times with you and Elizabeth, including three generations of your family. Love always!

Hannah & Alan

David & Katrina

Evan & Heather

Shlomo, Sammy, Yosef, and Lucas



Mazel Tov on the 70th anniversary of your Bar Mitzvah. Thank you for your dedication and leadership from 1974–2001 and in helping to grow the congregation from fewer than 300 to what it was when you retired in 2001.

John and Leslie C. Friedson Family



Thirty-five years ago we attended our first Shabbat services at Har Shalom. We weren't very knowledgeable about Judaism and came to services only on the high holidays. However, through your teaching we learned what it means to be a Jew and how best for us to practice our faith. You made us the Jews we are today. We thank for this and for being our rabbi.

Beth and Gene Fritz



On this 70th anniversary of your Bar Mitzvah, may your special day be filled with love, blessings, and laughter. Mazel Tov!

Ronnie Ginsburg



Three generations of the Geiger/Ginsburg family send you warm Mazel Tovs on reaching this Bar Mitzvah milestone. We are lucky to have been thirty-year beneficiaries of your wisdom and warm spirit and look forward to sharing Bar Mitzvah 80. With fondest memories of countless shared Har Shalom moments... Siman Tov u'Mazal Tov,

Cheryl and Lew Geiger

Rachel, Craig and Lucy Ginsburg

Adam, Deb, Ellie and Zoe Geiger



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Ronnie Ginsburg





It our good fortune to be the beneficiaries of your profound wisdom and inspiration as a rabbi, as a teacher, and as a friend. We are in awe of the natural and effortless way in which you weave together a wealth of sources illuminating novel insights. The Interfaith Bible Study Group was one example of this unique and special experience!

Sara and Larry Goldkind



Mazel Tov on this marvelous milestone.

With many thanks for your leadership, caring and support. Bobbi Goldwater

Bobbi Goldwater



With great appreciation to Rabbi Leonard Cahan for Torah study, scholarly teaching and friendship. Mazel Tov on your Bar Mitzvah.

Keith and Linda Hartman



I wasn't so Jewishly involved or knowledgeable growing up, but through his high holiday sermons and Shabbat teachings, Rabbi Cahan planted within me the belief that, even if I didn't know much about it, Judaism is a good and wise tradition. That seed lay dormant for many years but when I grew curious about life's biggest questions, I didn't feel the need to abandon my own traditions. I knew Jewish tradition could offer me more when I decided to learn, and that confidence helped me, eventually, to become the rabbi, teacher and person I am today. Finally, I am grateful for the friendship, kindness and patience he showed for so many years to my father, of blessed memory, and my mother. Rabbi Cahan, may God bless you with continued life and vigor. Ad Meah V'Esrim.

Rabbi Daniel Greyber



Rabbi Leonard Cahan is like the fine wine he loves so much: complex, surprising, rooted in traditions, particular in details, and bringing a unique richness to any situation. We are blessed by our years of learning, friendship and making lifetime memories together. We congratulate our Rabbi, teacher, and friend on this milestone in his Jewish life.

Jackie and Len Haynes



We are so happy to celebrate this wonderful occasion with you. For forty years, our Rabbi, our Teacher and our Friend. We are eternally grateful for the blessing that you have been in our lives. We thank you. We love you.

Toby and Matthew Holtzman



Thank you for being such an important part of our family's life. Your sermons have inspired and educated us. Your musicality has lifted us.

Your humor has made us laugh and groan. Har Shalom has been enriched in more ways than we can possibly say. You are truly loved.

Kandy and Ed Hutman



We regret that we can't attend your anniversary service of becoming a bar Mitzvah. This Shabbat is also our granddaughter's, Molly, celebration of her bat Mitzvah at WHCongregation. Since you'll be 'sharing' the same parsha, we will be thinking of you, too, when she is chanting her Torah portion. Yashir Koach to you!

Linda and Richard Isen





Grateful for your sharing the important milestones in my life-- my B'not Mitzvah, my wedding ceremony, and my election to the Maryland legislature. You have been an important and valued teacher and facilitator over the years. Thank you for your dedication to Har Shalom and the broader Jewish community!

Sen. Cheryl Kagan



It's an honor to write these words in honor of my colleague, Rabbi Leonard Cahan. Ever since I began my rabbinic career in Washington in 1979, he has been an incredible support and my most ardent advocate. I was privileged to work with Rabbi Cahan for over a decade on the publication of Siddur Sim Shalom for Shabbat and Hagim and Siddur Sim Shalom for Weekdays. I am grateful for the opportunity and for my almost four decades of friendship with him, Liz and their children.

Rabbi Jan Caryl Kaufman



Thank you for being a part of my life and allowing to be a part of yours.

Joe Katz



Mazel Tov on becoming a Bar Mitzvah 70 years ago! We are so fortunate to have had you as our Rabbi. We greatly appreciated your spiritual leadership, your caring guidance, and the depth of knowledge you have shared. We enjoyed sharing our Baby namings, and Bat Mitzvah & Wedding celebrations with you.

Barbara and Barry Korb



Elaine & I are sorry that we cannot be with for your second Bar Mitzvah. We want to thank you for your unconditional friendship and spiritual leadership that have had such a positive impact on us and our family. We wish you many more years of good health.

Elaen and Ben Kovalsky



Rabbi Cahan officiated multiple celebrations for our family, including Roger's Brit Milah and three B'nai Mitzvah for Douglas, David and Roger. Rabbi Cahan even traveled to Florida to preside at our oldest son's wedding. We lovingly thank him.

Shelah, and Shelly Landsman and their adult sons and families



It is with the greatest respect and admiration that we celebrate your Bar Mitzvah. Your contributions to Har Shalom and to Jewish education are immeasurable. With warmest regards.

Ken and Karen Lechter



Blessings to Rabbi Cahan on his special day. Because of his inspired teaching and encouragement, he brought us to our love of Torah study and cantillation. Thank you, dear Rabbi, for being our friend and teacher for the past forty years.

With our love and respect

Hedda and David Kenton

Once I left a committee meeting with others and realized we had left a critical document in the shul. It was 11 PM and the door was locked. So we called Rabbi Cahan, at home. In a few minutes he was there, beaming and full of life – after some 26 years of being our Rabbi.

Judd Kessler



We were at the door to welcome you when you and your family arrived. Who knew that you were carrying a future rabbi? You missed Judy's Bat Mitzvah, but saw our family through Ben's and Harriet's celebrations, two weddings and, unfortunately, Ben's funeral. As you did for our own family, your steady hand guided the Har Shalom family through 27 years of physical and spiritual growth. We still treasure your presence. With heartfelt gratitude.

Marie and Sam Kramer



My dearest Leonard, You have always been the spirit of Har Shalom and our leader. You have been my teacher, wise counselor and a real mensch.

Todah Rabah

Joan Levenson



We have been fond of Rabbi Kahan and all the rest of his family since we and they first arrived in Potomac on the same day in 1974.

Ruth and Ephraim Levin



Rabbi Cahan, you have been a mentor and inspiration to me and my family since we came to this country. It is no exaggeration to say that I consider you and Ms. Elizabeth as my second set of parents. May this event highlight the joy and beauty of your life!

Renato and Marcia Levy



Mazel tov on this impressive milestone in your life!

Carly and Dan Litwok



It has been a blessing as Har Shalom members, to have had Rabbi Cahan as part of our family's life through B'nai Mitzvah, weddings, passings and as a remarkable and inspiring teacher that shaped and strengthened our Jewishness fall all time to come.

Claudio and Raquel Loser



Congratulations Rabbi Cahan. We were there at the beginning of your wonderful years at Har Shalom. Laverne taught Josh and Sarah in the Nursery School. You officiated at Diane's Bat Mitzvah and Karen's wedding. You are Laverne's Art Supporter and Jack's Baseball Buddy. With Love and Deep Appreciation.

Laverne and Jack Markowitz



According to Pirkei Avot, Chapter 1 Mishna 6, Rabbi Yehoshua ben Perahia said to "Make yourself a teacher...." Rabbi Cahan has been the ideal of what a teacher should be - inspiring, insightful, and engaging. He not only is a great teacher but also a great listener. Moreover, he has given us wonderful sermons, provided wise counsel, taken sincere interest in the congregants welfare, and performed so many mitzvahs and ceremonies.

Bernard and Fran Lubran, Rachel Lubran, and Dan and Meryl Silverman



Congratulations on your Bar Mitzvah anniversary. Your tenure at Har Shalom has been a blessing - a mitzvah - for me and for so many others. You have been a leader, a teacher, an inspiration and a friend. Thank you.

Julie Medin





Our family is so proud and honored to help you celebrate your second Bar Mitzvah! We are sure that you are very proud and grateful to have reached such a momentous occasion. On behalf of Steve and myself as well as our children Debra, Scott and Jeremy, we would like to say thank you to you for your

many years of service to Har Shalom and especially to us personally. You were there for all three B'nai Mitzvah as well as for my personal Adult Bat Mitzvah which was a very momentous occasion for me! Mazel Tov!

Harriet and Steve Meltzer and Family



Mazel tov, Rabbi Cahan, on your second Bar Mitzvah! We cherish your 27 years as our rabbi and 16 more as rabbi emeritus, 43 years of learning, wisdom, caring, and guiding us on an ascending Jewish journey. What a remarkable legacy! Warmest wishes for simchot u'brachot, from strength to strength

Nancy and Dick Millstein



For many years of meaningful services, for five bar mitzvahs, four bat mitzvahs, two weddings, two baby namings, three funerals - and your support when Ed was dying.... Thank you for being there for us through all our joys and sorrows

The Morenoff Family



Mazel Tov on this fantastic milestone. All the very best of everything.

Ruth & Billy Oshinsky



Thank you, Rabbi Cahan and Elizabeth, for all the support and encouragement through these 22 years. Your scholarship and compassion have always been a model for us. Sorry we can't be here to celebrate, and wishing you Mazel Tov!

The Ozur Bass family



Dear Rabbi, mentor, friend: Since July 1979 you, your words, and your love have been there for us and with us. Thank you for showing us the lessons in kashrut, the prayer in civil disobedience, the justice in Talmud, the beauty that is the back of God.

Yvonne and Ken Paretzky, Jessica, Shannon, and Johanna



Kol Hakavod for your many years of spiritual, uplifting service to our community.

Much Appreciation

Robert & June Plotkin

Rabbi Shalom, Elise Plotkin & family

Devorah, Reuven Walder & family



Sincere appreciation for the privilege of a warm personal friendship, as well as, for the benefit of your wisdom as a teacher and spiritual leader. Also, utmost gratitude for your trips to Indiana, Boston and Washington, D.C. to officiate at the weddings of my children.

Mazel Tov on this significant occasion!

Hanna Lee Pomerantz



It is with deep affection and heartfelt respect that I wish you mazal tov on the occasion of your second bar mitzvah. You have been a mentor, a source of support and wisdom, and a dear friend since my first day at Har Shalom. Your indelible presence and influence will continue felt both within these walls and far beyond. May God bless you and keep you, now and always.

Rabbi Adam and Sari Raskin and Family



Rabbi Cahan, you've been an inspiration to me since I was a small child, and I have been fortunate to have you at my Bat Mitzvah, my wedding, and to see my children grow. Mazal Tov on your second Bar Mitzvah!

Debbie Reichmann



Mazal tov, Lennie, on seventy years of mitzvot. They say that there are seventy aspects of Torah.

You have, no doubt, tasted them all - and blessed us by sharing them with us in oh so many ways (perhaps seventy) along the way.

Rabbis Avram Israel Reisner and Nina Beth Cardin



Mazal tov on the 70th anniversary of your bar mitzvah! Todah robah for your inspiring and memorable Shabbat and HHD sermons, your kindness and commitment to HS families and your delicious spaghetti dinners. May you continue to go from strength to strength.

Shelley and Stew Remer



Congratulations on your Bar Mitzvah, and thanks from us for 40 something years of excellence, kindness and caring, and academic and religious guidance. Thanks for the wonderful weddings and Bar and Bat Mitzvahs of our children and grandchildren.

Sandra and Sanford Richman and our children and grandchildren



MAZEL TOV! This is truly a milestone event and are happy to take part in it. We wish you the very best.

Margir and Owen Ritter



Mazel Tov to Rabbi Cahan on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah. We want to extend our sincerest thanks to him, and Elizabeth, for their kindness to our family over these many years.

Cheryl and Bernie Rod



As our rabbi for so many years during our membership in Har Shalom, you inspired us, educated us, and guided us. Now you are inspiring us once again. Kol hakavod!

Wishing you continued strength and much love.

June and Marvin Rogul



We did not know how fortunate we were when Rabbi Cahan came for his interview. He chaired many publications including the French language edition of the siddur Sim Shalom. Of which I am personally very proud.

He celebrated all our family simchas, and his kind words were soft and soothing in hours of deep sorrow. I will never forget exploring with him, Elizabeth and Josh areas of Jerusalem.

Thank you for all your time and devotion.

Rachel Rosenberg



Mazal Tov Rabbi, on reaching this momentous milestone! May you go from strength to strength. You welcomed our young family 34 years ago, taught us and inspired us. You also challenged each of our daughters and officiated as each became Bat Mitzvah

Nina Simon, Bob Rosenthal, Ruth, Elana and Sarina



Mozel Tov on the 70th anniversary of your bar mitzvah. You have been a treasured friend and teacher to our family presiding over many of our simchahs and providing counsel and comfort in troubled times. We are truly fortunate to have you as a friend.

Karen and Rick Rothman



Congratulations dear Rabbi Cahan. Through the years you have been a wonderful source of strength and loving care during all our family's rites of passage (i.e. Bar Mitzvahs, Marriages, Baby Namings, and

Brit Milah's, and Death.)

Sandra Pincus Rush and Martin Rush



How appropriate that we celebrate the 70th Anniversary of your Bar Mitzvah during this Thanksgiving season. Thank you for your warm and wise leadership and friendship during the almost 40 years that you have shared with us. You have been at the center of countless simchahs enjoyed by our family, as well as a rock that gave us support during sad times. You will always be part of our best memories.

Jeremy and Graciela Schwartz



To our beloved friend, neighbor, mentor, teacher, confidant, and co-teacher for forty years. You have been a major influence in our lives. We are delighted to share this special simcha in your life, just as you were there to celebrate so many of ours.

Bena and Stan Siegel and Family



On behalf of Pat and myself, congratulations and Mazel Tov, on the simcha of your 2nd Bar Mitzvah! I remember, under your tutelage, the growth of Har Shalom, and how Har Shalom, through its innovative programming, became a leading synagogue within the conservative movement. Pat and I have always admired your love of Judaism. We wish you good health and all the best that life can bring.

Jeff and Pat Rubin



Congratulations on the 70th anniversary of your Bar Mitzvah. We should like to express our appreciation not only for your 27 years of service as our Rabbi, but also as a teacher, advisor, and friend. We have cherished our contacts with you beyond measure. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

Marlyn and Saul Schepartz



Congratulations and best wishes on the 70th anniversary of your Bar Mitzvah. Your wisdom, scholarship, optimism and devotion to the Jewish People have always been an inspiration to us. We Love You!

Rose and Dan Shames



You brought us to Har Shalom and have been involved in all of our life events since then. It's been an honor and a pleasure to call you our Rabbi and for you and Elizabeth to be part of our lives. Happy birthday and congratulations on your second Bar Mitzvah.

Dan Snow and Linda Silverman



Mazel tov! Thank you for always being there for us.

The Sherman Early Childhood Center





Mazel tov on this wonderful milestone, Rabbi!

You have been a part of our lives in so many ways. You were Joan's rabbi in high school and she invited you to give the prayer at her Wootton graduation, not knowing at the time that made you the first rabbi to give a blessing at a Montgomery County graduation. You married us, named our daughters, attended their B'nai Mitzvot, and comforted us when we lost Ted and Sue. You have inspired us and taught us. We are privileged to be your congregants and honored to be your friends.

Joan, Syl, Marissa, and Izzy Sobel



Mazel Tov on wanting to become a Bar Mitzvah.

Many of those who become a Bar Mitzvah the first time didn't want to! Imagine, you wanted it the second time! Mazel Tov! We think of you only with love.

Deana and Jerry Stempler



About 63 years ago, at Camp Ramah, I came in contact with a counselor who told many interesting stories which encouraged campers to finally go to sleep on bed sheets hand tightened with "hospital corners." Counselor Leonard Cahan brought to campers much meaningful Jewishness. One evening, some 35 years ago, Rabbi Cahan presented a talk encouraging new potential members to join Har Shalom, but upon meeting the Rabbi I recognized Counselor Cahan and immediately we joined Har Shalom. Spending time with Leonard, participating in courses, listening to sermons, and along with our children, hearing "old stories" at Friday evening services were extremely pleasurable. Why even more recently Carolyn and I spent exciting summers with Leonard and Elizabeth touring Israel and Spain has brought the history and meaning of Judaism closer to our home. Thank you, Counselor Rabbi and friend.

August and Carolyn Spector



All our love and mazel tov to you on this wonderful occasion.

Debbie and Mickey Star



We joined Congregation Har Shalom in 1974 in time for you to officiate at the Bar Mitzvah of our eldest son, Daniel. After 42 years we changed our lives and moved to Los Angeles last year but we remain linked to Har Shalom and you and your family. Happy Birthday

Joyce, Lee, Dan, Murray, Jonathan Stern



Yasher koach and mazal tov on this special milestone! Thank you for being both my rabbi and a supportive colleague over the years. You have inspired me and so many others in the Har Shalom community and for that we are all grateful. Sending love to you and Elizabeth from Big D!

Rabbi Ari Sunshine



You've been an inspiration, a mentor, a guide,
A trusted friend by our side—
Challenging us with acuity and vision,
Insight honed with fine-tuned precision.
We can barely express what's in our hearts,
the journeys taken of which you've been a part.
You're interwoven within, a sparkling thread,
To ever illumine our pathways ahead.

Laurie and Bob Sunshine



Mazel Tov on your second Bar Mitzvah!

Joel and Leslie Susskind



You have been an inspiration, teacher and friend. We always looked forward to Shabbat services because we learned something new each week. Your presence in our lives has enriched us beyond measure. Thank you!

Michelle and Leonard Tow



The Har Shalom family, the greater Jewish community and my own family have been enriched by your faith and wisdom and the spirit of Judaism you exude. Mazel tov on your bar mitzvah anniversary.

Marcy Versel



You, Elizabeth and Joshua were our house guests in 1974 when you first appeared at Har Shalom before being hired as our rabbi. It was a wonderful weekend. To us, you are very special in all that you do—and did. Your many talents made it enjoyable to spend each Shabbat and Holiday at our shul. And so, from our home in Florida, we wish you a hearty mazeltov on this great occasion

Yvonne and Marius Weinreb



Congratulations on your second Bar Mitzvah. I think of Har Shalom often, and wish I were there to celebrate with you. Thank you for sharing your love of Judaism with me. You are a wonderful teacher, caregiver, and Rabbi. My love to Elizabeth and to you.

Natalie Weinstein



I would like to express my appreciation to Rabbi Cahan for all the years he has served our congregation and in particular for my family officiating at our children's Bar and Bat-Mitzvahs and, more recently his kind words to me and my family on Barbara's passing

Harold Weiss



Mazel Tov on your second Bar Mitzvah and best wishes for good health and happiness.

Joan and Phil Witorsch



On this happy occasion, the Wellek s sincerely thank you for your spiritual leadership to Har Shalom, our recognition of your inspiring sermons and discussions at Shabbat services, counselor at family burial services, family marriage official, and for serving as co-leader of our memorable group tour to Israel.

Robert & Bilma Wellek



As Har Shalom members for over 30 years, we consider ourselves fortunate to know you as our Rabbi, now Rabbi Emeritus and friend. We have enjoyed your meaningful and insightful sermons and Phil especially likes talking about stamps with you. Mazel Tov on this very special occasion of becoming bar mitzvah for the second time.

Philip & Shirley Wisotsky



Our families have shared many memories over the years, simchas and sorrows. You were a mentor to Bernie and I as we worked side by side to build the library which was such a valuable resource to our Congregation for many years. Mazel Tov!

The Bernie Witt Family



Har shalom has been part of our religious and social history. Rabbi Cahan has officiated at many of our ritual simchahs

We have watched Leonard and Elizabeth's family grow and be part of our fond memories

Florence and Izzy Wolfe



Mazel Tov on the celebration of your second bar mitzvah! Thank you for 27 years of leadership. Wishing for 27 more!

Judy Abrams and Jennifer and David Stier



We have celebrated so many milestones together since we both arrived almost simultaneously many years ago. Hurray for the fabulous past and here's to a very bright future.

Harriette and Marty Adler

Jeff and Faith Adler, Jacob and Ethan

Lorraine and Philip Altschuler, Evan and Sam

Sharon and Ron Gross, Amanda and Alex



Har Shalom was my second home. The comfort level felt, the joy I experienced, and the skills learned, were a result of the vision of Rabbi Cahan. The most poignant moment that I had was buying my tefillin from him. His commitment to egalitarianism was transformative, I am forever grateful.

Rabbi Rachel Ain



Mazel Tov! Thank you for your many years of service.

Martin, Ruth and Joshua Auerbach



We are honored to participate in your important simchah and wish you a hearty mazal tov. You are our neighbor, teacher, and source of inspiration. You officiated at the wedding of our daughter Nina at her express request.

John, Ziva, and Nina Azhdam



Mazel tov on your very special 2nd Bar Mitzvah! You have made such an extraordinary contribution to the Har Shalom community. You have impacted so many lives and enabled us to have a much deeper understanding and appreciation of our rich Jewish heritage. We wish you good health and many more treasured memories.

Ellen & Lon Babby

We wish you a hearty Mazel Tov on your 70 year celebration of your Bar Mitzvah. Although we were among those that started Har Shalom, we have always felt that you were "our Rabbi" throughout our family's journey at Har Shalom, including three bar/bat mitvahs and three weddings along the way. We will always think of you as "our Rabbi" and will be eternally grateful for your guidance and caring over the years. May you have many more healthy and productive years, filled with the knowledge that you have contributed so much to so many, and that they, as we, love you very dearly.

Rhoda and Art Bennett



Mazel Tov to you and your family on the celebration of your 2nd Bar Mitzvah! On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your unselfish devotion, dedication, and service to Har Shalom, your thoughtful and scholarly teachings of our traditions and sacred texts, and serving as our moral compass and spiritual leader. Thank you for sharing your "Jewish Journey" with us. Your leadership and example bring to life the meaning of piety, righteousness, justice, love, compassion, and all that is good. May you continue to go from strength to strength for many years to come.

Har Shalom Board of Directors



We hope your second bar mitzvah is at least as happy and festive as your first one. We're so sorry we're not able to celebrate with you--long ago made plans to be in Illinois for the holiday. Wishing you many more joyful days like this special day and many more years of good health and good times.

Norman and Barbara Brickman



To us, Rabbi Cahan has always been a fascinating person to discuss life with - whether the topic be religion, politics, Israel or just the nuts and bolts of every day. He's a wonderful presence.

Debbie & David Cohen



Mazel Tov on your 2nd Bar Mitzvah, Rabbi Cahan! You officiated at the B'Nei Mitzvot of our children, Jeffrey, 52, and Marcia, 50. Your leadership and intellect have inspired us. We wish you continued years of health and happiness, and many more simchahs to celebrate.

Ellen and Harvey Cohen



Our many years together from your beginning at our pulpit and my early years as President and Board Member, inspired me in so many facets of my life. Travelling together, to Israel, meeting your parents and sister were so unique, even though we had visited Israel before. That along with, the years of our families friendship has been so meaningful in our families life. Todah Rabah-Le-Ohlahm

Marvin Becker



Let's go back to where it all began. Union Station and the start of a special weekend interview at, what would become you Congregation. Shabbat Dinner, on your deck is when I knew you would become MY Rabbi, my spiritual leader and friend. Always there with encouragement, helping to get through difficult times and welcoming, with a smile, twinkle in your eyes and laughter. Through the years, our families have had many shared moments, life cycle events, travel and just schmoozing.. What a journey we have had. Ah-ha-vah Leh-oh-LAHM

Rachel Becker



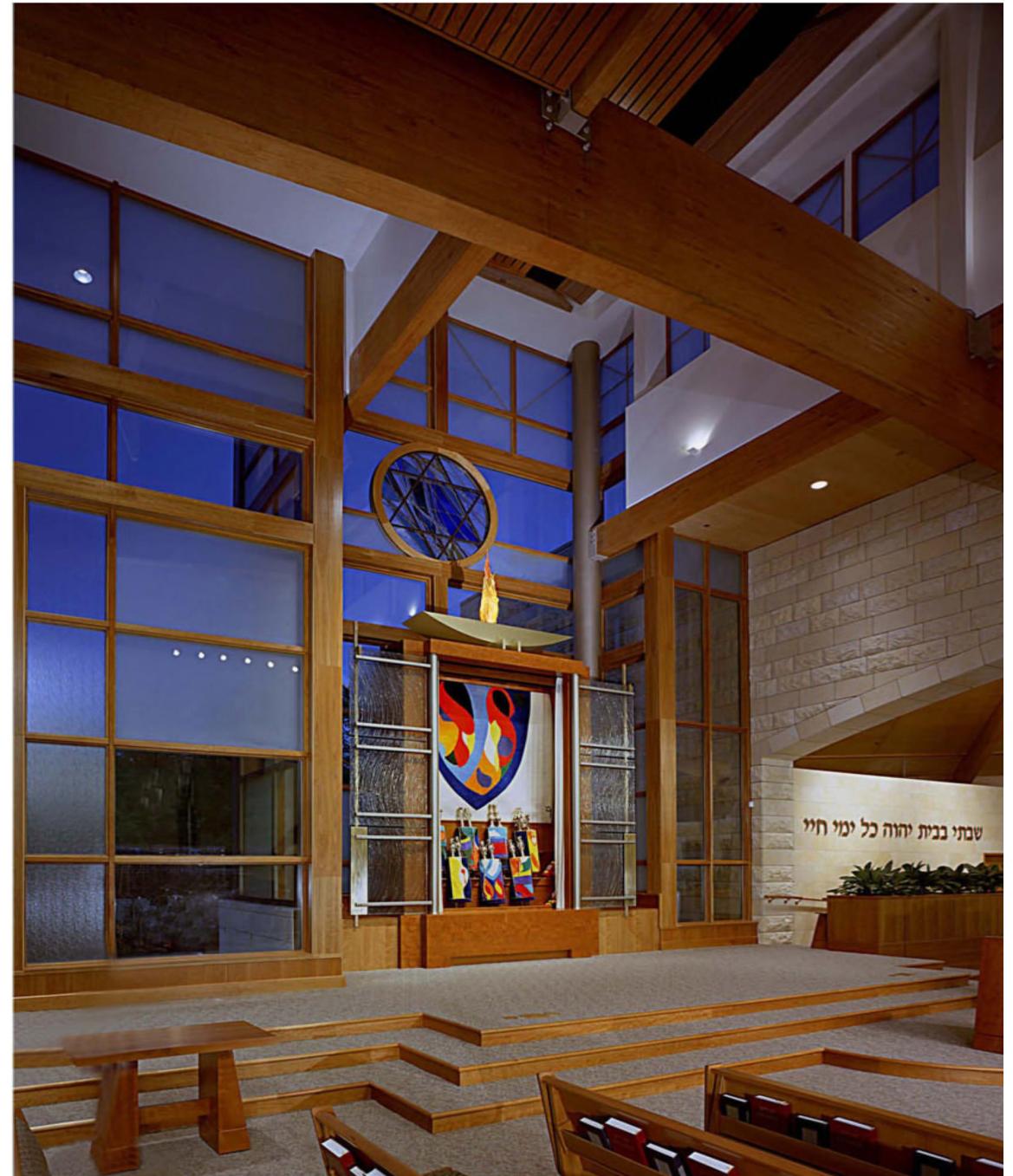
Congratulations on your second Bar Mitzvah! Your years at Har Shalom made you an important influence in the lives of people of all ages. It has been a life's work of which to be proud.

Maureen and Arnie Binderman



Mazel Tov on the 70th anniversary of your becoming a bar mitzvah. It was an honor to have you as Har Shalom's Rabbi for 27 years and we are fortunate to have your continued participation as Rabbi Emeritus. Your "ruach", spiritual guidance, and love of Judaism has inspired us all. We look forward to celebrating future simcha's together.

Sonia, Bernie, Jennifer, and Jason Beekman



**The following congregants, friends, and colleagues of
Rabbi Leonard Cahan have shared their
memories and sentiments in a book, to be compiled and given to Rabbi Cahan**

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 John, Ziva, and Nina Azhdam
 Ellen and Lon Babby
 Phoebe and Al Bauman and Family
 Marvin and Rachel Becker
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 David and Debbie Cohen
 Ellen and Harvey Cohen
 Howard and Leah Cohen
 Marilyn and Norman Cohen and Family
 Howard and Nancy Cooper
 Shirley Dominitz Family
 Susie, Rick, Aaron, and Rachel Edelson
 Susie and Rick Edelson
 Shelley and Todd Engel
 Helene Feldman
 Paula Feldman Michael
 Hannah and Alan, David and Katrina, Evan and
 Heather, Shlomo, Sammy, Yosef, and Lucas
 Hal and Laurie Freed

Marvin, Margaret, Liz and Sarah Friedman
 John and Leslie Friedson Family
 Beth and Gene Fritz
 Cheryl and Lew Geiger
 Rachel, Craig and Lucy Ginsburg,
 Adam, Deb, Ellie and Zoe Geiger
 Ronnie Ginsburg
 Sara and Larry Goldkind
 Bobbi Goldwater
 Valerie Gordon
 Rabbi Daniel Greyber
 Keith and Linda Hartman
 Jackie and Len Haynes
 Toby and Matthew Holtzman
 Kandy and Ed Hutman
 Linda and Richard Isen
 Aliza Josephson
 Senator Cheryl Kagan
 Joe Katz
 Rabbi Jan Caryl Kaufman
 Hedda and David Kenton
 Judd Kessler
 Barbara and Barry Korb
 Loretta and Sheldon Kotzin
 Elaine and Ben Kovalsky
 Marie and Sam Kramer
 Shelah and Shelly Landsman
 and their adult sons and families
 Ken and Karen Lechter
 Joan Levenson
 Ruth and Ephraim Levin

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 Renato and Marcia Levy
 Carly and Dan Litwok
 Claudio and Raquel Loser
 Bernard and Fran Lubran, Rachel Lubran,
 and Dan and Meryl Silverman
 Laverne and Jack Markowitz
 Julie Medin
 The Medway Family
 Harriet and Steve Meltzer and Family
 Helene, Richard, Kimberly and Jason Meltzer
 Nancy and Dick Millstein
 The Morenoff Family
 Ruth and Billy Oshinsky
 The Ozur Bass Family
 Yvonne and Ken Paretzky, Jessica, Shannon,
 and Johanna
 Toni and Dr. Ronald Paul
 Robert and June Plotkin
 Rabbi Shalom, Elise Plotkin and Family
 Devorah, Reuven Walder and Family
 Rabbi Adam and Sari Raskin and Family
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 Irene and Jeff Rosenbloom
 Nina Simon, Bob Rosenthal, Ruth, Elana and
 Sarina

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 Jeff and Pat Rubin
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 Jeremy and Graciela Schwartz
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 Natalie Weinstein
 Harold Weiss
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 Philip & Shirley Wisotsky
 Joan and Phil Witorsch
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