



Committee, Program & Donor Reports

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Some Reflections on CBI, and My Thanks to All of You

The last two years have been tumultuous ones for Congregation Beth Israel, as we found ourselves, both geographically, and symbolically, at the center of events over the meaning of the violent neo-Nazi march that took place in Charlottesville in August of 2017, and the complex questions it has raised about white supremacy and anti-Semitism, and where Jewish Americans fit in the continuing debate over racial and religious prejudice and preference in America.

Those events had a significant effect upon our synagogue as an institution, and also on many of our members individually, in ways that many of us are still grappling to understand. Together with the tragedies in Pittsburgh and Poway, they have left in their wake uncertainty and deep concern, both for us and for the larger American Jewish community.

But as I reflect on my time as president of CBI through this difficult era, my thoughts run not to neo-Nazis or KKK marches, or to synagogue shootings or to the need for the enhanced security made necessary by these happenings.

My thoughts run, rather, to the commitment of CBI and its members to the shared Jewish values that I have seen in our congregation's response to these disturbing events, a commitment to Torah and tradition, to family and education, to tolerance and compassion, and to justice and social action, that have allowed us to thrive even as we have had to navigate our difficult situation at the center of the storm.

My thoughts are on the nearly forty young men and women that I have had the privilege to formally welcome to our congregation as bar and bat mitzvah over the past two years, and on the many wonderful and perceptive Divrei Torah that I heard these young people share with us. Notably, many of these Divrei spoke of Torah not as some ancient text disconnected from these young peoples' lives and foisted on them by their parents and rabbis, but as inspiration for their own political and social activism in the face of the difficult challenges they are facing, both as Jews and as Americans.

My thoughts are on our incredible team of rabbis -- Rabbi Tom, Rabbi Rachel, and Rabbi Dan -- on their perceptive, and, often for me, mind-bending teachings of Torah, and on their dedication to Jewish values and social justice, as evidenced by the work they do with community groups such as the Charlottesville Clergy Collective, the Alliance for Interfaith Ministries, and Impact, as well as by the way they comport themselves every day as examples of what it means to live Jewishly.

My thoughts are on our devoted staff -- Kathryn, Raya, Lukas, Sharon, and Shelby, who keep our office and synagogue humming along day after day, and on Latifa, who through Senior Connections reaches out into the community to our senior population to let them know they are cared for and loved.

My thoughts are on our many members who devote their time, talents, and energy serving as our officers, board members, trustees and committee members, and volunteering throughout the synagogue, whether as lay leaders at services, ushers, helping out in the office or religious school, or undertaking larger projects like overseeing the renovation of O'Mansky Hall.

My thoughts are on the 180 students in our religious school and their parents that fill our building on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening; on the more than 30 students in our Hebrew high, many of whom also serve as Madrichim in our religious school; on the dozens of kids who come to Camp CBI throughout the summer for fun and bonding in a Jewish environment; and on the teenagers who participate in activities with their fellow Jews in BITY and NFTY events, and who have been elected to serve on the regional leadership board of NFTY-MAR.

My thoughts are on the incredible excitement and energy of our preschool children, and on the dedication of Jill, our director of early childhood education, and on her teachers, who create a warm and nurturing Jewish community in which these children and their young families can experience Jewish traditions and live Jewish values, and incorporate them into their own families' lives for years to come.

My thoughts are on JewC, a program started by Rabbi Rachel for young Jewish adult men and women in the Charlottesville area, to meet and socialize in a Jewish context, whether its Sushi and Sake in the Sukkah, A JewC Shabbat, a Hannukah Happy Hour, a JewC Passover Seder, Mussar classes, or Vino and Verses (from the Torah).

And my thoughts are on the incredible adult education we have enjoyed here at CBI, programs of a quality that rival anything you might find in New York, Chicago, or Washington -- lectures, panels and discussions led by historians, Jewish scholars, and legal and medical experts, most drawn from our very own CBI community, who hold national, if not world-wide reputations, in their fields.

I am so grateful to be a part of this community, and I am so thankful to CBI to have afforded me the opportunity to serve as its president. The last two years have been among the most personally rewarding and enriching of my life. I sincerely hope that Diane, and after her, Micah, will have similar experiences.

When someone agrees to become the president of a synagogue, a common joke is to offer that person congratulations in the form of "condolences," with the apparent (and comically exaggerated) expectation that the impending flood of congregant complaints and criticism soon to come your way will be a fate if not worse than, akin to, a death.

That has not been my experience at Congregation Beth Israel. Quite the opposite. In my time as president of the board I have come to appreciate more than ever the intelligence and vibrancy that permeates all aspects of life here, and the care, dedication, and love that our members have for CBI.

In these difficult times, I have been inspired by this care, dedication, and love to look increasingly to the shared Jewish values that I have seen in action at CBI – a desire to learn, compassion, tolerance, chesed, welcoming of the stranger, and dedication to justice – as I endeavor to continue supporting this synagogue and standing up to the challenges facing our American Jewish community.

Thank you,
Alan Zimmerman

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Adult Education Committee

Committee Members:

Rabbi Tom Gutherz, Dan Alexander, Rachel Schmelkin, Dela Alexander, Sari Bennett, Jeffrey Grossman, Sherry Kraft, Harriet Kuhr, Susan Rozan, Nancy Summers (chair), Bob Toplin

The Adult Education Committee organizes a lecture series and a film series. This year there was no overarching theme to the lectures, though each lecture seemed to be of interest to a sizeable audience. The following is a list of lectures offered in 2018-19

Xing Weiwei: *"The Jews of Shanghai"*

Ashley Hurst: *"Narrative Ethics: Creating Stories We Can Live With"*

Caroline Rody: *"Phillip Roth, The Plot Against America: a Discussion"*

Phyllis Leffler: *"A Walking Tour of Jewish Charlottesville"*

The lecture scheduled about medicine in Tibet by Kunchok Gyaltsen, MIIM, MPH, PhD, Professor and Tibetan Medical Doctor had to be cancelled because the lecturer was detained in China. We hope to reschedule this lecture for next year.

Film Series

The films listed below were shown this year. Attendance has been very good. These films were new to many in our audience, and they dealt with issues that initiated lively discussions. The following films were screened this year.

A Tale of Love and Darkness

(American film based on the Amos Oz book of the same name.)

Shtisel

(We showed the first two episodes of this Israeli TV series. Many people watched all of the episodes for two seasons!)

The Last Suit

(Argentine film in Spanish, Yiddish, Polish and German)

Sammy Davis Jr., I've Gotta Be Me

(PBS documentary; this was our film for our movie/dinner night)

The Twinning Reaction

(We were fortunate to have the director of this documentary, Lori Shinseki, and the psychologist, Dr. Nancy Segal at this event)

The Insult

(Lebanese; Daniel Lefkowitz, professor of Middle Eastern Studies, introduced this film and led the discussion afterwards)

Comments: The publicity for events this year has been excellent due to the work of Lukas Holldorf. This has certainly helped attendance. We sent out postcards announcing the lecture series and the film series.

Special Events: The Shabbaton Weekend with Rabbi Amy Eilberg, though not sponsored by Adult Education, will, we hope, help to give us the skills to respectfully discuss issues about Israel. We are considering programs about Israel for next year.

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Art Committee

Mission Statement

Congregation Beth Israel is a diverse and inclusive Jewish community, welcoming people of all ages, backgrounds, family structures, and worship styles. The membership is proud of our historic building, which is the oldest synagogue in Virginia and one of the oldest in the United States. Congregants should feel a "pride of place" as they enter the shul and feel responsible for maintaining that appearance.

The Art Committee is established by the Board to create and implement policies with respect to the display of artwork at CBI consistent with the building's historical importance, as well as with the congregation's values and mission.

The Art Committee held its organizational meeting in late February. Throughout the month of March we have been working on an inventory of all artwork that is in CBI's possession.

In addition, among our first tasks was ensuring that the plaque honoring Harry and June O'Mansky was rehung in the space at CBI that bears their name. We also drafted a short biography of Harry and June for the Weekly Announcements to highlight their generosity and importance in the history of our congregation.

As a newly formed committee, we are looking forward to making our synagogue as beautiful as can be, and reflective of our values as a congregation. We welcome any ideas anyone may have regarding the display of our art and artifacts.

Members: Sari Bennett & Jackie Lichtman (co-chairs), Sonnia Kesser, Nancy Summers, Lynn Valentine.

Submitted by Shelby Apple

Thank you for giving Camp CBI the opportunity to share our goals and accomplishments with you. We are off to a tremendous start and are looking forward to another amazing summer.

For the past fourteen years, we have been fortunate enough to see tremendous growth at our camp. With about 80 campers in grades 1 - 9 and well over 200 camper weeks last summer, it is easy to see that Camp CBI serves a huge need in our community. We anticipate another full camp this summer and know that all of the children will have an amazing time.

We are so excited about our staff this year. All of them share a love for children, Judaism, and summer camp. Our staff is experienced, energized, organized and prepared for a wonderful summer.

We have a change in camp leadership this summer. Jarrett Knepper will be our new Camp Administrative Director and Raya Rzeszut will be our Camp Program Director.

Jarrett has been part of the CBI family since she began volunteering with us in 2006. She is a graduate of Charlottesville High School and Guilford College, with a Bachelors in elementary education and studio art. Jarrett was also a Bonner Scholar and swam on the Guilford Women's Swim Team throughout college. Before returning to Charlottesville, Jarrett taught art at Loflin Elementary School in Asheboro, NC. She has been the Outreach Education Manager at the Virginia Discovery Museum for the past year, and will continue that role while adding Camp CBI to her duties. In her leisure time, she is a loving mom to Moss, her black lab puppy, and she loves to visit with family and friends.

Raya moved to Charlottesville in June 2014 with her family, and began working in CBI's Preschool. In August 2018, Raya took on her current role of Office Administrator. This summer Raya will serve as the Program Director for Camp CBI. This will be her fourth summer working in the "big kids" camp. During the school year, Raya also teaches in the Religious School and serves as the Coordinator for the PJ Library and PJ Our Way programs. She has a Master of Arts in Jewish Communal Studies from Gratz College in Pennsylvania and a Bachelor of Arts in Jewish Studies from the University of Florida. Her husband Eric is the Associate Director of Client Services at UVA's McIntire School of Commerce, and their daughter Sophie is a 7th grader at Buford Middle School.

We already have some fantastic activities planned for this summer. This year's specials include creative drama and movement, Jewish cooking, science experiments, nature, arts and crafts, Shabbat programming, and so much more! Campers will also have daily sessions with our sports specialist and will get to swim twice a week. We also will be taking weekly field trips, enjoying special outings, and participating in other fun adventures!

We also will once again be leading the Noar Teen Traveling Camp for campers in grades 7 - 9. Noar campers will participate in some amazing experiences, including a trip to Kings Dominion and Massanutten Water Park. Campers will have a chance to meet teens from the region in this "exchange program" while increasing their awareness of and identification with Judaism.

We are looking forward to working together to create an amazing summer experience for Jewish children at CBI. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jarrett Knepper (Jarrett@cbicville.org), Camp CBI Administrative Director.

Thank you!

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Caring Committee

Our Mission

Congregation Beth Israel's Caring Committee offers support to members of our congregation who are facing life cycle challenges, particularly, childbirth, illness and death.

Our Services

We provide meals or other assistance to people undergoing medical treatment. We offer rides to people who need help getting to and from doctor's appointments, to Shabbat services or other CBI events. We provide information about community resources. We assist with meals of consolation and shiva services. We send get-well and condolence cards.

Our Team

We are a group of 75 people who have signed up to be notified by email whenever there is a need in our community. Individuals help out as their schedules and abilities allow.

Our Work

There is no telling, in any given year, how busy the committee will be. From July 2018 through May 2019, the Caring Committee helped with meals of consolation for five people and shiva minyanim for six people. We provided more than a dozen meals for a congregant who was facing medical challenges and drove a member to an outpatient clinic for a medical procedure. The committee's work is enhanced by the efforts of Roz Bolski, who sends out get-well and condolence cards, and Latifa Kropf, CBI's Senior Connections facilitator.

Our Future

The Caring Committee is always looking for new members – particularly, younger members to sign on as older members sign off. We plan to reach out to other congregations this year to learn how they handle the challenges of caring for their members. If you would like to learn more about the Caring Committee, or to add your name to our email list, please contact Charlotte Crystal by email (charlotte.crystal15@gmail.com) or by phone (434-987-0544).

Charlotte Crystal, Caring Committee Chair

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Cemetery Committee

Submitted by Beth Epstein

The Hebrew Cemetery of Charlottesville is maintained as a service to the local Jewish community by Congregation Beth Israel. Before the congregation was established, the Charlottesville Hebrew Benevolent Society was founded to provide proper religious burial for the community and obtained the property at 1st St and Elliott Avenue.

Cemetery details

- The cemetery has 874 plots.
- 311 have burials, including 2 for prayer books;
- 329 have been sold, but are not yet used;
- 66 are not usable as they are near large trees or tree roots, are too close to fragile cemetery walls, or other anomaly;
- 41 are too small for adults but could be used for other purposes;
- 127 remain available for sale.

Committee member responsibilities

- Provide assistance to members and non-members in selecting and purchasing plots in advance of need as well as in times of immediate need. Assistance is given to families seeking information about relatives buried in the cemetery
- Oversee all aspects of property maintenance from lawn and tree care by D&D Lawn Care to repairs of the cemetery walls by Moore Masonry. Stones and the wash basin are supplied and the water pump is kept in good working order;
- Update and maintain the cemetery data base and provide copies to the CBI Executive Director, Hill & Wood Funeral Services, Kirk Hughes Land Surveyors, Hartman Memorials, and the grave digger, Greg Carver. Updated copies of the plat of the cemetery are provided by Kirk Hughes Land Surveyors on an annual or as needed basis;
- Assist in marking grave sites prior to burials and for memorial placements;
- Check cemetery regularly for trash, clothing, and general appearance;
- Mark graves of veterans with flags for Memorial Day.

Activities in 2018-2019

- In 2018, the CBI Board of Directors approved an increase in the cost of plots. This was the first increase in over 10 years and was made because the sale of plots supports cemetery maintenance in perpetuity. Those costs are rising and the number of plots available for purchase is decreasing. It was announced in June 2018 that as of November 1, the cost of a burial plot would be increased to \$2000 from \$1500 for CBI members in good standing for 2 years. The cost of a burial plot for non-members increased from \$3,000 to \$6000 on July 1.
- 33 plots were purchased and there were 6 burials at the cemetery.
- After several years of service, Andrea K. Wieder stepped down from the committee. The committee thanks Andrea for her thoughtful service and for her meticulous attention to detail. Kent Schlüssel and Beth Epstein were joined by Peppy Linden and Harriet Wasch during the course of the year and additional committee members are welcomed.

Plans for 2019-2020

- As the number of available plots diminishes, alterations in landscaping may make some currently unusable plots available. However, in the next 20 or so years, our Hebrew Cemetery will become full. Alternate plans to obtain space at the Riverview Cemetery are being actively explored. Kent Schlüssel continues discussions with Riverview Cemetery, Rabbi Tom, and the CBI Board of Directors to obtain a portion of that cemetery as a Jewish section.

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Chevrah Kadisha

At the request of Jewish families of members and other families of Jews who have died in the local area, the Chevrah Kadisha continues to perform these traditional pre-burial “Taharah” rituals:

- saying prayers
- washing and dressing the body (Hebrew “meit” or “meitah”)
- placing the mayt or maytah in the casket

Last month, at the suggestion of Latifa Kropf, we met to explore the feasibility of offering “shmira” (watching over the meit/meitah between Taharah and burial) for families that request this service. We hope to offer this service in the coming year. In Charlottesville we work mainly with the Hill & Wood funeral home. We continue to cooperate with Beth El Congregation (Harrisonburg) and Temple House of Israel (Staunton), which increases the likelihood that any death in the area where Chevrah members are requested will have a sufficient number of volunteers to provide service. This past year, several members of our local Chevrah worked on an updated edition of the Taharah safety manual we initiated, now published by the national Chevrah Kadisha organization Kavod v’Nichum. As always, we continue to add and train members who are interested in participating in this mitzvah. This year, we offered a Sunday afternoon session for interested parties to learn more about Chevrah Kadisha and to participate in a demonstration of taharah.

We also offered an opportunity to learn/relearn/master the art of the “shin tie” (a tie in the shape of the letter *shin*). We are honored to have the opportunity to serve the community in this way.

Elayne Kornblatt Phillips and Dan Doernberg, Chairs of Chevrah Kadisha

We often hear about problems in our community. Two of the most serious ones are lack of affordable housing and rising substance abuse. These problems are complicated and multifaceted. Sometimes we wonder if there's anything we as individuals can do about problems like these.

The good news is.....we are making a difference.

We at CBI, as a participants in IMPACT, are joining with 26 other congregations of all faiths to improve the quality of life in our community. Each year IMPACT holds the largest annual public gathering in our community dealing with community problems. At our annual Nehemiah Action meeting April 11, 2019, over **1,000 people** came together to support our current initiatives, **including 80 from CBI and P'nai Yisrael Chavurah.**

- As a result of our focus on **crime and drugs** over the past three years, the new Women's Center at Moore's Creek, a **residential substance abuse treatment center** for women, opened in October 2018. It will set a new standard by allowing women to bring preschool children to live with them.
- As a result of our current focus on **affordable housing** (along with other community groups), both the City and the County are maintaining **\$1.5 million in their Affordable Housing Funds.**
- The **City** Manager's Office will also speed up the approval process to six weeks for projects with a minimum of 20% affordable units (in the past it has taken up to three and a half years).
- Albemarle **County** will establish a long-term Housing Fund with dedicated revenue sources and will create plans to provide 150 affordable accessible apartments in the next 5 years for seniors earning less than 50% of area median income.
- On May 5 we joined with other community organizations to support low-income, elderly, and disabled residents of Belmont Apartments who have been told they must move out due to a new owner planning to renovate and raise rents. Non-profit groups are offering solutions to help residents stay, including offering to buy the property.

Over the past twelve years, IMPACT has achieved the following objectives to improve the quality of life in our community:

- Expansion of bus routes to allow access to Albemarle County Social Services and Southwood Mobile Home Community
- Pre-K programming
- Free Dental Clinic
- Language access and interpretation in law enforcement
- Access to medication and mental health services for people leaving jail
- Increased access to psychiatric services for children at Region Ten
- Creating a community-wide roundtable of agencies serving people who are homeless, resulting in access to more funds and contributing to the building of housing with services for chronically homeless
- Creation of an Affordable Housing Trust Fund in Charlottesville
- CNA (certified nursing assistant) training program for low-income youth in partnership with UVA Medical Center and Piedmont Virginia Community College

Many thanks to our CBI Leadership Team which includes Rabbi Tom, Sharon McCord, Suzanne Bombard, and Susan Rozan, and to our wise advisor Sonia Haimes. We welcome your participation in this work. Please contact us with any questions at bravovikki@gmail.com.

Vikki Bravo, RodefTzedek (CBI IMPACT) Team Leader

JewC, Congregation Beth Israel's group for young adults ages 22-42, continues to be successful. The JewC Facebook group has almost 170 members, and about a quarter of those people have attended at least one event this year. "Sushi, Sake, Sukkah," "JewC's Purim Palooza" and "90s game night," are just a few of the programs that JewC has offered. In addition, Rabbi Rachel facilitated a mussar va'ad for Jewish young adults who want to do committed and serious mussar study. Ten young adults participated in her first semester mussar course. They enjoyed it so much, they asked for it to continue into second semester. The va'ad concluded last month (in April). JewC participants continue to engage with the larger CBI community in a variety of ways. Several have taken Rabbi Tom's "Judaism for Adults class," some attend services, several teach in the religious school, about fifteen attended CBI's community Passover seder, and a few have even joined the congregation.

The Charlottesville Jewish History Project is a community-based oral history project that explores Jewish life in Charlottesville from the 1950s forward. This work builds upon the earlier history, *To Seek the Peace of the City*, written in 1993 by Jeffrey Hantman, Carol Ely, and Phyllis Leffler. That study ended with the 1960s. This study engages our community as we carry out interviews with Jewish and non-Jewish individuals both inside and outside of Congregation Beth Israel. This project will not only strengthen our community but also create a history that enables us to understand our values, our place and our comfort as Jews in Charlottesville, as well as the challenges we face as Jews in the American South. We are building an archive of personal stories both for the present and the future. Eventually, our materials will be housed in the Special Collections Library at the University of Virginia as well as at CBI so that future researchers will be able to study our community.

The project is directed by **Phyllis Leffler and Charlotte Crystal**. Additional interviewers have included Ruth Barolsky, Sherry Kraft, Latifa Kropf, John Pickering, and Jackie Lichtman. The project's goal is to conduct 100 interviews; to date, more than one-third of them have been completed.

Critical questions this project explores include:

- What are the continuities and changes that have occurred from the 1950s on?
 - Within the Jewish community? Beyond the Jewish community?
- What have been the major contributions of Jews to life in Charlottesville?
- Who are the people most responsible for the growth of Jewish diversity in Charlottesville?
- Are there specific incidents or turning points that are important markers in this history?
- Do Jews in Charlottesville feel comfortable as Jews?
- How do non-Jews perceive the role of the Jewish community?
- Who ARE we – both collectively and individually?
- What has been the impact of the Unite the Right rally of August 2017 on individuals and on the Jewish community as a whole?

Expected outcomes of the project include:

- Building an archive of video and audiotaped interviews for current and future generations
- Use of materials for community enrichment and discussion
- Possible creation of a film about the community
- Writing of short excerpts for self-reflection and edification
- Expansion of earlier publication on Jewish history
- More detailed analysis of the place of Charlottesville in the Jewish South with possible spin-off publications

If you have any questions or would like to support this project in any way, please contact Phyllis Leffler (434-979-5760 or phyllis.leffler@gmail.com)

submitted by Director of Early Childhood Education Jill Abbey-Clark

CBI Preschool & Kindergarten currently (2018-19 school year) has 71 students, ranging in age from 18 months to 6 years old, and 61 families. 60% of our families are Jewish, 70% interfaith couples. 20% of our families receive scholarships raised through individual donations, the Youth Auction, and from the UJFC. Children can attend school from 3-5 days/week with half- and full-day options. Hours of operation are from 8:00am - 5:30pm M-F. Tuition ranges from \$6000 to \$16400 for the school year.

At the end of this school year, we can step back and appreciate our accomplishments:

- Continued growth and learning around security. We welcomed Tyson Peiera as a valued addition to our community.
- Master educator Deb Curtis offering finished her year- long study project with teachers from Cville area in small cohorts. Teachers furthering their practice and teaching other schools how to create high quality learning environments for young children. CBI is one of the “labs”
- All faculty members traveled to and participated in the Paradigm Project annual conference in Chicago in May 2019.
- Continuing to grow our Shabbat program with the children and their families: teaching core prayers to Judasim: *shma, va'ahavta, ein kelohanu*, interface with the torah weekly
- PJ Library: Continue to reach out to young Jewish families (both affiliated and not) to the PJ library- grants from UJFC and URJ able to reach more families. Currently 150 families.
- PJ Library hosted two events highlighting community action. Hanukkah Party which focused on making bags for Pacem and Purim party where we delivered Purim baskets to the elderly.
- The annual CBI Preschool and Camp auction, celebrated 21 years and raised \$20,000 for the scholarships and new school materials
- Purim baskets included preschool families this year and increase participation numbers. \$30,000 was raised for financial aid in youth programming throughout the synagogue.

CBI's Religious School has experienced a year of growth and learning, involving our children, parents, teachers and members of the community.

By the Numbers:

Students: We welcomed 143 K-8 students on Sunday mornings, and our Wednesday night program involved 91 students. Hebrew High School had 35 students enrolled this year. Many of our students will continue to come through the doors in the coming months at Camp CBI, while a smaller number will be attending Jewish overnight summer camps of various “flavors.”

Teachers: In addition to Rabbi Rachel Schmelkin and Shelby Apple, the Religious School was staffed by 24 highly motivated teachers. We are lucky to have teachers with a wide range of backgrounds. We had seven UVA undergraduate students, four UVA graduate students, six Jewish young professionals, some found through JewC, and seven other adult CBI community members, some of whom are parents of religious school or preschool students.

Madrichim: 26 teens serve as madrichim (teacher's aides) in classrooms on both Sunday and Wednesday, adding yet another range of Jewish voices and life experiences to our faculty. Our 8th grade students participated in our Madrichim in Training program taught by Robert Parham, a UVA undergraduate business professor. Our younger students look up to our teens with admiration for their enthusiasm for Jewish teaching and learning.

Shelby Apple: Shelby Apple continued as a part of CBI's Religious School staff. Shelby worked as Rabbi Rachel's Educational Assistant, and her expertise and knowledge have added a measure of stability and professionalism to the program. We are pleased that she is able to continue in this position in the coming year.

Some Highlights from the Year:

Hebrew Through Movement: Rabbi Rachel continued the program called Hebrew through Movement which follows the educational method of TPR (total physical response). Students perform the actions of Hebrew words as they learn them. They jump, run, spin around, and point to various things around the room. The program aims to cultivate a love of the Hebrew language by making the learning joyous and fun. As children learn to read Hebrew in 3rd grade they will be able to actually read words in Hebrew, not just decode them.

Chug Program: Since our pilot chug (electives) program in the spring of 2017, chug has become an integral part of CBI's religious school program. Chug took place for 3rd through 5th grade students during 18 Sundays. All of the electives were based in experiential learning. For example, sports chug learned about Jewish values such as kavod (respect) and hakarat hatov (gratitude) and then were tasked to exercise the value out on the field. Another chug called, Jewish Chemistry Chug, taught by Sophie Dornfeld, a second year nursing and Jewish studies student at UVA, used science experiments as a launching pad for theological discussions. In our cooking chug called "A Taste of Torah," students cooked recipes that related to various Torah portions.

Doing Judaism in Jewish Time: This year again, CBI religious school made a special effort to make sure that students did not just learn about Judaism, but experienced Judaism in Jewish time. On Sukkot, Purim, Simchat Torah, and Yom Ha'atzmaut, we replaced regular class with school-wide holiday celebrations.

Beit Midrash: The Beit Midrash continued into its ninth year. We met on 5 Sunday mornings for Jewish text study, and have enjoyed a good mix of generations and backgrounds as we encountered a diverse selection of texts from the Torah, Talmud, Rashi, Kabbalah, Hasidic teachings, Yiddish literature, Israeli poetry, and the Haggadah. If you have not yet tried the Beit Midrash program, you will have the opportunity to do so in the future, as we are planning to continue in the coming years.

Purim Baskets: We delivered 600 baskets this year! We worked with Senior Connections to make sure that every Jewish senior in Cville received a Purim basket! CBI members ranging in age from 2 to 72 delivered Purim baskets to our local senior living facilities. It was a community effort as our Mitzvah Corp packed over 6000 Hamantaschen and the Hebrew High kids packed the out of town boxes. We made a net profit of \$30,000 this year!

Creative Chanukiah Competition: From modest beginnings in 2006 our annual contest has grown and grown. This year almost 30 families contributed beautiful, entertaining and unusual chanukiot! We are running out of table space to display the work of the many students and families who continue to contribute to this annual celebration, but apparently we are not yet out of creative ideas.

Hebrew High School: Hebrew High School staff consisted of Rabbi Rachel and Sherry Kraft. Our guest speakers/special events included speakers who taught about Israel and a special outing to Ragtime at Live Arts.

Megillah Reading: Rabbi Tom and Sharon McCord directed another awesome Purim schpiel that involved both the Chutzpah! choir as well as a few CBI religious school parents. Those of you who attended can attest to the quality of their efforts and how much the kids enjoyed that the schpiel was based on "Frozen." On Erev Purim, Rabbi Tom and Rabbi Rachel had a multi-media megillah reading with skits performed by our religious school and Hebrew High students.

Fourth Grade Wedding: Leslie Kendrick and Micah Schwartzman agreed to be married again by Rabbi Tom under the chuppah on a Sunday morning, enabling the fourth grade class to enjoy the beautiful "mock wedding" ceremony that they prepared for throughout their spring semester. Everyone enjoyed the dancing before the bride and groom which followed.

We are always eager to involve members of the adult CBI community in the education of our younger members. If you have a particular interest, expertise or an interesting Jewish family story to share, I hope you will contact us. We would like to share your talents with our students.

Rabbi Rachel Schmelkin, Associate Rabbi

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Ritual Practice Committee

The committee continues to support and adapt CBI's worship practices for our diverse community.

The Mishkan T'filah (Reform) setting remains an attractive choice for many being called to the Bimah as a Bar/Bat Mitzvah. CBI continues to offer Mishkan T'filah services throughout the year. Rabbi Rachel and Rabbi Tom along with a talented group of musicians lead a "Rock Shabbat" monthly. If you have not had an opportunity, please consider this new service.

The Traditional Egalitarian Shabbat Service remains a vital worship setting with a strong emphasis on lay leadership, including the encouragement of individuals to expand their synagogue skills. Starting this year this service will be available every Saturday morning.

This was the fourth year using the new Machzor for the High Holy Day services. Additionally, we have purchased 24 new Etz Hayim, Chumashim. Please consider helping to defray the costs of these books by purchasing either the new Machzorim or Chumashim for personal use or for dedication.

The Ritual Practice Committee also attends to the coordination and setting up of the High Holy Day services—and given that these services have two venues (CBI and Trinity Presbyterian Church), this is no mean feat! Please consider volunteering during the holidays.

In the upcoming year, the Ritual Practice Committee will continue to offer opportunities for meaningful worship for our community. We remain committed to assisting congregants strengthen and deepen their Jewish identity through ritual practice. The Ritual Practice Committee welcomes your input and if you are interested in serving on the committee, please contact any member or myself.

Sandy Schustek, RPC Committee Chair

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Security Committee

CBI's security committee takes a proactive approach to ensuring the safety and security of our congregation. The security committee applies a risk management framework to guide the synagogue in putting into place security countermeasures, policies, and procedures. The committee empowers CBI to take action by working to understand the threats facing CBI, assess CBI's vulnerabilities, and evaluate the consequences of potential scenarios.

To understand the threats facing our congregation, the security committee has developed partnerships with federal, state, and local law enforcement, Jewish communal organizations focused on security, and local community organizations. The security committee is in close, frequent contact with these partners.

To assess CBI's vulnerabilities, the security committee engaged a Department of Homeland Security Protective Security Adviser and the Charlottesville Police Department to conduct facility vulnerability assessments of CBI. The assessments provide CBI with a review of our current physical security, options for security enhancements, and tools to assess the effectiveness of the various options.

The security committee meets regularly to discuss threats, vulnerabilities, and the potential consequences of adverse events. As a result, the committee has completed a number of projects to put into place countermeasures at CBI. These countermeasures have included, but were not limited to, upgraded access controls, training for staff and teachers, and new emergency plans. In the coming year, the security committee intends to continue this work, including by undertaking a perimeter security project funded in part by the Department of Homeland Security's Nonprofit Security Grant Program.

Committee members: Yacov Haimes, Kent Schluskel, Ilan Levine, Gabriel Laufer, Kathryn Mawyer, Jill Abbey-Clark, Raya Rzeszut

Chair: Geoff Schmelkin (incoming chair: Kent Schluskel)

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Senior Connections

Submitted by Latifa Kropf

Torah study programs continue to be popular with seniors as well as community members:

- Kent Schluskel spoke about "Between Death and Burial." There were a lot of people and some very basic and important questions were raised and answered.
- Vanessa Ochs spoke about the "Art of Blessing"
- Sherry Kraft spoke about families in relationship to the Jacob / Esau story.
- Rachel Unkefer spoke for a second time and spoke about "Discovering the Remnants of a Rabbinic Dynasty"
- Alison Booth spoke about "Biographies of Jewish Women Before World War II"

Last year we had three Chanukah parties at Branchlands, Commonwealth and the Colonnades. This year we had 5- adding Rosewood Village and The Laurels. We had musicians at all but one of these.

The first Wise Aging group with 10 women is soon entering it's 3rd year. We finished the topics in The Wise Aging book so we have discussed The Mourner's Kaddish, the 23rd Psalm and the soul - all topics suggested by the group members. A second group began last May. This group has 6 women and seems to be doing well.

We had our second annual Tu b'shvat seder at The Colonnades and it was very well attended.

Last year for Purim we had a quiz show and all were invited to come with a joke emphasizing the theme *It's Adar; Be happy*. We had a lot of fun! Rabbi Tom came towards the end and brought a Megillah.

This year we had a Purim schpiel, "Megillah on the Roof," which came with Purim parodies to Fiddler on the Roof tunes. The majority of the actors were seniors. We had two rehearsals and a lot of fun. There was a large and enthusiastic audience.

The Colonnades, which continues to have the largest number of Jewish residents, lost their Jewish administrator last year. He had been a great supporter of the Jewish residents, sponsoring a Chanukah party and a Passover seder. Before he left last spring I visited him and went over his Haggadah. We had seder this year and some of the seniors took an active role. One woman made a middle eastern charoset, another asked the 4 Questions in Portuguese, another in Yiddish and another in German. Approximately 40 people attended.

In the past the Jewish community at Westminster Canterbury had created and run their Jewish programs pretty independently. This year there was a mix up with their Chanukah party so I contacted the resident there who has been overseeing all of the programs and offered her my help. She was thrilled. So, I'm now in a supporting role there- helping to organize and lead their seder. We are also working on their Holocaust memorial program which will feature a video of an interview with Annette Hollo.

Home visits are continuing as well as lunch dates, and check in phone calls and emails. Two seniors are working on Jewish liturgy. In the past three months visits were made with 22 different people; many had multiple visits. One of our seniors celebrated his 100th birthday! Four women from Westminster Canterbury came to the Hadassah shabbat service in part because their transportation was assured. Transportation continues to be a difficult issue for seniors.

We are looking forward to another year of more engaging Torah study sessions, holiday celebrations and meaningful visits.

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Endowment Trustees

Submitted by Elliott Weiss

Congregation Beth Israel of Charlottesville, Virginia owns and manages three endowment trust funds for the benefits of three entities within the congregation:

- The **Second Century Fund** was established in 1984 to provide a perpetual source of funds to supplement CBI's operating budget. The Fund operates as an endowment, and the principal of the Fund is held in trust governed by a Board of Trustees. Proceeds from the Fund are made available annually to the Congregation, and this contribution has historically represented approximately 6 percent of CBI's annual budget. The Fund principal is invested for sustainable income and growth, so a gift to the Second Century Fund is a gift that keeps on giving. Continued growth of the Second Century Fund is integral to the fiscal health of the Congregation. Donors who make cumulative gifts of \$15,000 or more are recognized as "Second Century Fund Fellows." The Second Century Fund Fellowship was established in memory of J. Marymor, who served as President of CBI in 1984 and was instrumental in founding the Second Century Fund.
- The **Rabbinic Endowment Fund Trust ("REFT")** was created in 2000 to support and enhance the professional growth, development, learning and capabilities of the Rabbi of Congregation Beth Israel. Its mission is similar to the Second Century Fund, except that the funds are earmarked for rabbinic responsibilities.
- In 2005, the **Preschool Endowment Fund Trust ("PEFT")** was created to support and enhance the professional growth, development, learning, and capabilities of the teachers, director and/or staff of the early childhood education program of CBI. Its mission is similar to the other two trusts, except that the funds are earmarked for the CBI Preschool.

The rules regarding the management of the funds are similar. It is important to note that the funds are managed independently of the congregation and its board of directors.

Role of the Trustees

In addition to up to four Trustees named to the funds, ex-officio trustees include the current President and Trustees of CBI. The roles of the Trustees are:

- *To decide the maximum funds allowable for a given year for distribution to CBI.* The amount is calculated by determining the "deemed sustainable income," an amount that will allow the funds to exist in perpetuity, yet still provide support for the congregation, rabbi and preschool. Historically, 4% of the principal as of December 31 has been used as "deemed sustainable income." This amount has been determined to meet the donors' wishes of providing both income to the congregational entities and the need for a perpetual endowment. The trustees inform the CBI board of the maximum amount and the board may choose to request the funds or not.
- *To determine an investment strategy for the funds.* Historically, the trustees have balanced the needs of growth and risk reduction by investing in a balanced portfolio of equities and fixed-income securities. This strategy has diversified away a significant portion of the risk while not sacrificing a great deal of return. The balance has been 70% equities and 30% fixed income. Each year, the Trustees decide whether to rebalance the funds to match these percentages. The funds have been invested in mutual funds in a brokerage account managed by Davenport rather than have members or Trustees of the funds actively manage the funds.

- *Providing guidance to the CBI finance committee for future disbursements.* For budgetary purposes, the fund Trustees also inform the finance committee of the amount of money to expect for the next fiscal year. This amount is not binding, but can be used in preparation of the next fiscal year's budget. The 4% figure has been used in the past.
- *To act with regard to original donors' intent.* Funds donated to the three congregational trust funds have been donated with the expectation that they will provide income to the congregation in perpetuity. Trustees must take this primary mission into account when deciding the distribution limit and the balancing of the funds.

Current Balances

The balances in the endowment funds as of the first quarter of 2019 (3/31/19) are:

• 2nd Century Fund	\$ 766,156
• Pre-School Endowment Fund Trust	\$ 281,444
• Rabbi's Endowment Fund Trust	\$ 1,208,985
• Total	\$ 2,256,545

Last year we distributed:

• 2nd Century Fund	\$30,717
• PEFT	\$10,734
• REFT	\$49,305

Current Policies

We invest in mutual funds with a balance of 70% equities and 30% fixed income. We also attempt to diversify in international stocks.

Our policy is to distribute 4% of the fund balance each year as "deemed sustainable income" in order to maintain the funds in perpetuity.



Tzedakah Fund Committee

The Tzedakah Fund committee at CBI would like to thank our congregants for the generous donations to the fund this year. 15 Grants totaling approximately \$11,000 were given to local charitable groups to fund specific program needs. This was a challenging year as the number of needs far exceeded our available funds. To date the Fund has distributed over \$125,000 to local nonprofits in our community.

The committee would like to thank the Purim Basket Appeal being linked with the Tzedakah Fund; your donations via the Purim appeal increased the value of the fund by 10% (funding the equivalent of a full additional grant).

The committee is proud to support and promote the core value of Tzedakah and represent CBI in the greater Charlottesville community. While our formal appeal won't be issued until early 2020, know that donations can be made through the CBI office at any point in the year. We welcome all congregants to be part of this effort in CBI's name. If you would like to join this committee, please contact Sandy Schustek (sschustek@comcast.net).

Sandy Schustek, Tzedakah Fund Committee Chair

This year, BITY has continued to thrive. So many students attend each of the out of town conclaves, that we need a chaperone almost every time. Our continuing mission is to help foster a safe and inclusive environment for Jewish teen engagement at CBI through innovative and creative programming. Throughout the next year, we hope to continue to build on our successes. We are sad that our current youth group director Amy Ackerman, will be leaving us (though for a good reason. She is getting married and moving to Philadelphia). We are excited that Becky Pilipowskyj, Jewish young professional and active JewC participant, will be taking over the role. We have provided a sample of some of the fun and enriching events that have taken place this year.

Fall 2018

In September, we had an apple pastry baking event to celebrate Rosh Hashanah. We donated all of the baked goods to the Haven. Later in the fall we also went to Jump, the indoor trampoline park in Charlottesville. The BITY-ites spent the afternoon jumping, doing obstacle courses, and playing.

Winter 2018/19

Celebrating Chanukah with BITY is always a blast. We enjoyed pizza downtown, ice cream, and played a lot of fun games after returning to CBI in the evening for a sleepover. Amy Ackerman mentored our teens through the process of writing their own programs! We concluded the program with a beautiful Havdalah service written and led by BITY's religious and cultural vice president.

Spring 2019

March was a busy month for us! After our board meeting, we decided that our Purim Carnival would have a Disney theme. We met as a board, with several other BITY members, on Saturday night to set up for the carnival. We enjoyed dinner on the mall and then participated in a program planned by BITY's Programming Vice President. The next day, the carnival was a huge success. Some popular games we offered included the ever-exciting donut eating contest, cornhole, hit Hay-man, fishing, and many other fun games. We had plenty of pizza and snacks to go around, and we met our fundraising goals.

Rabbi Rachel Schmelkin and Amy Ackerman

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CATEGORY	DONOR	SPOUSE / PARTNER	TRIBUTE
2017/18 Sustainer (\$500-999)	John Rothberg	Diane Rothberg	
2018/19 Sustainer (\$500-999)	Benjamin Purow	Marjory Ruderman	IHO Rabbi Tom and Rabbi Rachel
	Carrie Laria Cooper	Truitt Cooper	
	Daniel Brenig	Lynn Boatwright	
	David Heilbronner	Lynn Valentine	
	David Izakowitz	Alison Booth	
	Diane Hillman		IMO Bunny and David Gartner
	Edward Klees	Susan Klees	
	Gabriel Laufer		IMO Liora Laufer
	Henry J Abraham	Mildred Abraham	IMO Fred, Liesel, & Otto Abraham
	Ivan Login	Marsha Login	
	Charlottesville Area Community Foundation: Jeffrey & Judy Morton Fund		
	Jenny Strauss Clay		IHO Blaire French, Phyllis Leffler & Vikki Bravo
	Jim Ostroff	Wendy Shapiro	
	John B Pickering	Jacque Pickering	
	John Rothberg	Diane Rothberg	
	Kate Kessler		
	Kent Schlusell	Judith Schlusell	
	Lawrence M Zippin	Gretchen Gehrett	
	Lawrence Phillips		
	Linda Duska	Christopher Duska	
	Mark H Stoler	Paula Stoler	IMO Evelyn and Leonard Stoler
	Martin Meth	Anne Meth	
	Peppy G. Linden		
	Rachel Harmon	Robert Newman	

CATEGORY	DONOR	SPOUSE / PARTNER	TRIBUTE
2018/19 Sustainer (\$500-999) - continued	Richard Bonnie	Kathleen Ford	
	Ronald Baellow	Janet Spivak Baellow	
	David Summers	Nancy Summers	
	Russell Linden	Jackie Lichtman	
	Ruth G Picker		
	Sandy J Schustek	Sari Bennett	
	Sherry Kraft		IMO Bill Lucy
2018/19 Builder (\$1000-2499)	Alan Zimmerman	Nancy Whitman	
	Barbara Fried		
	Bradley Kesser	Sonnia Kesser	
	David Balaban	Lori Balaban	
	George H Cohen	Lauren Schlecker Cohen	
	Geri Schirmer		IHO Jack Nemett, Rose Nemett, and Max Rubenoff
	Kenneth Abraham	Susan Stein	
	Lila Mait		IMO Martin B. Mait
	Martin Meth	Anne Meth	
	Melvyn Leffler	Phyllis Leffler	
	Michael R Gilbert	Lisa Schroeer	
	Michael S Weiner	Susan Weiner	
	Terri J Zweig		
	Tom Guthertz		
2018/19 Founder (\$2500-4999)	Charles Rotgin Jr.	Whitley Rotgin	
	Daniel M Brody	Nancy Brody	
	Fred Epstein	Beth Epstein	
	Louis L Klein		
	Peter A Spielman	Liz Spielman	
	Yacov Haimes	Sonia Haimes	
2018/19 Leader (\$5000+)	Charlottesville Area Community Foundation: Dorman Weiss Family Fund		

CATEGORY	DONOR	SPOUSE / PARTNER	TRIBUTE
2018/19 Leader (\$5000+) - continued	Charles Johnston	Carol Silverman-Johnston	
	Robert M Epstein		IMO Fromma Wellman
	Sara Rimm-Kaufman		

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Donors - All Categories - 2018/19

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CATEGORY	DONOR	SPOUSE / PARTNER	TRIBUTE
2017/18 General Fund	Arthur Kaufman	Pauline Kaufman	IMO John Kaufman
	David Wood	Helen Wood	IMO Fred Brenner
	Estelle Guttman		IMO David Lewis
	Fran Feigert	Frank Feigert	IHO the birth of Rosa Gyal
	Gary Kupfer	Michele Kupfer	IMO Betty Dorman; Jerome Zimmerman; David Silvermetz
	Gerry M Berg	Vikki Bravo	IHO Herb Keuchen's birthday
	Jack Pickering		IMO Fred Brenner
	Jack Weber	Carol Weber	IMO Betty Dorman
	Joan Seif		IHO Herb Keuchen's birthday
	Peter Kropf	Latifa Kropf	IMO Fred Brenner
	Richard B. Tanson		IMO father, Sumner Tanson's, yahrzeit
	Robert Parham		
	Ronald Williams	Susan Williams	IMO John Kaufman
	Samuel E Pincus	Elizabeth Pincus	IHO Victoria Feigert's Bat Mitzvah
	Walton Lindsay	Carol Lindsay	IMO Fred Brenner
2018/19 General Fund	Peter Dewitz	Pamela Dewitz	IMO David Katz
	Alan Zimmerman	Nancy Whitman	
	Amanda Korman		
	Anna Bobrow		IHO Rabbi Rachel Schmelkin
	Barbara Katz		IHO Jonathan Katz and Claire Payton
	Anonymous		

CATEGORY	DONOR	SPOUSE / PARTNER	TRIBUTE
2018/19 General Fund - continued	Barry Blumenthal	Janet Wolfe	
	Benjamin R Kozower	Nicole Fedoravicius	
	Bernard Bress		
	Bernard Lynn		IMO John Kaufman
	Brian Annex	Joellen Schildkraut	
	Caroline Rody	Jahan Ramazani	IHO the leadership of Rabbi Tom and Rabbi Rachel
	Cheri Woodard	Martin H. Woodard	IMO Ruth Bigelson
	Clergy and Laity United for Justice and Peace		IMO Antoinette Gray
	David Gitter		
	David Heilbronner	Lynn Valentine	
	Deborah B Shapiro		
	Deborah Cohn	Charlotte Patterson	
	Dina Morgulis		IMO Antoinette Gray
	Donna Vogel		From both Donna Vogel and David Margulies thanking CBI for welcoming us during our visit to Charlottesville over Shabbat Beshallah
	Doris Stamper		
	Doug Weiss	Victoria Weiss	
	Edward H Brownfield	Roberta Brownfield	IHO Shelby Apple and Kathryn Mawyer
	Edward Stelow	Anna Stelow	following events in Pittsburgh -- we stand with you on the importance of goodness in this very troubled world.
	Ellen Teplitzky		
	Etta Harmon Levin	Julius Levin	
	Evie Safran		IHO Rabbi Tom and Rabbi Rachel for their dedication to bringing people of diverse backgrounds together in prayer & song.
	Frances Rudman		
	Gabriel Felder		
	Gary Kupfer	Michele Kupfer	IMO Gretel Meyer
	Geoffrey Cyril Hazzan	Joan Vernikos Hazzan	
	Grace Zisk		IMO Antoinette Gray

CATEGORY	DONOR	SPOUSE / PARTNER	TRIBUTE
2018/19 General Fund - continued	Haya Naftali Doppelt		
	Irina M Bochkis		
	Isaac Rosen		IHO Rachel Rosen
	Jacquie Pickering		IMO Gretel Meyer
	Jason Conway		IHO Leah Baker
	Jay H Barchat	Barbara Barchat	
	Jeffrey Land		IHO Alan Zimmerman's leadership
	Jerry Rosenthal	Faye Rosenthal	
	Jill Levenson Eisenberg		IMO Jacob & Charlotte Levenson
	John Ackerman		
	Jonathan I Chisdes	Natasha Chisdes	
	Joyce Dubow		IHO Mel & Phyllis Leffler
	Judith Weiss		
	Kenneth Kastan	Christine Kastan	IMO John Kaufman
	Laura Lippman		
	Lee Shapiro		IMO Linda Shapiro
	Lisa Perlbinder	Thomas Porter	
	Mark H Stoler	Paula Stoler	
	Martin Meth	Anne Meth	IMO Blanche Meth and Sylvia Weber yearzeits
	Micah Schwartzman	Leslie Kendrick	
	Michael M Thorner	Prue Thorner	IMO Anita Kramer
	Nicola Datta		
	Noah Fitzgerald		
	Paige Perriello		
	Paul Walters		
	Peppy Linden		IMO Antoinette Gray
	Peter Berry Kropf	Latifa Kropf	
	Rabbi Robert Haas		"Wonderfully gracious"
	Rachel Horvath		
	Rachel Rosen		
	Richard B. Tanson		On the occasion of the Tree of Life tragedy
	Richard Bonnie	Kathleen Ford	IMO David O'Brien
	Samuel E Pincus	Elizabeth Pincus	
	Saul Kaplan	Carol Kaplan	IMO of Ruth & Benjamin Miller and Sadie & Joseph Kaplan
	Scott Supraner	Victoria Supraner	

CATEGORY	DONOR	SPOUSE / PARTNER	TRIBUTE
2018/19 General Fund - continued	Sheila Katz		
	Sheldon Miller	Florence Miller	
	Sonia Haimes		IMO Lillian Epstein and Gretel Meyer
	Stephen Salzberg	Sharon Salzberg	IMO William & Edith Brotman
	Steven Borenstein	Diane Borenstein	
	Stuart Turnansky		
	Susan Barracks Yourtz		
	Sydna Julian	William Julian	"For Your Work"
	TobyJoy Gonias		On the Occasion of Rosalyn Reed's naming: TY to Rabbi Tom & Chutzpah Choir for their generosity and support!
	Yale Penzell	Lidia Penzell	
2nd Century Fund	Anonymous		
	Jack Hirsch		
Adult Education Fund	Judith Kahn		IHO Nancy Summers and all volunteers who make the film series so enjoyable and memorable!
August 12 Fund	Janelle Jennings		
	Martin Porush		
	United Jewish Fund for Charlottesville, Inc.		for security needs
Building Fund	Daniel Doernberg	Rachel Unkefer	IMO Gretel Meyer and Antoinette Gray
	Henry McHenry, Jr.		In appreciation from Russian Chorus
	Jacque Pickering		
	Lee Shapiro		IMO Yvette Burke
Camp CBI	Micah Schwartzman	Leslie Kendrick	Mr. G sponsorship
	Susan Sherman		IHO Alan Zimmerman and Nancy Whitman

CATEGORY	DONOR	SPOUSE / PARTNER	TRIBUTE
Caring Committee	Arthur Ritz	Renee Ritz	IMO David Silvermetz
	Bill S Gray		IHO all of those kind friends who have donated to CBI in Antoinette's memory
	Carol L Chandross		IHO their help for Beth Epstein
	Gerry M Berg		for David Lewis' meal of consolation
Cemetery Fund	Joan E. Solomon		IMO Isabelle Post Schechter; Edith Schechter; Monroe I. Schechter
	Lee Shapiro		IMO Linda Susan Shapiro
Chevra Kadishah	Lee Shapiro		IMO Harry Rosenthall
Chutzpah Chorus	Fred Lowit	Denise Lowit	In appreciation for the CD and their visits to Westminster Canterbury
	Jack Hirsch		
	Jan Levin		
	Lila Mait		On the Occasion of the Holocaust Remembrance at Westminster Canterbury
David & Paula Lewis High Holidays Flower Fund	Ben Lewis	Laura Lewis	IMO their parents, David and Paula
	Benjamin Purow	Marjory Ruderman	
	Ellen Bender		
	Fran Feigert	Frank Feigert	
	Larry Borish	Lori Borish	
	Edward H Brownfield	Roberta Brownfield	IHO David & Paula Lewis
Educators Discretionary Fund	Andrew Medlin		
	Bernard Beitman	Paula Levine	
	David A Lewis		
	Harri O Wasch		IHO Rabbi Rachel to say TY for blessing her granddaughter
	Ivan Torres-Ubillus		in appreciation for High Holy Days
	Marjie Galler		IHO Rabbi Rachel

CATEGORY	DONOR	SPOUSE / PARTNER	TRIBUTE
Educators Discretionary Fund - continued	Micah Schwartzman	Leslie Kendrick	
	Noah Karr-Kaitin		
	Phyllis Palombi		
	Raya Rzeszut		IHO Rabbi Rachel
	St. Anne's Belfield School		
	Suzanne E Bombard		
High Holidays	Adrienne Fransas		
	Andrew Eric Curley	Lauren Louise Curley	
	Burton Marks	Florence Marks	
	Daniel McCartha		
	Daniel Weller		
	Deborah B Shapiro		
	Elaine Weiss		
	Jeanette Spindel	Murray Spindel	
	Jeffrey Gutman		
	Jeffrey Pollock		
	Julie M Convisser		
	Larry Liebert		
	Maggi Gaines		
	MaryAnn Reitmeir		
	Nan Halperin		
	Nathan Freed	Elaine Freed	
	Paul Nelson		
	Richard Sugarman		
	Robert Byron	Cheryl Byron	
	Sandra Garrett		
	Susan Silver		
	Terry N Newell		
	Don Sherman	Elaine Sherman	
	Doris Stamper		
	Ira Bashkow	Lise Dobrin	IHO George Cohen
	Ivan Torres-Ubillus		
	Laurie Anne Goldsticker		Thank you for the Aliyah!
	Michael Flam		
	Robert Ginsberg		
	Tom R Williamson	Gail Williamson	IMO Our loved ones

CATEGORY	DONOR	SPOUSE / PARTNER	TRIBUTE
High Holidays - continued	William Tucker	Elly Tucker	IHO Rabbis Tom & Rachel, Kathryn, Lukas, Alan Zimmerman, George Cohen, Jill Clark, Shelby Apple, Raya Rzeszut, Haya Naftali, & Sandy Schustek, but for all who contribute to the group effort!
Maialily Schult Memorial Fund	Elayne Kornblatt Phillips		
	Peppy Linden		Congratulations, Haya, on the birth of your granddaughter!
	Rachel Rosen		
	Sara Rimm-Kaufman		
Memorials / Plaques	Andrea Eisenberg		
	Victor D Baum	Lora Baum	
Preschool Endowment Fund Trust	Charlottesville Area Community Foundation: Dorman Weiss Family Fund		
	Geoffrey Schmelkin	Rachel Schmelkin	
	Rachel Berez Skadron		IMO Linda Wolff Berez
	Richard Schragger	Risa Goluboff	
Prayerbook & Ritual Objects Fund	Jeanette Spindel	Murray Spindel	
	Laurance Wieder	Andrea Wieder	
	Lawrence M Zippin	Gretchen Gehrett	
	Lee Shapiro		IMO Linda Susan Shapiro
	Melvyn Leffler	Phyllis Leffler	
	Michael M Thorner	Prue Thorner	for donation of Etz Hayim and sets of machzorim
	Mitchell Neuman	Julie Neuman	IHO Scott Goodman
	Rosilyn Bolski		
	Sara Rimm-Kaufman		sponsorship of 10 sets of machzorim
	Saradona Lefkowitz		IHO Martin & Anne Meth
	Sheila Katz		2 sets sponsored machzorim

CATEGORY	DONOR	SPOUSE / PARTNER	TRIBUTE
Preschool Programming	Aaron Fein	Dahlia Lithwick	IMO Antoinette Gray
	Abby Rosen		IMO Dan & Rose Rosen
	Alan Zimmerman	Nancy Whitman	IMO Jerome Zimmerman
	Allison Doughtie		IHO Ben & Alice Brown
	Amalia Miller	Geoffrey Warner	
	Anton Dammer	Dianna Dammer	
	Bailey Eck		IHO Lyle Morris
	Benjamin R Kozower	Nicole Fedoravicius	IHO Jill Abbey Clark
	Caroline Lapan		IMO Sheldon Lapan
	Christopher (Kit) Fleming		
	David Katz		IMO Jan Brinch
	Dennis Gray		
	Diane Nemett	Barry Nemett	IMO Bobbi & Milton Nemett
	Edward Perusse	Lucy Perusse	
	Ellen Dietrick		
	Ellen Saltzman	Stuart Saltzman	IHO Jill Abbey Clark
	Emily Smith		IMO Martha Ahrens
	Fred Epstein	Beth Epstein	
	Glenn Simon		IMO Richard Kaufman (grandfather of Ian and Evan Kaufman)
	Gordon (Jim) Trousdale	Joanne LaMotte	
	Helga Warner		
	James Hallissy	Pamela Hallissy	IHO Luke & Seth Brown
	Jay L. Cohen	Anita Cohen	IHO The Cohen Family
	Judith Paulick	Philip Paulick	
	Kenneth Fleming		To Celebrate Dot Fleming's 2nd Birthday!
	Laura Stegner		IHO Soloman Weiss
	Lyla Miller		IHO Dara Eliana Warner
	Marjorie Belliotti		IHO Ellis O'Shea
	Mark Leasure	Tana Leasure	IHO Henry Leasure
	Mark Richard Otis		
	Mickie Flanigan		IHO Will Verity
	Paul Galeazzi	Joan Galeazzi	IMO Sheldon Lapan
	Peter Kloosterman		
	Rabbi Joel Schwartzman	Ziva Schwartzman	
	Richard Abbey	Eileen Abbey	IHO Jill Abbey Clark
	Richard Randolph	Susan Randolph	
	Russell Linden	Jackie Lichtman	IMO Gretel Meyer
	Wayne R Matson	Alice Reed	

CATEGORY	DONOR	SPOUSE / PARTNER	TRIBUTE
Preschool Programming - continued	Arthur Ritz	Renee Ritz	IMO David Silvermetz
	Noah B Bolton	Samantha Freed	
Purim Baskets	Alan Zimmerman	Nancy Whitman	2019 Basket Sponsor
	Edward H Brownfield	Roberta Brownfield	2019 Basket Sponsor
	Gabriel Laufer		2019 Basket Sponsor
	Gerry Gottlieb	Audrey Gottlieb	Thanks for my basket!
	Gerry M Berg	Vikki Bravo	2019 Basket Sponsor
	Jack Hirsch		2019 Basket Sponsor
	Louis S. Bloomfield	Karen Bloomfield	2019 Basket Sponsor
	Marc Allan		2019 Basket Sponsor
	Michael Brinkac		
	Michael R Gilbert	Lisa Schroeer	2019 Basket Sponsor
	Nathaniel A. Tricker	Rachel Tricker	2019 Basket Sponsor
	Rabbi Dan Alexander	Dela Alexander	Caring Baskets Sponsor
	Anonymous		2019 Basket Sponsor
	Terri J Zweig		2019 Basket Sponsor
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund	Aaron Zatcoff	MaryBeth Collins	
	Andrea Galina		IMO Michael Galina
	Bella Wolf		IMO Joseph Wolf
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