



THE Shofar

Congregation Beth Emeth

Freedom and Equality

Rabbi Michelle Goldsmith (RabbiMina@bethemeth.org)

Undoubtedly many people are excited and anxious to say goodbye to the year 2020 and eagerly begin the year 2021. When we began the year 2020 nobody could have predicted how dramatically our lives would change due to COVID-19, lockdowns, civil unrest, etc. Thus it is that while I am looking forward to the year that we are beginning, I know too that the year will undoubtedly bring surprises to us all. However, there are some things that do not change, including the wisdom in our Torah.

As happens quite often with the Torah reading cycle, during this month of January we will once again conclude the book of Bereishit (Genesis) and begin the book of Shemot (Exodus). In the concluding parashah of Bereishit we read about the family of Jacob as his family is reunited after decades apart. While it hasn't been a decade, it has been close to a year since many of us have been able to freely visit with our families and friends. The sense of longing that filled Jacob's heart for so long is one we are now familiar with ourselves.

Unlike Jacob, who was blessed to be with his entire family at the end of his life, many of us have watched our loved ones go through illness, hospitalizations, and the dying process in near total isolation due to COVID-19 guidelines in hospitals, nursing facilities, etc. Jacob makes clear at the end of his life is that he wishes to offer his children and grandchildren, wisdom, hope, and guidance into the future. So too many of us have been reminded throughout this crisis about the true meaning of family, life, love, kindness, and the things that truly matter. Hopefully the wisdom we have gained through so much suffering and loss is not forgotten as soon as things return to "normal."

In the book of Shemot (Exodus) we read how quickly life can go from pleasant to oppressive seemingly overnight. One moment our ancestors were honored guests of the pharaoh and the next they were enslaved. The book of Exodus itself tells the tales of our ancestors' oppression, their cries for freedom, and

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Happy Tu B'Shevat !

New Year for Trees: Plant a tree in Israel
Plant seeds • Buy Israeli produce

Tu B'Shevat is Wednesday, January 27 (15 Shevat)

As we slowly re-open the building, we are holding certain services in person, with appropriate precautions and remote options. Please watch your email or check bethemeth.org/covid-19 to confirm events listed in this issue.



JANUARY SERVICES

Erev Shabbat (online only): 6:15 PM
January 1
January 8
January 15 - MLK, Jr. Shabbat
January 22
January 29

Shabbat Morning (in-person and online): 9:00 AM
January 2 - *Vayechi*
January 9 - *Shemot*
Shabbat Mevarchim
January 16 - *Vaera*
January 23 - *Bo*
January 30 - *Beshalach*
Shabbat Shirah (Shabbat of Song) - Musical Shabbat service led (virtually) by JTS Cantorial Student Neal Taibel (see p. 2)

Minyanim (online only):
Sundays: 9:00 AM
January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Wednesdays: 8:00 PM
January 6, 13, 20, 27

ONLINE EVENTS

Check the bethemeth.org/calendar and bethemeth.org/news for details and updates.

Washington Walk: "Women Who Changed America" (see p. 7)
Tuesday, December 29 7:00 PM

Challah-Baking: Evening Edition (see p. 4)
Thursdays, January 7 & 14 7:00 PM

An Evening on Broadway! (see p. 4)
Saturday, January 16 7:00 PM

Coping with Stress Following a Long Year of Pandemic (see p. 4)
Sunday, January 24 11:00 AM

"Travel to Israel" with CBE (see p. 4)
February 8-12 1:00-3:00 PM

Meet Israeli Photographer Moshe Milner (see p. 4)
Sunday, February 14 11:00 AM

Cook Authentic Israeli Dishes (see p. 4)
Monday, February 22 5:30 PM

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Celebrate Shabbat Shirah (Shabbat of Song)

CBE welcomes Neal Taibel as our virtual "Cantor for a Day" Saturday, January 30th



Neal Taibel

Beth Emeth Sisterhood is pleased to sponsor a cantorial student from the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) to be our virtual "cantor for a day" on **January 30th**. Whether you attend services virtually or in person, please join us beginning at 9:00 a.m. as we welcome **Neal Taibel**, a second-year cantorial student at JTS, who will lead us in a melodic Musaf service and present a brief musical program. Go to www.bethemeth.org/services for the Zoom link and prayerbook download, as well as safety & reservation information if you'd like to participate in-person.

Neal earned a Bachelor of Music Vocal Performance from the Frost School of Music at the University of Miami. His passions include singing on the bimah and performing opera. "I am honored to study at JTS," he said. "I hope to make a difference in the Jewish community by helping others experience the inspirational gifts of Jewish music and prayer."

Through your donations to JTS Torah Fund, Neal is able to study cantorial music at JTS. We have invited him to show one of the ways your donations to Torah Fund are helping young Jewish scholars. Torah Fund urgently needs your support during this difficult time. To contribute online (preferred), please go to www.jtsa.edu/torahfund. Or mail your check payable to Torah Fund to CBE, Attn. Sisterhood Torah Fund Chair.



Send articles to:
shofar@bethemeth.org

February 2021 Shofar Deadline:
Tuesday, January 5

NEW SHOFAR DEADLINE POLICY:

Due to continuing mail delays, we must receive article submissions **on or before the 5th of the month** prior to publication (or the next day if the 5th is Shabbat or a Jewish holiday.) Articles received after the deadline will not be published. Thank you.

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Happy Secular New Year!

Leslie Lesch (president@bethemeth.org)

Like many of you, I'm excited to welcome in the new year and hope that it brings us all a year of good cheer.

While 2020 was a tough year for many of us, there were some very positive aspects to it as well. As I said to one Bar/Bat Mitzvah student a couple of months ago, 2020 has definitely made us all resilient. We have learned, both individually and as a community, how to flex and adapt to what is going on around us. As a community we have learned to meet, socialize, learn, and pray virtually. If you had asked me a year ago whether or not I thought we would be able to move all of our Beth Emeth "business" online I would have said NO WAY! But we moved quickly, made decisions, switched over, and have not looked back. In fact, I do not think we will ever go back to completely the way things were before. While we all want a return to normalcy, I firmly believe that the virtual world to which we have adapted is here to stay and see us working in a hybrid model going forward.

Ask the President

One recent event on which I want to spend a few minutes is the Ask the President sessions that we held in November. Between the two sessions, there were roughly 60 people (or individual computers) in attendance. In fact, some loved the first session so much that they logged in to the second one as well. I was excited to see so many people there and to hear your thoughts and concerns. As I had said when we introduced these sessions, no conversation was off limits. If I was unable to answer a question, I said that, and we have done follow-up on several of the topics that were raised.

For those of you who were not there, let me give you a brief recap of the topics. Several themes emerged in the two meetings. The first was questions about the upcoming rabbi search. Topics such as: How will we do this? What process will we use? A caution that it will be hard during these challenging times of COVID. Requests to make sure that the various demographics are included on the search committee. The comments were acknowledged and as I have said, we will be communicating information on the rabbi search regularly as we proceed through the process. As you all saw, I have asked Robyn Feuerberg to lead the search committee. She is currently learning about the process, pulling together the committee, and setting up communications mechanisms. There will be a page on our website dedicated to the rabbi search and there will be regular communications to the congregation.

Ongoing Discussion: Participation in Social Justice Activities

The next theme was a discussion around our stand/policy regarding participation in social justice activities. Several members expressed their feelings that we should be more involved in social justice initiatives and that these represent Jewish values at their core. I did not specifically address this during the sessions other than to listen, however let me take a moment and address it here. We have talked extensively about the fact that our congregation today is divided on many fronts and opinions. This includes our opinions on participation in social justice activities. Some feel strongly about participation in everything; others find such participation to be taking a political stand. I am not asking you to express your opinion at the moment on this topic. What I am asking is that you understand and respect the perspective of the other side of the argument. As we move forward in the coming months and continue to assess who we are as a congregation in conjunction with the Rabbi search, we may revisit this topic. We are an apolitical organization. While we will not as an organization participate in some of these activities, I encourage each of you to find your voice in the way that makes the most sense for you personally on topics important to you. If that means you collect some friends and go march (in a safe manner please), then do so. If it means you write an article expressing your views, then do so. We all have topics about which we feel strongly and we should personally act on those in the manner we see best for us.

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WINTER PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Challah-Baking at a Whole New Level: Evening Edition – Thursdays, Jan. 7 & 14, 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Back by popular demand! Have you always wanted to learn how to bake challah, but were a bit uneasy trying it on your own? Are you familiar with basic challah and bread making techniques but are interested in adding a bit of pizzazz to your challah baking? This two-evening online challah baking class is for both novice and experienced challah bakers, and is a reprise of a very successful daytime class in November. For details & (free) registration, go to www.bethemeth.org/event/challah-jan2021.



An Evening on Broadway! Steve Friedman and Jewish Contributions to Broadway – Saturday Jan. 16, 7:00 PM

CBE members, family and friends are invited to join Steve Friedman, tenor and storyteller for a fun-filled evening of inside stories, video clips and fabulous music from some of the most famous Broadway Musicals



of all time. The virtual presentation will focus on some of the contributions from many Jewish composers, producers, and directors from Broadway.

Gather round your computer screen and get ready to sing along (muted of course!) to your favorite Broadway Musical hits! For more info and (free) registration, go to www.bethemeth.org/event/broadway.

Coping with Stress Following a Long Year of Pandemic – Sunday, Jan. 24, 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

With shut-downs and isolation stretching longer than ever imagined, many of us are experiencing “Pandemic Fatigue.” Learn specific techniques and hear new ideas from our own Dr. Rebecca Fleischer to help you and your family deal with extra stress during these unprecedented times. Q&A session will follow. Free; all are welcome, whether you participated in the September session or not.



Please RSVP and include any questions you may have, at www.bethemeth.org/event/stress-jan24. Having questions in advance will help Dr. Fleischer design her talk around the needs of the participants.

A Unique Opportunity to “Travel to Israel” – Four consecutive days: Monday, Feb. 8 – Thursday, Feb. 12, 1:00 to 3:00 PM

Cost per computer/registrant: \$25

Hop on the Zoom Bus with us and visit special sites that highlight the Birth of the Modern State of Israel.



Our highly experienced Israel tour guide and Jewish educator, Mordechai Cohen, will share engaging stories connected to each of the sites visited by the virtual tour bus. Rabbi Mina will travel with us and share her wisdom and expertise during the second hour of each day.

Space is limited to 20 computers/registrants to keep the group small, much like a real bus tour, and to foster meaningful and comfortable discussions. For more information and to register, go to www.bethemeth.org/israel2021.

Meet Moshe Milner, Photographer for Israeli Government Press Office 1967-2014 – Sunday, February 14, 11:00 AM to 12:15 PM

Moshe’s warmth and charm and his artistic talent of capturing the human side of his famous subjects made him Israel’s best known and most



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Ellyn Greenspan and Carol Silberstein, Hazak Co-Chairs (hazak@bethemeth.org)

NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, January 19, 1:00 - 2:00 PM via Zoom
Dr. Richard Rubenstein:
“Religious Conflicts and Their Resolutions”

Upcoming Hazak Programs:

Feb. 16: Amy Schwartz: *Moment Magazine’s* “Ask the Rabbis” Feature

March 16: Gilah Goldsmith: “Passover”

April 20: Steve Silberstein: “My Father’s Story of Surviving the Holocaust and The Auschwitz 75th Liberation Commemoration

May 11: Chuck Cascio: “*The Fire Escape Stories*”

June 15: TBA

Hazak is the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism’s organization that supports programming for folks 55+. Adults of any age are welcome. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month. Tell your friends! If you aren’t on the Hazak email list, contact hazak@bethemeth.org for the Zoom link.



Shalom! Please join in welcoming Dr. Richard Rubenstein to our next Hazak meeting, scheduled for **Tuesday, January 19th** from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Dr. Rubenstein will speak about “Religious Conflicts and Their Resolutions.”

Please note that our meetings are now being held via Zoom. To obtain the

Zoom link, please email hazak@bethemeth.org. For more information, please go to www.bethemeth.org/hazak. If you are already on the Hazak email list, you will receive the link in your reminder email.

Adult Programs *(Cont'd from p. 4)*

favored government press photographer for decades, covering the Prime Ministers and their travels. Along with his beautiful photographs, Moshe will share stories of his interactions with Golda Meir, Levi Eshkol, Yitzhak Rabin, Menachem Begin, Benjamin Netanyahu, Anwar Sadat, Jimmy Carter, and Bill Clinton, to name a few. For info and to register, go to www.bethemeth.org/event/moshe.

Cook Authentic Israeli Dishes – Monday, February 22 at 5:30 PM

Join us to cook with Israeli trained chef, Aubree Hunter. Aubree graduated from The Culinary Institute of America, and completed an internship at Salva



Vida, an Israeli restaurant in Tel Aviv. She has worked under the supervision of award-winning Israeli Chef, Michael Solomonov at his restaurant Zahav, and has taught Israeli cooking classes online. Sign up and have a delicious Israeli-style dinner for your family prepared and ready to eat that evening. More information & registration: www.bethemeth.org/event/aubree.

Adult Education

Register for classes at bethemeth.org/adult-education or email office@bethemeth.org, unless otherwise noted

Beyond Dispute – Debates That Have Shaped and Still Shape Jewish Life – Part 2

Select Sundays in winter/spring, 10:30-noon
Jan 24, Feb 21, Mar 7

Debates—philosophical, spiritual, ethical, and cultural—are at the heart of Judaism and Jewish life. Are religion and reason compatible? Can Jewish law change based on context? How do we teach and talk about the Holocaust and the State of Israel? Should we prioritize Jewish causes or universal causes in our giving? Is Jewish tradition intrinsically patriarchal and ableist? Is our relationship with God defined by human obligation or divine compassion?



Each session includes a short video lecture featuring a Jewish Theological Seminary faculty member, text study, and guided group discussion. We will explore how these debates have been manifested over the course of Jewish history, and discuss their continued resonance today.

Instructor: Rabbi Michelle “Mina” Goldsmith
Series: Free while online - register for link

Pirkei Avot Shabbat Study Session

12:00 PM on the 1st & 3rd Shabbat of each month
(Check calendar for exceptions)

Pirkei Avot, also known as Ethics of the Fathers, is the only the only tractate from the Mishnah that does not contain commentary in the Gemara as part of the Talmud. Rather, this five-chapter book stands on its own as one of the greatest collections of rabbinic teachings on ethics, spirituality, morality, Jewish history, and Torah study. Utilizing Pirkei Avot Lev Shalem, which contains commentaries from Rabbi Gordon Tucker and Rabbi Tamar Elad-Appelbaum, two leaders of the Conservative/Masorti movement, we engage in lively analysis and discussion of these ancient yet eternally relevant teachings.



Instructor: Rabbi Michelle “Mina” Goldsmith
No charge, no registration required. Join when you can!
Zoom link is at bethemeth.org/adult-education.

People of the Book Read the Book - The Writing, Part 2

Wednesdays, 12:00 PM-1:30 PM

In Ecclesiastes we read that there is nothing new under the sun. As we enter the 2020 election cycle, join Rabbi Mina for a close reading of the books of Samuel and Kings to learn just how true this is. We will join together each Wednesday to continue our close reading of the text in order to gain insight into Jewish history, human nature, the challenges of leadership, and the origin of politics as we know it.

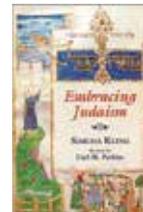


Instructor: Rabbi Michelle “Mina” Goldsmith
Free while online; no registration required. No previous participation required. Register for Zoom link.

Introduction to Judaism: Personalized Studies

Contact rabbimina@bethemeth.org

Judaism is the dynamic and inspirational religion of the Jewish people, going back over 3,500 years. In this introductory course, those who are seeking to enhance their Jewish knowledge of Judaism and Jewish practices can learn about the wisdom and beauty of this wonderful tradition and oldest of the monotheistic faiths.



Instructor: Rabbi Michelle “Mina” Goldsmith
Series: \$54 Members, \$180 Non-Members
Fee includes all materials and books

A Year of Online Learning with the Jewish Theological Seminary

Join JTS faculty for live online mini-courses offered throughout the year. Encounter compelling scholarship that brings Jewish text and wisdom to bear on contemporary life.



Info: <http://www.jtsa.edu/events-calendar?cat=2371>

Beth Emeth Adult Classes On Request

- Learn how to chant from a Torah scroll!
- Learn to be a bimah gabbai
- Mashgiach class
- Become a certified hagbah (Torah lifter)
- Learn to lead part of the service



Let us know you're interested! Email adult-programs@bethemeth.org.

Fundraising Update

Ellyn Hirsch, VP for Development (developmentvp@bethemeth.org)

BETH EMETH HAD A BANNER FUNDRAISING MONTH DURING NOVEMBER!

First, our Drive-In Movie night (November 23) was a rousing success and we've had requests to repeat in the spring. Many thanks or our generous sponsors who helped bring this fun family event to fruition:

Linda & Howard Eisinger	Robyn & Stan Feuerberg
Ellyn & Bill Hirsch	Sharon & David Kamerling
Leslie Lesch	Janet & David Polak
Gail & Bob Shor	Jodi & Greg Smith
Marty Zelman	

Because of you, we were able to raise an incredible **\$10,837** for [#Giving Tuesday](#) (December 1)! The funds will support ongoing virtual programming across all ages and interests in our community. For those who have already contributed to Annual Appeal, 50.5% of our Beth Emeth community,

we applaud you, thank you and recognize you! With your continued generosity, we will meet our goal. Please join your friends and fellow congregants in donating to Annual Appeal. Support Beth Emeth, So We Can Support You.

ANNUAL APPEAL STATS 12/15/20:	
Fundraising Budgeted Goal\$170,000
Annual Appeal Goal.....	\$155,000
Annual Appeal Pledges \$120,000
Percent of Goal.....	77.3%
Percent Participation 50.5%

As a small token of our appreciation, your name(s) are listed here in the *Shofar* (as of December 15th) and on our attractive lobby display, which will be updated in September 2021 before the High Holidays.

Shomrim (Guardians)

Linda & Howard Eisinger
Joanne & Paul Levine
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Double Century Chai

Kathleen & Stephen Baker
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Kesef (Silver)

Claire Fine
Debora & Scott Levine
Kathleen & Alexander Stillman

Century Chai

Deborah & Jonathan Katz
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Bonnie & Glen Silas
Jodi & Greg Smith
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Sisterhood

Shirley Gross, President (sisterhood@bethemeth.org)

Our Accomplishments So Far

Last summer, Paula Yass asked me if our Sisterhood would make some face masks for use when the synagogue building opened. The answer was, "of course!" Paula contacted Patty Goldblatt to secure funding from the Acts of Loving Kindness Fund and we worked during the summer to make 181 masks for our members. In addition, Karan Robinson donated 50 disposable masks, which are also available for use in the building. Ellyn Hirsch made us aware of a need for masks in Fairfax County and we donated 50 masks. If anyone is in need of a mask, contact Paula Yass or Shari Berman. Thanks to Shari Berman for coordinating the project, and our heartfelt thanks to our sewing mavens: Lauren Packman, Patty Goldblatt, Karan Robinson, Jamie Paul, Rachel Grossman, Sandy Brody and Rita Fisher for their generosity of time and hard work to make this project a reality.

Sisterhood partnered with Men's Club this fall for a virtual Sukkah Hop. Attendees said it was fun seeing the different sukkahs and chatting on Zoom.

Thanks to Robyn Feuerberg for getting the gift shop online in time for Hanukkah. The gift shop will remain online long after Hanukkah and beyond at www.bethemeth.org/gift-shop-online. All profits go to the synagogue.

Support the Girls is a project to collect bras for women in need. Emery Steinberg volunteered for the third consecutive year (GO Emery!) to sort and deliver the bras to Women Giving Back. Todah rabbah to Emery, Jamie and the Steinberg Family!

Coming Up

On **Tuesday, December 29**, we will join with the Sisterhood of Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation for a virtual Washington Walk (see below). We have another virtual walk planned for **March 4th**: "Alice Roosevelt Longworth: Beyond the Witty One-Liners." Please plan to join us via Zoom! Contact sisterhood@bethemeth.org for the link.

On **Saturday, January 30**, we are looking forward to a musical treat on Shabbat Shirah when cantorial student Neal Taibel joins us via Zoom from New York (see page 2.)

Shirley



Sisterhoods of NVHC and Beth Emeth present

"Women Who Changed America"
The Woman Behind the Woman: Mary Harriman Rumsey and Labor Secretary Frances Perkins
VIRTUAL TOUR

Tuesday, December 29 • 7:00 - 8:30 PM
 (includes Q&A) • Cost: \$5.00




Sisterhood Membership

Our 2020-2021 membership drive is underway. Your membership and participation enables Sisterhood to support many worthy causes both for our synagogue as well as for our local community.

Are you a current or recent past member of Sisterhood (or a non-CBE member)? Are you a current synagogue member who would like to join? An account has been created for you! Simply go to www.bethemeth.org/sisterhood-membership. Use the form to update contact information, contribute to Megan's Muse and/or Camp Cash, enroll a junior member or arrange payment.

Let us know if you would like to participate in any of our ongoing programs or if you have an idea for a new one!

Join our Facebook Group - www.facebook.com/groups/bethemethsisterhood

Questions? sisterhood-membership@bethemeth.org

Judy Rabinek, Sisterhood Membership Chair




Social

- End of Summer Cocktail Party
- Vodka & Latkes
- Pop Up Dinners
- Mah Jongg
- Chocolate Party
- Private Theatre Event
- Salad Party

Fundraising & Tikkun Olam

- Torah Fund
- Hanukkah Boutique
- Judaica Shop
- Vashti's Shouk
- Knitzvah
- Megan's Muse
- Camp Cash

Spiritual & Community Service

- Support the Girls
- Challah Bake
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Building Community Through Shared Values and Vision

Social Action Update

Patty Goldblatt, Social Action Co-Chair (social-action@bethemeth.org)

As we move into 2021, it becomes clear that a return to our normally scheduled in-person activities throughout the year will not take place as soon as we hoped. Having checked in with congregation members over the past week or so, I remain inspired by the ways in which people have been able to maintain contact with friends and extended family while staying in their homes, their only sources of physical contact being their spouses and children, if they are fortunate to have them at home. As we comply with social distancing guidelines (I hate that “distance” now has become a verb), we even remain physically distanced from close family members who live no further than down the street, or from some of our best friends. Despite these limitations, I have heard some beautiful and creative stories that people have developed to bridge those gaps.

So, it has become our job as a committee to continue to find ways of reaching out to people within our own community and beyond in order to ease some of the burdens experienced by many and to provide the means for us to work together toward a common goal.

Dinners for the Homeless

I am happy to report that thanks to you, we recruited more than the requested number of sign-ups to support the annual Christmas Eve dinner sponsored by Fairfax County and FACETS (an organization that serves individuals and families who are homeless, low income, unstably housed, and at-risk of homelessness in Fairfax County.) This event, hosted annually by Beth Emeth at Epiphany Episcopal Church, was held in a rented facility in the Tysons Corner area. Rachel Foster, our liaison for this event, organized a professionally catered Christmas dinner that was fully supported financially by our membership. Our goal was accomplished within less than 36 hours of the signup being

published on our website. Our committee is *kvelling!* A huge thank you to Rachel and all of the donors.

It's not too late if you still want to help. Our next big commitment will take the place of our usual activities that we sponsor at St. John Neumann Catholic Church during MLK, Jr. week. Again, the activities for the week will take place in outside facilities that are designated by the county, and due to pandemic restrictions we will again need to buy, rather than provide, most of the needed items.

For this effort, we are asking Beth Emeth members to fund breakfast and lunch for two days, for approximately 75 guests at a facility near Bailey's Crossroads, and also to provide decorated lunch bags (a small family participation opportunity!) These donations will be transformed into packaged breakfasts and lunches. This project is being organized for Beth Emeth under the leadership of Jill Weisman, and is in conjunction with St. John Neumann Catholic Community and New Hope Housing. Please go to <http://bethemeth.org/stjohns-newhope-shelter> and donate as generously as you can. And having your child decorate a stack of brown paper bags with pictures and messages can be a great personal touch!

Our future goals will be to create opportunities to become involved in a “good deeds” project without an in-person “Mitzvah Day.” We are open to creative ideas that can grow into a project that will have an impact on the Jewish community at-large in a practical and meaningful way. With you as our main support, we hope to meet our goal of *tikkun olam* and experience the added benefit of working together as a supportive group of people despite our current environmental limitations.

Patty and Alan

Happy Secular New Year *(Cont'd from p. 3)*

Other topics broached in the Ask the President sessions included: inclusion and diversity, plans for religious school and BEECC, membership status, financial status, services, and volunteerism. Each of the topics addressed is being discussed and worked by some portion of our Board. Some of them may take longer to reach resolution, some will be quicker. My plan is to do these sessions once a quarter. The next two sessions are set for **February 18th and 21st**.

So, let's welcome in 2021 with a raised glass, smile, and hope for the year ahead. To each of you I wish much health and happiness. Hug your families and keep them close. Be kind to your neighbor. Listen to others. Teach something, learn something, and have fun. Be safe; be socially distant.

See you around the shul!

Leslie

Hanukkah 2020/5781



CBE members were invited to participate in the community menorah lighting at the Leesburg Courthouse, sponsored by Sha'are Shalom Congregation. The Moldover family (above) attended on the 6th night of Hanukkah. CBE's own Hanukkah celebration (below and right) featured music, doughnuts, menorah lighting (in the wind) ...



In the News: CBE Member Coordinates Tasty Home-Cooked Meals for Local Residents in Need

Joanne Levine, Shofar Editor

Eileen Scherzinger loves to cook, and lasagna is one of her specialties. She also has expert organizing and outreach skills from her career as a senior manager with a major trade association in Washington, DC. Last spring, as the COVID-19 pandemic ramped up, she started looking for ways she could help that would truly make a difference to people overwhelmed by illness, uncertainty and food insecurity.

Eileen stumbled across a Facebook posting about Lasagna Love, a grassroots non-profit organization founded last April as COVID began to unleash its fury. She immediately stepped up, soon becoming the region's first "Lasagna Mama." "I thought I would just make a few pans of lasagna and deliver them to local residents," she said. "But I was blown away by the sheer volume of requests for help – and the community members who were willing to get involved. Soon I was signing up other volunteers and matching them with struggling families all across Northern Virginia."

Stacks of lasagna pans later, Eileen has become Lasagna Love's regional manager for Fairfax and Loudoun Counties. Her husband Bruce got involved too, offering up his talents as a software engineer to create a state-of-the-art IT system for the growing organization. Both work full-time in their "day jobs," doing their labor of (lasagna) love late into the night and on weekends.

Lasagna Love is now a nationwide movement, with nearly 5,000 volunteers cooking and delivering meals. WJLA Channel 7 and WTOP News Radio interviewed Eileen in December about her efforts. "It's about food and love," said Eileen. "Because of the wonderful people we have, we've been able to provide hundreds of home-cooked meals to families during difficult times. If you know of someone who could use a hand, please tell them about us." For more information, please go to www.lasagnalove.org.



Eileen in her kitchen, doing her labor of love, and loading meals into her car for delivery.



... Israeli street food from Shouk, and lots of socially distanced schmoozing. It was nice to see so many members and prospective members gather to enjoy the holiday.



Share in the Mitzvah and Ancient Tradition of Mishloach Manot for Purim

Deadline for ordering Mishloach Manot is Thursday, February 18th. Purim is Friday, February 26th.

The Mitzvah of giving "Purim Baskets" is mentioned in the Book of Esther and asks the Jewish people to observe the days of Purim "as days of feasting and gladness, and sending portions of food to one another."

Sending Mishloach Manot has also evolved into a fundraising tradition here at Beth Emeth. Each Beth Emeth family will receive one Purim bag as a gift from the congregation, whether or not they donate to others. The bags include hamantashen and other goodies, and a greeting with names of all of the senders who contributed toward your gift.

Observing this lovely and meaningful Purim tradition supports Beth Emeth. Your support is needed and appreciated for the continued vigor of the Beth Emeth community. More details to follow soon!





School News

Ora Cohen Rosenfeld, Interim BEECC and Religious School Director (ora@bethemeth.org)

CARETAKERS OF OUR EARTH

The end of January will bring us to the start of the Hebrew month of Shevat. The month of Shevat brings us Tu B'Shevat, often called, the Jewish Arbor Day. If you look outside your window, you probably won't see anything blooming in Virginia, and there may even be snow, but in Israel, you can begin to see the pink blossoms appear on the almond trees. This is the first hint that the cold rains of winter will soon turn to the warmth of spring.

For children and adults not in Israel, it may be challenging to celebrate a holiday that is not linked to our own surroundings, which may be one reason why Tu B'Shevat has become a holiday to focus on environmental issues. Tu B'Shevat reminds us of our important role in caring for our earth. In the Torah, we are told in *Beresheit*, the book of Genesis, that we must be *Shomrei Adamah*, caretakers of our earth.

יְקַח יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים אֶת-הָאָדָם בְּגֵן-עֵדֶן לְעֲבָדָה וּלְשִׁמְרָה:

The LORD God took the man and placed him in the Garden of Eden, to till it and tend it.

Being *Shomrei Adamah* is an important Jewish value we try to impart to our students in both the preschool and the religious school. It is an important value that we, as adults, need to also model for our children. Many families have used the current pandemic as a chance to do activities outside in nature. Before the cold, families were involved in COVID-19 safe activities, such as hiking and exploring the outdoors where there were no crowds.

Giving our children an appreciation of nature has been lost in our technology-filled lives, and getting back to nature during this time has been a silver lining for many families. I love the winter cold and I'm sure there are other families that love being outside as much as I do (as long as I'm dressed warmly and there is hot cocoa at the end of the day). Many educators and researchers have written about our children being "nature deprived." The only way for our children to appreciate our earth and truly value their role as "Shomrei Adamah" is for them to feel connected to nature, not simply in an intellectual way, but in a very real and visceral way.



We teach our children about recycling, not littering, being gentle with our earth, and planting when the season arrives. The role of planting and creating nature experiences is up to you this year. When taught virtually, the lesson can only go so far. You have always been your child's first teacher; how will your child learn the Jewish value of *Shomrei Adamah*?

Stay Warm!
Ora

20th Year of Megan's Muse Creative Arts Competition: 2020 Winners Announced!

Shari Hirsch

2020 marked the 20th anniversary of the Megan's Muse Creative Arts Competition. The competition was created to honor the life and creative spirit of Megan Miriam Berman by encouraging Confirmation students to think both creatively and Jewishly.

The competition would not have been possible without the support of its sponsor, CBE Sisterhood. The collaboration with Rabbi Mina and Hebrew Chai School has also been essential to the competition's success as is the help, year after year, from Rona Kravitz, Bettina Forman, Shauna Peters, and Steve and Judy Berman.

In its 20 years, Megan's Muse has received 167 entries from 164 Confirmation students and awarded over \$12,000 in prizes. Although traditionally a theme is chosen from a Jewish text, it was decided that this year's theme would commemorate the 20th anniversary by using a quote from Megan's Confirmation speech:

"I reached the conclusion that our future shouldn't be about following in the exact footsteps of our predecessors. We are

here to learn from our elders and use their knowledge to push us even farther. We are each young adults who have an outstanding amount of potential. We are supposed to learn from our parents – learn from their knowledge, learn from their mistakes, learn from our heritage and, somewhere in there, learn who we are."

Megan Miriam Berman 6/10/2000

This theme inspired three Confirmation students to submit thoughtful and creative pieces: Mikayla Feldman, Sarah Moldover and Ryder Paley. Due to restrictions related to the pandemic, the awards which are traditionally given in the Spring were announced during an Erev Shabbat service on December 11, 2020.

This year the judges awarded two first places, with a prize of \$250 each to Sarah Moldover and Ryder Paley. Sarah's original song, *The Book of My Life*, is "about someone paving their own path through life, while still taking inspiration from those who have had an influence on them."

Ryder's hand-drawn digital piece, *Soar*, consists of five

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**SOMETHING TO
KVELL ABOUT!**

HONEY COUNTY, whose lead singer is Danielle Rosner (Dani Rose) recorded a music video of their new single "Cry Wolf" at California's Joshua Tree National Park, covered in *People Magazine* (Nov. 19). (Honey County generously gave a virtual concert in August in support of CBE's Annual Appeal.)

RACHEL FOSTER organized a professionally catered dinner in the Tysons area on December 24th for local homeless. The dinner was fully supported by monetary donations from CBE members, after less than one day of publicity, and it helped make the holiday brighter for participants.

MAZAL TOV TO

Sarita & Larry Kaplan on the marriage of their daughter Hannah Bobrick Kaplan to Stephen Anson Rainey in October. Hannah and Stephen live in Richmond, VA.

TODAH RABAH TO

The Caring Community for all they are doing as we all continue to struggle with loneliness and isolation during the pandemic. If you or someone you know is in need of extra support, please contact the CBE Caring Community, co-chaired by Robin Schulman and Valerie Cohen (caring-community@bethemeth.org).

All who participated in the Thanksgiving Food Drive and the December bagged lunch drive to help less fortunate in our local community.

REFUAH SHLAYMA TO

Barbara Bernstein
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CONDOLENCES TO

Robyn Feuerberg, Amy Feuerberg and Danielle Arthur on the death of their mother and grandmother Phyllis Spigelman

David Hillelsohn and his family on the death of his mother Anne Hillelsohn

*The congregation sadly mourns the loss of
Kay Shear,
wife of Rob and mother of Molly, Rachel
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the entire Shear family.*

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Kay (z"l) & Rob Shear in honor of their wedding anniversary

Carol & Steve Silberstein in honor of their wedding anniversary

The Steinberg family in honor of John's birthday

The Steinberg family in honor of Jamie's birthday

The Swartz family in honor of Penny's birthday

The Abel/Temin family in honor of Liya's birthday

Mimi Kronisch & Steven Tyler in honor of their wedding anniversary

If you have a lifecycle event that you would like to acknowledge above, please contact the Main Office at 703-860-4515 Ext. 101 or office@bethemeth.org.

Megan's Muse (Cont'd from p. 10)

drawings representing "ancestral Jewish memory. The final drawing of the Ziz, a giant griffin-like bird in Jewish mythology, whose wingspan obliterates the sun, represents how collective memories give the next generation the power to soar and allow it to reach more potential than it could alone," Ryder wrote.

The judges also awarded Mikayla Feldman an honorable mention for her poem "Significance." In Mikayla's words, "I wanted to highlight through my poem that no matter your background, your ideals, your age, race...you are significant in some way..."

Thank you to our fabulous group of judges this year: Judy and Steve Berman, Shauna Peters, Rona Kravitz (visual arts), and Bettina Forman (creative writing) and Alina Kirshon Goldman (musical composition). A special thank you the Berman-Peters for all of the many ways they continue to support this program.

This year once again, thanks to the talents of CBE webmaster, Susan Berger, all the Megan's Muse entries can be viewed and heard online. Check them out at <https://bethemeth.org/megans-muse>.

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Freedom and Equality *(Cont'd from p. 1)*

all that it took for our people to once again achieve that longed for freedom. There is a cautionary tale in the story that we must never forget.

It is providential that our reading of the book of Exodus almost always corresponds to the observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The story of the Exodus is the story of a people demanding freedom not only from oppression but freedom in all of its forms, including the right to be treated with the dignity all human beings deserve, the freedom to worship as they desired, and more. Thousands of years later Martin Luther King Jr. would shake the conscience of our country, demanding that African-Americans be given the same freedom from oppression and the same right to dignity as all others. Like the teachings of the Torah, Dr. King's lessons are still relevant for us today. This is even more so after a year in which thousands around the country marched on behalf of such freedom from oppression.

We begin the month of January with the conclusion of the story of Jacob's family. The middle of the month sees us longing for freedom and remembering an American hero who fought for freedom in our own time. We end the month with the observance of Tu B'Shevat, the annual "birthday of the trees," Judaism's lesson to the world about the importance of caring for nature. Thus it is that we are reminded that while we must work towards freedom, love, and family we must remember too that none of that is possible without our proper stewarding of nature and planet earth. We cannot be free if there is nowhere to live because we have destroyed it. The wisdom of the Torah is timeless. Let us learn its lessons as we move forward into a new year. Happy 2021 everyone!

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Honoring Our Members on Their CBE Anniversary: January

Rona Ackerman & Rachael Fineberg, Co-Chairs, Membership Committee (membership@bethemeth.org)

The following members are celebrating **CBE Anniversaries** (anniversary of the date they became members at CBE). We thank them for their continued membership!

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