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Rabbinic Reflections

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יְהוֹשֵׁעַ בֶּן פְּרַחְיָה אוֹמֵר, עֲשֵׂה לְּךְּ רַב Yehoshua ben P'rachiya says: Make for yourself a rabbi.

-Pirkei Avot 1:6

One of the greatest blessings of being a rabbi is being invited into the most vulnerable and intimate moments of people's lives. The great

joys of life, along with the darkest of experiences, are times when having a rabbi to guide and journey alongside us (and rabbis ourselves are not excluded from benefiting from this) helps to ground our experiences in the greater story of our people and the find glimpses of the Divine we might otherwise be blind to. There is a reason why even the least observant of Jews will turn to a rabbi to officiate a wedding or the funeral of their loved one.

It is easy, perhaps necessary, at such peak moments of life to turn to our tradition for guidance and meaning. But what about the valleys and meadows between the peaks that make up the vast majority of our daily lives? In what ways do we find our lives regularly enriched through the rabbinnic relationship? Because you are reading this in the *Beth Sholom Bulletin*, you are someone who has found your way into Jewish community. Even if you are not yet formally a member of the congregation, you have found your way to us in some capacity. Perhaps you come to services regularly on Shabbat; perhaps you are a regular at our High Holiday services; maybe you attend one of our classes, or volunteer at Bingo or in our kitchen. But if you were to ask yourself, "What relationship do I have with our rabbi," what would your answer be?

For too many, I imagine the answer is something along the lines of, "not as deep as I would like it to be."

It is easy to imagine that merely hiring a rabbi means that all of the members of the congregation will have a deep and enriching relationship with him or her. But the reality is that the rabbi-congregant relationship, like all relationships, requires effort to form, to build, and to maintain. I can certainly say that I have yet to realize the depth of relationship with so many of you that I have hoped to foster. After all, out of the sacredness of the rabbi-congregant relationship is born beauty and meaning in the life of the rabbi too, just as much as in the life of the congregant.

So if you and I both hope for a deeper relationship that will enrich our lives and the life of our community, how do we realize this? First, we must recognize that again, like all relationships, investment in the relationship is needed from both of us. For my part, I would like to invite this deepening by creating more opportunities for us to meet in less than formal spaces. For your part, I hope you will accept these invitations, reach out, and be present.

The teaching above, from *Pirkei Avot*, is often translated as "acquire yourself a rabbi," as if a rabbinic presence in your life is something you simply and passively acquire. The actual Hebrew verb, however, is an active one, *asheh*, or make, coming from the verb *la'asot*- to do or to make. We should all have a rabbi in our lives, and we should therefore all—myself included—actively seek out and build this relationship.

Beginning this month, I am going to start a regular practice of being present at a variety of specific locations around town for a set duration. These are invitations for you to drop in and join me for a beverage and conversation. The first of these will be on Wednesday, February 14th, from 10am - noon, during which time I'll be sitting at Gravel & Grind. I hope you will join me for a cup of coffee or tea and conversation about whatever is on your heart.

I have also created the possibility for you to schedule time to meet with me one on one, or with a group. You can choose whether you'd like to reserve a 25 or 50 minute window, via phone call, Zoom (for the longer time period), or in person. Reserve time with me now by visiting this website:

https://calendly.com/rabbihersh

Of course, we also share the opportunity to talk during our weekly Friday night Shabbat Oneg and Shabbat afternoon Kiddush lunch after services.

Regardless of what opportunity you choose, I do very much hope you will create the space to meet with me. I am available to help you navigate your spiritual and religious journey, to accompany you through difficult life moments, to celebrate joy, to explore topics of Jewish interest, or to simply chat and get to know each other better.

I look forward to our conversations and to the greater depth of relationship that results.

MINYAN AT BSC

Please join us in the Beth Sholom sanctuary on Thursdays at 8:00 AM for minyan.



Message from the President

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BECOME A SOLAR SUSTAINER!

Dear Beth Sholom Congregants,

You might have seen the great activity happening at Beth Sholom over the past 2 weeks - our solar array is being installed! Look for details about a ribbon cutting

ceremony later this month when we flip the switch together!

Our solar array is a 107 kW system being installed by Paradise Energy, and will include 221 panels guaranteed to generate 117,000 kWh of electricity in the first year, covering approximately 87% of our electric needs. The rest of our electricity will continue to be provided by our Community Solar partner Neighborhood Sun.



Over the course of the next 8-10 years, grants from Maryland and the federal government, along with the savings in electricity, will pay for the costs of the system. However, our upfront costs are significant. To help offset those costs, we are launching a new campaign to allow

congregants to become Solar Sponsors. We are offering naming on each of the 221 panels for a minimum donation of \$180. Make your pledge today at https://www.bethsholomfrederick.org/form/solarsponsor

We will also install a display in the hallway with each panel labeled with the donor's name. We're hoping to sell ALL of the panels, so feel free to buy more than one!

Better yet, become a Solar Sustainer and commit to making your donation repeat annually for 10 years! Contact David at dbass@bethsholomfrederick.org to make that annual pledge.

Of course there's a lot more going on at Beth Sholom! We are starting to plan our Community Seder which will be held the week prior to Pesach on Tuesday April 16. This will be a very family-friendly seder led by Rabbi Hersh, Cantor Shulie and many congregants including Mandy Solomon, Adam & Isis Tepper, Roxy Garcia Marcus, and Ben Vivari. Our Seder is intended to share traditional and non-traditional recipes, seder traditions, and more. If you'd like to join the planning group, please get in touch with David. We are also beginning to plan this year's Holocaust Remembrance Service to be held on Sunday May 5 at 1pm.

As always, to see what's going on, be sure to check out our website, facebook page, weekly emails, the *Bulletin*, and the TV screen in the lobby.



THANK YOU

To our Kitchen Volunteers:

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Condolences to

Ben Marcus on the passing of his mother, Anne Fitzpatrick

From the Executive Director

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There is a palpable anxiety in living as Jews in the US today. Rising anti-Semitism across our society, conspiracy theories, and hate crime data can make one feel nervous to live outwardly and fully as a Jew. The feeling in the pit of my stomach began, as far as I recall, in August 2017 when watching footage from Charlottesville, and it only intensified in October 2018 with the shooting at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pitts-

burgh. While I cannot say that it continued unabated in the 5+ years since, for me, there remains a consistent, heightened sense of stress about our safety as Jews in American society, including at synagogue.

It is in that context that I was particularly impressed with the training that the Secure Community Network (SCN) conducted for 20 of our Beth Sholom congregants on Sunday January 21st. We had in the room a mix of board members, religious school teachers, long-time congregants and those who joined our community more recently. The training was facilitated by Ryan Short, who after a career at the FBI, now serves as SCN's Deputy Regional Director for our Mid-Atlantic Region.

We learned the importance of taking action immediately when facing a threat. We learned that Run, Hide, Fight is the recommended preference of action. If you can get out, get out. Do not try to hide in a room; just leave the scene. We learned that through commitment to action and training, we can save our lives and the lives of our loved ones.

I left the training last Sunday empowered to act if there were an active threat here at the synagogue or elsewhere. We cannot and will not be victims. Our best opportunity to overtake a threat is with action from each person—each congregant, each teacher, each volunteer.

Together as a congregation, we must take appropriate action, including training, to confront an active threat. My call to action at this time is that you attend the **Active Threat Training on Monday February 5**th at 7pm. Sign up at bethsholomfrederick.org/form/attsignup (the link also appears in the most recent weekly emails). You will leave this training both with more knowledge and likely with more confidence as well. Together with our armed guards and our improved security cameras, this training will make Beth Sholom a safer synagogue. I look forward to seeing you at training on Monday February 5th.



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Religious School News

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In January, we kicked off our family learning series for the year. Second to fifth graders, along with their parents, gathered for a special morning focused on exploring "The Crown of a Good Name." It was an enriching experience as parents had the opportunity to engage in collective learning, delving into the profound quote from *Pirkei Avot 4:3*: "Rabbi Shimon said: There are three crowns: the crown of Torah, the crown

of priesthood, and the crown of royalty, but the crown of a good name supersedes them all."

During the session, parents not only learned alongside each other but also had the chance to impart their newfound knowledge to their children. Conversations revolved around the significance of their names, the stories behind their choices, who they were named after and how the students can create a good name for themselves. Following these heartfelt discussions, students and parents collaborated on crafting name plates that memorialized this shared learning experience.

We're eagerly anticipating the upcoming family learning sessions for Pre-K through 1st grade in February and 6th & 7th grade in March. These sessions promise to be equally engaging and meaningful.

Thank you goes to the Legacy Heritage Foundation and the Pardes Institute for their invaluable support, which has played a pivotal role in making this program possible.











AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PARENTS AND THEIR YOUNG CHILDREN
TO EXPERIENCE
THE WARMTH AND JOY OF SHABBAT TOGETHER

Introduction to New Members of Beth Sholom

RON & WENDY WEISS



We've lived in Frederick for 22 years and are excited to be joining the Beth Sholom community. We have 2 daughters and 5 grandchildren. We're both retired and are enjoying spending time with our family, traveling, exercising, and exploring wine. We devote time to volunteering, reading and discovering the history and culture of Frederick. Ron is an avid piano player, and Wendy enjoys reading and knitting. We're looking forward to meeting everyone.

FEIERSTEIN FAMILY



We recently moved to the Frederick area (Ijamsville) from Baltimore City and are excited to find a thriving interfaith, family-friendly Jewish community. Our family includes Aaron, Sarah, Ethan (age 4), Hannah (age 1.5) and our dog, Melo. Sarah works as a pelvic health focused physical therapist and Aaron supports operations strategy for a local

health plan. We enjoy skiing, exploring local parks and playgrounds, and cheering on the Terps. We hope to see you around the synagogue.



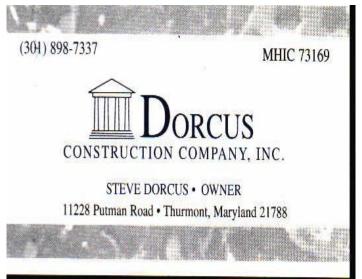
GREAT NEWS FROM UGANDA:



Under the auspices of Ezra Uganda Assistance (the non-profit that Rabbi Leila Gal Berner operates): On Tu B'Shevat, the New Year of the Trees, the Abayudaya Jewish community Namatumba officially opened its Afternoon School named ETZ CHAYIM (Tree of Life) with 168 pupils in the elementary grades. Each family planted a tree in honor of their children and to celebrate Tu B'Shevat and to celebrate that the children are the "seeds" of our Jewish future. The school has been a dream of the community for years and now, finally, has reached fruition! There are six teachers and lots of happy children and families. The

school will meet three afternoons a week, after the children's regular school. Education, Jewish identity and learning are thriving in Namatumba. If you are interested in supporting this project, please contact Rabbi Leila at 301-898-2683 and visit the Ezra Uganda Assistance website at www.ezrauganda.org

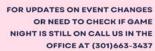




BETH SHOLOM GAME NIGHT









JOIN CANTOR SHULIE ON WEDNESDAYS AT 11:00 AM FOR HER CLASS:

"MUSICAL EXPLORATION OF THE SIDDUR"

BINGO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteering at Bingo is both a great way to help the finances of the congregation and to get to know both the broader Frederick community and Beth Sholom congregants. It's great way to meet new people, and have fun while also helping our community. Please get in touch with Marcia Newfeld (Mknewfeld1251@ amail.com) or Sharon Edelstein (smabea@gmail.com) about volunteering.

WE WANT TO KNOW....

Are you under the weather? Do you know someone who is? Please let us know. We want to reach out! If a member of our community is sick or in need of a call or visit, please call David in the office at 301-663-3437 or email us at bethsholom@bethsholomfrederick.org.We need their names in order to say a Mi Sheberach (prayer for all those in need of healing) from the bima on Shabbat. If you know their and their mothers' Hebrew names, please give us this information also. Please help to keep us informed because we care about you.



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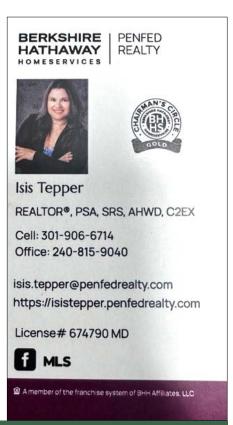


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JAN. 27TH - FEB. 2ND

1/26-1/27 days the names will be read from the Bima:

Emma Blank Lynne Bluestein

David Justin Cornish

Gittel Cotliar

James Feeney

Fannie Feuer

Sidney Gershman

Gertrude Hirsh

Laura Hoffman

Helen Kalb

Lois Klionsky

Joseph Kross

Samuel Lachman

Albert Nisenfeld

Morris Osband

Reba Popkin

Dorothy Rothman

Helen Rubinstein

Blanche Sagalkin

Barbara Perper Satin

Janie Solomon

Stanley Spectre

Elain Spritzer

Joan-Joy Sutton

Irving Tepper

Fay Travis Mindy Wales

FEB. 3RD - FEB. 9TH

2/2-2/3 days the names will be read from the Bima:

Miriam Adelman

Frank Costin

Rosalind Cron

Frederick Goetz

Shirley Goldgraben

Annette Hersh

Joyce Kimmelman

Lovis Kolker

Harry Kotlicky

Leon Levine

Aaron Meyer

James Micheaux

Rosa Ruck

Nan Kerpelman Sarb

Abraham Schnapper

Beverlee Springer

Louis Standel

Rebecca Stern

Bluma Tepper

Arnold Zweig

FEB. 10TH - FEB. 16TH

2/9-2/10 days the names will be read from the Bima:

Norma Better

Joseph Compofelice

Pauline Diamondstone

Bertha Goldblatt

Henry L. Goldgraben

Charlotte Goldman

Leonard Gorelick

Max L. Henry

Oscar Hirsch

Roberta Loew

Iulia Mandelowitz

Fannie Meyer Leo Mogan

Marie Simons Passales

Maximo Piccione

Zeke Pittleman

Itzhaak Polyakov

Morris Schoenberg

Elaine B. Snyder

Ellis Stein

Libbie Strong

Leah Rae Weinberg

Sheldon Wollman

FEB. 17TH - FEB. 23RD

2/17-2/18 days the names will be read from the Bima:

Morris Blumenstein

Blanche Cohen

Amy Feinberg

Margaret Fifield

Jessie Fisch

Ray Ginsburg

Ida M. Ingber

Edith Kaufman

Alexander Kimmelman

Frank Kleinman

Dorothy Kleinman

Etta Miller

Regina Miller

Rose Newfeld

Benjamin Pincus

Helen Poiley

Bernard Rieger

Evelyn Rosenstein

Morris Spectre

Adele Stahl

Hilda Vogel

FEB. 24TH - MAR. 1ST

2/23-2/24 days the names will be read from the Bima:

Beatrice Altman

Simon Bloom

Herman Blumenthal

Nettie Buntman

Joseph Dorfman

Bernard Feierstein

Saul Feuer

Tye Garner

Maurice Glassman

Sarah Gorelick

Joseph H. Jacobs

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Jacob Levine

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Norman Rivkin

Iacob Samuel Schneider

Julius Scholle

Kate Sherby

Ruth Siegel

Rose Skripsky

Morris Tischler

Sophie Vogel Sherrill Wender

LIFE CYCLE INFORMATION -

WHEN A DEATH OCCURS

When a death occurs during the working hours, please call the synagogue office at 301-663-3437 and ask for David Bass so that we may offer assistance. After hours, please call David's cell phone 607-727-4298.

Chesed/Religious Affairs Committee:

The Chesed Committee assists families who have experienced a death by providing food following the funeral. The Religious Affairs Committee will help set up and lead shivah minyanim. We welcome your interest and encourage your participation and assistance. We need you. Please join us in helping fellow congregants.

If you have any questions, please contact David Bass at 301-663-3437.

Mark Your Calendar!

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