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THANK YOU!!**

**SUNDAY,  
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Auditorium**

**Wednesday, June 15, 2022  
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**FROM OUR RABBI**  
**The Majesty and Magic of Lino**  
**RABBI MATT CUTLER ~ [MCUTLER@CGOH.ORG](mailto:MCUTLER@CGOH.ORG)**



I have a thing for blown glass. It is an art form that I find mesmerizing. During the COVID lock down, it only intensified as I found a glass blowing show on Netflix, called “Blown Away.” Now as summer approaches and a new chapter of living with COVID is upon us, I want to take my glass blowing passion to a new level. I think I want to sojourn New York’s Mecca of glassblowing—Corning, NY. Maybe I can take a class or two. Maybe I can watch great glass blowers show off their craft at one of the exhibit halls there. Or maybe I will just wander through the museum at a snail’s pace, savoring each exhibit in intrinsic detail.

That is the dream—one thing for certain, I will head to Stockbridge, MA to the Schantz Gallery when Lino Tagliapietra, nicknamed the Maestro, will be there. He won’t be doing any exhibitions there nor will he do any formal presentation [his English is not that great]. But he will be there showing off his work.

The name of Lino Tagliapietra may not be known by many people on the streets of the Capital District. But to glass blowing aficionados, this man is a true rock star. His work is beautiful; he has such artistry with his craft. The vibrant colors, the unique shapes and layered textures make his glass pricey and much sought after.

The glass pieces were magnificent. As I know that, I will walk the gallery with my hands in my pockets—I dare not come close to knocking something over! The price tags range from \$10,000 to \$125,000 for his glass masterpieces. I will stand at a distance, but still in awe of the patterns, the color and the shapes. Each piece had a majesty all its own.

I met the maestro before—the summer before COVID. He was then 84 years old. He showed secrets to various pieces and the process of bringing the molten glass into vibrancy. Then he told me in a very broken English that every morning when he goes into his shop, he starts his day with a unique ritual. Before he commences on his elaborate vases or bowls, he flexes his talents by blowing a wine goblet. His rationale is simple—making a glass wine chalice includes most of the elements he needs for his work. The wine goblet starts his day and serves as a warm up exercise for him to frame his workday.

This is a perfect metaphor for all of us. Lino’s goblet is our *kiddush* cup. On any given Sabbath or at the start of a holy day, it is customary to lift the cup right after the sanctity of the day is proclaimed by the lighting of the candles. It contains most of the elements we need to transform the ordinary into the sacred: the cup is symbolic of the cup of life, the wine is our symbol of joy; it is to be filled good sweet wine [well, the sommeliers among us would question if Manischewitz can be considered good wine!]; the cup is described as the cup of salvation and redemption by the Rabbis—things we seek as we transcend time and enter into a realm of spirituality; the blessings recited over the cup are not just for the content of the *kiddush* cup but for what it symbolizes—God’s constant presence in our world; and it is the portal for understanding the sense of Divine providence that is set out on the table before us.

Talking with Mr. Tagliapietra, his eyes conveyed a true love for his art. As he showed me the intrinsic details of his work, his large hands so gently cradled the art work. I would too with a price tag of \$75,000 for that particular piece! But for him, it wasn’t out of fear of breaking it, it was out of love. Like caressing the face of an infant, his touch conveyed awareness and sensitivity as well as a deep love. In our own spiritual quest, that is what we should seek when we hold a *kiddush* cup—an awareness of the sanctity and power that can be obtained by a great sense of awe and awareness.

## THE RABBI'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

Maimonides wrote in his *Mishneh Torah* that any drinking vessel can be a *kiddush* cup. All one has to do is hold it differently, perhaps resting the glass in one's palm as if our hand becomes petals of a flower. It is conscious recognition of an act that transforms the simple and the mundane into the sacred and the blessed.

As the Sabbath appears on the horizon, heed this message as we should aspire to make the wine in our cups sweeter. That is what we want for ourselves and our loved ones in the year ahead. Strive to become an artist of time. Like Lino, realize that your *kiddush* cup contains many of the elements of a sweet life—what is within is a life force, what is around you as you recite are many people with whom you share a sacred bond. In the evening after you light the candles, hold the cup in your hand and make it a conscious choice to turn that goblet/glass/chalice into a *kiddush* cup. Bring your dreams and expectations into your mind as you feel the texture of the cup in your hand. Savor the moment and close your eyes as you recite the blessing. Then sip the wine—Manischewitz or not—the wine will taste sweeter as you approach the new year with joy and a newly found sense of optimism.

One does not need a pricey glass to realize how blessed we are.... But every glass lifted in praise symbolizes an artistic marvel from the most divine Maestro, created just for us! See Lino ----->



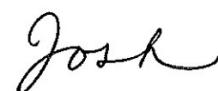
## SUMMER TIME...

**Josh Cooper-Ginsburg**

Director of Administration and Operations



Summer is here and we're getting ready for fall. While it's quiet at the synagogue, stop by and check out our gift shop for a special upcoming birthday or celebration, help us curate our new pandemic projects ongoing exhibit in the museum display case outside the Hatkoff Room, or stop by the tent for a cup of coffee with some friends. In our downtime, your synagogue office is here for you and we're more than happy to keep you updated and connected with your family and friends in the Gates of Heaven community. Give us a call or drop an email if you'd like to take a book out of the library or if you have an idea for a summer project. We'll be here and we're ready to make this a great summer!





## SUMMER INTERNSHIPS 2022

Make a difference! If you're entering 11th or 12th grade or are in college, you can apply for a local paid community service internship through TCSC, the Temple Community Service Corps.

T.C.S.C. will pay students up to \$462 for a 35-hour workweek. Four- to six-week commitments are expected. Half-time position may also be available.

Job applications are available on the bottom of the main page of our website at [www.cgoh.org](http://www.cgoh.org), and on the website in the Connection pull down menu, Youth Programs. You may also get an application at the temple office. For further information please contact Maxine George at 382-0544 or Ellen Blake at 377-9341. Arnie Rotenberg can also be contacted with any questions about internships.

### FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL JEWISH LIVING

#### Summer Learning

by Arnold Rotenberg



At Gates Quest, our vision of Jewish education is to enable Jewish youth, and ultimately Jews of all ages, to understand and appreciate the core ideas, values, and practices of Judaism, so that these ideas, values, and practices may serve as resources in their lives as Jews, Americans, and human beings. We also pride ourselves on understanding the ever-changing world we live in and how Jewish life fits into altered paradigms. Our school will continue to use different approaches to engage our students, and families to understand how Judaism can add contemporary value to our lives, our relationships, careers, hobbies, and soul.

Summer is not a break for Jewish learning. Informal education for every member of your family is only a click away. Here are a few of the best that are paving a path for Jewish life and culture, Peoplehood, and Israel. In the digital version of this article, just click and learn. Using the print version, just Google the organization, or type the URL into your browser.

**ANU- Museum of the Jewish People** - Celebrating the multiculturalism of Jewish diversity, the museum recently completed a 10-year, \$100-million renovation that positions it as a relevant, cutting-edge cultural center on the campus of Tel Aviv University. <https://youtu.be/1309ekPi4TQ>

**BimBam** - demystifies Judaism with fresh and inspirational videos accessible to learners of all ages. <https://youtu.be/pzloa3uYRP0>

**Honeymoon Israel** - provides immersive trips to Israel for couples that have at least one Jewish partner, early in their committed relationship, with the goal of making young couples of all backgrounds feel welcome in the Jewish community and inspiring them to incorporate Jewish values and traditions into their lives in their own way. <https://youtu.be/5Vdf1iVqPy4>

## Director of Congregational Jewish Living- message continued

**Humans of Judaism** Following her father's sudden passing in 2013, Nikki Schreiber launched Humans of Judaism to create a positive environment on social media that highlights the good in our community and the humanity of each Jew. Follow on Instagram

**Inside the Middle East** Founded by Avi Melamed, a former Israeli Intelligence Official and Senior Official on Arab Affairs, ITME is an organization that helps people understand the current Middle East reality. In 2022, Melamed published his second book under the same name as his organization. <https://youtu.be/q6lJBit7YU4>

**IsraAID** is an international non-governmental humanitarian aid organization based in Israel. Since 2001, their teams have worked in emergency and long-term development settings in more than 50 countries around the world, including most recently in Ukraine. [https://youtu.be/agwKpKt99\\_8](https://youtu.be/agwKpKt99_8)

**JewBelong** helps you find the joy, meaning, relevance, and connection that Judaism has to offer — with a focus on Jewish holidays and fighting antisemitism. <https://youtu.be/93m4CWtgAGo>

**Judaism Unbound** Founded by Daniel Libenson, Judaism Unbound is a digitally driven, radically open center for education serving as a catalyst “for an entirely new era of Judaism.” The Judaism Unbound podcast is a favorite in the Jewish world, and the organization recently launched The UnYeshiva, a new center for Jewish learning and unlearning. <https://youtu.be/RRiflFgZbqY>

**Lost Tribe eSports** strengthens the Jewish identity of teens and young adults by building friendships, increasing engagement, and encouraging participation in Jewish life — via the wide world of gaming. <https://youtu.be/iOjjq9AAjHY>

**OpenDor Media** — and their brand **Unpacked** — educates, entertains, and engages audiences by bringing to life big ideas and authentic stories, and by celebrating all things Jewish. <https://youtu.be/qN6WEUlyeE>

**RJ on the Go** is your virtual home for interactive, meaningful, and joyous Jewish experiences. Explore your Judaism through science, art, text, and more from the comfort of your own home, and build your Jewish community as you go. Explore Interactive Jewish Experiences for Everyone in Your Family <https://onthego.reformjudaism.org/s/>

**The Shalom Hartman Institute** is a center of Jewish thought and education, serving Israel and North America, with a mission to strengthen Jewish peoplehood, identity, and pluralism; to enhance the Jewish and democratic character of Israel; and to ensure that Judaism is a compelling force for good in the 21st century. <https://youtu.be/H9NpLXyq230>

**Vibe Israel** is shaping and promoting Israel's global image, by strengthening the connection between the next-gen Jews and Israel. <https://youtu.be/KVSEJVPikS8>

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ally' followed by a stylized flourish.



# Gershon's as Remembered

by Ann Gershon Cramer

Gershon's Fine Foods or as we (Ann Cramer and family) called it "The Store" was conceived as a kosher style New York City deli but located in upstate New York. My father hand sliced the lox. Featured smoked fish were sable, sturgeon, white fish, belly lox, and chubs. My mother, who was a wonderful cook, introduced many items. Cheese pies with or without fruit toppings were a popular offering. Many times these were delivered directly from oven to customer! In addition white fish salad, tuna and rings, and a variety of coleslaws were prepared, all using her own recipes.

These were foods we ate at home. The kosher meat came from Isaac Gellis Provisions in New York City. One of their products was rolled beef. This was literally pieces of beef rolled with pastrami spices. Today it is not easily found. Dill pickles were delivered from Brooklyn by Irving the Pickle Man.

Irv (far left) & Lena Gershon



"The Store" was the first in the area to offer rotisserie chickens cooked on a spit. Gershon's was built upon hard work, innovation, friendly service, and dedication to providing the best possible product.

## THE HISTORY: FROM THE WEBSITE--- PICTURES AND BACKGROUND

Gershon's Deli was established in 1954 (see Grand Opening newspaper advertisement) by Irv and Lena Gershon. They quickly outgrew their original storefront and in 1956, moved across the street to the present-day location.



Gershon's Then

Bob (left) , Tony (right)



In 1973, Irv and Lena sold the business to their nephew Bob Lessner who in turn, sold it to his adopted son and long-time employee Tony Lauria.

For the next 31 years with his business partner Lou Gregory (who retired in 2009), Tony (see above- smiling) presided over this legendary eatery with unwavering attention to every detail, unrivaled commitment to quality and an ever-present, thousand-watt smile.



Gershon's Today

The Gershon's tradition continues with Tony's daughters, Antonia "Toni" Nelson and Bridget Battease, at the helm. They remain true to the mission of Gershon's founders and the legacy of their beloved father...fresh food, freshly prepared and courteously served. Time honored recipes still prevail and continue to delight customers - young and old - through the decades.



## Gan Chaim begins its 10th year at Gates

Spring of 2022 marks the ten-year anniversary of the Temple Community Gardens we call *Gan Chaim*. Since the beginning, this project has expanded to include 14 raised, 4x8 foot garden beds on the lawn at Gates of Heaven. *Gan Chaim* members paid an entry fee and helped each other to construct all 14 beds. We filled them with nutrient rich soils and the real fun began. Each bed is worked by a family or friend group. The gardening team decides what they wish to plant and how, in their assigned beds. After purchasing their plants, seeds, fertilizer, and other gardening essentials, the teams plant and tend their beds throughout the summer. Gardens take advantage of a water-saving, drip irrigation system designed and installed by Victor Friedman and other founding members, to keep plants sufficiently watered and growing throughout the entire growing season.

Gardeners grow a wide variety of vegetables, fruits, and flowers. Peppers, onions, tomatoes, garlic, cucumbers, beans, potatoes, Kale, Swiss chard, eggplants, zucchini, marigolds, and giant sunflowers have all been products of the gardens. *Gan Chaim* members keep the produce they grow. Many of the growers choose to donate a portion of their produce to the SICM food bank in Schenectady. One special bed is tended by the whole group. That bed is called the *Tzedakah* bed. All of its produce is also donated to SICM's food pantry. In an average growing season, *Gan Chaim* donates between 100 and 110 lbs. of fresh vegetables to the food pantry and have done so for nearly 10 years! That's a lot of veg!! Members love to share their produce with each other too. We are looking forward to the time when we can resume our annual pot-luck dinner gathering where members share their vegetable creations, as well as their recipes.

If there are members of Gates of Heaven who are interested in finding out more about becoming involved with *Gan Chaim*, or just want to donate produce from their home gardens, please contact April Friedman, Stan Strauss, or Mary Matthews. Audrey Hepburn once said, "To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow". *Gan Chaim* believes!

## LIFE AND LEGACY UPDATE



Good News! We are thrilled to announce that Jewish Federation of NENY and The Harold Grinspoon Foundation are extending their Life and Legacy program. This continued support will allow Gates of Heaven to continue this program for many years to come, allowing more of our friends and neighbors in our community to leave a legacy and impact Gates of Heaven today without any up-front out-of-pocket expenses.

As we enter our fifth year of Gates' Life and Legacy program, we're proud to share its many successes:

- We have 67 Life and Legacy society members, individuals and families, who have formally committed to support the generations to come as others have done for us.
- We have \$1,700,000 in pledges, with over \$300,000 realized donations that will make a significant impact on the future of our beloved congregation.
- Over \$30,000 of incentive grant money has gone into the general budget for reaching goals set by the Jewish Federation and Grinspoon Foundation.
- We have had 88 conversations with our congregants, getting to know them better, listening to their concerns and helping them realize their philanthropic wishes.
- We are helping to create a long-term culture of philanthropy at Gates.

If you have not yet joined in on this amazing program, contact us ([mindyminerholland@gmail.com](mailto:mindyminerholland@gmail.com)) and find out how you can participate. There are opportunities for everyone.



# This Summer...Stop...and Make a Climate Covenant

by Stacey Farber

## **Stop. What are your plans this summer?**

Beaches, picnics, rec fields and kids' sports, neighborhood walks, open windows, gardening, hiking, farmers markets, early-morning or late-night porch chats? Nice, enjoy.

***Would you do this, as well? Give thanks...and make a covenant.***

Make a climate covenant. Agree to:

- Engage as a leader or member of a community: Yep, this is where I'm starting. Climate change is a REALLY BIG PROBLEM - droughts in California, wildfires in Florida, hurricanes and flooding rains in New York, melting permafrost, climate refugees. We need to act boldly, TOGETHER. Take action when called upon, use your voice, impart your energy, use your social influence. The Religious Action Center of New York (RAC-NY), the social justice arm of the URJ (of which CGOH is a member), is taking on climate change for the next few years. Watch for calls to action in the CGOH Bulletin, reach out to Stacey Farber ([SLFarber2@gmail.com](mailto:SLFarber2@gmail.com)), and join the CGOH Social Action Committee ([Shae.Fitzgerald@gmail.com](mailto:Shae.Fitzgerald@gmail.com)).
- Seek to know more about climate change and solutions: Check out our own Randy Simon, member of CGOH, at <https://earthwiserradio.org/>. Climate Central <https://www.climatecentral.org/> is an informative, digestible website run by independent climate scientists and journalists.
- Do as much as you can as an individual: You + You + You, does add up. This strategy alone will not achieve the change we need, but it absolutely helps. So, yes, recycle (\*accurately\*), compost, let it mellow if it's yellow, lean into more efficient, sustainable energy solutions for your home. Check out [https://ogs.ny.gov/greenyny/lunchtime-learning\\_](https://ogs.ny.gov/greenyny/lunchtime-learning_) and <https://ogs.ny.gov/GreenNY/hometips> for info and tips.

God made a covenant to humanity and earth to not initiate floods again that would destroy the world (Genesis 9:12-15); the rainbow remains a sign of that covenant. However, God warned the first humans, Take care not to spoil or destroy this world, for if you do, there will be no one to repair it after you (Midrash Ecclesiastes Rabbah 7:13).

Confirm and live your climate covenant to ensure the future of this world for yourself and all humanity.

## REFLECTIONS ON TORAH STUDY

by Meg Levine

Ever since I was young, when reciting the verses from Proverbs as the Torah is returned to the Ark, I have felt a sense of comfort, if only momentarily. *It is a tree of life to those who hold fast to it and those who support it are fulfilled and happy. Its ways are ways of pleasantness and all its paths are peace.*

Following my joining our congregation's Torah Study more than a decade ago, that sense of peace, that calm born of comfort, gained staying power, and a quiet joy has settled within me.

Learning Torah gives me a way to think about God, provides me with a language that brings clarity and coherence to my inner dialogues, and offers me an opportunity to celebrate the Jewish imagination. The multiple genres that comprise the Torah – stories, history, law, poetry, song, and teachings – are distinct yet connected paths that enable me to experience the extraordinarily rich wholeness of Judaism. With the Torah's insistence on faith, perseverance, hope, and that conscious pause in all that we do (to be just and moral), I have deepened my understanding of what it means to lead a Jewish life.

We are urged – commanded—to choose life, to not be indifferent in the presence of injustice, to positively keep our tents open and embrace the stranger, the widow, the orphan, and in the midst of the unfairness and brevity of life, to celebrate weekly, to celebrate the Sabbath.

In Torah Study, I participate in arguably the oldest Book Club in the world, one constrained neither by time nor place. I am part of the past, the history of the first people of Israel as described in the Torah itself. I am part of the generations upon generations who have held the Torah dear and pondered the meaning of its words. I am part of the present, my friends in Torah Study of varying ages and backgrounds who come together to discuss with genuine concern (and with good humor) what is meant by the Torah. I am part of the future, our children and our children's children as the Torah describes the joy of children and our duty to teach and protect them with the hope that the Torah will inform their lives long after ours.

The words of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, whose faith compelled him to actively seek social justice, describe how I have come to understand my life: "the ultimate meaning of existence is to be a religious witness". I take to heart another verse in Proverbs we say when returning the Torah to the Ark: "For I have given you good instruction, do not forsake my Torah." When I study Torah, I pause and wonder, and that's when I feel true and not alone.

# CGOH

## Upcoming Events

### JUNE - AUGUST OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY - THURSDAY: 8A-4P

FRIDAYS: 8-12 NOON

5/22/22 Brotherhood Light Breakfast & Presentation: Schenectady's Battle Against Contagious Disease- From Smallpox to COVID-19, Martin Strosberg, M.P.H. & Ph.D. & James Strosberg, M.D. 10:00 a.m. CGOH Tent.

5/22/22 Annual Meeting of Congregation Gates of Heaven. 1:00 p.m. Zoom.

5/23/22 Sisterhood Book discussion of Dirty Linen by author Elaine Auerbach 7:30 p.m. Zoom.

5/25/22 A light luncheon for Senior Moments. Speaker: Bill Patrick, author of MetroFix - when General Electric moved most of its businesses out of Schenectady, New York. Noon for lunch, 12:30 for Zoom.

6/5/22 Ice Cream Social sponsored by the Sisterhood & Brotherhood 1:00 - 2:30 p.m under the Tent in the parking lot.

6/11/22: Brotherhood Movie Night- more details coming

6/12/22 Pride Parade: Join us for the parade and show our colors, walk in support of our open Gates.

6/12/22 Plan an outing- Curtain Call Theater, "Ripcord" 3:00 p.m.

6/15/22 Blood Drive at Gates 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Give a pint; get a pint of Ice Cream

6/15/22 Sisterhood Evening Book Group in-person get together Annual potluck dessert & Book selections 7:00 p.m. Hollands' deck

7/27/22 Quick Pick Book Talk. Share a favorite book, bring a chair and a beverage to the tent in the parking lot 10:00 a.m.

### PLANNING AHEAD

9/12/22 Sisterhood 125th Anniversary under the tent 5:30-7:00 p.m.

10/24/22 Sisterhood - Corrine Carey will speak. "To everything there is a season" 7:30 pm Zoom

**More information is available on our website [www.cgoh.org](http://www.cgoh.org) or the weekly "What's Happening at Gates" newsletter.**



# DONATIONS

Donations received between March 10 and May 10, 2022

## **7th GRADE COLLECTION FUND**

Michelle Stolfi in honor of William and his 7th grade class  
Lauren & Brett Baxt in honor of 7th grade b'mitzvah celebrations

## **ALAN STERNSTEIN CHEDER SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Ellen Blake in memory of Sanford Sternstein  
Ronald Weiss in memory of Sydna Schwartz  
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## **BEVERLY & NORMAN FRANCIS EDUCATION ENRICHMENT FUND**

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Dr. William & Rabbi Eleanor Pearlman in memory of Norman Francis  
Jerry & Kathy Seldin in memory of Beverly Francis

## **BROTHERHOOD YOM HA'SHOAH**

Ellen Blake  
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## **CAMPERSHIP FUND**

Glenn & Gayle Balmuth in memory of Sheila Randall  
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## **CEMETERY MAINTENANCE FUND**

Neil Golub

## **CHAPMAN LIFELONG LEARNING FUND**

Sarah Chapman in honor of D. Graham Holmes

## **GENERAL FUND: SUPPORTING JEWISH VIBRANCY**

Gay Griffith in honor of the Congregation  
Susanna Hurley in memory of Phyllis Stein, mother of Susanna  
Caryn Feig in memory of Abraham Sultan  
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Elisa Meredith in memory of Sheila Randall, of blessed memory  
Ronald Weiss in memory of Sheila Randall  
Lisa & Kenneth Priddle in memory of Sheila Randall  
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Robert & Karyn Picker in memory of Sheila Randall  
Mary Matthews in honor of the Congregation  
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Julia Glikina in memory of Rita Arenburg & Naum Glikina  
Judith Fischer Ehrlich in memory of Sheila Randall  
Theresa & Joseph Bittner in memory of Sheila Randall  
Lucy Borodkin in memory of Marvin Silverston  
Gay Griffith in memory of Sheila Randall  
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Irving & Jacqueline Freedman in memory of Olga Grossman  
Janet Stillman Martin, Carol Stillman, & Ellen Stillman Thomas  
in memory of Marvin Silverston, father of Terri Oliver & Karen Morse  
April Friedman in memory of Sheila Randall  
Elaine Hughes in memory of Christine Hughes  
Harlan & Helen Harrison in honor of the Congregation  
William & Amy Schwartz in memory of Sheila Randall  
Winifred Chuckrow in memory of Marvin Silverston  
Gay Griffith in honor of the Congregation  
Mark Singer in memory of Sheila Randall  
Eileen & Jeffrey Handelman in memory of Sheila Randall  
David Galletly & Gail Kendall in memory of Sheila Randall  
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# OUR TEMPLE FAMILY

## We share in their joy and extend warm congratulations to:

- Amy Schwartz and her husband welcomed Hailey Ruth Schwartz into the world. This is Karyn & Bob Picker's granddaughter and Mel & Ruth Sanes z"l great-granddaughter.
- Please welcome Luca Paek Wiley, son of C.J. and Marissa Wiley and grandson of Gordon Zuckerman.
- Shelby Morris and Jacob Fecura on their upcoming wedding

## Mazel Tov to our B'Mitzvah students and families



5/7/22: Noah Mark Wein, son of Andrew and Melissa Wein

5/14/22: Elena Lefco, daughter of Karyn & Justin Lefco, sister of Mari Lefco



5/21/22: William Stolfi son of Michelle & Michael Stolfi and brother of Jacob

6/4/22: Juliet Smith, daughter of Miriam Zuckerman, sister of Devon Smith



6/18/22 Jordyn Baxt, daughter of Brett & Lauren Baxt and sister of Noah

## We grieve with those who have lost loved ones and extend our condolences to:

- Irv Freedman on the passing of his wife and member, Jacqueline Freedman
- Michelle Freedman-Schaefer, Elaine Sharon Freedman, and Amiee Freedman on the passing of their mother, Jacqueline Freedman.
- Victor Echandy and Kara Wein Echandy, on the passing of his father and her father-in-law, Rueben Echandy.
- Jolie Smith on the passing of her mother, Roberta Dunker.
- Sue Litynski on the passing of her mother, Ettarea Alpert.

## We welcome the following new members to Congregation Gates of Heaven:

- Karyn & Justin Lefco

## WE RECORD WITH SORROW THE PASSING OF OUR MEMBER

**Jacqueline Freedman**

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