



HAKOL

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CAFE SHALOM GETS THE BALL ROLLING IN 2021!

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Be sure to mark your calendars for **Saturday, January 30!** We are excited to welcome **Matthew Ball**, also known as **The Boogie Woogie Kid**, for an evening of wonderful music as he gets our feet tapping to the sounds of his 88 keys (his piano). This year's Café Shalom event will be held virtually, and those who register will be sent a Zoom link during the week leading up to the program with information about how to access the concert.

The Boogie Woogie Kid will grace us with a toe-tapping repertoire of classic song arrangements, including *Ain't Misbehavin'*, *When the Saints Go Marchin' In*, *Over the Rainbow*, *The Entertainer*, *Glory of Love*, and others from the '20s, '30s, and '40s, with a focus on New Orleans and swing piano styles! There is something for everyone, young and older alike, with boogie-n-blues and jazz-n-rags a regular part of his performance.



Entertainment will begin at 7:30 p.m. that night, and the show runs for approximately 90 minutes. **The charge for the evening is a minimum of \$18 per family unit.** We hope you'll share this engaging evening with family and friends, as the event is open to the entire community, near and far, due to the virtual format. You're sure to have a great time as Matthew tickles the ivories with songs of the past.

Respond via the ticketing link at bit.do/cafeshalomtickets. If you saw the event and replied on Facebook, you have not completed your reservation. You must still purchase your ticket at the aforementioned link, or call 248-547-7970 with questions. Join us for Café Shalom and have a ball!

YES!



(See Bryan's column on page 4)



FAMILY HAPPENINGS

MAZAL TOV TO:

Sheyna and Tom Wexelberg-Clouser on the birth of their first grandchild, Shira Belle Lescher. Shira was born on November 27 to proud parents, Adina Chava and Scott Lescher.

Sara Reisig on the engagement of her brother, Harry, to Kavya Ganesh. They will celebrate their marriage with family in New Hampshire this July, followed by a wedding in Bangalore, India, hosted by her parents, Ganesh and Chindrika. Harry is the son of Marty and the late Roz Reisig.

CONDOLENCES TO:

Risa and Brian Wolf on the death of her devoted mother, Eleanor Brown. She was the beloved wife of the late Henry Gray and the late Ben Brown. She was the loving mother of Barry Gray and adoring grandmother of Hilary (Jason) Berlow and Alana Wolf and great grandmother of Nora Berlow.

The family of **Seymour "Sy" Rosenwasser**, beloved husband of the late Shirley Rosenwasser and cherished father of Mark (Leslie) Rosenwasser, Marsha (Bill) Toms, and Mitchell (Jenifer) Rosenwasser.



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| 12 Mary White | 29 Erwin Waldman |
| 13 Diane Starr | 30 Annie Citron |
| 15 Daniel Cherrin | |

Sorry we missed this important birthday last month: December 26 – Leo Schwartz

Enhance your birthday celebration by joining us at the weekday services online (see schedule on page 4) on the day of your birthday. Enjoy camaraderie, friendship and prayer. We need your participation and presence to help those who have yahrzeit or wish to say Kaddish. Thank you for participating in this very important Mitzvah.

**CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES
January 2021**

Friday, January 1.....	4:53 p.m.
Friday, January 8.....	5:00 p.m.
Friday, January 15.....	5:07 p.m.
Friday, January 22.....	5:16 p.m.
Friday, January 29.....	5:25 p.m.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

3 Allen Wolf & Mandy Garver
24 Richard & Eileen Polk



MISSING THE SYNAGOGUE CALENDAR?

Due to Beth Shalom being closed due to COVID-19 and, accordingly, space limitations in our curtailed Hakol, we have not been printing the normal shul calendar as we have in the past. A printable monthly calendar of synagogue events is available on the CBS website at

<https://www.congbethshalom.org/events--programs.html>



Looking to Serve?



The Beth Shalom Nominating Committee is seeking candidates to serve on the CBS Board of Directors for the 2021-22 year. If you are interested in serving, or if you would like to nominate someone to serve, please email Gretchen Weiner, chair of the Nominating Committee, at gnweiner@gmail.com. The new Board will be elected at the General Membership meeting next May.



Message from Rabbi Gamer

Every time I study the sacred texts of our Jewish heritage, I am awed to find the eternal relevance and wisdom of the early Sages of our tradition. As we enter into the new secular year of 2021 and, God willing, put the year 2020 behind us,

I was thinking of a particular teaching from the Babylonian Talmud. This beautiful teaching, which can be found in tractate Megillah (31b), teaches us about the timing of the reading of the curses in the books of Leviticus and Deuteronomy. We might have thought that those readings are random with regards to the calendar, but that is farthest from the truth. Here is the teaching:

"It is taught in a baraita: Rabbi Shimon ben Elazar said: Ezra enacted for the Jewish people that they should read the portion of the curses that are recorded in Leviticus before Shavuot and the portion of the curses that are recorded in Deuteronomy before Rosh HaShanah. The Gemara asks: What is the reason for this? Abaye said, and some say that it was Reish Lakish who said: In order that the year may conclude together with its curses, and the new year may begin without the ominous reading of the curses."

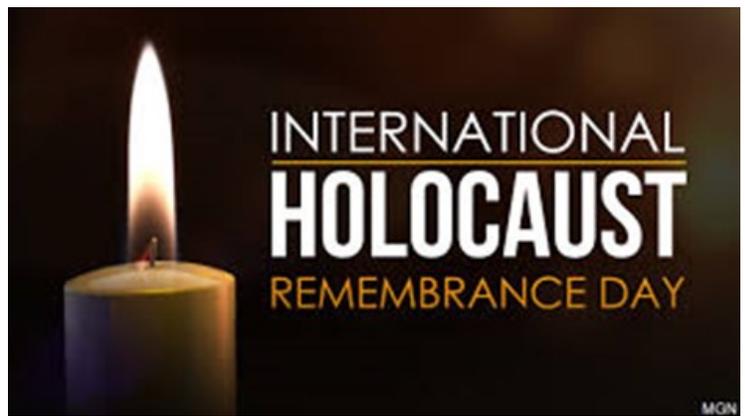
As I read this teaching from the Talmud, it immediately made me think of the "curses" of this past year. The global COVID-19 pandemic is at the top of the list, but we could certainly add hurricanes, earthquakes, wildfires in the USA and around the world, racial tensions in the United States and elsewhere in the world and more. The year 2020 was a difficult one for much of humanity.

As we enter the secular year of 2021, let us pray that we leave these and other curses from this past year in the past. Let us all work toward making this year better for all humanity. May the Holy Blessed One shield us and protect us and bring us through this coming year in health, prosperity and peace. Happy New Year.

Robert Gamer

Shabbat Weekly Parshah for Janaury

2/18 Tevet	Va-y'hi
9/25 Tevet	Sh'mot
16/ 3 Shevat	Va-ayra
23/10 Shevat	Bo
30/17 Shevat	B'shallach



International Holocaust Remembrance Day will be observed on January 27. It commemorates the genocide that resulted in the deaths of six million Jews and eleven million others by the Nazi regime and its collaborators. It was designated by the UN General Assembly resolution 60/7 on November 1, 2005. The resolution came after a special session was held earlier that year on January 24, during which the Assembly marked the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi concentration camps and the end of the Holocaust.



EVER WONDER ABOUT? TU B'SHEVAT ט"ו בשבט

Tu B'Shevat is a Jewish holiday that occurs on the 15th day of Shevat (this year, it begins at sunset on January 27 and ends in the evening of January 28). It is also known as the "New Year of the Trees." The name is derived from the Hebrew date of the holiday. "Tu" stands for the Hebrew letters Tet and Vav, which together have the numerical value of 9 and 6, adding up to 15. In contemporary Israel, the day is celebrated as an ecological awareness day, and trees are planted in celebration. Here in America it has been traditional to also plant trees in Israel by donating to the Jewish National Fund (jnf.org).



**Message from the President...
Bryan Beckerman**

Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, whispering, 'It will be happier.'

-Alfred Lord Tennyson

As we ring in the 2021 New Year:

I look forward to us being able to safely travel, with no fear of catching or spreading the Coronavirus.

I look forward to living in a world where we can watch movies in actual theaters, without having to worry about covering our faces when we're done enjoying our delicious movie snacks.

I look forward to the return of carefree hugs, when we are not paranoid if we develop a scratch in our throat after the actual hug of a family member.

I look forward to when we don't have to worry about dousing our hands with sanitizer or obsessively taking showers throughout the day upon our return home from necessary travel.

I look forward to walking into my favorite venue, listening to a favorite band sing a favorite song.

I look forward to hopping on a treadmill and completing a solid run-walk without having to worry about overheating or gasping for fresh air from behind a mask.

I look forward to strolling into my favorite barbershop to sit down, have a warm conversation and not worry in the back of my mind about confronting the virus.

I look forward to hosting a family dinner at my home without having to worry about anyone catching COVID.

I look forward to being able to sit around a table, break bread and watch a sporting event with friends.

I look forward to returning to our shul, reciting our prayers in person, and sharing a kiddush table with our members after services.

That somewhat covers the things that I'm looking forward to the most with the dawn of 2021 and the eventual passing of this storm that is the Coronavirus pandemic. Until then, it's on all of us to maintain a positive outlook, remember that this too shall pass and do what we can to keep everyone safe until that day arrives!

Come join us at Beth Shalom Community Beyond Walls

Evening Minyan

Sunday - Thursday 7:00 PM; Friday 5:00 PM
<https://zoom.us/j/9870691349>

Morning Minyan

Sunday 9:00 AM; Monday-Friday 8:00 AM
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81095274909>

Shabbat Morning Services

Saturday 9:30 AM

www.congbethshalom.org or
<https://livestream.com/congbethshalom>

Now also available on Zoom:

<https://bit.ly/2SOeVzg>

You may also connect to the Zoom session by phone at : 1-301-715-8592 or 1-312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 848 6655 4080

Passcode: CBSshabbat

Classes resume January 4.

Monday Morning Talmud Class

8:30 AM with Rabbi Gamer

<https://zoom.us/j/363234602>

Tuesday Morning Reading

"Heavenly Torah"

9:30 AM with Rabbi Gamer

<https://zoom.us/j/557749652>

Wednesday Morning Torah Tea & Talking

10:00 AM with Rabbi Abi

<https://zoom.us/j/252496145>

Thursday Morning Jewels of Jewish Music

10:00 AM with Cantor Sam

<https://zoom.us/j/939652967>

Friday Morning Parashat Hashavuah

10:00 AM with Rabbi Gamer

<https://zoom.us/j/962225302>

Celebrate with us!

(during Shabbat morning services on livestream & Zoom)

Children's Birthday Blessings
Saturday, January 2

Anniversary Shabbat—Saturday, January 30





Sisterhood.....Phyllis Weeks

I am sitting in my family room on a cold afternoon contemplating the decision my husband and I have made to not go to Florida this winter.

We are doing this for several reasons. Of course, they all revolve around the Covid-19 pandemic. We do not want to be in a place where it is government policy to ignore the safety precautions recommended by the CDC, where we have no support system should we get sick, or where we might have to be treated by a doctor we don't know. Instead, we want to be in a place where we can help our children if they need us. We want to be in a place where we know who we can trust. And just as important (to us), we want to remain in a place where we can get one of the Covid vaccines when they're available.

But oh, those silver linings! One of the silver linings of this awful scourge that is the pandemic is the renewed realization that we all need others. We are told ad nauseum that we are in "this" together, but it's not just the pandemic that we're in together; it's life itself. Just as we need to offer comfort to those experiencing a crisis, we need to celebrate with those experiencing joyful occasions. The common thread is that we need to be wherever we can do the most good, wherever our help is needed.

One of those places is Sisterhood. I wrote last month about the crisis in leadership that we're experiencing. We need women with talents or skills to consider offering those gifts to our leadership. Good with computers and technology? We need you! Good with speaking in public? We need you! Good with organization and administration? We need you! We can teach you the content of Sisterhood, such as conducting programs and filling in forms. We can send you to conferences to network with other Sisterhood leaders. All you must provide is the passion, the time, and the commitment to help us continue the work we have been doing for so many years. So, as we put 2020 behind us (thankfully!), please consider making 2021 the year you become active in Sisterhood and are willing to serve in a leadership position.

And please join us on **Sunday, January 10, for a discussion of the Covid vaccine situation with Dr. Josh Adler.** Details can be found elsewhere in HaKol. Until then, stay safe and be well.

In faith and friendship,

Phyllis

When Anxiety is the New Normal: How to cope during COVID



Join psychiatrist Dr. Jeffrey London as he provides an introduction to anxiety disorders and how to cope during this difficult time.

You'll learn:

- How to prepare emotionally for the winter months
- What anxiety looks like in children and adults
- Different types of anxiety disorders
- Tips for getting through a crisis



Wednesday, January 6, 2021

3:30-4:30pm

Via Zoom

Please register for this event by visiting: jfsdetroit.org/drlondon



Beth Shalom Sisterhood Presents...

Should I get the Covid-19 Vaccine? A Discussion with Dr. Josh Adler



Some of the factors to consider about the various vaccines available to protect you against Covid-19

Sunday, January 10

1:00 p.m.

RSVP to Phyllis Weeks for Zoom information

[Pweeks202@gmail.com/248-470-4157](mailto:Pweeks202@gmail.com)

Do You Have...

- a SIMCHA to celebrate? a
- Yahrzeit to remember?
- a KINDNESS to appreciate?

Make a donation to Sisterhood's

MARCIA ABEL fund

For information, contact

Phyllis Weeks pweeks202@gmail.com / 248-470-4157

or

Ellen Racusin PrezEllen@aol.com / 248-968-8848





Thank you to all those who attended our 5th Annual Virtual Chanu-Con! - A Community-Wide Chanukah Festival! It was another great event for both our shul and the larger community, both near and far away. From our sponsors to our vendors and activity presenters and a great group of volunteers, we are thrilled about how well the event went, despite the virtual circumstances.

Make sure to mark your calendars for next year's program and save the date: **November 14, 2021**. We look forward to being back in person by that point. We hope you enjoyed this year's Chanu-Con! and that you had a happy Chanukah!



We had a wonderful evening of competition in early November, with approximately 30 household teams going up against each other for the first-place spot during our Virtual Trivia Night! We would like to thank everyone who participated for making the evening so successful. It was lots of fun, and we look forward to doing it again.

Mazal Tov to our top two household winners for the evening. The **Mouradian Family** won first place and the **Schwartz Family** won second place! It was wonderful seeing those who participated, and we hope even more of you will be able to join in on the fun in the future!

Vasile To The Rescue



Even though we are not meeting at the synagogue for services, our staff is still very busy. On November 25, the day before Thanksgiving, we had another example of how thankful we are for Vasile Havriscuc, our maintenance director.

One of our aged HVAC units failed. This unit heats and cools a section of the school wing which is used by the Chaya Mushka High School. The recent strong winds resulted in a power outage and then power surge which destroyed many of the electrical components in the unit. Four major parts including the motor were destroyed.

Fortunately for us, Vasile had salvaged parts from older units which were beyond repair. Using the extensive knowledge in electronics and electrical devices he learned in Romania, along with some on-the-job learning, he pieced together parts needed to get this HVAC unit working again.

If our HVAC contractor had to supply the parts, we would have been advised to scrap the unit and spend about \$20,000 to replace it. This is just one example of how Vasile and other staff members go above and beyond to service our beloved shul.

In recent years, we have replaced five of the eight HVAC units on the roof as well as overhauled the compressor for the sanctuary. In the next few years, the last three units will need to be replaced at a cost of about \$20,000 each. Donations to help us do that would be greatly appreciated.

When Covid-19 conditions permit us to pray together again in our building, the HVAC system will be running, keeping us comfortable with haimish Beth Shalom warmth.

Allen Wolf

Sanctuary Fund

In honor of

Giving Day

Phyllis & Kendall Weeks

Lynne Konstant

Micah Zacks becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Marie Slotnick

The birth of granddaughter, Shira Belle

Lescher, to Sheyna & Tom Wexelberg-

Clouser.

Char Gordon & Steve Levine

Eric & Renee Zacks

Ellen & Richard Racusin

Ruth Marcus

In memory of

Adell Ozrovitz

Yvette Mandell

Fay Isackson

David Marcus

Marilyn Brazier

Ellen & Dan Barth

Char Gordon & Steve Levine

Sharon Bisdee

Barbara Sakamoto

Doris Hildebrandt

Bryan & Teresa Beckerman

Nathan Shiovitz

Eric & Renee Zacks

Mandy Garver & Allen Wolf

Gayle & Mark Bialick

Anne & Eugene Greenstein

Jan Wanetick

Char Gordon & Steve Levine

Fay Isackson

Ruth Marcus

Eleanor Brown

Bryan & Teresa Beckerman

Susan Cohan

Jan Wanetick

Susan & Ted Friedman

Ellen & Dan Barth

Seymour Rosenwasser

Bryan & Teresa Beckerman

Fay Isackson

Faye Jacobs

Stefa Kupfer

Gayle & Mark Bialick

Fay Isackson

Tova Salinger

Sisterhood Book Club

Marking the Yahrzeit

Harry Pearlstein

Alan & Suzanne Pearlstein

Edith C. Polk

Eileen & Richard Polk

When an important occasion arises,
such as an Aliyah (Torah Honor), Birth, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Graduation, Wedding,
Recovery from Illness, Bereavement, etc.,
why not make a contribution to our synagogue?

William Litt

Adrienne Litt

Bertha Slotnick

Arnold Yerman

Marie Slotnick

Augusta Markwood

Dan Medow

Clement Bibas

Alice & Stephen Mendelson

Beth Shalom's Building Fund

In memory of

Doris Hildebrandt

Marie Slotnick

Caring & Support Mitzvah Fund

In honor of

The birth of granddaughter, Shira Belle

Lescher, to Sheyna & Tom Wexelberg-

Clouser.

Susan & Ted Friedman

Marking the Yahrzeit

Jeanne Birnbaum

Diane & Keith Starr

Caring & Support Mitzvah Fund

In memory of

Doris Hildebrandt

Zieva & Marc Konvisser

Lewis z'I and Betty Cohen z'I Jewish

Learning Scholarship Fund

In honor of

The birth of granddaughter, Shira Belle

Lescher, to Sheyna & Tom Wexelberg-

Clouser.

Marie Slotnick

In memory of

Stefa Kupfer

Shelia Levine

Paul & Barbara Goodman Education

Fund

In memory of

Eleanor Brown

Risa & Brian Wolf

Eileen z'I & Irven Leider z'I Kiddush Fund

In memory of

Doris Hildebrandt

Shelia Levine

Marking the Yahrzeit

Family Members

Robert Leider

Leonard Milstein z'I Scholarship Fund

In memory of

David Marcus

Eleanor Brown

Jeanne Milstein

Morning Minyan Breakfast Fund

In memory of

David Marcus

Arnie Weiner

Betty Singer

Doris Hildebrandt

Eleanor Brown

Arnie Weiner

Bill & Grace Naftaly Marquee Fund

In honor of

Jesse Dorkin's Bar Mitzvah

Jerry Naftaly

Sheryl Kaminer's 29th Birthday.

Shira Shapiro's first anniversary as Executive

Director.

The Beckerman Family

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In honor of

Rabbi Gamer

Fran & Tom Hildebrandt

In memory of

Doris Hildebrandt

Pam & Richard Schlosberg

Eleanor Brown

Bobbie & Joe Lewis

Marking the Yahrzeit

Abraham Gamer

Mary Gamer

Technology Fund

In honor of

Bryan Beckerman for his wonderful leadership

as President of CBS.

Arnie Weiner

In memory of

David Marcus

Arlene Gorelick & Jerry Lapidés

Doris Hildebrandt

Susan & Ted Friedman

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Arlene Gorelick & Jerry Lapidés

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Rose Paull

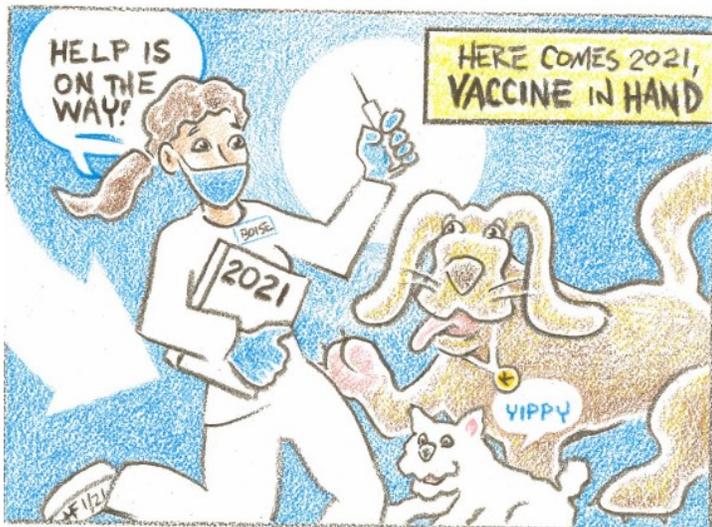
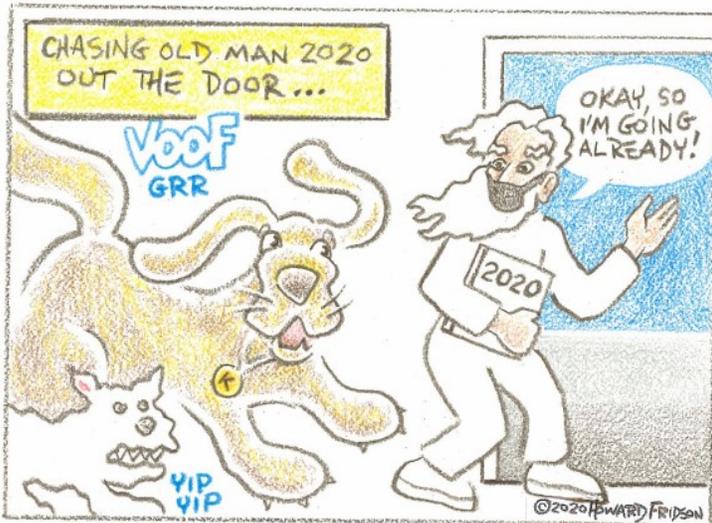
Doris & David Schey

Leo Lapides

Joseph Gorelick

Arlene Gorelick & Jerry Lapides

A Dog Named Katz by Howard Fridson



Conservative Community-wide Purim Celebration!

Sunday morning, February 21

Purim parking lot drive-through,
Mishloach manot, etc. (time TBA).

Thursday evening, February 25 Erev Purim

- 6:30 p.m. Young Family Experience
- 6:45 p.m. Minchah, Ma'ariv, and Megillah reading, followed by a comedy zoom.

Friday morning, February 26 Purim

- 7:30 a.m. Morning service with Megillah reading.

Full details, including registration and Zoom links, will be announced in the February HaKol.

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<http://www.jvshumanservices.org/join>