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CBS Congregational Seder via Zoom

**Second Night of Passover
Sunday, March 28
6:00–7:00 p.m.**

The seder will be led by CBS clergy.
The text of the Haggadah will be shared in the Zoom session.

**Complimentary admission, but...
Reservations are required by
Wednesday, March 24.**

Zoom link information will be sent on Thursday, March 25, to those with reservations.



**Join Beth Shalom Sisterhood as we present
Passover Cooking with Aviva Phillips**



**Dishes that will become new holiday favorites!
Sunday, March 21
1:00 p.m.**

RSVP to Phyllis Weeks
pweeks202@gmail.com
248-470-4157

Zoom information to be sent out March 19.

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

MARCH 2021

Hakol

FAMILY HAPPENINGS

CONDOLENCES TO:

The family of **Lynne Konstant**, beloved mother of Erica Konstant and Victor Konstant. She was the cherished sister of Amy (Steven) Hanegan and Stephanie (Hal Margolit) Mason.

Neil and Ilene Cantor on the death of his beloved mother, Selma Cantor. She was the dear grandmother of **Robert Cantor**.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

March 2021

Friday, March 5.....	6:10 p.m.
Friday, March 12.....	6:18 p.m.
Friday, March 19.....	7:26 p.m.
Friday, March 26.....	7:43 p.m.
Saturday, March 27 (Passover).....	8:36 p.m.
Sunday, March 28 (Passover).....	8:37 p.m.

Shabbat Weekly Parshah for March



6/ 22 Adar	Ki-Tissa
13/ 29 Adar	Vayakhel-P'kudei
20/ 7 Nissan	Vayikra
27/ 14 Nissan	Tsav

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



20 Korey & Debbie Bahash
21 Alvin & Adele Nodler
22 Barry & Paula Mardit
23 Gideon & Abi Taylor-Abt

MISSING THE SYNAGOGUE CALENDAR?



Due to Beth Shalom being closed due to COVID-19 and, correspondingly, 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>.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Jennifer Alpert | 19 Beverly Goldenberg |
| 2 Mariya F. Bruell | 19 Joseph Pearlstein |
| 2 Elaine Lieberman | 20 Jan Alpert |
| 4 Klara Beecher | 20 Vladimir Petlakh |
| 4 Sidney Faber | 21 Maxwell Friedenberg |
| 4 Marc Konvisser | 21 Vivian Mouradian |
| 5 Keith Starr | 21 Asher Zacks |
| 8 Allen Silbergleit | 25 Ian Zitron |
| 9 Dan Barth | 26 Ben Brockmeyer-Bernard |
| 9 Maggie Brockmeyer-Bernard | 26 Naomi Chimovitz |
| 10 Helene Greenwald | 26 Roman Polevoy |
| 11 Deborah Bahash | 26 Eden Tishkowski |
| 11 Noah Rodgers | 27 Gideon Abt |
| 12 Abi Taylor-Abt | 27 Bernie Goldstein |
| 12 Ryan Velzy | 27 Janet Hankin |
| 12 Madeline Alpert | 28 Jonathan Alpert |
| 13 Paula Mardit | 29 Max Goldstein |
| 14 Steven Krasnick | 30 Michael Cher |
| 17 Tom Wexelberg-Clouser | 31 Joseph Bergasse |
| 19 Mary Gamer | 31 Benjamin Bronstein |

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.



CBS is seeking several volunteers to help make yahrzeit reminder calls to members of the congregation. If you are interested in helping, please contact Sheryl in the CBS office at 248-547-7970.



Message from Rabbi Gamer

On Vaccines and Vaccination in Jewish Law

As we all know, the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine is proceeding. As of the time of this writing, there have been two vaccines approved in the United States and more are on the immediate horizon for Emergency Use Authorization. Many of our congregants have already received their vaccinations.

As we continue in this time period, I want to share with you the conclusions of two *Teshuvot* (responses) from the Conservative Movement regarding vaccines. Both were passed without dissent by the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards. What follows is few of the summary points of each *Teshuva*.

Rabbi Micah Peltz's *Teshuvah* includes the following summary points:

- We reiterate that Jewish law obligates Jews to vaccinate themselves and others in their care, with medical guidance, with vaccines that have a proven and safe track record.
- COVID-19 vaccines approved by government health agencies under emergency processes are considered to be *refutot b'dukot*, established treatments. With proper medical guidance, Jews are obligated to be vaccinated against COVID -19.
- Jewish institutions are permitted, by *halakhah*, to require their employees, students, and congregants to be vaccinated against COVID-19. Legal counsel should be consulted to understand the secular law in this matter.

Rabbi Dr. David Golinkin's *Teshuvah*, which was written for the Conservative Movement in Israel, has the following summary:

- In conclusion, since the discovery of the smallpox vaccine by Dr. Edward Jenner in 1796, it has been proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that vaccines against infectious diseases save the lives of millions of people every year while only a very small percent experience complications or die. Therefore, there is a halakhic obligation for Jews to vaccinate themselves and their children, unless their doctors determine that it's dangerous for that specific person to be vaccinated due to a pre-existing condition. Similarly, it's halakhically permissible for a school or a synagogue anywhere in the world or the government of the State of Israel to enact a *takkanah* or regulation that one must receive a vaccination and to prevent an unvaccinated person from entering a synagogue, a school, or a shopping mall.

It is significant that both the Orthodox Union and the Rabbinical College of America (the Orthodox movement's Rabbinical professional organization) have also made statements similar to the those by the Conservative Movement.

As we continue through these challenging times, I would encourage everyone who is medically able to get a vaccine to do so. Together we will be able to protect ourselves and our community.



Prayers for the COVID-19 Vaccine

I have been praying for this day and now it is here!
 With great excitement, a touch of trepidation
 And with deep gratitude, I give thanks
 To all the scientists who toiled day and night
 So that I might receive this tiny vaccination
 That will protect me and all souls around this world.
 With the pandemic still raging
 I am blessed to do my part to defeat it.
 Let this be the beginning of a new day,
 A new time of hope, of joy, of freedom
 And most of all, of health.
 I thank You, God, for blessing me with life
 For sustaining my life
 And for enabling me to reach this awe-filled moment.
 Amen

Rabbi Naomi Levy

Prayer for People Being Vaccinated

God who answers in times of distress and saves,
 "Healer of broken hearts who binds their wounds"
 (Psalm 147), who shares divine wisdom with flesh
 and blood and has given us understanding, science
 and discernment to create this vaccine:

May it be Your will that through the power of this
 human effort aided by God, who graciously grants
 humans knowledge and teaches mortals
 understanding, science and discernment, that I merit
 health and resilience so that these verses may be
 fulfilled for us: "I have removed illness from your
 midst" "for I the ETERNAL am your healer" (Exodus
 23; 15). "Let them praise the ETERNAL for God's
 steadfast love and wondrous deeds for
 humanity" (Psalm 107).

Praised are You who brings healing to all flesh and
 does wonders.

Rabbi Andrew Sacks



Celebrate with us!

(during Shabbat morning
 services
 on livestream & Zoom)

Children's Birthday Blessings
 Saturday, March 6

Anniversary Shabbat
 Saturday, March 27



Message from the President... Bryan Beckerman

"It's not whether you get knocked down, it's whether you get up."

-Vince Lombardi

Today, although some issues still remain, the COVID-19 vaccine is being provided through a relatively systematic process. With this inception, the leadership of Congregation Beth Shalom is once again focused on a transition to both successfully and safely return to in-person services.

Although we are not considering holding large group gatherings, we anticipate that in-person services will occur in the foreseeable future. Both the size and number of individuals allowed within our shul will still fall under the auspices of CDC and state guidelines, even though we are often recognized as being "exempt" from these regulations. We anticipate most recommendations which have been followed in the past will remain the same.

Volunteers will take congregants' temperatures before they enter, and no attendance will be permitted if one is experiencing any of the COVID-19 symptoms. Individuals who are not in the same household will be required to maintain a clear social distance, including movement in, out, and around the shul, with our foot traffic only flowing in one direction. Masks will be required for all people. Children younger than two years old or anyone who has trouble breathing and cannot wear a mask will most likely not be able to attend in-person services until all restrictions are safely lifted.

Specific rituals will be adapted to avoid physical contact. Congregational singing and recitation, although an important part of our service, will be modified in an attempt to prevent aerosol particles. Further, kiddushes will remain suspended.

We plan to regularly clean and disinfect according to CDC guidelines and restroom availability will be extremely limited, if available at all. Hand sanitizer and open trash cans are expected to be readily available. Also, we will continue to factor both remote and outdoor services into our community life, since these services are significantly safer than those conducted indoors.

The truth is that it will most likely be a little longer before it is safe for all of us to pray together in person. Regardless, please know that your leadership takes our role in making these decisions of the utmost importance. Your safety and well-being were, are and always will be our focus.

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>

Monday Morning Talmud Class

8:30 AM with Rabbi Gamer

No class March 29

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

Tuesday Morning Reading

"Heavenly Torah"

9:30 AM with Rabbi Gamer

No class March 30

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

Wednesday Morning Torah & Tea

10:00 AM with Rabbi Abi

No class March 31

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85218382289>

Thursday Morning Jewels of Jewish Music

10:00 AM with Cantor Sam

No class March 25

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

Friday Morning Parashat Hashavuah

10:00 AM with Howard Marcus

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

As we look forward to next year with all of the new challenges, we are seeking members for Beth Shalom leadership positions for 2021/2022. If you are interested in being part of the team that guides Beth

Shalom into the future, please consider a Board position. If you would prefer to work on a more theme-focused committee or team, such as membership engagement, finance, programming, fund-raising, etc., please let us know of your interests. Contact Gretchen Weiner, past president, at 734-261-6468 or gnweiner@gmail.com.





Sisterhood.....Phyllis Weeks

Many of us embarked on the beginning of 2021 with hope. It was a year that promised to bring an end to the terrible plague of the coronavirus. There were vaccines on the horizon that spoke to the possibility of life returning to "normal." And yet, here we are: another year, another Passover spent without our families.

Last year, the prospect of celebrating this essential family holiday differently was an adventure. We are commanded in Exodus, *"And you will tell your child on this day, saying: ... with a strong hand God took us out of Egypt from the house of bondage."* So we took pride in finding new, creative ways to carry out this commandment. We Zoomed, we sat at tables six feet apart, we observed alone. We competed for ways to make Passover differently meaningful. For some, this worked; for others, it was painfully lonely.

This year, not so much adventure. We're tired of Zoom. We're tired of keeping a stiff upper lip. We're tired of not being able to hug those who are closest to our hearts. So, I turned to my favorite reference source, the Internet (my library science professors are undoubtedly shuddering right about now), to see what people more learned than me had to say last year about Passover during a pandemic.

Interestingly, almost all focused on the same two themes: the very premise of Passover (oppression) and the one characteristic that has allowed the Jewish people to triumph, not just during the expulsion from Egypt, not just during the Holocaust, not just during the Russian pogroms, but also during the present pandemic (resilience).

Last year, World Jewish Congress President Ronald Lauder said, *"Make no mistake; we will get through the coronavirus crisis, as we have gotten through so many seemingly existential threats over the last 2,000 years."* And so we have. Another year, another Passover spent without our families. But this year we realize that we are resilient enough to still carry out the commandment. Though still oppressed by this virus, we will take pride in finding creative, socially distanced ways to do so. We will Zoom, we will sit at tables six feet apart, and some will observe alone. We will make Passover differently meaningful, but we will persevere.

Chag sameach. Stay safe and be well. Have faith that next year we will be able to celebrate with our families (and join us on March 21 to see Aviva Phillips demonstrate some new recipes for our seders, no matter who is/is not joining us!).

In faith and friendship,

Phyllis

Tired of the same old Passover recipes?

Have time to try something new?

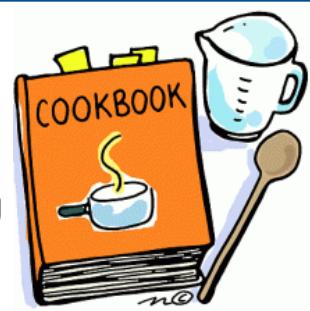
Have we got the thing for you!

Just in time for Pesach, Beth Shalom Sisterhood is happy to offer...

The Beth Shalom
Passover Cookbook

To reserve a copy for \$15, contact Phyllis Weeks by March 14
248-470-4157 or pweeks202@gmail.com

Pickup will take place the week of March 15



**VIOLET GREENWALD
MARCH 13, 2021**



Violet H. Greenwald will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, March 13. She will be joined on the bima by her parents, Stephen and Helene Greenwald, and her brother, Noah. Violet is the granddaughter of Joan Golden (and the late Harvey Golden) and Myra Greenwald and Larry Lawson. She is also the granddaughter of the late Benjamin "Buddy" Greenwald.

Violet is in 7th grade at Norup International Middle School and attends religious school through Beth Shalom. She loves all things art! While art is her first love, she also enjoys playing tennis, swimming, and skiing.

CBS Weekday Morning Class Sponsorship Opportunity



Congregation Beth Shalom is happy to announce a new and inexpensive way for members and friends to support our congregation. Beginning Monday, February 1, it is now possible to sponsor a session of an online weekday morning class for \$18.

In many congregations, it is common to have sponsors for shiurim or classes. Sponsorship is a wonderful additional way to mark a special occasion, honor a loved one, or commemorate a Yahrzeit. The names of our sponsors will be mentioned at the beginning of each class, and names will be published in *HaKol*.

If you're interested in sponsoring one or more future sessions, please call Sheryl Kaminer at the office at 248-547-7970 or email: skaminer@congbethshalom.org.



OBSERVING TA'ANIT B'CHOROT תענית בכורות

Ta'anit B'chorot, the Fast of the Firstborn, is a unique fast day in Judaism which falls on the day before Passover (i.e. the 14th day of Nisan, except it is observed on the 12th day of Nisan when Passover begins on Sunday – as in 2021). Usually, the fast is broken at a *siyum* celebration (a *siyum* is the completion of any unit of Torah study and is usually followed by a celebratory meal, or *seudat mitzvah*, a meal in honor of a mitzvah, or commandment.) This celebration is typically made at the conclusion of the morning service, which creates an atmosphere of rejoicing that overrides the requirement to continue the fast.

Unlike all other Jewish fast days, only firstborns are required to fast on the Fast of the Firstborn. This fast commemorates the salvation of the Israelite firstborns during the Plague of the Firstborn, the last of the ten plagues wrought upon Ancient Egypt prior to the Exodus of the Children of Israel, when, according to Exodus (12:29): "God struck every firstborn in the Land of Mitzrayim." **Ta'anit B'chorot will be observed on Thursday, March 25, at the morning minyan (this year, 8:00 a.m. on Zoom – see page 4).** Please feel free to celebrate at a *seudat mitzvah* in your own home.



SCHEDULE FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF PASSOVER

Saturday, March 27 First Seder in evening

Sunday, March 28 Passover – First Day

Services begin at 9:30 a.m.

On **Livestream** or copy/paste the url:
<https://livestream.com/congbethshalom>
On **Zoom**: <https://bit.ly/2SOeVzg>

You may also connect to the Zoom session by phone:

1-301-715-8592 or 1-312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 848 6655 4080

Passcode: CBSshabbat

Mincha/Ma'ariv – 5:00 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/9870691349>

Second Seder in evening

Monday, March 29 Passover – Second Day

Services begin at 9:30 a.m.

(Livestream or Zoom same as above)

Mincha/Ma'ariv – 7:00 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/9870691349>

Saturday, April 3 Passover – Seventh Day

Services begin at 9:30 a.m.

(Livestream or Zoom same as above)

Sunday, April 4 Passover – Eighth Day

Services begin at 9:30 a.m.

(Livestream or Zoom same as above)

Yizkor will be observed

Tributes

Sanctuary Fund

In honor of

Congregation Beth Shalom
Adrienne & Sanford Guss

Dr. Josh Adler - Thank you for presenting such an interesting, educational program.

Beth Shalom Sisterhood

In memory of

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Edythe Mazur

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Lynne Konstant

Bryan & Teresa Beckerman

Eric & Renee Zacks

Marie Slotnick

Mandy Garver & Allen Wolf

Susan Cohan

The Rott Family

Ellen & Dan Barth

Marcia Klain

Susan Cohan

Selma Cantor

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Marking the Yahrzeit

Shalim Taksar

Alla & Roman Polevoy

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Abraham & Eva (Chave) Mudryk

Chuck Mudryk

Frieda Lucas

Daniel Medow

Family Yahrzeits

Dayle Kramer

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Julius Cohen

Ruth Friedman

**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?**

Charles Goldstein

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Edythe Mazur

Selma Cantor

Jeanne Milstein

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Shelly Milstein, Danny Tukel,

Jeffrey & Jeanne Milstein

Morning Minyan

In honor of

Speedy Recovery to Ronna Perlman

Bobbie & Joe Lewis

In memory of

Marcia Klain

Marshall & Cathy Zumberg

Marking the Yahrzeit

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Arthur Schwartz

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In Honor of

The birth of grandson, Jack Everett, to Sharon & Paul Levine.

Speedy recovery to Donna Buxton.

Jerry Naftaly

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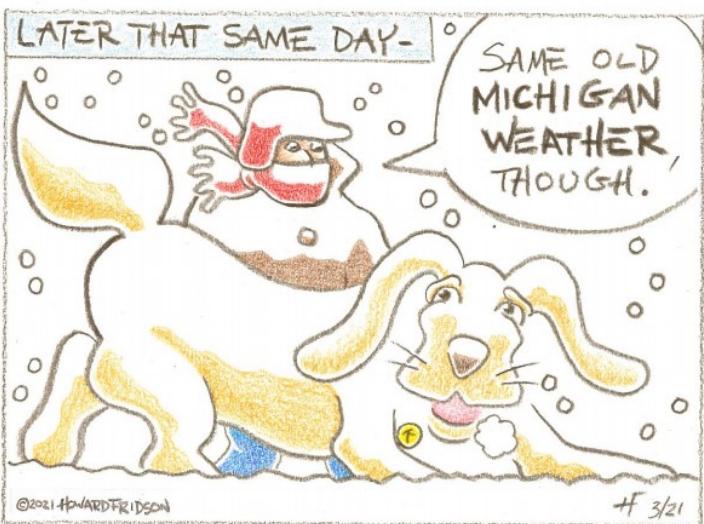
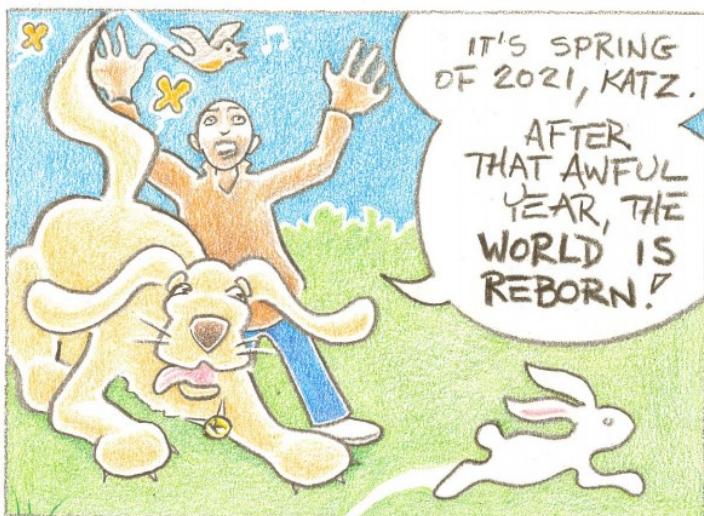
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MECHIRAT CHAMETZ SALE OF CHAMETZ 5781 / 2021

PESACH this year begins on **SATURDAY NIGHT, MARCH 27**. The search for leaven (BEDIKAT CHAMETZ) is done Thursday night, March 25.

According to Jewish law, any leaven (chametz) owned by a Jew during the Pesach festival is forbidden for use. You should therefore attempt to "use up" as much as possible of your chametz products prior to Pesach. Since it is unlikely that you can dispose of all CHAMETZ before the approach of PESACH, you should arrange for **MECHIRAT CHAMETZ**, the sale of all leavened products which remain, covered and locked away during Pesach.

Complete the attached authorization and mail it to the synagogue office **before Thursday, March 25**, at the address below. It is customary to make a charitable donation, checks should be made payable to Congregation Beth Shalom.

We wish each and every one of you and your family a joyous and healthy Pesach, a Chag Kasher V'same'ach!

Rabbi Robert Gamer
Congregation Beth Shalom
14601 West Lincoln Road
Oak Park, Michigan 48237

Date : _____

I hereby authorize you to act as my agent in selling the chametz in my home and/or business premises for the year 5781 located at:

This chametz will be properly stored away and will not be visible or accessible during the eight days of Pesach.

Signature: _____

