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Community-wide
PURIM 2022

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16 AT ADAT SHALOM

5:30 pm | Family Musical Megillah & Shpiel*
6:00 pm | Carnival: games, inflatables, & music
Dinner available for purchase. Designated area to eat.
7:30 pm | Service & Megillah reading*

THURSDAY, MARCH 17 AT B'NAI ISRAEL

7:00 am | Service, Megillah reading* & breakfast to-go
Advance registration for breakfast required: info@bnaisraelwb.org

KN95 or N95 masks are required. *Bring a box of pasta to use as a grogger and then donate it to Yad Ezra

Services & Megillah readings are also viewable via Zoom:
<https://zoom.us/my/adatshalommi>
meeting ID: 224 778 4919 | passcode is 5782

Questions?
contact one of
the community
partners



- **The carnival is free of charge.** There will be many carnival and inflatable games, a huge inflatable obstacle course for elementary and older kids, an inflatable bouncer and play area for toddlers, a dance party with Star Trax, photo booth and prize shuk (market). Kids will have a blast winning tickets and 'cashing' them in for cool prizes. 7th grade and older teens are welcome to volunteer to lead games.
- **Dinner provided by Dish Kosher Catering** is available for purchase. There will be a designated eating area with tables/chairs outside of the carnival, which is in the social hall. Free Hamantaschen and water will also be available in the designated eating area.
- Adat Shalom has a **brand new, state of the art air-purification system** for the entire building! It has an efficacy rate of 99+% for cleaning and eliminating bacteria and viruses, like the flu, common cold, and COVID-19.
- **Bring a box of pasta to use as a grogger** (groggers will also be available) and drop it in a donation box for Yad Ezra after the Megillah reading.
- **KN95 or N95 masks are required.**



SUNDAY, MARCH 13

FAMILY HAPPENINGS

MAZAL TOV TO:

Lesli Tishkowski on her marriage to Aaron Jacobs and to Eden and Jocelyn on their mother's marriage.

CONDOLENCES TO:

Lisa and Eric Bronstein on the death of her beloved mother, Betty Barson. Betty was the wife of the late Richard Barson and the grandmother of Jacob, Evan, and Benjamin Bronstein.

Susan and Mark Lichterman on the death of her father, Honorable Benjamin J. Friedman. Judge Friedman was the beloved husband of Annie Friedman and the loving grandfather of Yossi (Katy) Lichterman, Allie Lichterman, and Eden Lichterman.

Jeremy and Vicki Salinger on the death of his father, Seymour Salinger. Seymour was the beloved husband of the late Tova Salinger and the grandfather of Angelica Butte, Yardana Donaldson, Shoshana Olson, and Miriam Betts.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

March 2022

Friday, March 4.....	6:08 p.m.
Friday, March 11.....	6:16 p.m.
Friday, March 18.....	7:24 p.m.
Friday, March 25.....	7:32 p.m.

Shabbat Weekly Parshah for March

5/ 2 Adar II	P'kudei
12/ 9 Adar II	Va-Yikra
19/16 Adar II	Tzav
26/23 Adar II	Sh'mini



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Jennifer Alpert | 19 Beverly Goldenberg |
| 2 Mariya F. Bruell | 19 Joseph Pearlstein |
| 2 Elaine Lieberman | 20 Jan Alpert |
| 4 Klara Beecher | 21 Maxwell Friedenber |
| 4 Sidney Faber | 21 Vivian Mouradian |
| 4 Marc Konvisser | 21 Asher Zacks |
| 5 Keith Starr | 25 Ian Zitron |
| 9 Dan Barth | 26 Ben Brockmeyer- |
| 9 Maggie Brockmeyer- | Bernard |
| 10 Helene Greenwald | 26 Naomi Chimovitz |
| 11 Deborah Bahash | 26 Roman Polevoy |
| 11 Noah Rodgers | 26 Eden Tishkowski |
| 12 Ryan Velzy | 27 Bernie Goldstein |
| 12 Madeline Alpert | 27 Janet Hankin |
| 13 Paula Mardit | 28 Jonathan Alpert |
| 14 Steven Krasnick | 29 Max Goldstein |
| 17 Tom Wexelberg- | 30 Michael Cher |
| 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 3) 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.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- 20 Korey & Debbie Bahash
- 21 Alvin & Adele Nodler
- 22 Barry & Paula Mardit



Celebrate with us!

(during Shabbat morning services in-person or on livestream & Zoom)

- Children's Birthday Blessings
Saturday, March 5
- Anniversary Shabbat
Saturday, March 26





Message from Rabbi Gamer

Saying Kaddish When There Is Adar Sheini

Every time there is a Jewish leap year – meaning a second month of Adar (Adar Sheini) added to the calendar – I receive many questions about when is the proper time to observe a yahrzeit for a loved one that died in a non-leap year. Adding to the confusion is the multiple yahrzeit notices that people receive, sometimes saying to observe in Adar I and some saying to observe in Adar II. The question comes up so much that a number of Jewish legal scholars keep writing about this. Part of the issue is the history of yahrzeit.

Yahrzeit as a practice does not come about until after the time of the Talmud. As a result, there is no in-depth discussion dealing with the various times when there are quirks in the calendar so that the yahrzeit might move. One of the most comprehensive looks at the history of yahrzeit was done recently by Rabbi Dr. David Golinkin, who is the head of the Bet Din of the Masorti Movement in Israel. Rabbi Golinkin's points list an entire page of Jewish legal scholars throughout history that say that if a person died in Adar I, then in a leap year you observe the yahrzeit in Adar I. Then he lists an entire page of legal scholars throughout history that say that if a person died in Adar I, then in a leap year you observe the yahrzeit in Adar II. There are even some who say you observe the yahrzeit in both months.

Rabbi Golinkin concludes as follows: *"...since the custom of yahrzeit and mourner's kaddish arose hundreds of years after the Talmud, there is no clear consensus as to whether an Adar yahrzeit should be observed in Adar I or Adar II. Furthermore, there is not even a clear consensus among Ashkenazim or Sephardim. Personally, I prefer the custom of Adar II. Since Purim is observed in Adar II, this is the month which most Jews today consider the "real" Adar. However, it is perfectly legitimate to observe a yahrzeit in Adar I, following the many opinions and precedents found above. Finally, while I do not recommend observing a yahrzeit in both Adars, it is certainly understandable how this custom arose, given the lack of conclusive proof for the other two opinions."*

I have suggested that you have a choice between Adar I and Adar II, and perhaps the best decision is which is closer to the secular date. I know that is not a definitive I or II, but I have always tried for flexibility where we can have it. The one caveat would be if the yahrzeit was on Purim or Ta'anit Esther, in which case I would say observe it in Adar II.

Come join us at Beth Shalom Community Beyond Walls

Classes & Services Live-Streamed on Zoom.US

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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>
or Zoom at <https://bit.ly/2SOeVzg>

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>

Thursday Morning Jewels of Jewish Music

10:00 AM with Cantor Sam
<https://zoom.us/j/939652967>

Shabbat Morning Parashat Hashavuah

8:30 AM with Howard Marcus
<https://zoom.us/j/962225302>

Please consider sponsoring a class or series of classes. The cost is \$18.00 per class. 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 contact the CBS office at information@congbethshalom.org or call us at 248-547-7970.

TOUR OF MUSEUM OF JEWISH HERITAGE (NEW YORK CITY)

On **Sunday, March 27, at 10:00 a.m.**, join with your Beth Shalom friends for a virtual tour of the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York. We will see artifacts from the museum's collection and learn more about the Jewish immigrant experience in their *Love Thy Neighbor: Immigration and the U.S. Experience* tour. Cost is \$10 per household to attend. A Zoom link will be sent to all who register. Sign up today at bit.do/cbsmuseumtour



Message from the President... Dan Barth

It's hard to believe that Purim two years ago was our last regular gathering as a large group. At the time we were beginning to hear about Covid, but it was thought the new and mysterious pandemic would end within a few months. Nobody then would have ever predicted the appearance of the Omicron variant two years later. With these thoughts in mind, as we hope for a return to normal life in the near future, I would like to reflect on some old Purim memories.

When I was young, children dressed only in costumes of characters from the Purim story. Everyone was either Queen Esther, Queen Vashti, Mordechai, Haman, or King Achashverosh. A few daring original thinkers showed up with large homemade hamentaschen costumes, but nobody considered the idea of showing up as something different.

Does anyone else remember Hamentaschen in only two flavors, poppy seed and prune? When I was young, I have memories of newer flavors such as cherry and strawberry beginning to appear, but traditionalists at the time were aghast. I remember hearing, "There's no such thing as cherry or strawberry hamentaschen! Whoever heard of such a thing!" What would yesterday's traditionalists say about chocolate chips in hamentaschen?

Even though there's no mention of Vashti and Haman teaming up in Megillat Esther, this seemed to be a popular feature of many old Purim plays. Sometimes they were infused with local humor, something that occurred in a Purim skit during my undergraduate years at MSU in the mid-1970's. Following a Hillel megillah reading, I was recruited to play Haman in a barely-rehearsed Purim skit written by a MSU professor. Vashti and Haman had teamed up and were living together, but Vashti was dissatisfied with their shabby home. In a memorable line, she complained, "Why can't we leave this dump and move to a nice house in East Shushan?" The line got a good laugh in East Lansing, but I'm not sure how it would play elsewhere.

Ellen and I have wonderful memories of Purim at Beth Shalom since the early 1980's. Our kids always enjoyed it as they were growing up. Ellen has great memories of doing a project making Purim character finger puppets with Beth Shalom children in the mid-1990's.

We could all use a little humor this year, so I'll conclude with three Purim knock-knock jokes from Behrman House.

Knock! Knock! Who's there? Haman. Haman who? Haman, what are you doing after school?

Knock! Knock! Who's there? Vashti. Vashti who? Vashti dishes for me, and I'll give you a hamantaschen.

Knock! Knock! Who's there? Esther. Esther who? Esther an end to these silly knock-knock jokes?

(<http://www.behrmanhouse.com/RL/purim-knock-knocks>)

Chag Purim Sameach - a very Happy Purim to everyone!



LEAH ZACKS MARCH 19, 2022

Leah Zacks of Huntington Woods will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, March 19. Leah is looking forward to celebrating the event with her parents, Renee and Eric, her brothers, Asher and Micah, and her grandparents, Alice and Mark Zacks.

Leah is a 6th grader at Detroit Country Day Middle School. She enjoys soccer, field hockey, and baking.

Be a Kiddush-To-Go Sponsor!

Our next Kiddush-To-Go is scheduled on Shabbat Zachor, following morning services on **March 12**.



Be a sponsor for \$54.00! A minimum of five sponsors are required. Just call Shira Shapiro at the CBS office (248-547-7970) by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 4, to indicate your interest in being a sponsor. Your donation goes to the General Kiddush Fund and will be reflected in the upcoming HaKol.

Another Kiddush-To-Go is scheduled on Sisterhood Shabbat, following morning services on **April 2**. Beth Shalom Sisterhood is sponsoring this one in honor of Sisterhood Shabbat.



Sisterhood...Phyllis Weeks

Traditionally, I write a message celebrating women in January, the time when Women's League usually sponsors Sisterhood Shabbat to coincide with the anniversary of its founding by Mathilde Schechter in 1918. In 2020, however, our observance was derailed by an unexpected blizzard. Members suggested that we resurrect

a tradition we had discarded years ago, the scheduling of Beth Shalom Sisterhood's special Shabbat service in the spring instead of the dead of winter. Not only is the weather better, but those of our members who escape for the winter are back to celebrate with us. (This was in the days before Zoom, remember!)

So that's what we did last year, with resounding success. And not wanting to jinx our luck, this year's **Sisterhood Shabbat** will be held **Saturday, April 2**. (If you'd like to participate, please contact **Beth Rodgers** at 248-752-6540 or bethshalomprogramming@gmail.com.)

By happy coincidence, March is Women's History Month, when we recognize the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. It is also a time to raise awareness of gender bias and inequality and to work to increase empowerment of women around the world. Interestingly, we in the Jewish community have occasion to celebrate the empowerment of and achievements of women right in our backyard. For the last few years, a new emphasis on Purim, celebrated this year on March 16-17, has been the contributions and strength demonstrated by Vashti and Esther, without whom the attempted destruction of the Jews, this time by Haman, might have been successful. Instead, we celebrate another triumph over adversity.

Jonathan Krasner, professor of Jewish education and Judaic Studies at Brandeis University, points out that Purim is truly a holiday of family and community. Pam Schlosberg, president of Central Great Lakes Region of Women's League, says (in speaking about Women of the Wall), "*Community is the heartbeat of WL and CGLR – it's who we are, what we do, and how we do it. As an amazing community of dedicated Jewish women, we're united in a common goal to serve the cause of Judaism, striving to be all that we can as Conservative Jewish Women, committed to keeping the flames of mitzvot, family, study, Israel, Torah and community burning bright.*"

This is certainly the goal of Beth Shalom Sisterhood. We champion the successes of our members, we espouse education and leadership opportunities as two of our core values, and we attempt to provide a community in which these values are handed down to another generation, l'dor v'dor.

Whether you are looking ahead to Sisterhood Shabbat, to Women's History Month, or to Purim, we are here to share in your participation of the Jewish women's community, to celebrate with you your accomplishments and your strengths, and to

say to each of our members, "You go, girl!"

In faith and friendship,

Phyllis

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you!**

Are you creative?

Sisterhood is looking for someone to create 10-12 program flyers for its 2022-23 programming year. This can be done from the comfort of your home.

You do not need to be a member of Sisterhood.

If interested, please contact **Phyllis Weeks**, Pweeks202@gmail.com or 248-470-4157. Please include a sample of your work.



Message from the Religious School Director... Gail Greenberg

Each week at Tefilah (our morning service) students get a chance to not only pray, but to "Ask the Rabbis" questions about Judaism and their own lives. And each week Rabbi Zerwekh and Rabbi Gamer do their best to share a bit about themselves and Jewish life and thought. A recent question struck me as telling of where we are in the world – "What is the reason for the pandemic? Are we being punished?" After taking deep breaths, they shared that rather than looking at the pandemic as a punishment, we can turn our thoughts around and see it as a wake-up call to do good for others. We can use the time alone to develop gratitude for what we have.

So – how do we use this thought to move forward with gratitude? Students begin the school day giving tzedakah and remembering the importance of giving. During our tefilah (prayer time) we say prayers like Modeh (Modah) Ani thanking God for giving us a new day and the Birchot Hashachar (morning blessings) expressing gratitude for things like freeing captives, giving strength to the weary, and creating us in God's image. We remember those who need healing and pledge to do what we can to help them. And students are challenged to look for ways to be both grateful and helpful in all they do.

My prayer is that we all have the strength to look for the positive each day and show gratitude and helpfulness, as our rabbis have taught and students have learned. Modah Ani!

Yachad students celebrated Tu B'Shevat with planting seeds and cleaning loofa from our garden to make sponges.



PURIM 2022!

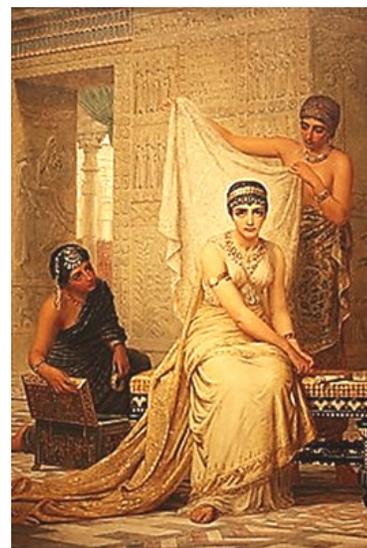
3/13/2022 | 11- 12:30 YACHAD PURIM "CARE-NIVAL!"

3/16/2022 | 5:30 PM PURIM BBQ AND FUN

Stay tuned for more information!

EVER WONDER ABOUT? TA'ANIT ESTHER / תַּעֲנִית אֶסְתֵּר

The **Fast of Esther**, observed before Purim, this year on the 13th of Adar II, is an original part of the Purim celebration, referred to in Esther 9:31-32. The fast is observed from dawn until dusk, commemorating the three-day fast observed by the Jewish people in the story of Purim. The first mention of this fast is a custom that is referenced in the Gaonic period in Babylonia (8th century CE).



Queen Esther by Edward Long, English (1878)

As the Fast of Esther is not one of the four public fasts ordained by the Prophets, the laws concerning its observance are more lenient; pregnant women, nursing mothers, and those who are weak are not required to observe it. This year the Fast of Esther will be observed on Wednesday, March 16.

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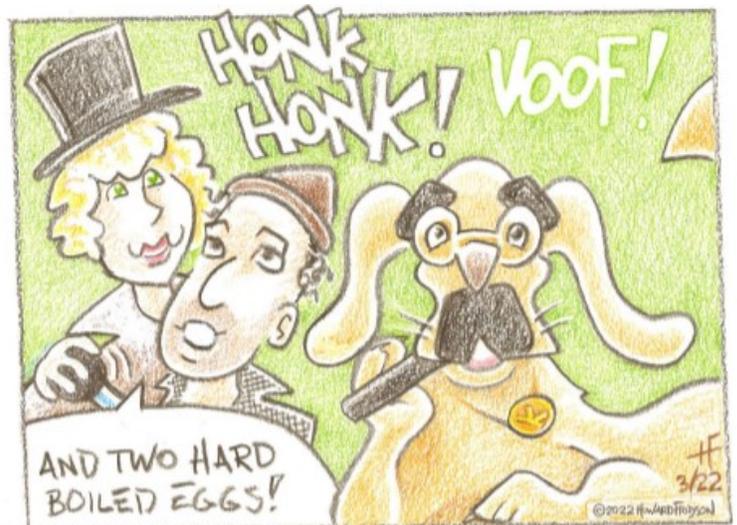


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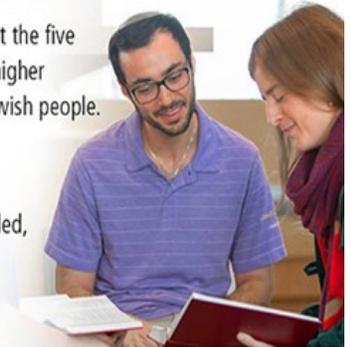
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