LEHITRA’OT TOMER!

Shabbat 6/12-13 (21 Sivan)

Friday schedule (www.bethsholom.org/zoom):
4:30 PM: Torah Tots with Morah Heather
6:30 PM Virtual Pre-Shabbat gathering & L’chaim for Arnie Hiller
6:50 PM: Virtual Kabbalat Shabbat followed by Virtual Yahrzeit Observance
8:17 PM: Candle Lighting

Shabbat Schedule (www.bethsholom.org/zoom)
9:24 PM Havdalah
9:30 PM: Communal Havdalah on Zoom
9:45 PM: Virtual Yahrtzeit Observance

For all information relating to reopening and minyanim, visit www.bethsholom.org/tefilah

Visit our new website for all virtual opportunities: www.virtualbethsholom.org

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HAPPENINGS @ BETH SHOLOM

L'CHAIM FOR ARNIE HILLER: Please join us this Friday evening 6/12 @ 6:30 PM (www.bethsholom.org/zoom, password 613613) as we offer a l'chaim for Arnie Hiller and thank him for his two years of service as Beth Sholom's President!

*The L'chaim will be followed by kabbalat shabbat.*

FAREWELL TOMER: Please join us on Tuesday, June 16th @ 7:30 PM (www.bethsholom.org/zoom, password 613613) for a virtual send-off to show our appreciation for Tomer’s two years of service in our community!

For full calendar of virtual events, click here
Our Beth Sholom App is constantly updated with virtual programs
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ANNOUNCEMENTS @ BETH SHOLOM

DONATIONS: Our Lifecycle Donation page is now live to make donations for a specific class and/or a mitzvah. Donate TODAY! Virtual Learning Sponsorships now available at www.bethsholom.org/lifecycle

PLANNED GIVING: IT'S EASY TO HELP ENSURE OUR SHUL'S FUTURE FINANCIAL SECURITY! Want to learn about ways YOU can do your part, through our Legacy endowment program? Send an email to Syd Schneider at sydms@cs.com, or to Rachel Zutshi at rzutshi@bethsholom.org

CEMETERY PLOTS AVAILABLE: Beth Sholom owns cemetery plots at Gan Zikaron, Garden of Remembrance. Our members are entitled to discounted pricing on these plots. If you are interested in purchasing one, please contact Rachel Zutshi at rzutshi@bethsholom.org.

FOOD SHOPPING & MEAL RESOURCES:

**The Kosher Kitchen Catering Co.** is offering digital gift cards and free local home delivery.

**Moti’s Market** is open & has online shopping – [https://shop.motismarket.com/](https://shop.motismarket.com/)

**Al Ha’Esh** – is open for takeout – order between 9am–3pm at 301-822-4000

**Shalom Kosher** is open & has online shopping – [https://shalomkosheronline.com/](https://shalomkosheronline.com/)

**Signature Catering** has meal packages for pickup or delivery [https://signature-caterers.square.site/](https://signature-caterers.square.site/)

**Max’s** is open for online and carryout orders [https://maxscafe.square.site/]

**Siena’s** is open for takeout – 301-770-7474

**Holy Chow and Oh Mama Grill:** Holy Chow is taking online orders for Oh Mama Grill and delivering to Beth Sholom parking lot on Wednesdays and Thursdays, [https://holychow.revelup.com/weborder/?establishment=1](https://holychow.revelup.com/weborder/?establishment=1)
**Question:** I saw the Beth Sholom's reopening minyan guidelines. It said that people can call in on zoom and say kaddish. But I also heard you previously teach that a minyan cannot be formed with 10 men on zoom. So how is this any different?

**Answer:** The basic halacha about minyan is found in Shulchan Aruch 55:13. The shulchan aruch says that all 10 must be in one place (B'makom Echad). Most contemporary halachic authorities (including me and my teachers) understand that a group gathered on zoom is not considered "in one place." In fact, later on the shulchan aruch talks about a scenario where some are in one room and others are in another room and it says that the two groups cannot combine to make a minyan. However, the shulchan urich (55:20) explicitly says even though all 10 that constitute the minyan must be in the same place, if there are others who are not physically there in the same room (but can here and see), they may answer amen.

One might think that they are allowed to answer amen but what about saying kaddish? Doesn't the person who says kaddish assist others in their obligation and therefore need to be physically present? Well this would have been true in the shulchan aruch's time when one person said kaddish for everyone (and mourners had to take turns). But today, when we allow multiple mourners to say the same kaddish, they are not saying it on behalf of others, so they may say it even if they don't count towards the 10 to make the minyan.

**Bottom Line** – According to most halachic authorities one cannot form a minyan on zoom. However, once a minyan is in place then others may call in on zoom (or even on the phone) and participate that way and answer amen and even say kaddish.
When the Ark was to set out, Moses would say: Advance, O LORD! May Your enemies be scattered, And may Your foes flee before You! (Numbers 10:35)

Context: This pasuk comes in the midst of a description of where Bnei Yisrael were traveling (most of the tenth chapter of Bemidbar describes how Bnei Yisrael traveled from Sinai to Paran). Embedded within this description is our pasuk, which deals specifically with how the ark was treated, and the prayers that were recited over it, during this travel time.

Rashi: BREAKING THINGS UP: Rashi asks why this pasuk is bracketed by two upside down nuns (נ). There is no other place in the Torah that has a similar type of notation. The answer Rashi offers is that the upside down letters signify that this pasuk is actually not meant to be where it is! It is actually more fitting that these pesukim would be part of a narrative back in the second chapter of Bemidbar, which deals more directly with the marching of Bnei Yisrael. The reason these pesukim are present here is to break up two negative sections of the Torah. The first, right before this pasuk, says that Bnei Yisrael left Har sinai. This is interpreted by the Gemara as a “curse” since they left too quickly. The second, right after this pasuk, deals with Bnei Yisrael going to war.

Shabbat 115b: COUNTING THE LETTERS (OR NOT): A discussion is raised in the Gemara in masechet shabbat about saving a Torah from a fire. Of course, saving something from a fire may be prohibited on shabbat. However if the Torah has 85 letters in it, written properly, it is worth saving (if it does not endanger your life to do so). The question is what is to be done if the Torah has fewer than 85 letters. Is it saved or not? The Gemara answers that if it has G-d’s name in it, the Torah should be saved – even if there are fewer than 85 letters. Our pasuk is used as the example of a verse that is fewer than 85 letters, but still has G-d’s name in it and is therefore worth saving.

Shelah (Shnei Luchot HaBrit): G-D COMES WITH US: There is a deeper meaning to this pasuk which the Shelah explores. Why is it that we are told that the ark traveled with the people? We know that G-d commanded the people to build an ark, so that G-d could dwell amongst them. One might have thought that when the ark travels, G-d stays behind in the place where they were. However, this is not the case – wherever we go, G-d goes. This pasuk alludes to this reality: When the ark traveled… that is to say, when the ark traveled, and G-d came with us during our travels.

We all can consider moments in life in which we travel certain places, not knowing how things are going to turn out, not knowing if G-d is going to follow us to that place. This pasuk teaches us that we must be confident, and know that wherever we go in life, G-d will follow us.
Welcome to our fourth community profile focusing on members of our community and how COVID-19 has affected them.

Rabbi Mitchel Malkus & Orna Siegel

This week, we interviewed two members of the CESJDS braintrust - Rabbi Mitch Malkus (Head of School) and Orna Siegel (Director of Enrollment and Tuition Assistance). In their free time, Mitch tries to balance being both a Cubs and Dodgers fan, and Orna tries to mimic as many TikTok dances with her daughter as she can.

How has COVID-19 impacted your work?

**Mitch** - My work at JDS has been impacted significantly! While I don’t have to commute to work and have significantly fewer events, evening programs, and evening/weekend meetings to attend, the intensity of my work has increased, the amount of email communication has escalated, and the daily work challenges to overcome have multiplied. Within a few days of closure we had to move our entire operation online, begin distance learning, and have our business operation function remotely. The pandemic has had a significant impact on many of the school’s families from a financial perspective. As we work with families individually, we have learned that many students are doing quite well in a distance learning environment and another group struggles with this format. With all our employees working from home, we have seen a similar situation with them as some have their own families and aging parents to support.

**Orna** - A major focus of my work since March has been to work directly with all the CESJDS families – current and prospective – who have financial, logistical, or educational challenges due to COVID-19. This is obviously a totally new professional challenge! Personally, having always worked in schools, I have never worked from home before and find that it has not only been really productive but allowed for a healthier balance in my life.

Have you seen or experienced something extraordinary in your work?

**Mitch** - The amount of creativity that I have seen at work has been unbelievable. In particular, JDS has an annual art showcase each year. Typically between 500 and 700 people attend and there are exhibitions in visual arts, drama, singing, instrumental music, and STEM. This year, our IT team and our arts directors worked together to create a platform to hold the entire event online and I thought the result was just amazing. Because it was online, we had people attend who would not normally and we estimated 1000 people viewed the event the night we launched the platform.

**Orna** - I have been so inspired by the care my colleagues demonstrate for all the students and families in the CESJDS community through personal check-ins, individual support for students and parents, and unique and creative ways to celebrate successes and milestones. Further, I have found it to be tremendously rewarding to work directly with families who are struggling due to COVID-19 which has allowed me the privilege to support them during a very difficult time and allay some of their worries and anxieties.

What has been the most difficult part of the pandemic for you?

**Mitch** - Personally I have found that being physically limited from visiting with friends and family during this period is the most difficult aspect of Covid-19. I miss the opportunities to relax and hangout with friends, and my children have not been able to see their grandparents for months.

**Orna** - Not being available to my own children as much as they need during the day. Working from home means that I don’t have the time to help them with their learning the way I wish I could… Also, figuring out what to make for lunch and dinner every day. That’s hard.

Have you found any silver linings to being under the stay-at-home orders?

**Mitch** - Luckily, there have been many silver linings from being at home. In particular, I have enjoyed two changes the most. The first is being able to see my family more. While we each spend the days working, we do run into each other in the kitchen, eat most of our meals together at the same time and we have developed more during the week family rituals. The other thing that has been great is not having to rush on Shabbat morning to get to shul. Having extra time to read the paper and hangout as a family has been very special for us.

**Orna** - I really enjoy my kids and have had special moments with each of them individually and together as a family. Lots of nights, I hear them laughing and hanging out with one another after I’ve gone to bed and believe that they’re building some really special memories.
We thank Arnie Hiller for his two years of service as our shul president. Please join us this Friday evening as we offer a L'chaim for Arnie, including words of gratitude and tribute.

L'chaim will be Followed by Kabbalat Shabbat

FRIDAY, JUNE 12TH @6:30 PM
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FAREWELL, TOMER

We are so sad to say "L'hitraot" to Tomer as he ends his time with Beth Sholom and returns to Israel. Please join us for a virtual "send-off" to show our appreciation for Tomer's two years of service in our community!

TUESDAY, JUNE 16TH @7:30 PM
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Join us in remembering the following Yahrzeits for the month of Sivan

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Lillian Albert
Angel Altmann
Anne Vilensky
Ashendorf
Miriam Baum
Arlene Altman Berkow
Irene Berman
Boustan Boustenay
Gerald Melvin Brenner
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Jeanette Chapnick
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Irwin Cymrot
Naema Darzy
Herbert Davis
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Benjamin Drazin
Joseph Engel
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Marc Feldman
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Fannie Foxman
Fannie Frank
Rachel Frank
Betty Freedman
Emanuel Freeman
Bahram Gamzehlatovae
Sally Garfunkel
Jack Glick
Shirley Goldhagen
Anne Sokol Goldstein
Martin Gorosh
Aleza Gould
Nancy Gould
Sol Gould
Allan Green
Luba Greenzaid
Morris Herman
Bernard Heuberger
David Meyer Hoffman
Edith Hurwitz
Beatrice Cramer Kalish
Sally Kelmanowski
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Clara Kopit
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Ina Shirley Pollan
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Klara Sinreich
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Dennis Smith
Hyman Smith
Peter Somers
Molly Strauss
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FAMILY @ BETH SHOLOM

Happy Birthday: June 13 - 19

Danielle Rose Azachi, Hannah Rachel Azachi, Fay–Ann Brodie, Dr. Albert Cytryn, Dennis Berman, Jonny Charnoff, Sam Goldstein, Emanuel Kandel, Reid Joseph Sadikman, Efram Cherrick, Yoel Altmann, Philip Bobrow, Anne Marill, Lucciana Triner, Matthew Triner, Danielle Galitzer, Jacqueline Foont, Kenneth Berman, Asher Abramowitz, Benjamin Riffkin, Benjamin Aharon, Yael Nagar, Izaak Bozof, Eliana Koplow

Did we miss your birthday? Please update your birthday info directly on your account at www.bethsholom.org or email office@bethsholom.org

For this coming week, Virtual Yahrzeit Observance will be held at 9:45PM on Saturday night, 8:35 PM on Sunday–Thursday, and 6:45 PM on Friday. www.bethsholom.org/zoom

THOSE OBSERVING YAHRZEITS June 13-19 (21-27 Sivan)

SAT Ken Berman, for his Mother, Irene Berman
SUN Judith Kranz, for her Mother, Anne Sokol Goldstein
      Allen Weitzner, for his Sister–in–Law, Ina Shirley Pollan
      Marcia Pelton, for her Mother, Shirley Goldhagen
MON Judith Goldman, for her Grandfather, David Cohen
TUES Regina Engel, for her Father, Joseph Engel
      Jason Salamon, for his Grandmother, Yetty Roth Salamon
      Sara Miller, for her Father, Morris Herman
WED David Gould, for his Sister, Aleza Gould
THURS Francine Strauss, for her Mother, Molly Strauss
      Arleen Tievsky, for her Husband, Marvin Tievsky
      Rosie Rodney, for her Husband, Peter Rodney
      Karla Azachi, for her Father, Herman Rosenfeld
FRI Sanford Garfunkel, for his Mother, Sally Garfunkel
      Robyn Cohen, for her Father, Philip Sandler
      Amy Prywes, for her Father, Stanley Salonic
      Matt Melkin, for his Mother, Jean Melkin
      Frances Feldman, for her Sister, Betty Freedman

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