Shabbat 6/26-27 (5 Tammuz)

Friday schedule
10:30 AM Torah Tots with Morah Heather
6:30 PM Virtual Pre-Shabbat gathering (www.bethsholom.org/zoom)
6:45 PM Kabbalat Shabbat in Parking Lot
8:21 PM Candle Lighting

Shabbat Schedule
9:00 AM Ashkenaz Davening in Parking lot
9:00 AM Sephardic Davening in Greenway
8:20 PM Mincha/Maariv

9:27 PM Shabbat ends
9:30 PM Communal Havdalah on Zoom + Yahrtzeit observance (www.bethsholom.org/zoom)

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

FUN ONLINE RESOURCES

Israel Philharmonic Orchestra Virtual Gala - Sunday, June 28 at 2pm EDT, hosted by Dame Helen Mirren - register here: https://www.ipo.co.il/en/virtual-ipo-global-gala/ Help support the IPO in this time of financial crisis. (but viewing is free)

D.C. United at Home: Workout At-Home with Us: Mayor Bowser’s #FitDC 10-Day Workout Challenge with Ben Olsen and Our Players OR Cook At-Home with Us: Try Your Luck with Our Field-to-Table Cookbook with Favorite Dishes from D.C. United Players

FOOD SHOPPING & MEAL RESOURCES:


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

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Signature Catering has meal packages for pickup or delivery https://signature-caterers.square.site/

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Welcome to our latest community profile focusing on members of our community and how COVID-19 has affected them.

Dita Cooper & Ellie Levine

This week, we interviewed Dita Cooper, Berman Hebrew Academy Upper School Dean of Students, and Ellie Levine, Berman Hebrew Academy Admissions Director. In their free time, Dita (what free time?) watches her children as they play in a parked car in the driveway. In her free time, Ellie hopes that her pet tortoise doesn’t get run over by a mountain bike.

How has COVID-19 impacted your work?

Dita: In every way! The most important job that I have as Dean of Students in the Upper School is to work to ensure the well-being of our students from an academic, programmatic, and social-emotional perspective. COVID has really challenged me and my colleagues to consider how we do this job while not being able to see, listen, and interact with our students in person. It’s compelled us to ask really critical questions about how we support teenagers who have such a strong need for friendship, feeling of community, and autonomy, such as: How can we effectively help students who need emotional support over Zoom? How can we assist students in maintaining a structure to their day when they are home? What should tefillah look like and how can we make the experience engaging and inclusive? What types of extra-curricular events can we recreate to help students still feel connected and optimistic about all the things they were looking forward to? These are just a few of the challenges present in the changing reality of school, but COVID also pushed me in a positive way to think more creatively as an educator to address some of the challenges.

Ellie: In a number of significant ways as well. Initially, my primary focus was helping our administrators with Berman@Home, our virtual learning platform. It was imperative that we continue our teaching and learning but also continue the community connections that are vital during a time of social distance. I spent a lot of time in the early weeks checking in with our prospective and current families to see who needed help and how we could better serve our families when things felt so uncertain. As time went on and this became our new normal, my regular admissions work has continued and I am also doing a lot of community programming like Berman B'kayitz.

Have you seen or experienced something extraordinary in your work?

Dita: Yes! I think one of the most shocking things about the beginning of the pandemic was how quickly we, as a school, needed to transition from normalcy to virtual learning - and how well everyone succeeded. Our faculty, some of whom have been teaching at Berman for decades, were tasked with completely restructuring their curricula and pedagogical models in a matter of days, all while balancing their own needs and those of their families. Our students, who rely on the routine and structure of the school day, as well as their strong friendships, were asked to completely reorient the way they experience school. But they did it. The fact that so much meaningful academic learning happened, coupled with countless extra-curricular opportunities and virtual events made me very proud to be a part of something extraordinary.

Ellie: It was powerful to witness the extraordinary work that the Berman faculty and administrative team put into making Berman@Home so successful. The desire to make the learning program strong, meet the needs of our students, and keep innovating as the weeks went on took so much dedication, it was inspiring to see. I also feel like the way our already warm and engaged community was able to find new ways to come together, connect - and even celebrate - was remarkable.
Aaron took it, as Moses had ordered, and ran to the midst of the congregation, where the plague had begun among the people. He put on the incense and made expiation for the people; (Numbers 17:12)

Context: After Korach’s rebellion, G-d causes a plague to break out amongst the people. In an effort to stop the plague from spreading further, Aharon goes into the congregation to offer a sacrifice, in an attempt to offer “kaparah” for everyone.

Midrash Tanchuma: A Midrash imagines a conversation that Aharon has with the angel of death, who is presumed to be the source of the plague that has descended among the people. He attempts to persuade the angel to come with him back to Hashem and Moshe, so that the plague can stop. The angel refuses to go with Aharon. In response to this, Aharon grasps the angel and forcibly drags him away from the people, stopping the plague from happening.

This Midrash portrays the best qualities of Aharon - someone who is willing to stop at nothing to help the people. His fierceness and courage, according to this Midrash, are the reason why Bnei Yisrael were saved from the plague.

Ohr Hachaim: The Ohr Hachaim interprets this pasuk to mean that Aharon rushed - as quickly as he could - to help save the people from the plague. What is particularly remarkable about this is that in order to save the people, Aharon needed to violate the rules about when and where an offering could be made (of course, Aharon knows first hand what happens when someone violates these rules, as his children Nadav and Avihu were killed when they made such mistakes). Still, Aharon’s love for the people and the explicit command from Moshe to offer the sacrifice in this way helped to determine his actions.

Zevachim 88b: A Gemara in Zevachim cites this pasuk as an example of the fact that the incense offering (the one brought by Aharon to atone for the people) is specifically offered in cases of speaking slanderously. Indeed, this seems to be true in this parsha - Korach and his followers were killed immediately for trying to revolt, and the rest of the people had a plague sent to them when they complained to Moshe and Aharon about the fact that Korach had been killed.

One wonders if the punishment that Korach received (which resulted in instant death) was less painful than that of the people. Perhaps the message is that Korach’s actions were wrong, but the people who didn’t guard their speech were even more wrong.
What has been the most difficult part of the pandemic for you?

**Dita:** I've found maintaining some degree of separation between work and home to be very challenging. I find a certain sense of calm and structure in being able to compartmentalize the many parts of my daily routine with work being at work and home being at home. The pandemic has demanded a total re-shift in this mindset and our family's daily routines. As working parents, both of us need to accomplish all of our daily work responsibilities while taking care of our very little kids. Work has bled into home while we've heard each others' colleagues' voices on Zoom and home has bled into work as we've answered work calls on a walk with our kids or held a sleepy baby during virtual meetings. It has been a real test in flexibility and organization.

**Ellie:** Sitting in front of my computer alone. One of the perks of working in a school is getting to see the students and families every day. I spend a lot of time showing our school to new families, meeting with different divisions to plan programming and involved in administrative conversations. While those are all still happening, it's from my perch at home in front of my screen and I miss the spontaneous human interactions, funny moments in a classroom, and the variety of people you see when walking the halls of a N-12 school with 800 people in it every day.

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

**Dita:** Absolutely! The most significant silver-lining has been having more time at home with my family and being able to be a part of so many special milestones that young children experience in their early years. Since the beginning of the pandemic, our 3-year-old, Noam, learned to use the toilet, sleep in a bed, dropped his pacifier, and has memorized the make and model of almost every car in our neighborhood. (If you see us on a walk, really, ask him). Itai, who is 16 months, has learned to walk and talk. He said "Mama" for the first time and I was there to hear it. I love what I do professionally, but have also really loved the special time I've had at home and the joy of watching my kids grow and thrive.

**Ellie:** It's been nice to have slower mornings with my kids and not feel like we are always hustling on to the next errand or thing we have to do. Also, we got a dog!
Yeshivat Chovevei Torah Presents a New Adult Education Series

CHANGEMAKERS
THE STORIES AND TORAH OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE

TUESDAY, JULY 7
An Education for Every Jewish Girl: The Trials and Triumphs of Sarah Schenirer, Founder of the Bais Yaakov Movement, as told by Dr. Laura Shaw Frank

TUESDAY, JULY 14
Who’s In and Who’s Out: Poskim and the Evolving Status of a Deaf Person in Halakha with Rabbi Dov Linzer

TUESDAY, JULY 21
Praying with our Legs Yesterday and Today: The Impact of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, as told by Professor Susannah Heschel in conversation with Rabbi Ari Hart

TUESDAY, JULY 28
The Struggle for Soviet Jewry and Beyond: Rabbi Avi Weiss on his Torah of Activism and Love for the Jewish People

All sessions will meet via Zoom and be broadcasted live on Facebook.
9:00 PM EST
8:00 PM CT
7:00 PM MT
6:00 PM PCT

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Happy Birthday: June 27-July 3


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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 27-July 3 (5-11 Tammuz)

SAT  Judith Goldman, for her Father, Herman Cohen
SUN  Michael Riffkin, for his Grandfather, Bernard Friedman
      Bruce Klein, for his Father, Sheldon Klein
      Sharon Cooper, for her Father, Abraham Gurewitz
      Elise Berliner, for her Father, Louis Berliner
MON  Iris Grossman, for her Husband, Ted Grossman
      Menachem Katz, for his Mother, Chana Katz
      Beryl Meyer, for her Mother–in–Law, Jenny Meyer
      Michael Greenzaid, for his Mother, Noelle Anna Greenzaid
      Charles Gross, for his Mother, Ruth Gross
TUES Sharon Dekelbaum, for her Father, Leon Friedman
     Albert Lampert, for his Mother, Dora Lampert
     Alan Fisher, for his Grandfather, Dave Fisher
     Michael Diamond, for his Mother, Arlene Diamond
WED  Syd Schneider, for his Mother, Sarah K. Schneider
     David Felsen, for his Father, Lionel Felsen
     Sarah Dekelbaum, for her Brother, Philip Lang
     Joseph Bonnett, for his Grandmother, Devorah Bonnett
THURS Leonard Cooper, for his Father, Ben Cooper
      Albert Lampert, for his Sister, Annette Lubow
FRI  Kenneth Drexler, for his Father, Armand Drexler
     Roger Packer, for his Father, Harry Packer
     Marvin Rosenberg, for his Father, Joseph Rosenberg

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