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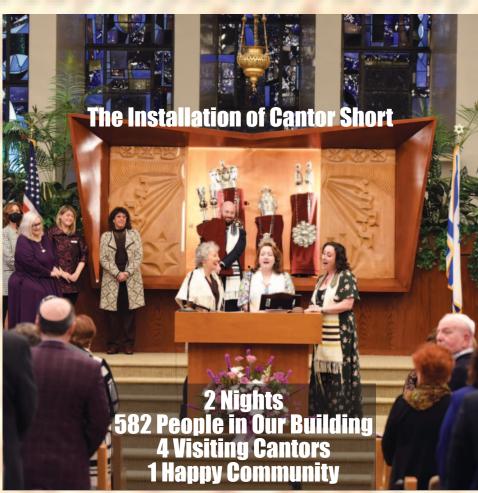


Friday, April 12
featuring kids in Grades 2-3

5:00 pm Pre-neg 5:30 pm Service 6:30 pm Dinner

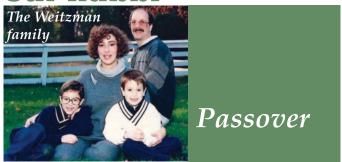
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A Message From our Rabbi



There is always something very exciting about the Spring. The air begins to warm up, and the sights and smells of my yard begin to change. As the cold crisp northeast air makes way for the warm west winds, this world starts to come to life again. The streets are full, and alive with people walking their dogs, the restaurants are full, and the sounds of children running around pour out into the streets.

Life is set on a beautiful cycle. It is something that I have always tried to pay attention to. As the seasons change, and the world turns, I have been comforted by the sense that, no matter how dark and cold the Winter months are, the Spring offers a new chance to spend time in the sun.

This circle of life is not new to us as Jews. We live our lives on such a cycle. Our weeks are marked by the holiness of Shabbat, our months are marked by the new moons. Yet, it is our yearly cycle that is so inexplicably linked to who we are as an ancient people. Our year is marked by not just one New Year, but by four. There is Rosh Hashanah in the fall, Tu B'shevat in the winter, Pesach in the Spring and Shavuot in the summer. Each of these moments allows us a chance to look back, not only at what it is that we have accomplished, but also provides us with the opportunity to think about what it is that we still yet need to do.

In a few weeks we will sit around the Seder table on Passover, retelling the story of our people's exodus from Egypt. The story is one of freedom and on one side we entered as slaves and on the other we exited as a people redeemed. This liminal moment in our people's history is crucial to understanding who we are as Jews. We often spend our years looking at opportunities and moments in which we stand at the precipice of something, and yet, there are times when we are unable to take that step, unable to wade into the waters.

Passover reminds us that there is usually something that can be gained from jumping in. And if nothing else, it is knowing that there is often a new opportunity. Perhaps that is why it says in the Mishnah and in our Hagaddah that it is incumbent on each person gathered at a Seder to recite: "B'chol dor vador chayav adam lir'ot et atzmo k'ilu hu hatza mimitzrayim / In all generations it is the duty of every one of us to consider as if they had come forth from Egypt." Retelling the story to our children and our children's children reminds them not only of where it is that they came from, but also that they have the opportunity and the responsibility to continue the story.

One of the ways that we connect to this history is not only through the sharing of stories, but also through the sharing of meals and memories.

As a child, I looked forward to the sounds of my mother bringing down the Passover dishes and the tools for preparing the most delicious seder meal. Always one to impress, the highlight for me remains the homemade gefilte fish that my mother and her girlfriend Cheryl would labor over.

As lives change, and seasons change, our Passover seder meal has gotten smaller. Yet, like the cycle of so many things in our lives, I know that it will grow again. There will be new faces and new songs, new cutlery and new dishes. At the core, the story of Passover is one of resilience and memory, of consistency and change. This year, I would like to invite you to join me and my mother, Diane Weitzman, for a cooking class on April 10. Together we will teach you some of our favorite recipes and bring in a few new ones. I hope it will be a chance to share stories and be together in community - new and old joining together.

This is a new and exciting chapter for the Congregation Beth Emeth community. Just as the Spring begins to make its way into Albany, a new exciting time is beginning to blossom here as well. I believe we should all look forward to what the future will hold for this sacred space, as I believe that the next generation of Congregation Beth Emeth will continue the legacy of our great and historic community. Ashley, Eden, Jonathan and I would like to wish all of you a wonderful start to spring and in advance, a zissen pesach (have a sweet Passover).

Rabbi Greg Weitzman

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A Message from Our President



According to the Oxford Dictionary, the meanings of the word *build* are to construct by putting parts or materials together *and* to make stronger or more intense.

The root word *build* conjures up many images in my personal life. It reminds me of David and Jessica's childhood when we constructed different things out of Legos. The word also speaks to me when thinking about my beautiful family today. Last month, Jessica and Josh were married and in a few months David and Lauren will be married - the Marinstein/Freedman family is growing and building on the legacy of our grandparents and the generations before them.

In some ways, build connects Congregation Beth Emeth with my family. Build represents a strong foundation that respects and honors the past and becomes the metaphorical bridge to the future by expanding and enhancing that foundation.

At Congregation Beth Emeth, the builders are our teachers, lay leaders, clergy, staff and members. In my eyes, each of us are builders that make up our welcoming and inclusive community. We participate, we lead, we problem solve, we give, we support, we learn and we educate.

As builders, we create new opportunities while also enhancing existing ones for our community.

After many years on hiatus, Beth Emeth is offering "Jewish Basics," a series of programs for Jews, Jewishly Adjacent and Jewish Seeking individuals looking to learn all things Jewish. CBE & Me, a program for the youngest members of our community, experienced an increase in participation. Our Grade 6 in religious school volunteered at the Soup Kitchen and learned first hand about the importance of *mitzvot*. This is a very small sampling of how we bring people together to build community and relationships.

The actual buildings on Academy Road and at the Loudonville cemetery are built on a physical founda-

Worship Services

Friday Evening, April 5

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service Shabbat Sh'mini

Saturday Morning, April 6

9:30 am Torah Study with Andrea McNellis 10:45 am Bar Mitzvah of Moshe Monson

Friday Evening, April 12

5:30 pm Ruach Shabbat Service featuring Grades 2-3

Shabbat Tazria

Saturday Morning, April 13

9:30 am Torah Study with Rabbi Weitzman10:45 am Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Favicchio

Friday Evening, April 19

6:00 pm Community Erev Shabbat Service Services at SAAJCC - Not CBE

Shabbat M'tzora

Saturday Morning, April 20

9:30 am Torah Study

10:45 am B'nai Mizvah of Eli and Levi German

Friday Evening, April 26

5:30 pm Ruach Shabbat featuring Junior Choir Shabbat Chol Hamoed Passover

Saturday Morning, April 27

9:30 am Torah Study

Monday Morning, April 29

10:45 am Passover Yizkor Service

With gratitude to Marge & Barry Hollander for our Live Streaming that enables everyone to be together.

tion and make up our sacred spaces. They are the home, the gathering places for life cycle events, services, social and educational programs, *tikkun olam* and much more. In the February/March Bulletin, Kathy Golderman, our Executive Director, wrote that, although the buildings get wonderful care and upkeep, there are major aging issues that need to be addressed. In response to this need, the Board approved the establishment of The Capital Project Task Force to focus on projects and funding sources. The Task Force will be co-chaired by Past president Michael Lurie and David Hollander. In addition, the Board approved the establishment of the Capital Projects Fund, which is now an option for making donations.

Everyday memories are created and decisions are made that positively impact the continuation of entities that are meaningful and special to each of our familes.

Chag Pesach Sameach! Robyn Marinstein, CBE President



Our Temple Family

It is our practice to acknowledge congregants on special birthdays (starting at age 35) and anniversaries (beginning with the 10th) in multiples of five years.

April Special Birthdays

Chuck August, Jr. Eric Larner Jodi Boyle Lori Leichman Murray Caplan Adam Lipnick Beverly Colman Sue McCann Lisa Finkle Manya Monson Marc Ginsburg Jeff Radden Sheila Hand Meredith Ray-LaBatt Amy Horwitz Ira Rubtchinsky Ron Kay Doug Seder

April Special Anniversaries

Wendy and David Palat ~ 25 Years Lori and Steven Strong ~ 30 Years Joni Lieberman Basen and Donald Basen ~ 35 Years Dale and Howard Schechter ~ 40 Years

Barbara Zaron

Welcome New Members

Wolfgang Guy and Aster Greenblatt Jessica Marinstein and Josh Jess Leslie Baker and Geoffrey Patack Caryn and Mark Poskanzer Tracy and Herschel Tress Henrietta Weinraub

Mazel Tov to...

Bob Krouner

Sam Greenberg, son of **Melissa and Ron Greenberg**, for being selected to the Team USA U18 Soccer team for the European Maccabi Youth Games this summer in London, England. Sam will join more than 3,000 Jewish athletes from countries around the world.

Marion and Merill (z"l) Greenberg on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Moshe Chalom, son of Dr. Edmond and Sabrina Greenberg Chalom of Israel, on January 20.

In Memoriam

Beth Emeth recognizes with profound sorrow the death of our member:

Richard "Dick" Feldman

Brother of Natalie (Ron) Markowitz

Herbert Jacobson

Father of Trudi Jacobson (John Vallely) and Carol Weston (Erich Scheel)

Susan Kushner

Husband of Philip Kushner Mother of Ayal Kushner, Leore (Erin Coufal) Kushner, and Liat Kushner (Bryan) Richman and sister of Nancy Saltwell

Sara Schaffer-Pollack

Husband of Michael Pollack Sister of Howard (Simma) Schaffer and Donna Minassian

Douglas Spector

Husband of Harriet Spector Father of Jeffrey (Heather) Spector

Beth Emeth extends sympathy to those in our congregation who have lost a loved one:

Florence Kline Kayle

Mother of Elissa (Bruce) Peckage

Myer Kolker

Brother of Elizabeth Godfried

Abbott Phillips

Father of Michelle (Doug Harff) Davidoff and Tracey (Keith) Nussbaum

Installation Weekend

(more pictures throughout)









¥YOU DO MATTERS

Kathy's Corner

Billy and I recently took a few days off to explore Washington DC, a city we've visited several times and there is always so much to see. While we've visited Yad Vashem in Israel and Auschwitz in Poland, we had yet to tour the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington. I urge all of you, whether you've never been or it's been a while, to visit this profoundly significant memorial.

The first exhibit we saw was about the rise of Hitler and the growth of anti-Semitism. Within moments of entering, I found myself overwhelmed with emotion. It struck me how history is repeating itself and our efforts to prevent it are insufficient, with many in denial. I pulled myself together, continued through and somehow when we left, I felt so much better than when I started. Witnessing schoolchildren being educated, alongside diverse crowds absorbing the exhibits, and being reminded of the countless individuals who refused to stand idly by during the Holocaust, left a lasting impact.

So please remember... What You Do Matters!

Kathy Golderman, Executive Director

Weekly Emails

Have you been receiving our weekly emails? Recently our email addresses have changed.

Our new system ends with @CBEAlbany.org

A few things that you can help with at this time:

- Check your spam folder and see if your emails are going to junk (gasp!)
- Consider going "green." Due to the rising cost of printing and postage, we are moving to produce The Bulletin every other month, instead of monthly. If you prefer to read it online, please let us know!



Wednesdays at 7:00 pm Sundays at 10:00 am

Join either in-person or Zoom.

This class is open to anyone that wants to learn:

- Jews
- Jewishly Adjacent
- Jewish Seeking

Classes will meet on the following dates: April 3, 21; May 8, 19; June 2, 12

You do not have to attend all sessions. Cost: Free for Beth Emeth members. \$72 for non-members (materials for all sessions)

We are bursting with pride! Our members truly are Pillars of our Community! Mazel Tov to Beth Emeth's own, Margie & Rob Dorkin and Mel & Mike Lurie on their awards, and to Sasha Greenberg on hers! Join us to celebrate them.



April Calendar

Monday, April 1

7:00 pm Knit & Nosh - Zoom only

7:15 pm Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 3

No Religious School

7:00 pm Jewish Basics

Thursday, April 4

6:30 pm Brotherhood Card Night

Friday, April 5

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Services

Saturday, April 6

9:30 am Torah Study with Spencer Mandell 10:45 am Bar Mitzvah of Moshe Monson

Sunday, April 7

No Religious School

11:00 am Soup Kitchen

Monday, April 8

7:00 pm Knit & Nosh - Zoom only

Wednesday, April 10

12:00 pm Lunch & Learn

Thursday, April 11

7:00 pm Sisterhood Book Club

Friday, April 12

5:00 pm Pre-neg

5:30 pm Ruach Shabbat Service

featuring Grades 2 - 3

6:30 pm Shabbat Dinner

Saturday, April 13

9:00 am CBE & Me Passover

9:30 am Torah Study with Spencer Mandell 10:45 am Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Favicchio

Sunday, April 14

9:30 am ARBA for Fours!

2:00 pm Sisterhood Wine Tasting

Monday, April 15

7:00 pm Knit & Nosh - Zoom only

Thursday, April 18

9:00 am Mah Jongg Tournament 7:00 pm Sisterhood Meeting

Friday, April 19

6:00 pm Community Shabbat Services at the SAAJCC - NOT AT CBE

Saturday, April 20

9:45 am Torah Study with Spencer Mandell 10:45 am B'nai Mitzvah of Eli and Levi German 1:00 pm Sisterhood Walk - Albany Pinebush

Sunday, April 21

9:30 am ARBA for Fours! 10:00 am Jewish Basics

Monday, April 22

Erev Passover - Office Closed

Tuesday, April 23

Passover - Office Closed

Wednesday, April 24

8:30 am Zoom Finance Committee Meeting **No Religious School - Passover**

Friday, April 26

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Services

Saturday, April 27

9:30 am Torah Study

Sunday, April 28

No Religious School - Passover 11:00 am Soup Kitchen

Monday, April 29

10:45 am Passover Yizkor Service7:00 pm Zoom Knit & Nosh

Welcome Back. Lita!

Lita is the new Executive Assistant to the Clergy. She may be a familiar face as she served as Administrative Assistant in our Religious School in 2019-2020. Lita and her husband, Theo, are members of CBE and volunteers with REYUT. When not involved in activities at CBE, Lita participates in local theater productions.





Tikkun Olam

Beth Emeth's Community Garden, Located Behind Our Religious School

Known as Diane's Farm, this area has a dozen raised beds for growing fresh organic vegetables and a variety of flowering plants. This past season we harvested tomatoes, garlic, cucumbers, beans, lettuce, beets, and kale. Our produce is donated to the City Mission and also used for meals at the soup kitchen. As with any garden, lots of hands are needed to seed, weed, and harvest. There is no better connection to the earth than gardening.

Please consider volunteering, no experience necessary, and of course children are encouraged to participate. Contact Andrea@CBEAlbany.org.

HONORING Susan Kushner (z"1)

Nominated by Congregation Beth Emeth for her many years of teaching and nurturing our children, dedication to Torah Study, and care for our CBE community.





Passover Yizkor

Monday, April 29 at 10:45 am

Listed below are the names of our loved ones who have died since last year and will be recited at this service. If you would like the name of a loved one who died since last Passover (April 13, 2023) included in this service, please contact Lita at 518.436.9761 x224.

If you would like to honor the memory of a loved one with a contribution to the Beautification Fund, you may do so online or by mailing a check to the temple office.

Jeffrey Brad Arensberg Robert Avrach Dr. Gerald Benjamin Henry W. Bloch Helene Brown Gerry Brown Moss Elaine M. Burrick Barbara Cohen Anita Cotton Dianne DiVizcaino Richard "Dick" Feldman

Fdith Fischler

Michelle Greenberg Ginsberg Ellen Gruben Helene Haven Paula Hecker Marvin M. Hendler Herbert Jacobson Florence Kline Kayle Myer Kolker Susan Kushner Mollie Larner Helene "Lee" Lieberman

Scott Howard Ginsburg

to the office.

Sylvia Metz
Thomas R. Minnick, Sr.
Helene Patlen Adler Gordon
Joan Bolz Paul
Abbott Phillips
Stanley Rosen
Sara Schaffer-Pollack
Maxine Silver
Phyllis Silverman
Doug Spector
Robin Spitalny
Sarah "Sally" Tillman

Kids



PassoverSaturday, April 13

at 9:00 am



Join us for a morning of fun for children ages 0 - 5 and the grown-ups who love them! We will have a great time singing, snacking and making our own Seder plates! Register online.

Ruach

Friday, April 12 featuring kids in Grades 2-3

5:00 pm Pre-neg 5:30 pm Service 6:30 pm Dinner

\$15 adult/kids under 13 free Adult and Gluten Free:

BBQ Chicken, Roasted Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetable, Tossed Salad, and Apple Pie Dessert.

Kids: Chicken Tenders, French Fries, Buttered Noodles

Vegetarian: Stuffed Portobello Mushroom

B'nai Mitzvah

Moshe Yosef Monson, son of Manya and Rabbi Amiel, will become a bar mitzvah on Saturday, April 6.

Moshe enjoys watching sports, especially basketball, both college and professional teams. He also loves art and music and sings in his school chorus. For his mitzvah project, Moshe raised funds and awareness for *Music for*



Autism. He is also a teen aide in our Discoveries Room.

at the Friday night service prior to their b'nai mitzvah.

B'nai mitzvah participate in candle lighting and Kiddush

Eli German, son of Luba Yafayeva, will become a bar mitzvah on Saturday, April 20.

Eli swims competitively, plays travel baseball and is also an accomplished javelin thrower. Last summer he earned a bronze medal in his age group at the USATF National Jr. Olympics. Eli plays trumpet in band. In his free time he



loves to hang out with friends and travel with family.



of Joyce and Mike, will become a bar mitzvah on Saturday, April 13. Danny loves playing sports, especially football, basketball and baseball. He also enjoys spending time with friends, playing cards and video

Daniel Henry Favicchio, son

games. Danny also loves cheering on the Miami Dolphins. For his mitzvah

project, he volunteers at the NE Regional Foodbank.



Levi German, son of Luba Yafayeva, will become a bar mitzvah on Saturday, April 20.

Levi swims competitively, and plays saxophone in school band and in jazz band. He excels academically. Last summer he received a character award from school. In his free time Levi loves to hang out with friends, play

Fortnite, travel with family, and play with his dog Gabe.

A Message From Lifelong Learning



Passover

Celebrating Passover this year, as a holiday of freedom while Israelis are still held hostage in Gaza by Hamas, presents a profound ambiguity. Passover commemorates the Israelites' liberation from slavery in Egypt, yet the ongoing captivity of our people challenges the notion of complete freedom. This contradiction highlights the complex realities of modern-day conflict and oppression.

Similarly, the symbolism of matzah as both the "bread of affliction" and the "food of liberation" mirrors this

Adult Learning Lunch & Learn Israel at 75 Wednesday at noon April 10 Gefilte Fish and Passover Delights with Rabbi Greg Weitzman and his mom, Diane **April 17** Haggadah Fun with Rabbi Shara Please bring a bagged lunch. Coffee, tea and dessert will be served. In-Person only **Evening Learning** Wednesdays at 7:00 pm April 10 Golda's Kitchen Part II

Gefilte Fish and Passover Delights with

Rabbi Greg Weitzman and his mom, Diane

ambiguity. Matzah represents the haste with which the Israelites fled Egypt, symbolizing both the suffering endured under oppression and the promise of freedom. However, the captivity of hostages by Hamas adds a layer of complexity, emphasizing the ongoing struggle between affliction and liberation.

Passover's observance in the context of Israeli hostages prompts reflection on the continuing quest for freedom and peace.

It underscores the interconnectedness of historical narratives and contemporary conflicts, challenging us to confront the complexities of history and the imperative of seeking justice and reconciliation.

Ultimately, Passover serves as a reminder of the enduring human struggle for liberation and the responsibility to strive for a world where all people can live in freedom and dignity.

As we enjoy our Passover seders this year and celebrate our freedom, may we continue to remember those that are unable to celebrate such freedoms - and wish together, "next year in Jerusalem with safety and freedom, for all."

Chag Pesach Sameach u'kasher - Wishing all a joyful and meaningful Passover.

Rabbi Shara Director of Lifelong Learning

CBEYG

A Message About The Next Generation at CBE

I attended Shabbat services last evening (CBEYG Service, February 9) and was amazed with the maturity of each young presenter. Each was well spoken, engaging and aware of their positions on truly significant matters. Each speaker clearly understood the seriousness of their topic, the implications of their role in making the world a better place and the ability to share, confidently, their opinion and voice. I believe when I was that age I was most concerned with which color Izod to buy next or which side to part my hair on.

Kudos to all of the speakers last evening and to the Beth Emeth individuals that played a role in engaging them in very important matters.

> Best wishes, David Poskanzer



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This list is of donations received by time of print. It is never too late to give. Additional donations received will be listed in the May issue of The Bulletin.

Brotherhood *Yom Hashoah*

We at the CBE Brotherhood work in coordination with Congregations Agudat Achim, Beth Abraham-Jacob, Gates of Heaven, Ohav Shalom and Temple Israel each year to deliver a Yom Hashoah bag to the 1800 member families in our combined congregations' members. We work to ensure that we have delivered this package prior to Passover, to ensure that all are prepared for Yom Hashoah, which this year will be on May 6.

In each bag we include a Yom Hashoah candle, a letter and prayer from the Capital District Board of Rabbis and Cantors, and the name and homeland of a young Jewish victim who may have no surviving relatives to light a candle in his or her memory.

This process has been diligently coordinated by Mark Swyer, Bret Kauffman and Rob Dorkin for many years. Under their oversight, we gather the member lists for all the congregations, create 100 routes to deliver to our 1,800 member families, and then find volunteers to assist us in delivering those 100 routes.

The delivery of a route of Yom Hashoah bags containing the candle, letter, prayer and name is a wonderful opportunity for a parent and child to do a *mitzvah*

together. It provides a perfect time with your child to discuss what Yom Hashoah represents, and to talk about our past, present and future. I know that I have taken the opportunity to perform this *mitzvah* with my daughter Lena for over 15 years, and always enjoy the conversations we have shared during this time with her.

We still have routes available, so please consider up helping us in this important effort. Please reach out to us at Brotherhood.BethEmethAlbany@gmail.com if you are able to help us deliver a route of candles to our local community!

Yours in Brotherhood, Jay Hurewitz



Brotherhood and friends had a blast at Trivia night in February and at Havdalah and Sweat at Cap Rep









Wine Tasting

Sunday, April 14 at 2:00 pm

Join Sisterhood at Clover Pond Vineyards 100 Acre Wood Lane, Altamont

You will be presented with a menu and can choose 5 types of wine to taste from a rotating selection of at least 12 wines. Each order is served with its own set of 5 small tasting carafes. All wine is produced from grapes grown on Clover Ponds own vineyard. Sisterhood will also be ordering some charcuterie boards to be shared amongst the attendees.

Cost: \$18 pp Register online by April 10

Sponsored by CBE Sisterhood When: Thursday, April 18 9:00 am Coffee and Bagels 9:30 am Games Begin RSVP: By the Friday prior to play register online or mail in a check (include name, phone and email) Choose From: Tournament Play - \$25 Inclusive Fee With timed games and cash prizes. Relaxed Play - \$10 Inclusive Fee

Sisterhood

Susan B. Shpeen Memorial Donor Dinner

Spring is in the air! Days are getting longer, the sun is making more of an appearance and plans for our Susan Shpeen Memorial Donor Dinner are in the works. Mark your calendar for a magical evening on June 9, 2024.

You won't want to miss the show and sit down dinner we have planned. It's so much fun to reconnect with old friends and make new friends.

Stay tuned for more information.

Wishing everyone a fabulous Spring season!

In Sisterhood, Sara Bonder Sisterhood President

Book Club

Thursday, April 11 at 7:00 pm Join us in The Larner Library.

Cantor Short chose this month's book.

After surviving a tragedy that killed her entire family,



sixteen-year-old Meg joins a cloistered convent, believing it is her life's work to pray full time for the suffering of others. Taking the name Sister Angeline, she spends her days and nights in silence, moving from one prayerful hour to the next. She prays for the hard-ships of others, the sick and poor, the loved ones she lost, and her own atonement.



Sisterhood

Whether it is dinner out or a Saturday afternoon walk, these ladies know how to have a good time! Join them!

Next walk: Saturday, April 20 at 1:00 pm Albany Pinebush Preserve Meet in front of the museum.



Beautification

This fund enhances our building with items including bimah flowers. The donations listed were received by January 16.

Shabbat of January 5 - 6

Lynda Freedman and Kazimierz Deminski

Meyer P. Freedman

Shabbat of January 12 - 13

Lynda Freedman and Kazimierz Deminski in memory of

Estelle Freedman

in memory of

Shabbat of January 26 - 27

Lynda Freedman and Kazimierz Deminski The Spitalny family

in memory of Alfred Laven Jack Spitalny

Shabbat of February 9 - 10

Marian Schwager Marion Strasser

in memory of Edward Ernst Schwager Myron (Micky) Strasser

Shabbat of February 23 - 24

in memory of Donna, Lee, David and Jamie Rosen Joyce Avrach Carole Solomon Rosenblum Sunny Bauer Solomon

Shabbat of March 1 - 2

in memory of Kathy, Jill and Wayne, Lynn and Brian Arnold M. Kaplan Elizabeth and Brian Epstein Ervin Rosenfeld Lauren and Harold Iselin Lois Adele Facher

Shabbat of March 8 - 9

Lauren and Harold Iselin

in memory of

in memory of

Shabbat of March 22 - 23 Laura and David Hollander Diane and Ira Rubtchinsky

Sophie J. Hollander Joseph B. Halpern

David Facher Iselin

Shabbat of March 29 - 30

Jim Campbell

in memory of Cynthia Dee Shenker

Shabbat of April 5 - 6

in memory of The Shager, Carillo and Bain families Donald A. Goldstein Susan Feldblum Sanford M. Feldblum The Friedlander family Betty Friedlander Rockford Genie and Gary Greenhouse Kristin Greenhouse Brown

Herkowitz, Deutsch and Kennedy families Sandra Herkowitz Kennedy Margie and Larry Kirsch Jodi Boyle and Matthew Kohn

Zalie and Bob Linn Elliott Marinstein Geula and David Naigles and family Suzi Nohai

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Ellen Sue Herkowitz Ellen Sue Herkowitz Archie Linn Rita S. Boyle Archie Linn Leita Marinstein Elinor Naigles Bernice Karp Jerry Sitrin Louise Mayer Stern Donáld Sykes

Shabbat of April 5 - 6

Manya, Rabbi Ami and Ravi Monson

in honor of the bar mitvzah of Moshe Yosef Monson

Shabbat of April 12 - 13

The Malkin/ Goodman family Steven Kramer Gene Laks Hope B. Nathan and family Carol and Bob Rosenblatt Michael Rosenblatt Joan L. Rosenstock Lori M. Strong

The Nathan and Wright families Merna Zinnershine and family

Jacqueline Crowley Zinnershine

Shabbat of April 19 - 20

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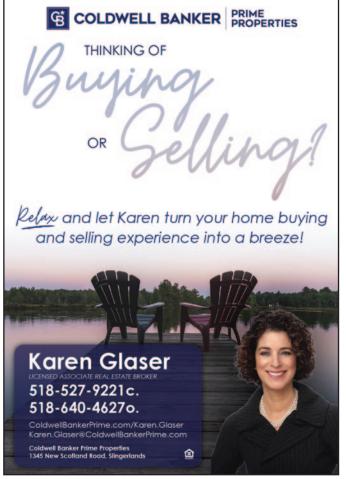
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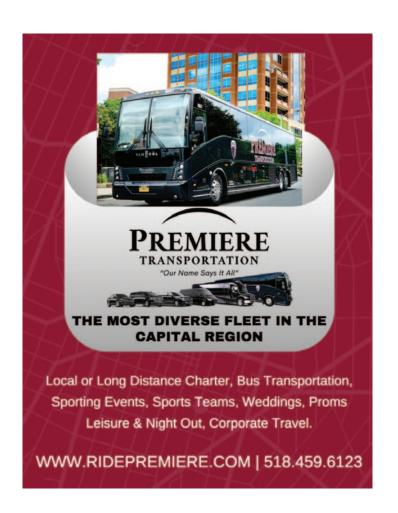


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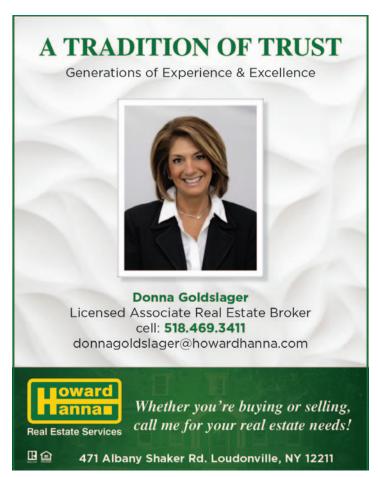
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