

## Florida

*Exciting events  
ahead!  
Stay tuned!*

## Jewish Basics

*There is always  
more to learn*

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## Ruach Shabbat

*featuring kids in grades 4-5*

**Friday, January 12**  
**5:00 pm Preneyg**  
**5:30 pm Service**  
**6:30 pm Dinner**

*...The Jewish people have shown,  
throughout centuries, an innate resiliency,  
this inner strength, the ability to see  
light through darkness...*

*~Governor Kathy Hochul*



*The Bulletin is here, The Bulletin is here! Our families love to read each issue.  
Consider sponsoring an edition. It makes a great gift to honor a loved one.*

# A Message From Cantor Short

Happy  
New  
Year!



January 1, 2024 marks six months of serving Congregation Beth Emeth as your cantor. As we celebrate the secular new year, I am filled with gratitude and wonder for all we have accomplished in the last six months. Our community celebrated our first High Holy Days together, and even learned how to correctly roll a Torah (oops!!) We witnessed six amazing B'nai Mitzvah students become young Jewish adults, welcomed a multitude of beautiful babies into the covenant and supported our loved ones through moments of joy and sorrow. We experienced one of the greatest humanitarian, Jewish tragedies to date and will come out the other side, stronger and more hopeful. We have grown by over 25 member families in this very short time and continue to grow each day!

Folks often say, "new year, new me!", but I invite us to go a little deeper than this commonplace phrase. In Judaism, one of the first prayers uttered upon waking up is *Modeh Ani*, a prayer about gratitude for waking up another day. These simple words draw us back to the idea of creation and how we were formed from the dust of God's holy work. *Modeh Ani* is one of my favorite prayers.

*There is something so special about waking up each day and beginning with gratitude. To offer thanks for something so simple, for something we often take for granted - the chance to breathe in a new day.*

Rabbinic tradition states that when we fall asleep each night, our soul leaves our body and when we awake in the morning, God gives it back to us, breathing life into us once again. Our soul is born anew each and every day. So, instead of "new year, new me!", I encourage us to shift our mindset to "new day, new me!" We shouldn't wait for a new year to actively try to better ourselves and the world around us. We can draw our first conscious moments of breath in the morning, welcoming in another opportunity to make our world a better place. It doesn't have to be anything big or substantial, but little actions of mitzvot every day will add up. *Modeh Ani L'fanecha* - thank you God for returning my soul to me so I can continue to become a better version of myself for our world.

2024 holds a lot of big dreams and projects for our amazing community at Beth Emeth. We're looking to rebuild our 20s & 30s program, introduce a Jewish Basics education course, and so much more. None of these things would be possible without the tremendous support of our clergy team, staff, Board and congregational members who lift us up every day. As we reach another new year, another new beginning, Frankie and I are overjoyed for the chance to continue our journey with the Beth Emeth community. We wish you and all your loved ones a happy, sweet, and healthy 2024!

*Cantor Emily Short*

## Nominations for Board of Trustees

In accordance with the Congregation's By-Laws, a committee of the Board of Trustees will nominate members for Trustee positions to be filled at the next Annual Meeting. Robert Kivort will serve as Committee Chair and the names of other members of the committee will be published in a later Bulletin. If there are members of the Congregation whom you would like to recommend for the Board, please contact Robert at [Robert@KivortSteel.com](mailto:Robert@KivortSteel.com) or 518.461.0806.

## You don't write, You don't call...

Many families have canceled their land line phone numbers, other folks move residences throughout the year. We would like to know how to reach you!

*Please contact the office at 518.436.9761 x221 or [DCohen@BethEmethAlbany.org](mailto:DCohen@BethEmethAlbany.org) so we can update your records.*

# A Message from Our President



## A Letter of Appreciation to Our Clergy, Staff and Lay Leaders

You may have heard me say that Beth Emeth is my happy place. It is a place that I proudly refer to as my second home. It is a place where I feel safe and comfortable. It is a place that holds both happy and sad memories for me. It is a place that is constant and brings out the best of me.

In recent months since the terrorist invasion by Hamas in Gaza on October 7 and the ongoing war in Israel, I have continued to love being at Beth Emeth. Even after the hateful shooting at Temple Israel, just a few blocks from Beth Emeth, I was excited for the festive Chanukah celebration weekend! It was a celebration that brought us together, and we joyfully stood strong as a community.

One of many reasons why Beth Emeth is such a special place to me and fellow Beth Emeth members is because of you, our clergy, staff and lay leaders.

*Even on days when apprehension about working or volunteering in a temple sets in, you bring your best self to Beth Emeth.*

You create an environment, an atmosphere that exudes the commitment, warmth and values of Judaism to our members, families, friends and our community at large.

During these unsettling times, Beth Emeth is rocking as usual! I thank you for your tireless hours of work to ensure Beth Emeth is a safe place, for being mindful and caring of our diverse community and for always being present. I value each of you and am proud to be president and work alongside you as a partner.

Here is hoping that 2024 will see a few miracles, much needed peace and light, shining brightly!

*Robyn Marinstein, CBE President*

## Worship Services

### Friday Evening, January 5

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service  
Shabbat Sh'mot

### Saturday Morning, January 6

9:30 am Torah Study with Rabbi Weitzman

### Friday Evening, January 12

5:30 pm Ruach Shabbat Service  
Featuring Grades 4 and 5  
Shabbat Va-eira

### Saturday Morning, January 13

9:30 am Torah Study with Susan Kushner

### Friday Evening, January 19

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service (at CBE and Avila)  
Shabbat Bo

### Saturday Morning, January 20

9:30 am Torah Study with Cantor Short

### Friday Evening, January 26

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service  
Shabbat B'shalach

### Saturday Morning, January 27

9:30 am Torah Study with Susan Kushner

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

## Shabbat at Avila Celebrating Shabbat Together January 19

5:30 pm Rabbi Weitzman  
will lead a Shabbat Service  
at Avila

Cantor Short will lead our  
regular CBE Erev Shabbat Service

6:30 pm Shabbat Dinner with Rabbi and  
Cantor at Avila.  
For Avila residents only.



## Congregation Beth Emeth Bulletin

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**Full House  
House of Worship  
House of Love**



## 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.

### January Special Birthdays

Molly Birenbaum	Doug Fish
Hilary Brownstein	Cheryl Gelder-Kogan
Todd Carmody	Shirley Gordon
Jenn Colman	Lynda Grossman
Pete Emmott	Lisa Newman
Marcy Feinman	Bobbi Salisch
Don Feldstein	Tali Yardeni-Cohen

### January Special Anniversaries

Elena and Peter Spitalny ~15 years

## Welcome New Member

**Malcolm Sherman**

### Mazel Tov to...

Leslie and Frank Carillo on the birth of Cameron Frank Carillo on November 16. Cameron joins big brother, Luca and is the grandson of **Lynda and Steven Shrager** and Betty and Frank Carillo.

### In Memoriam

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

#### **Jeffrey Brad Arensberg**

Son of Shirley and Richard Arensberg  
Brother of Darcy Stryker

#### **Robert Avrach**

Brother of Donna (Lee) Rosen

#### **Helene "Lee" Lieberman**

Mother of Joni Lieberman (Donald) Basen

## Jewish Basics

*Starting January 10*

**Wednesday, January 10 at 7:00 pm**

**Sunday, January 28 at 10:00 am**

This new class, co-taught by Cantor Short, Rabbi Weitzman, Rabbi Shara and other guest speakers will cover all things Jewish.

Join either online or Zoom.

This class is open to anyone that wants to learn.

- Jews
- Jewishly Adjacent
- Jewish Seeking

**Classes will meet twice a month for 6 months.**

You do not have to attend all sessions.

Cost: Free for Beth Emeth members.

\$72 for non-members (covers materials for all)

(*upcoming: Wednesdays, February 14 and 28*)

## Adult Learning

*Lunch & Learn*

**Wednesday at noon**

**January 10**

**January 24**

Bring a bagged lunch and together we will discuss: **Spotlight in Israel.**

Coffee, tea and dessert will be served.

In-Person only

*Evening Learning*

**Wednesdays at 7:00 pm**

**January 16**

In-person and Zoom

**Maps As a Narrative: Every Map Tells a Story**

**January 31**

In-person and Zoom

**Understanding Israel's Military**





## **Kathy's Corner** *Keeping Judaism Alive*

When I was in high school, I would often visit my 91-year-old Grandma Jennie and she would tell me, "You know...when I go". And I would quickly respond, "Go where? Are you going to Florida?" Unfortunately, my wonderful amazing little grandma, who I spent hours with, playing cards, was very concerned about her impending death. I understand. I am not as old as my grandmother but I spend time thinking about what will happen when I am no longer here. Presently, I am working on my 'bucket list items' and crossing things off my list.

Pragmatically, Billy and I have a Will, Power of Attorney and Health Care Proxy. One can never be too prepared. Now, that our children are older, we don't need to worry about who will raise them. However, we have made provisions in our will to leave contributions to several organizations that are meaningful to us – Beth Emeth is included in our estate plans. Our bequest demonstrates that even after we are gone, we want to continue to support Congregation Beth Emeth.

*The first thing people automatically think is you need to have a lot of money to leave a bequest. This is not true at all! All gifts are appreciated - small and large. CBE participates in the Grinspoon Foundation LIFE & LEGACY program, coordinated by the Jewish Federation of Northeastern NY.*

By leaving a gift, you can pass on the values instilled in you by your parents and grandparents and perpetuate the Jewish traditions and values you cherish. By donating your legacy gift, you help ensure the values and services of Jewish organizations that you care about will be part of our community long into the future. It's a meaningful, personal way to honor loved ones and teach your children and grandchildren the value of philanthropy.

Since October 7, our hearts have been with the hostages in Gaza, the soldiers, the wounded, and all of the people in Israel.

*Now more than ever it is important to support Beth Emeth and other Jewish organizations.*

Please reach out to Rob Kivort, CBE Philanthropy Chairperson or me, if you have any questions or if you would like to let us know that Beth Emeth is in your plan. Planning a legacy gift at this very important moment is a powerful way to continue the legacy of *L'dor v'dor*, from Generation to Generation.

*Kathy Golderman,  
Executive Director*



*Our littlest ones at CBE&Me Chanukah.*



*Students at The Einhorn Center for Jewish Education baking latkes.*



*20s and 30s enjoying a drink and lighting the menorah together.*

**Beth Emeth is committed to ensuring the future of Jewish leaders.  
Help our tomorrows stay strong.**

# Kids

## A Message From Life Long Learning *More Joy, Less Oy*



Last month was Chanukah, a holiday I have always loved for myriad reasons. I get into the festive spirit, decorating the house and have an entire collection of Chanukah clothing for all eight nights. This year I was slightly dismayed as I realized a few of my holiday tops read “Oy to the world”. It made me sad - my Judaism is not at all about the Oy - my Judaism is all about the Joy!

Professors throughout my studies always used the term lachrymose (meaning tearful, tragic, or mournful) to describe Judaism and our Jewish History. We often hear the line, “what’s the story behind nearly every

## CBEYG

This month is **filled** with fun activities for CBEYG. The first weekend, is our annual CBEYG retreat! This year we are doing something different. On Wednesday, January 3 we are excited to welcome back our CBEYG alumni, for dinner and a program. Please note, there will be no CBEYG meeting on January 24 due to Regents Exams. New members are always welcome!



## Ruach Shabbat

Sign up online  
to join us for  
Dinner

featuring students in grades 4-5

Friday, January 12, 5:30 pm

Jewish celebration - they tried to kill us, we survived, let’s eat”. Today we carry sadness following the events of October 7, with rising antisemitism worldwide and rampant on college campuses. We even saw it on the grounds of a local Albany synagogue.

We need not allow these Oys to define us! Rather than thinking ‘woe is me’ let us focus on, ‘Whoa, Judaism is me’ and think about the eternal light Judaism has been and continues to be for the world.

*A question I like to think about and am declaring as my focus of this New Year is, what are Judaism’s greatest contributions to the world? I have been keeping a list, but would be delighted to hear some of your responses.*

Rebbe Nachman of Breslov, a great grandson of the Baal Shem Tov, taught: it is a great mitzvah to be happy always. In this New Year, let us each take the time to think about what makes us happy about being Jewish! High on my list is our Beth Emeth community- being a part of this community fills me with Joy and definitely lessens my Oy.

Wishing you all a healthy, joyful, and oy-less 2024!

With Love, Rabbi Shara Siegfeld  
Director of Life Long Learning

## Sisterhood Speaker Series Raising Proud Jewish Kids

The second in a four-part series

January 21 at 10:00 am

### Raising Well-Adjusted Jewish Kids

Amie Bloom, Jewish Educator, will be leading this session. What should we be thinking about and doing to raise well-adjusted Jewish kids?

Free and open to the public.

# January Calendar

We would love to have you join us our services and events. If there is something you are curious about please reach out! We are always happy to make sure you feel comfortable. Our events are open to all. Details can be found at [BethEmethAlbany.org](http://BethEmethAlbany.org).

## Monday, January 1

### Office Closed - New Year's Day

7:00 pm Knit & Nosh - Zoom only

## Wednesday, January 3

5:30 pm CBEYG Alumni Night

## Thursday, January 4

6:30 pm Brotherhood Dinner and Card Night

## Friday, January 5

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

## Saturday, January 6

9:30 am Torah Study with Rabbi Weitzman

## Sunday, January 7

9:30 am Brotherhood Bagels and Meeting

9:30 am ARBA! for Fours

11:00 am Soup Kitchen

## Monday, January 8

7:00 pm Knit & Nosh - Zoom only

7:15 pm Board of Trustees Meeting

## Wednesday, January 10

12:00 pm Lunch & Learn - Spotlight in Israel

7:00 pm Jewish Basics

## Thursday, January 11

9:00 am Mah Jongg Tournament

### Youth Programing Religious School Schedule

Unless otherwise noted, is as follows:

#### Sundays:

9:30 am - noon - Kindergarten - Grade 6  
(Sunday Discoveries, formerly known as The Parenting Center, is open during Religious School hours)

#### Wednesdays:

4:30 - 6:00 pm - Grades 3 - 7

5:30 - 7:00 pm - CBEYG (for High Schoolers)

## Friday, January 12

5:30 pm Ruach Shabbat featuring Grades 4 - 5

## Saturday, January 13

9:30 am Torah Study with Susan Kushner

## Sunday, January 14

### No Religious School

## Monday, January 15

### Office Closed - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

7:00 pm Knit & Nosh - Zoom only

## Tuesday, January 16

7:00 pm Brotherhood Game Night

## Wednesday, January 17

7:00 pm Evening Learning

## Friday, January 19

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

## Saturday, January 20

9:00 am CBE & Me Tu B'Shevat

9:30 am Torah Study with Cantor Short

## Sunday, January 21

9:30 am ARBA! for Fours

10:00 am Sisterhood Speaker Series -  
Raising Well-Adjusted Jewish Kids

## Monday, January 22

6:00 pm Sisterhood Dinner at Margarita City

7:00 pm Knit & Nosh - Zoom only

## Wednesday, January 24

8:30 am Finance Committee Meeting

12:00 pm Lunch & Learn - Spotlight in Israel

### No CBEYG - Regents Exams

## Thursday, January 25

6:00 pm Trivia at The Warbler Brewery

## Friday, January 26

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

L'Taken (until Monday)

## Saturday, January 27

9:30 am Torah Study with Susan Kushner

## Sunday, January 28

10:00 am Jewish Basics

## Monday, January 29

7:00 pm Education Committee Meeting

7:00 pm Knit & Nosh - Zoom only

## Wednesday, January 31

7:00 pm Evening Learning - Understanding  
Israel's Military

# Sisterhood

## *The New Year is Like a Blank Canvas*

"Blank canvas, an unscripted story. Each stroke a step in new glory. Colors blend, life's art begins. Fresh chapters where the future wins." ~author unknown

If you would like to help create Sisterhood's "blank canvas" in the coming year, we would love to have you. Please reach out to me and I can share all the wonderful opportunities Sisterhood has to help you connect and engage.

Hoping everyone has a happy, healthy and prosperous year ahead!

*Sara Bonder, Sisterhood President*  
*SaraBonder@gmail.com*

## Sisterhood Hike

**Saturday, January 6**  
**meet at 1:00 pm**

Weather Pending:  
Snow Shoe at 5 Rivers  
or Albany Capitol Tour



RSVP to Jacki at [CBESisterEvents@gmail.com](mailto:CBESisterEvents@gmail.com)  
so we can look out for all walkers and  
update in case of weather changes.

## Sisterhood Dinner Out

**Monday, January 22 at 6:00 pm**  
Margarita City on Central Ave. Please  
RSVP on the calendar page of our  
website so we can reserve a big  
enough table. Come! It'll be fun :)



## Mah Jongg

**Sponsored by CBE Sisterhood**

**When:** Thursday, January 11  
9:00 am Coffee and Bagels  
9:30 am Games Begin

**RSVP:** By Friday, January 5  
register online or mail in a check  
(include name, phone and email  
and if you will bring a set)

**Choose From:**

- ✓ **Tournament Play - \$25 Inclusive Fee**  
With timed games and cash prizes.
- ✓ **Relaxed Play - \$10 Inclusive Fee**  
Mixed level players.

# Sisterhood / Brotherhood Membership Brunch







This year's Brunch was a huge success and a wonderful morning celebrating membership of CBE Sisterhood and Brotherhood members. With more than 120 people in attendance, a lot of work went into making the morning a success. A special thank you goes out to Sara Bonder, Jane Sanders, Sheila Baker and Laura Dembling of Sisterhood.

Nancy and Frank Allen, Linda and Mike Barnas, Karen and Steve Fein, Steve Lerner, Jeff Kellert, Jim Campbell, Carl Ruppert, Gail Kendall and Dave Galletly, Gene Laks, Donald Basen and Jill Gautie were all a TREMENDOUS help in the kitchen.

Thank you to Carmen Lookshire, Tony Schettino and our very own, past president, Garry Sanders of *The Band of Gold* for their dazzling performance, underwritten by *The Rabbi Scott L. Shpeen Distinguished Artist Fund*.



# Brotherhood

## See What's New for 2024

I wanted to take a moment to reflect on 2023 and our activity and events at Brotherhood. We've been pretty busy, and I hope you were able to enjoy some of it with us!

Brotherhood enjoyed the wonderful foods that Rob and his team have prepared for our Beth Emeth community, breaking bread together at Brunches, BBQ's, Dinners and our Congregational Chanukah Dinner. We've watched the Superbowl together, had a Havdalah service at Albany Institute, planted flags on Memorial Day, cheered on horses at Saratoga and sponsored and competed at the Shalom Food Pantry's "Battle of the BBQ's." We've hiked, skied, rafted, cruised and schlepped for the Garage Sale. We've helped deliver Yom Hashoah candles to 1700 households in the Capital Region. Boy, we've been busy!

There is a lot more in store for you in 2024. We will be sure to attend the Sisterhood Speaking Series: Raising Proud Jewish Kids! The Brotherhood will also be starting a Sunday brunch series with speakers from our own Beth Emeth on such subjects as health, money and home energy. We hope you will come and break bread with us, enjoying a great brunch and a community discussion on things that are important to us all. We will begin our Brotherhood Sunday Brunch Series in February.

We've also got more Havdalah services and events planned at fun and interesting places here in the Capital District, starting with a Havdalah Service at the Capital Rep on March 9. You'll be hearing more about it in the coming weeks.

If you have not already, please join the Brotherhood, and then join and help the Brotherhood at our events! Thank you,

JayHurewitz@hotmail.com  
President CBE Brotherhood

# So Much Light



## Special Thank You!

**The Kivort family** for their ongoing support of our Chanukah Celebrations.

The Brisket Dinner in memory of **Mark Shuket**.

The **Education Committee** for the AMAZING Gift Basket fundraiser

**The Kotlow family** for the fun "Guess The Number of Candy" game.

**Rob Dorkin** and his incredible crew of cooks and servers.

*And our CBE families for their Chanukah Spirit which lit up the whole weekend!*



**Brisket Dinner for 325?**

- 110 lbs. of Brisket Flats, 50 lbs. onions, 10 lbs. carrots, 15 heads of garlic, 3 lbs. tomato paste
- 500 Latkes – 50 lbs. potatoes, 20 lbs. onion, 5 lbs. matzah meal, +400 Golden latkes
- Still Hungry? 500 chicken tenders, 40 lbs. french fries; homemade apple sauce – 80 lbs. apples
- Our very special crew of volunteers



**Our Future is Bright**



**There are only a few more spots open. Call today if you have questions or would like to join Rabbi Weitzman!**

**JOIN BETH EMETH ON A JOURNEY TO**

# **BERLIN**

**Led by Rabbi Greg Weitzman**

**May 18-24, 2024**

*Jewish history in Germany neither begins nor ends with the Holocaust. Together we will explore 1,000 years of Jewish history. We'll confront the horrors of the past, experience the nascent Jewish renewal of the present and discuss the challenges that face a Jewish future in Germany.*

**ON OUR JOURNEY WE WILL:**

- Engage in dialogue about past and present **Jewish life and culture** with Jewish community **leaders and educators**
- Examine the city's **Jewish history and renewal** with visits to the **Old Jewish quarter**, the **Jewish Museum** and sites and memorials along **Grosse Hamburger Strasse**
- Tour the **Wannsee Villa**, site of the infamous "Final Solution" and visit the **Glienecke Bridge** exchange point for Soviet spies during the Cold War
- Discover city center sites, including **Tiergarten** and **Brandenburg Gate**
- Take in the artistic beauty of the **East Side Gallery**, the Berlin Wall's memorial for freedom
- Discover Berlin's **brehtaking views** from **TV Tower** and the **Reichstag Building**
- Explore **Museum Island**, home to world-famous museums such as Neues (New) Museum



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<b>LAND TOUR</b>	<b>\$3,675</b>	<b>\$3,785</b>
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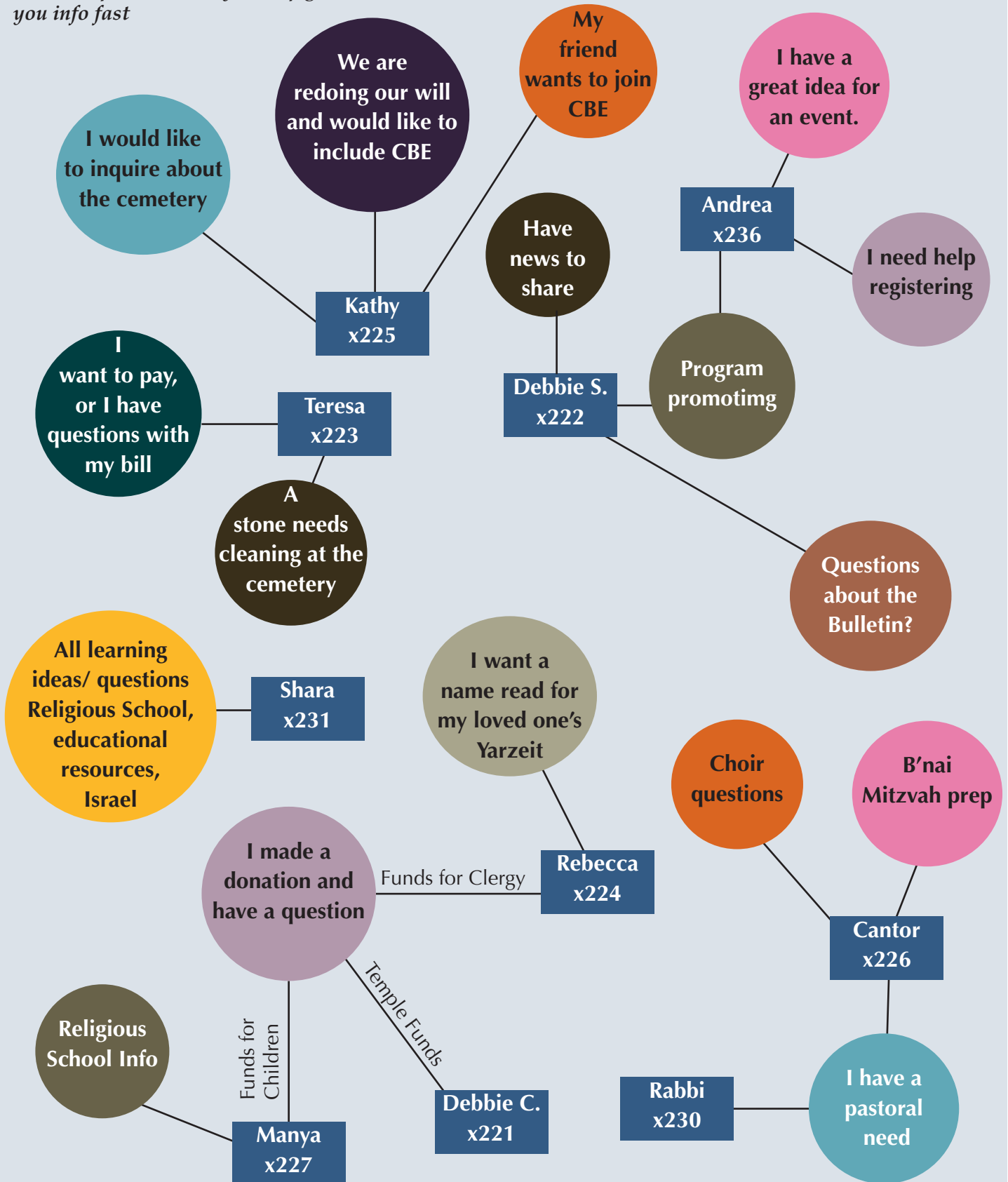


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# Who Should I Call?

*We are all always happy to help!  
Here is a quick directory to help get  
you info fast*



# Donations

CBE mails receipts to individuals who have made contributions in excess of \$100. Acknowledgments are mailed to all recipients, and appear in The Bulletin shortly thereafter. This list includes gifts received by December 4.



## Clergy Funds

### **Rabbi Greg Weitzman Discretionary Fund**

Sara Schaffer-Pollack and  
Michael Pollack  
in honor of their marriage

The Berger family in appreciation of  
Rabbi Weitzman and Cantor Short

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the Installation of Rabbi Weitzman

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of the Installation of Rabbi Weitzman

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Cynthia Freedman in honor of  
the birthday of Bob Piechota

Cynthia Freedman in honor of  
the birthday of Nancy Siegel

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birth of the grandson of  
Debbie and Rick Sokoler

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birth of the great-grandson of  
Sandi Zarch

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Rabbi Weitzman and Cantor Short

Steven Ostroff and Thom Hunt  
in memory of Robert Avrach

The family of Dr. Robert C. Lieberman  
in honor of the special anniversary of  
Margaret and Sam Feldman

The family of Dr. Robert C. Lieberman  
in honor of the new granddaughter  
of Karen and Mark Glaser and  
Kelly and Rick Alfred

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in appreciation of Rabbi Weitzman

Barbara Manning  
in memory of Elaine Burrick

Barbara Manning  
in memory of Joan Paul

Robyn and Ed Marinstein in honor of  
the birth of Emily, daughter of  
Taylor and Craig Alfred and grand-  
daughter of Karen and Mark Glaser  
and Kelly and Rick Alfred

Robyn and Ed Marinstein  
in memory of Robert Avrach

The Marinstein family  
in celebration of the marriage of  
Carlee Nussbaum and Josh Alexander

Andrew Kellert,  
Jeffrey Kellert and Robert Piechota  
in appreciation of Rabbi Weitzman

Fred Paul in appreciation of  
the support from Rabbi Weitzman

Robin and Ted Sobol  
in appreciation of Rabbi Weitzman  
for the baby naming of Lennon

Ronald Silverman in appreciation of  
Rabbi Weitzman's birthday wishes

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in memory of Jeffrey Arensberg

Sandi Zarch in memory of  
Art Hochberg, father of  
Rich (Barbara) Hochberg

### **Cantor Emily Short Discretionary Fund**

The family of Helene Gordon  
in appreciation of Cantor Short

Fred Paul in appreciation of Cantor

Andrew Kellert,  
Jeffrey Kellert and Robert Piechota  
in appreciation of Cantor Short

Sara Schaffer and Michael Pollack  
in honor of Renea Fliegelman-Pollack



*Our CBE Football team 2023*

**The Rabbi Scott L. Shpeen  
Rabbinic Chair Endowment Fund**  
Marilyn and Ronald Silverman  
in appreciation of Rabbi Shpeen

## Helping our Synagogue



### **The Cantor Jodi Schechtman Music Fund**

Michael and Marcia Horelick  
in memory of Joan Paul

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in memory of Jeffrey Arensberg

Melissa and Michael Lurie  
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brother of Donna Rosen

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of Helene and Harry Kushner

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the 90th birthday of Ron Silverman

Jocelyn and Rob Kivort in honor of  
the birth of Emily, daughter of  
Taylor and Craig Alfred

Jocelyn and Rob Kivort  
in honor of the 65th anniversary  
of Malka and Eitan Evan

Heddy Pilpel in memory of  
Manio Pilpel, father of Sylvia Sossner

Bonnie and Stuart Rosenberg in  
memory of Jeffrey Arensberg

Jane and Garrett Sanders  
in memory of Aunt Ruth Holland

Jane and Garrett Sanders  
in celebration of the wedding of the  
son of Lisa and Jon Pierce

Jane and Garrett Sanders  
in honor of the anniversary of  
Robin and Ted Sobol

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Mark Rosen  
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**in memory of Helene Gordon**  
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Irma Newman  
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Shaina Wasserman and family

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Eileen and Greg Lurie  
in memory of Jeffrey Arensberg

Eileen and Greg Lurie  
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in memory of Robert Avrach,  
brother of Donna Rosen

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The Adler family  
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of Janis and Marty Jacobs

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in memory of Joanie Paul

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**The Brotherhood Cerf Levy Fund**  
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**The Fund for Education**  
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in memory of Helene Gordon

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# Yahrzeits

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## Shabbat of January 5 - 6

Arthur Ardman	William Lomax III
Evelyn Baere	Kate W. Mandelbaum
Madeline Fritz Baker	Samuel March
Sylvia Berne	Ethel M. Metzendorf
Roberta Gerstin Blum	Carl Oscar Myers
Edward L. Bookstein	Sarah Mandelbaum Pelzer
Sophie Braunold	Fannie Rosendale
Jacob Eichenbronner	Nettie Rosner
Meyer P. Freedman	Samuel Max Silverman
Richard Henry Friedman	George Silverstein
David Solomon Gellert	Sanford Soffer
Claire Turk Goodman	Miriam Spector
Bruce Gottlieb	Lena Wolfsheimer
William Edward Grogin	Starkman
Beatrice Herman	Lewis Stern
Pauline Illch	Benjamin Taichnar
Maurice Illch	Jennie Gingold Tinkle
James Kahalas	Pearl Weinstock
Anna Katchman	Rosalind Cohn Wilder
Dorothy Feltman Lewis	Isser Zolzensky

## Shabbat of January 12 - 13

Caroline Bettman	Hannah Hyman
Morris Jacob Bloomberg	Stanley Kivort
Stanley R. Bookstein	Bertha Miller Mendel
Pearl Starr Bray	Sam Rosenfeld
Hersh Dembo	Joseph A. Rosenthal
Lena L. Drooz	Isaac L. Schwarzman
Rose Schiffman Feltman	David L. Silberg
Estelle Freedman	Bernard "Bernie" Singer
Benjamin Friedenthal	Marion Eliassof Snyder
Dorothy Friedlander	Betty N. Steiner
Minnie Gordon	Helen Klugman Swartz
Bessie Landau Green	Shirley Solomon Teper
Dr. Melvin D. Heflich	Rachel Zisselman
Selma Zaretsky Heflich	Merton L. Zubres
Berthold Heyman	

## Shabbat of January 19 - 20

Dr. Harold Bellin	Lillian Novark Rafalko
Steven Myron Berg	Erwin J. Riven
Benjamin Eric Berger	Casper L. Rogowski
Sarah Cohen	Hon. Sol Rubenstein
Elaine M. Cohn	Irwin P. Sander
Gilbert Cohn	Sarah Serling
Gertrude Cohen Dorman	Pearl E. Sloman
Ellis Edelstein	Hannah Sommers
Anne Alpart Feldman	Elizabeth Sperber
Dr. William S. Godfried	Miriam "Mim" Rubin
Joan Goldstein	Spitalny
Diane Allan Goodman	William B. Stern
Morris Jasper	Tillie Myers Swartz
Bessie Brown Kellert	Edward Teper
Stuart David Kestenbaum	Henry Tucker
Mitchell Levy	Max Uzewitz
Martin Loeb	Martha Sanders Vellano
Joseph Mann	Emanuel Wenger
Bernard Motz	Elaine Wilcove
Minnie Shoor Nathan	Eric C. Yaffee

## Shabbat of January 26 - 27

Milton J. Anker	Anna Feltman Mann
Ferdinand Moses Aufsesser	Evelyn Novark Markowitz
Martin J. Barr	Kate Linn Mayersohn
Samuel Berney	Jeanette Morrison
Samuel Richard	Mitchell J. Newman
Blumenthal	Natalie Oser
Fay Scheer Chazen	Dr. Gerson Packer
Joseph Cohen	Ethel Lazarowitz Richer
Stella Etkin	Leon Rivchin
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Alfred Laven	Jerome H. Teitelbaum
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Myer J. Mandelbaum	

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## Shabbat of December 22 - 23

Gabrielle and William (Jiggs) Englander

## in memory of

Helen M. Englander

## Shabbat of December 22 - 23

Murray, Chad and Zack Caplan  
The Friedlander family  
Gail Kendall and David Galletly

## in memory of

Gail Robin Caplan  
Dorice Brickman  
Micki Nevett

## Shabbat of January 5 - 6

David Ardman  
Arthur Herman  
Gail Kendall and David Galletly  
Steffi Silon and Nari and Mara Gottlieb  
The Malkin-Goodman family  
The family of Ruth F. Mendel  
Harriet and Doug Spector  
Marcia and Mike Horelick,  
Susan and Stuart Teper,  
Toby and Fred Wander and families  
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Dr. Mark Zubres

## in memory of

Arthur Ardman  
Beatrice Herman  
Richard Friedman  
Bruce Gottlieb  
Claire Turk Goodman  
Isser Zolzensky  
Miriam Spector  
Shirley Solomon Teper  
Rosalind Cohn Wilder  
Merton L. Zubres

## Shabbat of January 12 - 13

Arthur S. Bray  
The Friedlander family  
Gail and Russell Kaphan  
Gail and Russell Kaphan  
Sherry Gold and Wendell Lorang  
Shirley and Herb Gordon  
Josie Kivort  
Ilene and Chip Stein  
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## in memory of

Pearl Starr Bray  
Dorothy Friedlander  
Melvin D. Heflich  
Selma Zaretsky Heflich  
Bernard "Bernie" Singer  
Minnie Gordon  
Stanley Kivort  
Hersh Dembo  
Selma Zaretsky Heflich  
Dr. Melvin D. Heflich

## Shabbat of January 19 - 20

The Alpart family  
Francine, Jonathan and Warren Berg  
Judith and Thomas Clement  
Elizabeth (Libby) Godfried  
Marcia and Mike Horelick,  
Susan and Stuart Teper,  
Toby and Fred Wander and families  
John and Bill Myers  
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Eric C. Yaffee

## Shabbat of January 26 - 27

Marla and Robert Blumenthal  
The Friedlander family  
Pat and Bob Friedman  
Pat and Bob Friedman  
Shirley and Herb Gordon  
Nancy and Dr. Jeffrey Lozman  
The Newman/Rosen family  
Ira Oser  
Jessica, Alan and Alexandra Richer  
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Cathy and Saul Kimmel in honor of the 60th anniversary of Sara Lee and Barry Larner

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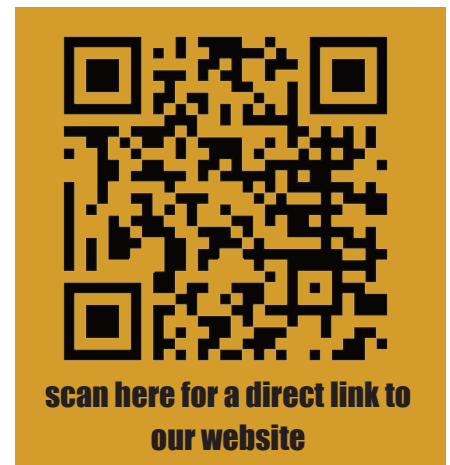
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