

*Cocktails,
Havdalah &
Dinner*

30th Boca Shabbat

28
JANUARY

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Ice Skating at Empire State Plaza

Sunday, January 22
2:00 pm

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*Save The Date
to Celebrate the Retirement of*



Blessed with 38 Years of True Leadership

Thursday, June 8

Friday, June 9

Saturday, June 10

Details for this exciting weekend to follow

Lunch & Learn

Wednesdays at Noon

Cantor Kohn will present
*...that my mouth may declare
Your praise* (Psalm 51:17)

The evolution of prayers



Friday, January 20

5:30 pm - Camp Shabbat
and kids in Kindergarten
through Grade 2 participate
in leading the service

6:30 pm - Dinner



CBEYG Retreat

It's Back! Come Join Us!

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A Message From our Clergy

Reading Exodus



It's January! A new year for our secular calendar. On the 14th, we begin a new book of the Torah. We read again the story of a Pharaoh who "knew not Joseph," the event that begins the enslavement of Joseph's descendants. We know how the story ends; Moses accepts God's call to lead the people out of Egypt, and he accomplishes this task. And our texts remind us that those 400 years were difficult for our ancestors. The time leading up to the Israelites' departure was also difficult for the Egyptians.

This narrative generates many questions. What did it mean for Pharaoh to not know Joseph? Why do we still find this story so compelling that we will gather in a few months to tell it again, this time in our homes? How is this story important to us today?

Here are some of my thoughts. I invite you to share yours.

We learn about the experience of the Israelites in Mitzrayim/Egypt first from Torah. Because of this, the foundational narrative has not changed. We hear the details of the horrors of slavery and the messiness of gaining freedom. Not only do we encounter Moses, Aaron, God and Pharaoh, but we meet Moses' sister and mother, Pharaoh's daughter, the midwives named Shifra and Puah. ***Freedom is a group effort***, we learn.

Staying true to the biblical narrative, we have not been able to alter the story to make Moses into a superhero. Moses is a complex man, with doubts and even handicaps. Seeing what it takes to be a good leader, as we see both Pharaoh and Moses operate, can help us choose well today. Pharaoh's blindness to what happened in the past reminds that ***we must know our own history***.

Jewish commentators of the distant past through our teachers of today have stressed that we must remember the humanity of the people in our story, including the people of Mitzrayim. The custom of removing a drop

of wine from our cups for each of the ten plagues embodies this teaching. Another example is the midrash in which God admonishes the angels for cheering when the Israelites safely cross the sea as the Egyptians army is trapped in the rising waters. God says, "The works of My hand are drowning in the sea, and you would utter song in My presence!" [B. Sanhedrin 39b] From these teachings we are reminded that ***while we do not forget those who have harmed us, neither may we gloat over their fate, nor may we demonize them.***

Usually the congregation is seated while the Torah is read however, there are two readings in Ashkenazic communities where the congregation stands: The arrival of the Israelites on the far shore of the Red/Reed Sea [Exodus 15] and the giving of the ten commandments on Sinai [Exodus 20]. Tradition tells us that these are the two events where every Jewish soul is to feel as though they were there, that they *personally* experienced both Redemption and Revelation. By connecting to these two events with our bodies, our emotions and with our intellect, perhaps we can connect with the spark of the Divine within each of us.

When we connect with our own spark, the hope is that we can connect with the divinity in others, we can see that we are all connected.

Rereading Exodus is powerful not only for the story itself but for how it can help us navigate difficult circumstances. Remember to go back to the original sources to learn what happened, before interpreting what the event might mean. Recognize the humanity of all the players even as we hold people accountable for their actions. Remember to show up. Take action. Do as much as you can. You don't have to be a Moses. You **can** be the person who helps, who is a faithful follower, who asks questions. Lastly, remember that we hear Torah and read the Hagaddah in a group. This journey is not a lonely quest, but a shared adventure.

Beth Emeth offers many points of access. With others you can create things, feed the hungry, to learn and study, to name just a few. As we commence a new secular year, and a new book of the Torah, may the lessons of the Exodus lead to a better place for us, for those we love, and for our world.

Cantor Sharon Kohn

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Celebrating Our Community

January Membership Milestones

The Membership Committee is incredibly grateful for **all of our members**. Each and every one of you help make CBE the warm and engaging community it is.

1 Year

Elliott Marinstein
Madeline Libin & David Frazier

30 Years

Diane & Ira Rubtchinsky

40 Years

Ilene & Jerry Sykes

50 Years

Judith & Thomas Clement

Recognition does not include "childhood years"

We Welcome New Members...

Adeline & Michael Spitzer



Worship Services

Friday Evening, January 6

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service
Shabbat Va-y'chi

Saturday Morning, January 7

9:30 am Torah Study with Susan Kushner

Friday Evening, January 13

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service
Shabbat Sh'mot

Saturday Morning, January 14

9:30 am Torah Study with Rabbinic Intern,
Yonatan Arnon

Friday Evening, January 20

5:30 pm Shabbat Unplugged Service
Shabbat Va-eira

Saturday Morning, January 21

9:30 am Torah Study with Susan Kushner

Friday Evening, January 27

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service
Shabbat Bo

Saturday Morning, January 28

9:30 am Torah Study

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

You, your family & friends are cordially invited to join

Rabbi Shpeen & Rabbi Weitzman

at our Gala 30th Boca Shabbat Celebrating Beth Emeth's 185th Anniversary

Cocktails, Havdalah & Dinner

SIX O'CLOCK IN
THE EVENING

28
JANUARY

TWO THOUSAND
TWENTY THREE

BOCA RENAISSANCE HOTEL

\$60 per person

Entree choice Roasted Chicken or Grilled Salmon

Indicate Seating Preference (limit 10)

RSVP by January 18, 2023

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. Please send events you want to share, or ones we have missed, to Bulletin@BethEmethAlbany.org.

January Special Birthdays

Samantha Acevedo	Steven Kramer
Ronald Backer	Susan Kushner
Jenna Berin	Steven Lobel
Howard Berkun	Raymond Naar
Brad Bierman	Louis Patack
Laura Braunstein-Freiberg	Alan Rauch
Allegra Edelman	Julia Richards
Victoria Goldberg	Andrew Safranko
Melissa Greenberg	Doreen Smith
Emily Handelman	Caroline Wolkoff
Michael Kessler	

* A belated December happy birthday to Paul Silk

In Memoriam

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

Joel H. Burtman

Husband of Claudia Burtman
Father of Brianna (John) Grossman and
Alexandra (Christopher) Diskin

Carol Deitcher

Wife of Dr. Kenneth Deitcher,
Mother of Gail (Harold) Sokol and Stuart Deitcher

Walter Silver

Husband of Maxine Silver
Father of Andrea Hartwell and Julie Lonstein

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

Jay Wechsler

Father of Sam Wechsler (Jessica Reichard)

Laura L. Woolis

Mother of Leah (Abraham) Sanders

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Kathy's Corner



Our Youth Group Is Impressive!

"Oh my gosh, you spend so much time at work, do you sleep there?" Well actually, I did recently.

Unfortunately Maddie, one of our two CBEYG (Congregation Beth Emeth Youth Group) Advisors, was sick the night of this past November's CBEYG Apple Pie Overnight. Rather than cancel the event, I said I could help out.

Some background information – my 3 children were all members of CBEYG. It was an important part of their high school experience. Each one developed life-long friendships, learned valuable team building and leadership skills and just really loved being a part of CBEYG. And, this was before we were Beth Emeth members.

I didn't want to disappoint the teens who look forward to this fun annual event. I arrived at temple at 7:30 pm on Saturday night to find 15 teens hard at work in the kitchen, peeling, coring and slicing the apples generously donated by Michael Harwood of New York Apple Sales. I was impressed! They all worked so well together. I witnessed giggling, laughter, flirting, kindness and true cooperation as they prepared 75 beautiful pies ready to go into the oven. It was wonderful to be there! Later, as they did their late night planned activities, and could be heard running through the halls of CBE, I knew that although they might not have realized it at the time, CBEYG Apple Pie Overnight 2022 was a special moment in each of their lives.

I encourage any parent or grandparent of a Beth Emeth High Schooler to urge them to attend CBEYG's Annual Retreat at Eisner Camp on January 6-8.

There is no cost for 9th Graders, as it is underwritten by *The David Iselin Memorial CBEYG Fund*. Even if they have never been to a CBEYG event, bribe them! Investing in our children's Jewish futures should be a priority in all our lives.

Kathy Golderman, Executive Director

President's Perspective

It's Great to See So Many People Involved at CBE!

It was a Sunday morning in early December and there was quite a lot of activity at 100 Academy Road. Our religious school children were having fun learning, while their parents were chatting and catching up with friends. The teen aides worked alongside teachers and students to provide support and serve as role models for younger students. The Sisterhood/Brotherhood Membership Brunch attendees donated perishable food for the Free Food Fridge Albany program and children's books for Mary's Corner. They filled the Paul Hall to enjoy a delicious brunch and later moved into the Sanctuary to hear Schmooze with Shpeen when Rabbi Shpeen spoke with Paul Grondahl about his book, *Mayor Corning Albany Icon, Albany Enigma*. The Education Committee's raffle basket display and the Mitzvah Menorah attracted lots of interest. The vibe in the building was energizing and impactful!

Concurrently, just a few miles away, volunteers from CBE came together to prepare and distribute lunch at the Soup Kitchen. The crew, made up of children and adults, worked as a team to ensure a healthy and delicious meal would be served. The servers distributed to-go meals with genuine sincerity and kindness, and were shown gratitude and appreciation. The atmosphere at the Soup Kitchen is inspiring.



The Soup Kitchen Crew served up Chicken, Rice, Broccoli, Salad, Bread, Grapes, Cookies and a drink.

CBE's borders and outreach could be considered endless! In just a few weeks, I am traveling to sunny and warm Florida to gather with congregants and friends to attend the Gala commemorating the 30th anniversary of the Boca Shabbat and Beth Emeth's 185th anniversary. If you are in or near the Boca Raton area, I hope you will attend the wonderful event being hosted by Rabbi Shpeen and Rabbi Weitzman. It promises to be an uplifting and special night!



As we bid farewell to 2022 and welcome 2023, I am optimistic about the future. Recognizing that everyone's journey is unique, please consider this my invitation for you to experience Beth Emeth in a way that is meaningful to you.

The Bulletin and website provide a wealth of information about what is going on. Or, please know I am only a call or email away and would be honored to have a conversation about all the opportunities for connecting, belonging and engaging at CBE.

Happy New Year!

Robyn Marinstein

President@BethEmethAlbany.org /518.588.6067

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 or 518.461.0806. *Read Rob's story on page 9*

Cantorial Search Update

Our committee continues to meet with candidates. At this time, our search stays open to review the applications we receive. We will keep you updated on the status as the search progresses.

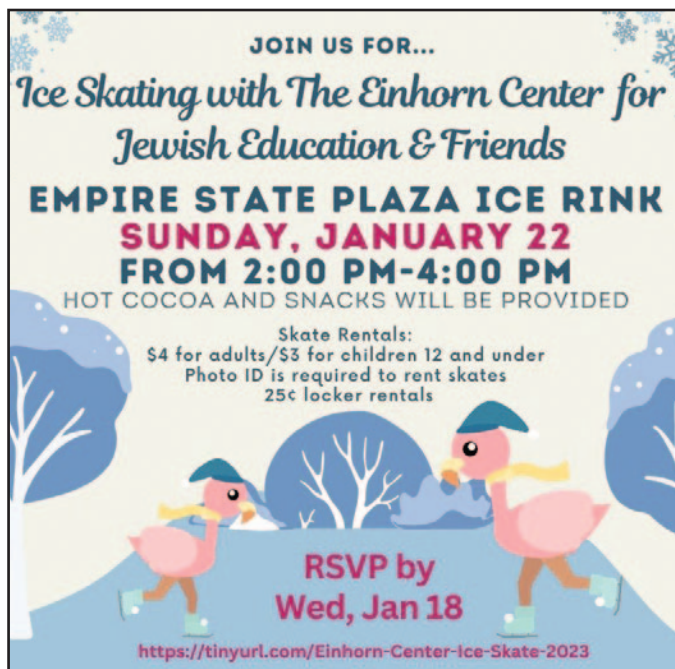
Contact us with any questions.

Mary Ann Cooper and Robin Sobol

MaryAnn10000@gmail.com / Sobol1@nycap.rr.com

Cantorial Search Committee Co-Chairs

Kids



CBEYGer Spotlight

Ciao Bella!

Beautiful Inside & Out!

Our own Bella Bernstein warmed up this winter for children attending the South End Children's Cafe. She collected well over 100 coats, allowing children the experience of "shopping" to select the coat of their choice. The pictures reflect only a fraction of the delight and pride the children felt knowing they were going home with a new, stylish and warm coat. Thanks to everyone who donated a coat, to Tammy Bernstein, and to Steve Squires for going the extra mile! Bella - you make a positive difference in the lives of so many people. (You're also a great tutor!) CBE is very proud to support you. Yasher koach! 🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌



CBEYG

Retreat is Here!



Happy New Year! CBEYG is starting 2023 with everyone's favorite tradition **CBEYG RETREAT!** This weekend event at **Eisner Camp** is the ultimate Jewish youth group experience, and this year is the first time we have been able to go in 3 YEARS! For the majority of CBEYGers, this will be their first Retreat ever, and the upperclassmen are so excited to show why this is THE event to be at. For starters, CBEYG is out of the temple and on the road to camp where we will be staying together **all weekend** in Eisner's Manor House Mansion. With multiple days together, we can play long-running **games** such as my personal favorite, Assassin. Other fun programs include crab volleyball, making **s'mores**, and much more. This event is so large that the CBEYG Board can't plan it all by itself. Regular attendees of CBEYG also helped with the planning by collaborating on programs with the guidance of Board members in order to further build leadership skills and let the members' creative ideas flow. Retreat is free of charge to students in grade 9, in thanks to *The David Iselin Memorial CBEYG Fund*. **THIS IS THE BEST TIME TO BE IN CBEYG, AND WE ARE HOPING TO MAKE OUR FIRST RETREAT IN 3 YEARS THE BEST IT'S EVER BEEN!**

Apple Pie Overnight Was a HUGE Success



Life Long Learning

There Is Always More To Learn



As a child, I was enamored with magic. It amazed me, especially how a rabbit could be miraculously pulled from a hat - *magic*. I am truly appreciative of the many notes and letters of support I have received over the last month, and it seems I have also shocked many, at surprisingly and maybe magically, pulling becoming a Rabbi out of my hat.

The title “Rabbi” is often translated as, my teacher, which it certainly is, but there is deeper meaning to this as well. Rabbi comes from the Hebrew word, *Rav*, which derives from the root *Ravah* meaning many or abundance. A *Rav* is one who has acquired many (Torah) learnings. Yet, what is particularly fitting is that *Rav* is not a regular noun, it is a gerund, an action noun. There is no stagnation in being a *Rav* or Rabbi, always with more and more and more to explore. There is no end to study or teaching!

I love learning! Education is my life’s passion.

As Director of Lifelong Learning here at our Beth Emeth, I am a prime example of a lifelong learner and my rabbinical degree is only the newest step upon my eternal learning journey.

My excitement does not come from becoming a pulpit rabbi, but rather continuing to work with our school and community, fostering learning experiences and programming to enhance Jewish connection and pride. This is my core motivation as a rabbi and I am elated to share my love for Judaism, in this magnificent learning community.

*With gratitude,
Rabbi Shara
Director of Life Long Learning*



CBE & Me Chanukah Fun!



Sisterhood Dinner Out

Kismet
GRILL

1116 Madison Ave.,
Albany

Thursday, January 26 at 6:00 pm

Come with a friend, or make some new ones!
RSVP online by January 20 for planning purposes.
Questions: Sara at SaraBonder@gmail.com

Sisterhood Walks

Saturday, January 14
at 1:00 pm
Albany South Pearl Rail Trail



Easy Family Walk
Historic Cherry Hill across the street,
dress appropriately, trail may be icy

RSVP to Jacki Stein at CBESisterEvents@gmail.com

Sisterhood Is Calling

Thursday, January 19 at 7:30 pm

Zoom In and Learn More About Mental Health and Judaism!

We will look at the current state of mental health in
our country and in the Jewish community.

Carly Coons, LSW, from *Blue Dove Foundation*,
leads the organization in curating and creating
mental health resources that integrate Judaism and
mental wellness into communities with intention.
Before joining Blue Dove, Carly built a career in the
Jewish community, focusing on youth and summer
camp programming.

Passcode is: SISTERHOOD



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Snowmobling with Brotherhood

Two Hours in Green Mountain National Forest
Sunday, January 29 - leaving CBE 8:30 am

Dress warm! Helmets will be provided. Snowsuit
and gear can be rented at SnowMobileVermont.com

\$240/ 250 for Members/ Non-Members single
\$310 / 320 for Members/ Non-Members double
Contact Mark Cederbaum at Ceder.MK@gmail.com
or 518.956.3465

Brotherhood Happy Hour & Trivia



The Warbler
155 Delaware Avenue, Delmar

Thursday, January 19 at 6:00 pm
Register online

\$10 for Brotherhood (Sisterhood) Members
\$12 Non-Members / Fee includes snacks.
Trivia Starts Promptly at 7:00 pm

Mah Jongg (2 ways)

All Levels Welcome!

Sponsored by CBE Sisterhood

When: Thursday, January 12
9:00 am Coffee and Bagels
9:30 am Games Begin

Where: Congregation Beth Emeth

RSVP: By Friday, January 6
register online or
mail in a check to temple office
(include name, phone and email
and if you will bring a set)

Contact: Deb Sokoler 518.461.9459
or Debbie.Sokoler@gmail.com

Choose From:

- ✓ **Tournament Play**
With timed games and cash prizes.
Cost: \$25 inclusive fee
- ✓ **Relaxed Play**
Mixed level players.
Cost: \$10 inclusive fee

Bring a brown bag lunch
Fee includes light breakfast, dessert and snacks



The Chai Society

Rabbi Scott L. Shpeen Senior Rabbinic Chair Fund

This fund, created 2 years ago, honors the remarkable tenure of Rabbi Shpeen as Senior Rabbi at Congregation Beth Emeth. Its sole purpose is to offset the cost of the senior rabbinic position at CBE, helping to assure the stability and future of our venerable congregation.

The idea of honoring Rabbi Shpeen in this way has resonated. We have already received 137 donations to the fund. *The Chai Society*, a fifth named level of giving, opens up the opportunity for each congregant to honor their special relationship with Rabbi Shpeen. All donations are meaningful and welcome and will be recognized throughout the weekend of June 8 - 10.

If you have any questions regarding the creation of *The Chai Society* or this fund, please contact Rob Kivort, our Philanthropy Team Chairperson at Robert@KivortSteel.com or Executive Director, Kathy Golderman KGolderman@BethEmethAlbany.org



Axe Throwing

Thursday, January 10 at 7:00 pm

Join Sisterhood and Brotherhood for an hour of Axe and Knife throwing at Far Shot Recreation. Light snacks will be provided, and drinks are available for purchase at the location.

Price: \$30 per person. Register online.
69 N Pearl St., Albany, NY 12207

Sisterhood's Social Action



Social Action volunteers writing postcards encouraging Georgia Voters

Sisterhood is supporting the Congregation Beth Emeth Social Action Committee this year. We wrote postcards to residents of Georgia with the *Every Voice, Every Vote* campaign to encourage people to vote. And then again, to remind people to vote in the runoff election. Sisterhood members will be joining the other CBE affiliates by volunteering in the Soup Kitchen on Sunday, April 30.

Our members are interested in "supporting a cause" by participating in an organization's walk this coming spring. Please share with us, an organization that YOU support, and we will take a vote to decide which one we'll support (mental health, a disease, children's causes, etc.)

We are also hoping to get together with some refugees and immigrants through RISSE. We would like to meet with women who are new to this country. Perhaps we will bake together, share a meal or just chat. If you are interested in participating, please contact me.

The Sisterhood Board would love to have you participate in our programs!

Jane Sanders
JRS0991@gmail.com



We are grateful for the donation of Household Gift Bags

January Calendar

Sunday, January 1 - New Years Day

No Religious School - Winter Break

Monday, January 2

Temple Offices Closed

7:00 pm Zoom Knit & Nosh

Wednesday, January 4

12:00 pm Lunch & Learn

5:30 pm CBEYG Alumni Night

Friday, January 6

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service
Eisner Retreat - Bus leaves

Saturday, January 7

9:30 am Torah Study with Susan Kushner

10:45 am Grades 6 and 7 Shabbat Program

Sunday, January 8

9:30 am ARBA for Fours!

12:15 pm Grade 8 Meet & Eat

Monday, January 9

7:00 pm Zoom Knit & Nosh

7:15 pm Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, January 10

7:00 pm Sisterhood/ Brotherhood Axe Throwing

Wednesday, January 11

12:00 pm Lunch & Learn

Thursday, January 12

9:00 am Mah Jongg Tournament

6:30 pm Brotherhood Dinner & Card Night

Friday, January 13

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 14

9:30 am Torah Study with
Rabbinic Intern Yonatan Arnon

Sunday, January 15

No Religious School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Religious School Hours

Arba for Fours! - Sundays 9:30 am - noon (bimonthly)

K - Grade 6: Sundays 9:30 am - noon

Grade 8: 2x per month Sunday 12:15 - 1:30 pm

Grade 3 - 7: Wednesdays 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Grades 9 - 10: Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:00 pm

CBEYG Wednesdays at 5:30 - 7:00 pm

BethEmethAlbany.org/Einhorn_Center for details

Monday, January 16

Offices Closed - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

7:00 pm Zoom Knit & Nosh

Wednesday, January 18

12:00 pm Lunch & Learn

Thursday, January 19

8:30 am Zoom Philanthropy Team Meeting

6:00 pm Brotherhood Happy Hour and Trivia

7:30 pm Sisterhood is Calling

Friday, January 20

5:30 pm Shabbat Unplugged Service

6:30 pm Shabbat Dinner

Saturday, January 21

9:30 am Torah Study with Susan Kushner

Sunday, January 22

9:30 am ARBA for Fours!

12:00 pm Grade 5 Israeli Luncheon

12:15 pm Grade 8 Meet & Eat

2:00 pm Ice Skating with Religious School

Monday, January 23

7:00 pm Zoom Knit & Nosh

7:15 pm Zoom Membership Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 25

8:30 am Zoom Finance Committee Meeting

12:00 pm Lunch & Learn

Thursday, January 26

6:00 pm Sisterhood Dinner at Kismet

Friday, January 27

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 28

9:30 am Torah Study with

Rabbinic Intern Yonatan Arnon

6:00 pm Boca Cocktails, Dinner & Havdalah

Sunday, January 29

8:30 am Brotherhood Snowmobiling Trip

Monday, January 30

7:00 pm Zoom Knit & Nosh

7:00 pm Education Committee Meeting



Rabbi and Ashley at one of our summer Meet and Greets

Rabbinic Transition

Update and Thank you!

Over the past year, the Rabbinic Transition Committee (RTC) has been working closely with Rabbi Weitzman to support his and his family's move to Albany and transition to his role as our new Senior Rabbi. Our formal work is now ending, and it has been a true pleasure to work with such a talented and collaborative group who have dedicated their time and expertise to all of the activities we've been engaged in. We want to extend a huge thank you to the committee: Jim Campbell, Allegra Edelman, Kathy Golderman, Bret Kauffman, Jeff Kellert, David Meyers, Andrew Safranko, Judith Saidel, Heather Kruse, and Debbie Sokoler.

Here's a recap of some of the RTC work:

- Met monthly with Rabbi Weitzman, beginning in January 2022
- Created a Transition Binder for Rabbi Weitzman to support his onboarding (measuring a few inches thick!)
- Conducted a congregational survey to collect feedback about your favorite places, activities, and other topics and shared this with Rabbi and Ashley
- Published and updated the RTC web page
- Planned for, hosted (along with many of our congregational families – thank you to all of you, as well!), and scribed for 13 Meet and Greets, with over 200 attendees
- Planned for and hosted a Community Introduction event to introduce Rabbi Weitzman to various community leaders and elected officials

The RTC was also greatly supported by the amazing team at CBE – a special shout out to Debbie Schaffer, Miriam Cantor-Stone, and Steve Squires for all of their help – we would not have been able to do this without you!

*Melissa Greenberg and Robyn Marinstein
RTC Co-Chairs*

A Note From Our 2nd Vice President *Robert Kivort*

My Beth Emeth story is not unique. My wife Jocelyn and I joined when we had young children and were in search of a religious school. In preparation for their bat mitzvahs, we wanted our daughters to learn about our Jewish traditions and prayers. I spent years dropping them off and picking them up and mostly only attending High Holy Day services.

I grew up in Schenectady and my family attended a different synagogue. Consequently, as a new member of CBE, I knew very few congregants and did not feel particularly connected. Only when I agreed to join the Finance Committee did I start to better understand the benefits of becoming involved in temple life.

Although the temple has the absolute best clergy and staff, I very quickly realized that it takes a village of volunteers, working tirelessly behind the scenes, to make the temple run smoothly.

After spending a year on the Finance Committee, I was asked to become a Board Member, Chair the Philanthropy Team, and eventually to become an officer.

At each stage of this journey, I have felt more connected to CBE's very special Jewish community. Along the way I have formed wonderful friendships and have rediscovered the importance and connection to Judaism in my life.

Now, as Second Vice President of CBE, my responsibility includes finding new congregants to serve on our Board of Trustees. Your temple has a need, and ironically, by filling that need you will be filling your own heart with the warmth and connection to all that CBE has to offer.



Rob with his mom, Josie, wife, Jocelyn and daughters Olivia and Mirielle.

Nearly 200 people, joined together to celebrate the Festival of Light!



Wishing a happy and healthy 2023 to all of our Beth Emeth Families



Donations

CBE mails receipts to individuals who have made contributions in excess of \$100. Notifications are mailed to all recipients, and appear in The Bulletin shortly thereafter. This list includes new gifts received by December 5.

Clergy Funds



Rabbi Scott Shpeen Discretionary Fund

Susan and Brian Debronsky in memory of Carlyle Peterson and in honor of Shara Siegfeld becoming a Rabbi

Betsy Feldstein
in memory of Miriam Kolker

Joan and Harvey Friedman
in celebration of the engagement of David, son of Laurie and Phil Gross

Amy and Larry Jacobsen
in memory of Vivian Green

Davey and Jerry LeBoyer
in honor of the 50th anniversary of Sigrid and Ray Naar

Allison and David Meyers
in appreciation of Rabbi Shpeen

Marilyn and Ronald Silverman
in appreciation of Rabbi Shpeen

**Rabbi Scott L. Shpeen
Distinguished Artist Fund**
Phyllis Berk in celebration of the birth of Blake Tyler Vogel to Talia and Matthew Vogel

**Rabbi Greg Weitzman
Discretionary Fund**
Claudia, Brianna and Lexi Burtman in appreciation of Rabbi Weitzman

Susan and Brian Debronsky in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Sigrid and Raymond Naar

Helping our Synagogue



The Beautification Fund
Stephany and Jonathan Bass
in memory of Carolyn Sundell

Arleen Jacobson in celebration of the special birthday of Judie Mayer

**The Cantor Jodi Schechtman
Music Fund**
Allison and David Meyers in appreciation of Cantor Kohn in preparing William for his bar mitzvah

Robin Sobol and Michael Stulmaker in honor of the bar mitzvah of Henry Ostroff, grandson of Steven Ostroff and Thom Hunt

**The Ellen Herkowitz
Judaic Art Fund**
Lori Strong in honor of the special birthday of Gloria Herkowitz

The General Fund
Jill Goodman and Artie Malkin in memory of Joel Burtman

Robin and Ted Sobol in honor of the special birthday of Kathy Golderman

The Seaman Building Fund
Melissa and Michael Lurie in memory of Joel Burtman

**The Yom Kippur Appeal
(since the December Bulletin)**
Ronald Berinstein
Anna Bitterbaum
Ruth Friedlander
Lauren and Harold Iselin
Natalie Khaitov
Judie Mayer
Wendy and David Palat
Ilene and Jerry Sykes
Renee Whitman
Rosalind Bellin-Winston



Helping our World

**David Goodman Rejut/
Caring Community Fund**
Deborah and Bennett Liebman in memory of Daniel Greenberg, father of Ron Greenberg

Jill Goodman and Artie Malkin in memory of Claire Davis, mother of Barry Davis

Jill Goodman and Artie Malkin in memory of David Herbach, father of Deborah Liebman

Social Action Tzedakah Fund
Joni Lieberman Basen and Don Basen in honor of the special anniversary of Sigrid and Raymond Naar

Joni Lieberman Basen and Don Basen in memory of Claire Davis

Marcy and Jeffrey Feiman in memory of Ida Kay

Gail Kendall and David Galletly in memory of the yearzeits of Richard Friedman and Micki Nevett

Jane and David Kadish in honor of the special anniversary of Margie and Larry Kirsch

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in honor of the special birthday
of Kathy Golderman

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of Dr. Norman Ellenbogen

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to Andrew Durtschi

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Arthur Ardman	Samuel March
Evelyn Baere	Ethel M. Metzendorf
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Hersh Dembo	Nettie Rosner
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William Edward Grogin	Starkman
Dr. Melvin D. Heflich	Lewis Stern
Pauline Illch	Benjamin Taichnar
Maurice Illch	Jennie Gingold Tinkle
James Kahalas	Pearl Weinstock
William Lomax III	Isser Zolzensky
Kate W. Mandelbaum	

Shabbat of January 13 - 14

Dr. Harold Bellin	Minnie Shoor Nathan
Caroline Bettman	Sam Rosenfeld
Morris Jacob Bloomberg	Joseph A. Rosenthal
Stanley R. Bookstein	Hon. Sol Rubenstein
Pearl Starr Bray	Irwin P. Sander
Lena L. Drooz	Isaac L. Schwarzman
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Benjamin Friedenthal	Marion Eliassof Snyder
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Claire Turk Goodman	Elizabeth Sperber
Bessie Landau Green	Betty N. Steiner
Selma Zaretsky Heflich	Helen Klugman Swartz
Berthold Heyman	Emanuel Wenger
Hannah Hyman	Rosalind Cohn Wilder
Stanley Kivort	Rachel Zisselman
Martin Loeb	Merton L. Zubres
Bertha Miller Mendel	

Shabbat of January 20 - 21

Steven Myron Berg	Kate Linn Mayersohn
Benjamin Eric Berger	Jeanette Morrison
Sarah Cohen	Bernard Motz
Elaine M. Cohn	Mitchell J. Newman
Gilbert Cohn	Lillian Novark Rafalko
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Mitchell Levy	Martha Sanders Vellano
Teddy Lozman	Walter S. Warheit
Myer J. Mandelbaum	Elaine Wilcove
Joseph Mann	Eric C. Yaffee

Shabbat of January 27 - 28

Milton J. Anker	Hattie Prager Levison
Ferdinand Moses	Henry W. Lipman
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Samuel Berney	Evelyn Novark Markowitz
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Shabbat of December 2 - 3

Melissa and Michael
Berenbaum

in memory of

Sandra Cohen Patack

Shabbat of December 9 - 10

Jiggs Enlander
Kathleen Meyers
The Wicks family

in memory of

Bertha Markstein Peckerman
Howard Meyers
Michael J. Wicks

Shabbat of December 16 - 17

Gabrielle and Jiggs Englander
The entire Naigles family
Diane and Ira Rubtchinsky

in memory of

Helen M. Englander
J. Richard Naigles
Estelle Halpern

Shabbat of December 23 - 24

The Sykes family

in memory of

Ada Jean Sykes

Shabbat of January 6 - 7

David Ardman
Gail Kendall and David Galletly
Ruth F. Mendel
Lynn Beth Miller
Ellie Safranko
Harriet and Doug Spector and family
April Galletly Stackhouse
Ilene and Chip Stein
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Carl Oscar Myers
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Miriam Spector
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Hersh Dembo
Benjamin Taichner

Shabbat of January 13 - 14

Arthur, Anna and Nathaniel Bray
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Sherry Gold and family
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Shabbat of January 20 - 21

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Shabbat of January 27 - 28

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