

Annual Meeting and Lech Lecha

Come see all that we have achieved this past year and the plans for the future of Beth Emeth.

Celebrate our graduating high school seniors and wish them success in the future!

**Wednesday, June 14,
7:00 pm**



Peace Out for Summer!

School may be over, but CBE is always busy! There are so many ways to get involved. Join us!



Thank you Rabbi Shpeen

Join Us To Celebrate 38 Years of Special Memories

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A Message From Rabbi Shpeen

Farewell Article

It is certainly hard to believe that, after thirty-eight years, this is my last Bulletin article as your Senior Rabbi. Four weeks from my submitting this article, the festivities celebrating my retirement will be underway. I know that I will have ample opportunity that weekend and certainly thereafter to convey my gratitude and express my appreciation to those who helped in the planning of the weekend and to all of the many, many congregants, friends and community members who supported *The Rabbi Scott L. Shpeen Senior Rabbinic Chair* established by the Board of Trustees.

Over these past months as I have been anticipating my retirement on June 30, many of you have asked me the same two questions, the answers for which I would like to share with all of you in this, my final Bulletin article.

The first being, “What is a Rabbinic Chair? Is it actually a chair that you will take with you or have in your office at temple?”

Like an endowed chair at a university or college, a *Chair* is one of the highest honors that can be bestowed upon a retiring rabbi by their congregation. Not to be taken literally, (some have asked me if my chair on the bimah will now have my name on it!), what the Board has designated is that the POSITION of the Senior Rabbi of Congregation Beth Emeth will forever have my name associated with it. In other words, whomever is occupying the senior rabbinic position henceforth, as Rabbi Weitzman will now assume, the position will be named in my honor. So, Rabbi Weitzman will now hold *The Rabbi Scott L. Shpeen Senior Rabbinic Chair* and will be noted as such in temple publications.



The more often asked questions are, “So what is the next chapter going to be?” “What are you going to do with yourself once retired?”

Rabbi Emeritus, is an honorific title extended to clergy who have served their congregation for an extended period of time. I will continue to have an office in the building, (adjacent to the library in what was originally Rabbi Roth’s office and then became the Reference Room) and I look forward to working on our Archives helping to further organize and document the rich and venerable history of our congregation. While in rabbinical school, I worked for four years as a research assistant at the American Jewish Archives in Cincinnati, the largest repository of American Jewish History in the country. It is my intent to take those skills that I was taught then to make sure that our Beth Emeth history is secure, organized and preserved for future generations.

As you may know, my daughter, Hilary, son-in-law Josh and their children live in South Florida. That was the primary motivation for the recent purchase of a home in the area. It is my hope to be able to spend a good part of the year in Florida and then return back to Albany for the late spring and summer months.

Change is never easy. Any transition in life, even those we consciously chose to pursue, is stressful. After thirty-eight years as your Rabbi, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge that my heart is a bit heavy for sure with bittersweet emotions. Yet not only do I know that the future of our Beth Emeth family is in wonderful hands through the extraordinary leadership of Rabbi Weitzman and soon to be joined by Cantor Short, but I take great pride in all that we have accomplished together during these past four decades since I first arrived in Albany. I will forever cherish and be grateful for all the opportunities that I was accorded for my rabbinate to grow and evolve here at temple but, most importantly, for the sacred relationships I have been blessed to experience in your welcoming me into your homes and into your lives for all of these years and all that we have shared together.

So, with a heavy, but very grateful heart, I can only express my extreme gratitude for the incredible tenure here at Beth Emeth that I have been blessed to have had by conveying that thankfulness by exclaiming,

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,

שְׁהַחֲיֵנוּ וְקִיְמָנוּ וְהַגִּיעֵנוּ לְזִמְנָן הַזֶּה

Blessed are you, Sovereign of the Universe, for giving me life, sustaining me and enabling to reach this milestone moment.

Rabbi Scott Shpeen

Worship Services

Friday Evening, June 2

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service
Shabbat Naso

Saturday Morning, June 3

9:30 am Torah Study with Cantor Kohn

Friday Evening, June 9

7:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service
Shabbat B'haalot'cha
Celebration of Rabbi Shpeen

Saturday Morning, June 10

9:30 am Torah Study with Susan Kushner

Friday Evening, June 16

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service
Shabbat Sh'lach L'cha

Saturday Morning, June 17

9:30 am Torah Study with Susan Kushner
10:45 am Bar Mitzvah of Jack Lurie

Friday Evening, June 23

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service
Shabbat Korach

Saturday Morning, June 24

9:30 am Torah Study with with Susan Kushner

Friday Evening, June 30

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service
Shabbat Chukat-Balak

Saturday Morning, July 1

9:30 am Torah Study with Rabbi Weitzman

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

First Article - December 1985

AGE IS BUT A NUMBER

It was Sunday, October 20. The phone rang several times throughout the day. Each person at the other end of the line cheerfully asked the same question, "Rabbi, did you read the article in the **New York Times Magazine** today?" In the



days which followed, I must have received a half dozen clippings in the mail as well!

The article to which I am referring is one entitled "A Young Rabbi." In it, Rabbi Joshua Hammerman of the First Hebrew Congregation of Peekskill, New York, expresses some of his frustrations in being a young Rabbi.

"When I walk into my office each morning, I feel like a seventeen year old walking into a bar, fearful that some hulk of a bouncer will appear to check me for ID. I am a child in a profession where life begins at sixty."

Rabbi Hammerman, ordained at the same time I was but not from the same Seminary, discusses the stereotypes a young Rabbi faces in a profession where age, wisdom and experience are the cornerstones. In fact, in any profession or occupation, there are stereotypes and biases which one must overcome. We all have images of doctors, lawyers, rabbis, etc., which reflect our personal feelings as to what mold each should fit. Age is often a most important factor.

I must admit that in coming to Albany, I, too, have heard comments from many congregants as to my age. On more than one occasion I have been told, "Such a young Rabbi!", or "I never knew Rabbis could be so young!" (All of which I have found particularly amusing.)

Rabbi Hammerman's article points to an even

greater problem in our society which goes well beyond the frustrations or comments a young Rabbi might face. Ours is a culture which is too hung up on age. We are too consumed with how old we are, how we look for our age and how we should be acting at any particular stage in our lives. Stereotypes and generalizations are drawn and they are hard to escape.

Age is but a number — nothing else! I know octogenarians who have the energy and the vigor of many half their age. Despite what their peers or family members think, they are still determined to live their lives the way they want. I also know many people who seem to be far "older" than they really are. When we are "young" we can't wait to get older. When we grow "old," we long for our "youthful days." So much of life is in the wild pursuit of age and dealing with the pressures of what we should be doing at a given time relative to how old we are.

Rabbi Hammerman concludes in his article, "Perhaps . . . someday there will be no barriers to honest, unprejudiced human contact." Indeed, we are slowly moving to a time when age is no longer as important a factor in how we act, what we do, or what function we can fulfill in our career and in our relationships. We still have a long way to go.

Yet, each time I go to get my haircut, I still anxiously await the arrival of a few grey hairs, just a few. I want people to know that I **am** a Rabbi, not a member of the Confirmation Class. I realize, though, that the time will come soon enough. For as so many of "older" colleagues have pointed out to me — "One greys quickly around the Temple!"

From our home to yours, Susan, Hilary and Adam join me in wishing you a very happy and healthy Chanukah Celebration!

Scott Shpeen



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.

June Special Birthdays

Paul Bray	Penny Manasse
Joy Davidoff	Elliott F. Marinstein
Ken Deitcher	Amy Milstein
Fran Dembling	Harry Rosenstein
Jan Dorman	Renee Rosenstein
Marty Engelstein	Steph Schittino
Chuck Falk	Jeff Sperry
Sherry Freedman	Charlie Stern
Scott Freiberg	Geraldine Swimm
Erika Holleron	Schlesinger
Diane Kern	Alexis
Sandy Kletter	Weymann-Perlmutter
Brent Letourneau	Dee Dee Wolberg

June Special Anniversaries

Jennifer and Neil Yager ~ 10
 Manya and Ami Monson ~ 15
 Mayta and Mark Lukowitsky ~ 20
 Jessica and Alex Brand ~ 25
 Shellie and Dave Carr ~ 25
 Janet and Bob Wright ~ 30
 Lisa and Steve Stulmaker ~ 35
 Angela and Steve Wattenberg ~ 35
 Linda and Terry Freedland ~ 40
 Ellie and Mort Hess ~ 50
 Susan and Ron Backer ~ 55
 Jan and Lois Dorman ~ 55
 Phyllis and Stephen Hillinger ~ 55
 Marcia and Mike Horelick ~ 55
 Ceil and Richie Friedenthal ~ 60

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Mazel Tov to...

Jack Burman, son of **Diane and Jonathan Burman**, who was awarded *The Military Order of the World Wars Award* at the University of Vermont Green Mountain Battalion Cadet Awards Ceremony. This award is presented to outstanding Cadets performing above and beyond the expectations of their current rank and grade. He received this in his first year and again this year.

Aaron Malkin, son of **Jill Goodman and Artie Malkin**, was recently named *Associate Artistic Director, Theatre & Productions* for the New York Theater Workshop. NYTW was where *Rent* was first produced and more recently has launched *Hadestown*, *What the Constitution Means to Me* and *Slave Play* to Broadway in addition to supporting artists from all over the world.

In Memoriam

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

Lee Greenberg

Husband of Marcia Greenberg
 Father of Alyssa (Aaron) Rubin
 Brother of Estelle (Marc) Chase

Janice W. Rubenstein

Mother of Ellen (Alan) Weintraub and
 Bruce (Sylvia Han) Rubenstein
 Sister of Herbert (Marilyn) Weisburgh

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

Barbara Cohen

Mother of Amanda (Jason Laurenzo) Melino

Ruth Margules Orland

Sister of Phyllis (Steven) Frisch

Cantorial Transition Committee

We are happy to announce that a Cantorial Transition Committee (CTC) has been formed to help and welcome Cantor Short and her wife, Frankie to CBE.

Liz Albright
 Jim Campbell
 Zak Fluster
 Lauren Iselin
 Kerryn Kent
 Francine Sinkoff
 Robin Sobol

Please be on the lookout in our weekly emails and on our website for additional information about Meet & Greets and other Congregation Beth Emeth opportunities where our members will have a chance to meet and welcome Cantor Short and Frankie to our community.



A Message from Our President

Thank You Rabbi Shpeen

In January, I had the privilege of honoring Rabbi Shpeen at Boca Shabbat. Fast forward to June, a few weeks before Rabbi retires and becomes our Rabbi Emeritus, I thought it fitting to share my words with each of you.

"I am proud and honored to be president during this exciting time. It is indeed a time of change and transition- but it is also a time of celebrations and beginnings.

Where we are today is certainly rooted in the foundation laid by the generations that came before us. For the past 38 years, it has been

Rabbi Shpeen's wisdom and leadership as a clergy and community leader, and his accomplishments that are at the forefront of Congregation Beth Emeth's strength today. He has in turn laid the foundation for Rabbi Weitzman, Cantor Short and the next generations of members and future leaders of Beth Emeth.

Rabbi Shpeen's insightful visions, his intuitive way of connecting and engaging people, his natural instinct as a teacher and mentor, his relatable and meaningful sermons, his presence at simchas and sorrows and his warmth and sincerity have touched each of us in a personal way- as our rabbi, friend and colleague, Rabbi Shpeen has made each of us feel special and he has made an everlasting imprint on Congregation Beth Emeth and its members and friends. An imprint that is felt in the Capital District and beyond!"

On a personal note, Rabbi Shpeen has been an important part of my adult journey at Beth Emeth and I am forever grateful for all he has done for my family and me. Rabbi will certainly be missed, yet I am excited for what lies ahead for him and for Congregation Beth Emeth.

YASHER KOACH, Rabbi Shpeen!

Robyn Marinstein
CBE President



**Blessed with 38 Years
of True Leadership**
Thursday, June 8 - Cocktail Reception
Registered Guests Only
Friday, June 9 at 7:30 pm - Service & Oneg
Open - Registration Required - Service also offered Live Stream
Saturday, June 10 - Dinner Sold Out
8:45 pm - Program also offered Live Stream



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Join the Virtual Celebration
 June 1, 2023 at 7 p.m.

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 info@jfsneny.org

Jewish Family Services
 Northeastern New York

GARAGE SALE

Drop Off Dates and Times

Time to clean out your closets, garage, and attics. The "Best in Capital Region" Garage Sale is set to begin with drop off on Father's Day, Sunday, June 18.

Sunday, June 18, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Monday, June 19, 9:00 am - 8:00 pm
Tuesday, June 20, 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

We appreciate

- Separate like items in different boxes - e.g., kitchen, bathroom, men's, women's, kid's
- Be sure clothing is washed or dry cleaned
- Be sure clothing and linens are not ripped, have no holes or stains and do not smell
- Put items on hangers when practical
- Attach shoes together with a rubber band and mark size with sharpie
- Wipe the dust and dirt off toys

We cannot accept....

- TVs other than flat screen TVs
- Major appliances
- Computer monitors, keyboards, printers
- VCRs, fax machines, scanners
- Tires
- Mattresses or bed pillows
- Underwear, swimsuit
- Infant car seats or cribs
- Magazine collections, encyclopedias, or textbooks



Volunteers Needed June 18 - 27

Volunteering is so much fun!

We are always looking for new faces to help out. The commitment can be for a few hours, or many days. Up to you! Volunteers needed for clean up Tuesday, June 27. Sign up on-line. If you have any questions, please contact Margie Dorkin at MDorkin@nycap.rr.com



The Sale

Opening Night

Saturday, June 24, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
\$10 Admission

Main Event

Sunday, June 25, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Free Admission

Bag Sale

Sunday, June 25, 2:00 - 3:00 pm
\$5, \$10, and \$15 Bags
Monday, June 26, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
\$1, \$3, and \$5 Bags





Leaving the sanctuary together after Kathy's first Rosh Hashana at CBE

Kathy's Corner

Rabbi Shpeen - On a Personal Note...

"I want a Shpeen Send-off," were the words I often associated with Congregation Beth Emeth before I started working here 10 years ago. These words were spoken by COUNTLESS Albany residents, some young, some old, some CBE congregants and lots of non-congregants. And what exactly is a "Shpeen Send Off?" It is when Rabbi Scott Shpeen eulogizes someone at their funeral. As so many remark, no one gives a eulogy like Rabbi Shpeen. We all know that to be true. He chooses words meticulously, weaves stories together seamlessly, and strikes the perfect balance of smiles and tears. A funeral officiated by Rabbi Shpeen becomes a celebration of life. It's a truly comforting and meaningful experience for the grieving family, friends and all in attendance.

A "Shpeen Send-off" is a unique skill of Rabbi Shpeen's. And in the 10 years I've worked by his side, I have been beyond fortunate to have a front row seat to see that it is just one of the many amazing talents that Rabbi Shpeen possesses. We all know how he wonderfully remembers something unique about each person he meets, establishing an immediate connection to them. And how after listening to him deliver a relevant, heartfelt sermon, we leave thinking that it was written just for us. And how he takes pride in the accomplishments of congregants, the milestones

celebrated by the congregation, and the very fact of being a Rabbi.

However, my admiration has grown even greater for our Rabbi as I have witnessed the behind the scenes actions of Rabbi Shpeen.

When families reached out when a loved one was ill or just died, Rabbi Shpeen was there for them. When congregants experiencing a hard time called or texted at all hours of the night, Rabbi Shpeen listened. Or when someone just needed to know what time a program or service was, Rabbi Shpeen answered. Patiently and politely, Rabbi Shpeen gave of himself. Surely, some would say, of course, it his job. However, anyone on the receiving end of Rabbi Shpeen's compassion and empathy would never see the emotional toll of being on call 24 / 7, 365 days a year. Instead, Rabbi Shpeen would provide them with the support, care and individual attention each congregant deserved, no matter what else he was dealing with.

We hope you are able to attend one of the events to Celebrate Rabbi Shpeen in June. Each night, there will be remarks and presentations. The Program following the Saturday night Gala will be Live Streamed for those unable to attend in person.

Thank you, Rabbi Shpeen, for caring for Congregation Beth Emeth for 38 years. We will all miss you after you retire and will welcome you with pride as Rabbi Emeritus Shpeen.

On a personal note, it has been an honor and privilege to work side-by-side with you. Thanks for being you- there is no one else like you!

*Kathy Golderman,
Executive Director*

*The many faces (and roles) of a Rabbi:
Below from left:*

*Cooking for Religious School Mothers Day;
Tot Shabbat - PJ Night; Confirmation 2015;
performing a wedding*



Kids

B'nai Mitzvah

All students participate in candle lighting and Kiddush at the Friday night service prior to their b'nai mitzvah.

Jack Lurie, son of Melissa and Michael Lurie, will become a bar mitzvah on June 17. Jack loves to have fun. That can be by playing piano, running track, snowboarding, playing video games and chess or just hanging out and laughing with his friends and family. Jack is proud to be the 5th generation of his family at Beth Emeth and excited for his special day. For his mitzvah project, Jack volunteered at the Soup Kitchen and Diane's Farm.



CBEYG

Congregation Beth Emeth Youth Group

In May, CBEYG held our annual Elections to vote in next year's CBEYG Board Members.

Congratulations to the new Board of 2023-2024! Pictured below in order from left to right.

- Aden Siegfeld**, President
- Sasha Greenberg**, Executive Vice President
- Tyler Goldberg**, Programming Vice President
- Nadia Hawrylchak**, Religious and Cultural Vice President
- Bella Bernstein**, Social Action Vice President
- Shayna Huli**, Fundraising Vice President

We are so excited to welcome our new Board. We know you will do a great job representing CBEYG for the next school year!

It is also bittersweet to say goodbye to our graduating seniors. We are so proud of all of your accomplishments, and we look forward to seeing you at our CBEYG Alumni events in the future!

Maddie & Alison CBEYG Advisors



Congratulations to our Graduates!



Megan Futterman, daughter of **Pat Belair** and **Rob Futterman**, graduated with a Doctorate of Physical Therapy from Quinnipiac University.

Adam Kohn, son of **Jodi Boyle** and **Matt Kohn**, is graduating from Bethlehem Central High School in June. He will attend Williams College next year.

Hannah Lerner graduated with honors from the University of Boulder. She will be attending the University of Denver to pursue a Master of Social Work. She is the daughter of **Eric Lerner** and Jennifer Lerner and granddaughter of **Sara Lee** and **Barry Lerner**.

Brianna Price, daughter of **Amy** and **Darin Price**, is graduating from the University of Vermont with a degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing and theme of Global Business Entrepreneurship.

Zachary Price, son of **Amy** and **Darin Price**, is graduating from Bethlehem Central High School. He will be attending University of Pittsburgh.

Alexis Safranko, daughter of **Julie** and **Andrew Safranko**, is graduating from Albany Academy for Girls. She will be attending Boston University, College of Communications.

Andrew Schwartz, son of **Drs. Susan Kessler** and **Joe Schwartz**, and grandson of **Sylvia Kessler**, graduated from the University of Buffalo - Jacobs School of Medicine. Andrew graduated summa cum laude and with Research Honors. He will enter a residency in Ophthalmology at Albany Medical Center.

Closing Day Ceremonies

A Message From Life Long Learning

Thank you Rabbi Shpeen!

The title *Gaon* was used in the great Babylonian Jewish academies as a title of honor for eminent scholars and authorities. This month we will gather to appreciate and celebrate the magnificent career of a modern day *Gaon*, if ever there were one.

Rabbi Shpeen is indeed a learner, constantly reading and studying the world around him. He is the ultimate authority on certain corners of pop-culture, (especially when he enjoys a television series - "did you hear about *Shtisel*"?)

However, it is not for his scholarship that I call him a *Gaon*, it is the relationships he fosters. This is his superpower! He is the best of the best at personal connection. He is everyone's friend, a supportive listener and a motivator with unparalleled elocution. He touches everyone he comes in contact with. To know him is to feel seen, understood, and loved. And as a bonus, it seems he's each of our family historians, with an incredible memory of family trees.

November 29, 2012, at 1:00 pm was when I was first "Shpeened." I had scheduled an appointment to learn about HUC's graduate programs. I certainly knew of this community Rabbi, as he married two of my siblings and conducted my grandmother's funeral, but I had not ever had a conversation with him. As I entered his office, he pretty much recited my entire lineage, which he miraculously knew better than I. In the course of that hour long meeting, my entire life changed and I felt in my *kishkes*, I needed to work with and learn from this unicorn. And so my relationship with Congregation Beth Emeth began.

My story could undoubtedly continue for pages, but I will jump to my gratitude. I am forever indebted to you, Rabbi Shpeen, for the potential you saw in me, but far more valuable, I thank you for being my teacher for the last decade.

Pirkei Avot instructs, "Find yourself a teacher and you will acquire yourself a friend."

With love, I will eternally treasure your friendship, my *Gaon*, and wish you well upon your retirement. May it be filled with only health and happiness. Thank you for being YOU!

Rabbi Shara Siegfeld
Director of Life Long Learning



June Calendar

Friday, June 2

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 3

9:30 am Torah Study with Cantor Kohn

Sunday, June 4

11:00 am CBE Soup Kitchen
11:30 am Sisterhood Brunch at Scarlet Knife

Monday, June 5

7:00 pm Zoom Knit & Nosh
7:15 pm Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday, June 8

5:30 pm Celebration of Rabbi Shpeen
Cocktail Reception

Friday, June 9

7:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service
followed by Special Oneg in
Celebration of Rabbi Shpeen

Saturday, June 10

9:30 am Torah Study with Susan Kushner
10:00 am Sisterhood Walk - Christman Sanctuary
6:00 pm Celebration of Rabbi Shpeen - Dinner
8:45 pm Celebration of Rabbi Shpeen - Program

Sunday, June 11

11:45 am Capital Pride Parade and Festival

Monday, June 12

7:00 pm Zoom Knit & Nosh

Wednesday, June 14

7:00 pm Annual Meeting and Lech Lecha

Thursday, June 15

8:30 am Philanthropy Team Meeting
9:00 am Mah Jongg Tournament and Play
6:30 pm Brotherhood Dinner and Card Night

Friday, June 16

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service -
Celebrating Membership Milestones

Saturday, June 17

9:30 am Torah Study with Susan Kushner
10:45 am Bar Mitzvah of Jack Lurie

Sunday, June 18 - Father's Day

9:00 am Garage Sale Drop-off Begins
Volunteers needed

Monday, June 19

Office Closed - Juneteenth

9:00 am Garage Sale Drop-off
Volunteers needed
7:00 pm Zoom Knit & Nosh

Sunday, June 18 - Wednesday June 28 (page 6)

Volunteer for as little or much as able! **Garage Sale** Volunteers needed!! Please see website and click on the Volunteer tab. Help needed at Drop Off, Set Up, Sale Days and Clean Up.

Wednesday, June 21

6:30 pm B'nai Mitzvah Meeting

Friday, June 23

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 24

9:30 am Torah Study with Susan Kushner
7:00 pm Garage Sale - Opening Night

Sunday, June 25

9:00 am Garage Sale

Monday, June 26

4:00 pm Garage Sale - Bag Day
7:00 pm Zoom Knit & Nosh
7:00 pm Education Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 28

8:30 am Finance Committee Meeting

Friday, June 30

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

Mah Jongg (2 ways to play)

All Levels Welcome!

Sponsored by CBE Sisterhood

When: Thursday, June 15
9:00 am Coffee and Bagels
9:30 am Games Begin

RSVP: By Friday, June 9
register online or
mail in a check to temple office
(include name, phone and email
and if you will bring a set)

Contact: Robin at SobolRobin@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

What an inspiring list!

The Rabbi Scott L. Shpeen Senior Rabbinic Chair Endowment Fund

Thank you for helping to endow The Senior Rabbinic Position at CBE in perpetuity.

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Anonymous, Susan Axelrod, Susan & Ronald Backer, Wendy & Larry Barnet, Susan & Gerald Benjamin, Phyllis Berk & Celia Berk, Laurie Stein & Michael Bigley, Jessica & Alexander Brand, Dorice Brickman (z"l), Jim Campbell, Judith & Tom Clement, Joanne Davidoff, Beth & Barry Davis, Margie & Rob Dorkin, Sheril & Robert Dropkin, Renee (z"l) & Evan Feinman, Joy Davidoff & Jim Finale, Lucia & Steven Fischer, Cynthia Freedman, Pat & Bob Friedman, Gail Kendall & David Galletly, Terry & Marc Ginsburg, Alan Goldberg, Shirley & Herbert Gordon, Melissa & Ron Greenberg, Genie & Gary Greenhouse, Miriam Grode, Laurie & Philip Gross, Laura & David Hollander, Becky & Paul Kasselmann, Cathy & Saul Kimmel, Cheryl Gelder-Kogan & Barry Kogan, Dorry Kotzin, Cecile & Keith Kowalski, Sara & Joel Kremer, Nancy & Steve Lerner, Karen & Alan Lobel, Vivian & Steven Lobel, Nancy & Jeffrey Lozman, Sheri & Gerry Lublin, Eileen & Greg Lurie, Jenny & Jim Malatras, Neil & Penny Manasse, Robyn & Ed Marinstein, Louise & Lawrence Marwill, Dianne & Peter Meckler, Stephanie Wacholder & Ira Mendleson III, Allison & David Meyers, Jo Anne Milhausen, Amy & Jim Milstein, Marjorie Morrisson, Michael Moss, Adrienne & Doug Nadoraski, Jan Reiss-Weitzman & Richard Bass and Caryl Newhof, Debbie & Lee Ratner, Jessica & Alan Richer, Bonnie & Stuart Rosenberg, Carol & Robert Rosenblatt, Lisa & Malcolm Roth, Jan Rubenstein (z"l), Diane & Ira Rubtchinsky, Robin & Ted Sobol, Susan & Andrew Sommers, Arleen Stein, Sandra & Charlie Stern, Marion L. Strasser, Lori & Steven Strong, Michael Stulmaker, Lisa & Steven Stulmaker, Beth & Andy Swartz, The Sykes Family, The Tomson Family, Carol Tulgan, Toby & Fred Wander, Ashley & Rabbi Weitzman, Renee Whitman, Susan & David Wollner, Nancy Yaffee, Joanne & Robert Yunich

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A Note From Cantor Kohn

Dear Beth Emeth Community,
Thank you for your expressions of appreciation and your good wishes. They will accompany me as I head to San Antonio and they will ease my leaving.

I am so grateful to have spent three years at the Fourth Oldest Reform Congregation in America. I have loved praying with you and learning with you. I have loved teaching your children and getting to know your families. I have rejoiced to make music with the Youth Choir. I am in awe of the dedication of the Adult Choir and the Shabbat Unplugged band members. The laughs we have shared and the tears we have shed are treasured gifts as well.

Thank you to the people who toil to sustain and build CBE so that it is a community of caring for every member. To anyone who donated time and material when asked and before they were asked. To those in positions of leadership, our presidents, officers, members of the Board and committee chairs over these past three years: I am grateful for your leadership and your vision. A special thanks to Brotherhood and Sisterhood for welcoming and including Rick and me so warmly. To the people I worked with every day: thank you for your humor and patience, your sharing and caring, your curiosity and your skill. You made the work easier and fun.

I look forward to hearing how this congregation continues to thrive, growing and expanding its net of love and care further and further. I know you will embrace Cantor Short and her family as you have embraced me.

*With love,
Cantor Kohn*

Brotherhood

*An Expression of
Appreciation
and a Request*



Cantor Sharon Kohn joined us about three years ago, while we were facing sorrow and a difficult time. We had lost our dear Cantor Jodi Schechtman (z"l) and were facing a pandemic that had us all unsure and afraid to leave home.

Cantor Kohn's understanding, compassion and gentle support, both in person and over the screens that we watched, helped ease our way from the pandemic to now. We owe a huge debt to her for helping to guide us and helping us weather those times!

I am also so grateful for her guidance as I faced my first Hebrew chanting on the bima since my bar mitzvah many years ago. Cantor Kohn's calm encouragement was so appreciated. Lastly, we want to thank her husband, Rick, for his poker lessons at our poker nights and his contributions to our winnings at the table during their stay!

At the end of June we have one of our most important community events, The Garage Sale. This is a great opportunity for parents, grandparents, and kids to spend a few hours together helping out. Details are on page 6. Registration required via the CBE website. Brotherhood and I hope you can join us!

*Yours in Brotherhood,
Jay Hurewitz*



*Brotherhood Meeting in the Larner Library
September 2022*



Sisterhood

*Transitions are a time for
reflection, and a time for
looking forward*

As I reflect upon the year, Sisterhood has so much to be proud of. Dinners out, walks, art, theater events and Sisterhood Shabbat just to name a few.

Sisterhood had two culminating events this month that left a big imprint on me. The first was our guest speaker, Benita Zahn, speaking on *Joy* and how to bring more to your life and to those around you. Think about the 1,440 minutes in a day and how you can make the most of that time! The second was helping my daughter Ella's Girl Scout troop bake in the Beth Emeth kitchen and bag up 275 baggies of donated cookies. A week later, we delivered these cookies to the Sister Maureen Joyce Center to be served as dessert. What an experience this was for my family to help prepare to-go meals for 100 community members in need. If you have not volunteered at the Soup Kitchen, find the time, it will bring some "Joy" to your day.

As I look forward, I am excited for all of the programs Sisterhood has in store for next year! I am happy to welcome Rabbi Weitzman and Cantor Short and give best wishes to Rabbi Shpeen and Cantor Kohn in their next chapters.

If there is something you would like to see Sisterhood involved in, please reach out to me.

*Be well, Sara Bonder
Sisterhood Co-President/Programming VP*

Sisterhood Hike

Saturday, June 10 at 10:00 am

Christman Sanctuary, Delanson

Moderate hike, waterfalls

RSVP to Jacki at CBESisterEvents@gmail.com

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 May 5.

Clergy Funds



Rabbi Scott Shpeen Discretionary Fund

The Alpart family in honor of their beloved Harvey Alpart

Nancy and Richard Beckman
in memory of Julie Bader Stotler

Karen and Alan Ekstein in memory
of the father of Vivian Lobel

Evy Farbstein in honor of the
bat mitzvah of Sophia, granddaughter
of Ellen and Larry Kotlow

Debbie and Brian Gordon and
Karen and Mark Friedman in honor
of the special birthday of Eileen Lurie

Leslie and Mark Laven in honor of
Marvin A. Freedman receiving the
JFS Anchel Weiss Community
Builders Award

Lori and Michael Leichman
in appreciation of Rabbi Shpeen

Rabbi Scott L. Shpeen Distinguished Artist Fund

Steven Ostroff in celebration of
in honor of Cynthia Freedman and
Carol Rosenthal being honored as
Menches by JFS

Rabbi Greg Weitzman Discretionary Fund

Jacqueline and Wisley Dupiche
in appreciation of Rabbi Weitzman

Shirley and Herb Gordon
in memory of Jan Rubenstein

The family of Dr. Robert C. Lieberman
in honor of the bat mitzvah of Sara Metz

The family of Dr. Robert C. Lieberman
in honor of Cynthia Freedman
receiving the JFS Mensch Award

Robyn and Ed Marinstein
in honor of the ordination of
Cantor Emily H. Short

Robyn and Ed Marinstein
in honor of Marvin A. Freedman
receiving the JFS Anchel Weiss
Community Builder's Award

Ellen Weintraub and Bruce Rubenstein
in appreciation of Rabbi Weitzman

Robin Sobol in wishing a speedy
recovery for Jill Goodman

Robin and Ted Sobol in honor of
Sophia Kotlow becoming a bat mitzvah

Helping our Synagogue



The Cantor Jodi Schechtman Music Fund

Leslie and Barry Feinman in honor of
Cynthia Frommer Freedman
being honored as Menches by JFS

Jackie and Wisley Dupiche

The General Fund

Leslie and Barry Feinman
in honor of the engagement of
Jessica Marinstein to Josh Jess

Nan Miller in honor of the birth of
Beau, great-grandson of Ruth Mendel

Julie and Andrew Safranko
in honor of Cynthia Freedman and
Carol Rosenthal being honored as
Menches by JFS

Susan and Daniel Silverman
in memory of Lee Greenberg

Harris Sitrin
in honor of Marvin Freedman being
presented the JFS Anchel Weiss
Community Builders Award

Beverly Vener
in honor of Cynthia Freedman and
Carol Rosenthal being honored as
Menches by JFS

The Shenker Campbell Clergy Development Fund

Jim Campbell and family in honor
of the celebration of the
special birthday of Joyce Shenker

The Lurie Wander Sukkot Fund

Toby and Fred Wander in honor of
Julie and Andrew Safranko
receiving the SAAJCC
Pillars of the Community Award

Helping our World



The David Goodman Reyt/ Caring Community Fund

Joni Lieberman Basen and Don Basen
in celebration of the granddaughters
of Jane and Garry Sanders

Cynthia Freedman
in memory of Jan Rubenstein

Jill Goodman and Artie Malkin
in memory of Jan Rubenstein

Debbie and Rick Sokoler
in celebration of the granddaughters
of Jane and Garry Sanders

The Rabbi Martin I. Silverman Interreligious Fund

Jackie and Wisley Dupiche

Social Action Tzedakah Fund Anonymous

Joni Lieberman Basen and Don Basen
in honor and appreciation of
Cantor Sharon Kohn

Joni Lieberman Basen and Don Basen
in honor of Cynthia Freedman and
Carol Rosenthal being honored as
Menches by JFS

Jackie and Wisley Dupiche

Elaine Burrick
in memory of Irene Meyers

Elaine Burrick in honor of the
bat mitzvah of Sophia Kotlow

Jane and Bill Ginsburgh
in honor of the bat mitzvah
of their granddaughter, Sophia

Jane and David Kadish
in honor of Helena and Neil Davidoff
receiving the SAAJCC Pillars of the
Community Award

Jane and David Kadish
in honor of Jessica and Alan Richer
receiving the SAAJCC Pillars of the
Community Award

Judy and Bill Kahn
in honor of Sophia Kotlow
becoming a bat mitzvah

Judy and Bill Kahn
in honor of Emily Kurlander receiving
the SAAJCC Bellin Award

Judy and Bill Kahn
in honor of Jessica and Alan Richer
receiving the SAAJCC Pillars of the
Community Award

Anne and Michael Marmulstein
in honor of the special birthday
of Sara Lee Larner

Jo Anne Milhausen in honor of the
birth of Eva Jean Sanders, grand-
daughter of Jane and Garry Sanders

Caryl Newhof and Jan Reiss-Weitzman
in memory of Jennnette Levy Newhof

Bonnie and Stuart Rosenberg
in honor of the special birthday of
Michael Marmulstein

Arleen F. Stein
in memory of Martin Stein

Helping Our Children



**The Benjamin Mendel, Jr. URJ
Camp Scholarship Fund**
Naomi and Tom Hitchcock in
celebration of Ruth Mendel being an
extraordinary mother, grandmother
and great grandmother

The David Iselin Memorial CBEYG Fund

Leslie and Barry Feinman in honor of
the bat mitzvah of Sophia Kotlow

Jane and Lev Ginsburg in honor of
the bar mitzvah of Jonah Kent

Jill Goodman and Artie Malkin
in celebration of the birth of
Rebecca and Eva, granddaughters of
Jane and Garry Sanders

The Fund for Jewish Education
Ilene and Jerry Sykes in memory of
Henry Bloch, father of Vivan Lobel

Ilene and Jerry Sykes in honor of the
bat mitzvah of Sophia Kotlow

The Larner Family Tree of Life Fund

Paula Alpart in honor of
Maxine and Simon Alpart

Barry and Beth Davis in celebration of
the sixth anniversary of the bat-
mitzvah of Shay-Lynne Davis

Sara Lee and Barry Larner and family
in memory of Benjamin Bloom

Linda and Joe Slaver in celebration of
the birthday of Barry Larner

The Larner Family Tree of Life Fund in honor of the special birthday of Sara Lee Larner

Carolyn, Bruce,
Emily and Evan Ginsburg
Eric Larner and Hannah Larner
Bonnie and Stuart Rosenberg

The Larner Family Tree of Life Fund

The Brass family
Richard Feldman
Marion Kintisch Greenberg
Kerryn and Michael Kent
The Ketzer-Cohen family
Darlene Leder
Sara and Dwayne Robinson

The Rabbi Alvin S. Roth Scholarship Fund

The children and grandchildren
of Rabbi Alvin S. Roth and
Nancy Caplan Roth
with great thanks for the friendship
of Rabbi Scott Shpeen

The Sisterhood General Fund
Cheryl Patack in honor of
Cynthia Freedman and
Carol Rosenthal receiving the
JFS Mensch Award

**The Sisterhood General Fund
in memory of Jan Rubenstein**
Fran and David Dembling
Debbie and Rick Sokoler

Thank you to
Ellen and Larry Kotlow
for providing tuition free
Jewish education for
The Einhorn Center
for Jewish Education
students and families



**The Sisterhood YES Fund
in memory of Jan Rubenstein**
Joni Lieberman Basen and Don Basen
Elaine Burrick
Ilissa and Brian Hawley
Wendy, Dan and Michael Keyser
Elaine Rubenstein
Robin and Ted Sobol
Arleen Stein
Toby and Fred Wander

The Sisterhood YES Fund
CBE Sisterhood in honor of the
Special Birthdays of:
June Barach
Edee Dutkin
Anita FitzPatrick
Helene Gordon
Joan Paul
Millie Serling
Arlene Sherber
Sonya Smelyanskaya
Sally Tillman

Doreen and Larry Smith in honor of
the birth of Lennon, granddaughter
of Robin and Ted Sobol

The Youth Scholarship Fund
Jackie and Wisley Dupiche

Cookie and Peter Siegel
in memory of Julie Bader Stotler



*Dear
Beth Emeth
Members,*



Over the next several weeks, our congregation and community will recognize and honor Rabbi Shpeen's 38 years as our rabbi. His stellar career at Beth Emeth will culminate on June 30, 2023. As of July 1, 2023, Rabbi Shpeen will take on the new title of Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation Beth Emeth - the 4th oldest Reform Congregation in America. Rabbi Shpeen is most deserving of this honorary recognition!

Questions we've heard from our Beth Emeth Community:

What is a Rabbi Emeritus?

Rabbi Emeritus is an honorary title that was voted upon by our Board and is often granted to long-serving rabbis by their congregation (just as was done for Rabbi Max Schlesinger and Rabbi Martin Silverman). The most significant role of a Rabbi Emeritus is to be supportive of the new Senior Rabbi and the congregation during the transition. At Beth Emeth, we intentionally had an overlapping year with Rabbi Shpeen and Rabbi Weitzman for this purpose. Most Reform congregations do not have this rabbinic overlap and often engage a new rabbi to start immediately after a rabbi retires. This intentional rabbinic partnership, designed by our Officers, set the foundation for Rabbi Shpeen to be honored as our Rabbi Emeritus, as Rabbi Weitzman assumes the title of Senior Rabbi on July 1.



What does a Rabbi Emeritus Do?

A Rabbi Emeritus has earned the right to full retirement. It should be noted that no two emeritus rabbis enter retirement in the same way. When a rabbi

has spent their entire rabbinic career in one congregation, as has Rabbi Shpeen, deep personal relationships and friendships are fostered within the congregation and within the greater Albany community. As Rabbi Shpeen transitions to becoming Rabbi Emeritus, he no longer will have the daily and overall responsibilities for congregational leadership, worship, education, and life-cycle officiation. These Senior Rabbinic responsibilities shift solely to our next Senior Rabbi, Rabbi Weitzman.



Will Rabbi Emeritus Shpeen have an office at Congregation Beth Emeth?

Yes, Rabbi Shpeen will have an office next to the Lerner Library.

Will Rabbi Emeritus Shpeen have office hours?

Rabbi Shpeen will be spending his retirement between his Florida and Capital District homes. He will not have scheduled office hours. You can leave a message for him at the temple office and it will be forwarded to him in a timely manner. He can also be reached at RabbiShpeen@gmail.com.

Will Rabbi Emeritus Shpeen be on the Temple letterhead?

Yes, Rabbi Shpeen will be listed on the temple letterhead, in the temple Bulletin and any other official publications of the congregation.



Will Rabbi Emeritus Shpeen be involved in our High Holy Days?

Rabbi Weitzman welcomed and invited Rabbi Shpeen to join our community for the High Holy Days this year and to be on the bimah and to participate in our services. However, this year Rabbi Shpeen expressed his gratitude, and declined the offer as he will be in Florida during the High Holy Day season.



Will Rabbi Emeritus Shpeen be involved in temple projects?

Over the next 5 years, Rabbi Shpeen's emeritus contract outlines several areas in which he will be involved. Key highlights are:

- Delving into the Beth Emeth Archives to preserve, update and organize the documentation of our rich history
- Continuing to support the Beth Emeth connection to our Florida congregants in full partnership with Rabbi Weitzman
- Supporting and participating in our philanthropic efforts

Can Rabbi Emeritus Shpeen officiate at a funeral, wedding, or other life-cycle events for a Temple member or family of a temple member?

It is the ethical standard of the CCAR, Central Conference of American Rabbis founded by our first Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise, that any lifecycle events for



a temple member are to be officiated by the new Senior Rabbi upon the retirement of the previous Senior Rabbi. Over the past year, Rabbi Shpeen and Rabbi Weitzman have created a sacred rabbinic partnership and Rabbi Weitzman has spent significant time and effort getting to know our diverse and loyal membership. Starting in July 2023, we know that Rabbi Weitzman will continue to cultivate and nurture the relationships with all of our members through the opportunity to officiate at Beth Emeth family members' life-cycle events, as Rabbi Shpeen has for the last few decades.

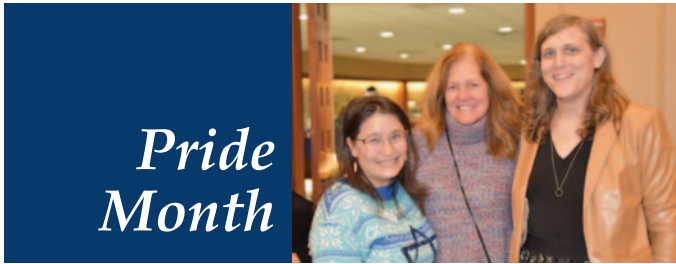
If a Beth Emeth member seeks Rabbi Shpeen to officiate at a lifecycle event, they must first contact Rabbi Weitzman and surely a respectful consideration will occur. If a Beth Emeth family reaches out directly to Rabbi Shpeen first, he will respectfully refer them to Rabbi Weitzman so there is full and open transparency. Rabbi Shpeen's inability to respond is in no way an indication of the valued relationship he has with a temple member. Rabbi Shpeen's response must be guided by the rabbinic code of ethics and the established protocol for the role of a Rabbi Emeritus. Rabbi Shpeen will be living most of the year in Florida and thus returning to Albany for life-cycle events will most likely not occur. Even if Rabbi Shpeen is in Albany at the time of this lifecycle event, the same protocol must be followed.

What if I have other questions about Rabbi Shpeen's role as Rabbi Emeritus?

It is important for your questions to be answered. Please contact either Robyn Marinstein at President@BethEmethAlbany.org or Rabbi Weitzman at RabbiWeitzman@BethEmethAlbany.org.

*With warmest regards,
Rabbi Greg Weitzman
and Robyn Marinstein
President, Congregation Beth Emeth*

Message from Miriam



I'm sure many of us have had the experience of walking into a place – a classroom, a restaurant, a new office – and wondering, “Am I the only Jewish person here?” So maybe you'll sympathize with the fact that when I started my job here at Beth Emeth almost a year ago, I walked into 100 Academy Road and thought to myself, “Am I the only gay person here?”

As a movement, Reform Judaism has been vocally supportive of those who identify as LGBTQ+ for a long time. From Reform clergy officiating queer weddings to adopting gender expansive language in religious liturgy, there is much to be extremely grateful for.

I look forward to attending Pride Shabbat here at Beth Emeth some day, but I'm sure there are others who want to spend time together in queer and Jewish community throughout the whole year. I know all too well the power of connecting with another person based on shared experiences and identities. This year's Capital Pride Parade and Festival is happening on Sunday, June 11 in Albany's historic Washington Park. The Parade will begin at 11:45 am starting down State St. onto Lark Street and then Madison Ave. If you're interested in marching with the Capital Region Jewish community, whether you're a member of the LGBTQ+ community or you're an ally, please reach out to me for more information!



Tikkun Olam

The core Jewish Value of Repairing the World

Does your voice count? YES! Your advocacy and efforts supporting provisions in the NYS budget for combating climate change and protecting the environment led to the passage of:

- Improving the Climate Cap-and-Invest Program
- Implementing the All Electric Building Act
- Strengthening the Build Public Renewables Act
- Environmental Protection Fund funding
- Clean Water Infrastructure funding
- Lead Paint Registry establishment

Find out more at Assembly.NY.gov or Senate.NY.gov or contact your local representative.

Where Did Tzedakah Go in April?

As we celebrated the themes of deliverance and freedom through the story of the Israelites' release from their enslavement during Passover in April, we honored the history and activism of the people who worked tirelessly to free enslaved people throughout the years leading up to the Civil War. Our Tzedakah contributions were given to *The Underground Railroad Education Center* in Albany, to support its mission to preserve and share this important piece of American history.

Where Did Tzedakah Go in May?

May was Mental Health Awareness Month. Tzedakah donations in May went to the Mental Health Association in New York State, Inc, a statewide organization headed by our congregant Glenn Liebman. From answering questions via their Information and Referral Line, to providing presentations on numerous mental health topics, to utilizing technology and social media to keep interested New Yorkers informed about mental health, they provide mental health information and resources for all New Yorkers.



Join Us As
We Walk Together
Sunday,
June 11

Beautification

This fund enhances Beth Emeth with flowers and beauty. Listed are the donations received by May 14. Donations received after, will be listed in the July-August Bulletin.

Shabbat of May 5 - 6

The Friedman family
Terry Strong

in memory of
Lawrence Friedman
Abraham Brenner

Shabbat of May 12 - 13

The Perlmutter and Dubins family

in memory of
Henry B. Dubins

Shabbat of May 19 - 20

The Friedman family
The family of
Dorothy Lazoroff
Terry Strong

in memory of
Ida Gordon
Dorothy Lazoroff
Abraham Brenner

Shabbat of June 2 - 3

Celia Berk
Phyllis Berk
The family of
Frances Lazoroff Dobris
David Giller
Marilyn Raskin-Ortiz
Ira Oser
Susan and Andrew Sommers

in memory of
Brian D. Berk
Brian D. Berk
Frances Lazoroff Dobris
Elaine Slower Giller
Lillian Raskin-Kuperman
George Oser
Donald H. Sommers

Shabbat of June 9 - 10

Cathy and Erik Cooley
Janice Eisen
Eileen Fluster and family
Willie and Jill Kapner Leamon
Ruth Mendel and family
The Nathan family
The Nathan family
The Ruslander family
Stephanie Wacholder and
Ira Mendleson and their families

in memory of
Frances Drutman Switkes
Marvin Eisen
Mollie Ostroff Blacker
Arthur R. Kapner
Betty Zolzensky Colin
George H. Green
Alfred W. Nathan
Donald V. Ruslander
Nadine Kaufman

Shabbat of June 16 - 17

Celia Berk
Phyllis Berk
Lisa, Max and William Brown
The Bush family
Herkowitz, Kennedy and
Deutsch families
The Doremus family
The Einhorn family
The family of
Dr. Robert C. Lieberman
The Nathan family
Cathy Rosenblatt
The families of
Marcia and Neal Shapiro
Nancy and Barry Simon and family
Valerie and Spike Solomon
Valerie and Spike Solomon
The Strumpf family

in memory of
Sally Ann Lavine
Sally Ann Lavine
Frieda Rosenbaum
Dr. Robert C. Lieberman

Morris Maistelman
Dr. Robert C. Lieberman
Rose Palsky Goldberg
Dr. Robert C. Lieberman
Joseph Green
Dr. Kalmon Rosenblatt
Mildred Shapiro
Janice B. Greenstein
Shirley C. Nelson
Morris Moe Solomon
Lillian Strumpf

Shabbat of June 23 - 24

Ronald E. Berinstein
James Cohen
Iris and Chuck Falk
Karen and Mark Glaser
Michael Kessler
Michael Kessler
Margie and Larry Kirsch
Gaynelle Mendleson
Holly Oropallo
Linda and Larry Schechter
Betty Shapiro
Phyllis O. Silverman
Gail and Harold Sokol
Debbie and Rick Sokoler
Lori M. Strong
Renee Whitman
Paula and Rob Whitman

in memory of
Lillian Hold Berinstein
Annette A. Cohen
Blanche Roth Ashkenas
Martin E. Whitman
David L. Kessler
Sara T. Kessler
Marion Kirsch
Alton P. Mendleson, Jr.
Alton P. Mendleson, Jr.
Pauline Bernstein
Carl Shapiro
Rose Olshin
David Harris Sokol
Marga Marx
Jesse Mendelsohn
Martin E. Whitman
Martin E. Whitman

Shabbat of June 30 - July 1

Joseph Albert
Leslie and Roy Auerbach
Harriet Greenberg
Bern McGarry
Bonnie and Stuart Rosenberg
Betty Shapiro
Nancy and Barry Simon and family
Nancy and Barry Simon and family

in memory of
Jonathan Aaron Albert
Sidney Nuss
Sidney Nuss
Susan L. Kupferman
Milton W. Rosenberg
Frances Rose
Maurice P. Goldstein
Beverly G. Greenstein



Cemetery Stone Cleaning

Those wishing to have headstones cleaned may arrange to by contacting the temple office. Only Cemetery personnel or contractors approved by Beth Emeth will be permitted to clean headstones. We clean with a power wash system using only water; no chemicals. We will not clean any black or very dark colored stones, and the congregation reserves the right to decline cleaning any highly polished stone. The cost to clean stones is \$125 for a single or double headstone (up to 4 ft wide) and \$200 for large family stones; \$36 for small foot stones. Pricing arrangements can be make for multiple stones.

Yahrzeits

Shabbat of June 2 - 3

Brian D. Berk
Rosalia Blatner
Herbert Champagne
Rosa Danzinger
Frances Lazoroff Dobris
Irving M. Doling
Ruth Brown Feinman
Rose Kaplan Gersowitz
Elaine Slowe Giller
Allen Glick
Bertha Wise Goldberg
Sarah A. Goldfarb
Irving Green
Freda Wisenberg Halpin
Nathan Hatch
Samuel Heft
Florence Hootstein
Honigsbaum
Rae Wolff Kapewich
Lillian Raskin Kuperman
Pearl Karp Kurland
Ferdinand B. Levison

Anita Lidman
Mina Markus Mann
Nancy Marx
Max L. Meckler
Ira Mendleson
Eleanor R. Metzner
George Oser
Samuel Poskanzer
Harry Allen Raab II
Joseph John Rose
Donald S. Rosenthal
Freddie O. Sabghir
Helen Rosen Scherzer
Carrie M. Silberman
Rose Rogers Singer
Donald H. Sommers
Kate Spaner
Stephen David Sundell
Lewis A. Swartz
David Weiss
Samuel B. Weiss
Rabbi Samuel Wolk

Shabbat of June 9 - 10

Beatrice Lillian Allan
Bertram S. Armm
Yvette Hyman Benson
Mollie Ostroff Blacker
Eva Goldstein Brandao
Harry Brickman
Wilma Cadan
Sarah K. Clonick
Edward Cohn
Betty Zolzensky Colin
Marvin Eisen
Vivian Vener Fink
Barbara Symansky Frankel
George H. Green
Lena Green
Satie "Sarah" Hirschfeld
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Shabbat of May 19 - 20 Myron "Mike" Serling

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Shabbat of June 16 - 17

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Shabbat of June 23 - 24

Sigmund Adler
 Sarah Geller Ambinder
 Blanche Roth Ashkenas
 Sarah Baere
 Sara Kessler Barr
 Abraham Berinstein
 Lillian Hold Berinstein
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 Bertram R. Blume
 Mary Bookheim
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 David Harris Sokol
 Samuel Warshaw
 Anna Brothers Wasserman
 Gay Jasper Wattenberg
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Shabbat of June 30 - July 1

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 Jonathan Aaron Albert
 David Auer
 Martha Auer
 William Barnet II
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 Elliot Berman
 Ruth Bloomberg
 Boochever
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