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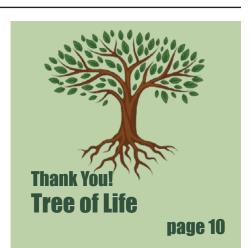
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May 2023



Honoring and Thanking

Cantor <u>Sharon Kohn</u> Friday, May 19 5:30 pm Shabbat Unplugged 6:30 pm Shabbat Dinner



**Meet Our** 2023Nominees

for The CBE Board of Trustees

May 25

Shavuot

at 5:00 pm

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Friday, May 26 at 7:30 pm 🛏 **Confirmation 2023 / 5783** and Confirmation Anniversary Service

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# A Message From our Clergy



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# **B**'shert

Growing up, my family consistently used the word *b'shert* to describe when things felt just right, like the universe aligned perfectly. For me, going to cantorial school felt *b'shert*, meeting my wife felt *b'shert*, and most recently, matching with Beth Emeth felt *b'shert*. My wife, Frankie, and I could not be more excited to begin this next chapter of our lives in the Capital Region with all of you. What a gift this opportunity is!

As I prepare to begin my work as your cantor on July 1, I wanted to share some aspects of my cantorate that fulfill me as an individual and, I'm hoping, will also fulfill all of you. First, I know many of you might be wondering what drew me to the cantorate in the first place. The answer to that question has two parts: music and life cycles. I have been singing for as long as I can remember, and I always felt a strong desire to share music with others. I began my musical journey in the opera world, with a long, glorious vacation in musical theater, before realizing that performing on a stage wasn't what I was meant to do. I loved performing, but I knew I wanted to do more. I wanted to connect with my audience directly, break the fourth wall, and share in a musical experience with them that felt spiritual. Well, it just so happens that all of these descriptors take place on the bima. I still get to sing, share music with others, but there is no sense of pretending or being someone I am not. I will always be myself in prayer, and I hope to encourage you all to do the same.

Right as I began cantorial school, I witnessed two devastating losses in my life. My mom's best friend (my second mom) passed away after a years long battle with ovarian cancer. Six months later, my uncle passed away from a similar battle, one of bile duct cancer. Both left this earth far too early, far too young, with many loved ones grieving their passing. I'll never forget when my aunt asked me to sing at my uncle's memorial. It was at that moment I finally understood the power of music, the healing nature of how it

touches us, and how it can bring people together. I sang Debbie Friedman's L'chi Lach at the memorial, and saw this beautiful melody bring comfort to so many people. Over the past five years of cantorial school, my soul has been filled with more of these experiences. From joyous celebrations where music makes us smile and raise our voices together in song to mournful, grieving moments where music reminds us that we're not alone in our suffering, this is what had been missing from my life. I realized my purpose on this earth is to guide people through all of these life moments with blessings, prayers, and song. Although we often know that we cannot change anything that has happened, we can make it hurt a little less with music or uplift our joy a little more with music. What a gift this continues to be for me and I'm honored to serve our community in this way.

The latest sense of *b'shert* I've felt recently was knowing I'm beginning this journey of my cantorate with a dear friend and mentor, Rabbi Weitzman. We met in New York City at Congregation Rodeph Sholom, right before Rabbi Weitzman left for Beth Emeth. It is truly a gift that I'm able to join this community, already having a friendly face next to me on the *bima*. Someone who is constantly encouraging me to be a better version of myself, who uplifts me as a Jewish leader. Our community is so fortunate to have Rabbi Weitzman's leadership, rabbinate, and humor to lead us into the future.

I cannot wait to stand next to Rabbi Weitzman on the bima for our first High Holy Day season, learn from him daily in our conversations, and continue to laugh with him as we forge this next chapter of Beth Emeth's history.

Thank you all again for the deeply humbling honor to serve the Beth Emeth community. I'm counting down the days until I begin my service as your cantor and look forward to meeting each and every one of you.

With love, gratitude and peace, Cantor Emily H. Short



# **President's Perspective**

## Thank You Cantor

A little shy of 3 years ago, Cantor Sharon Kohn joined the Beth Emeth clergy team and family, as our interim cantor after the heartbreaking illness and subsequent death of Cantor Jodi Schechtman and during the height of the pandemic. It was a difficult time for our congregation, yet Cantor Kohn's soft spoken manner, compassion, empathy, kindness and understanding made the transition to her new interim position at Beth Emeth go smoothly.

I will never forget High Holy Days 2020 when the clergy, along with the Board of Trustees and Past Presidents, met with masks on and socially distanced to pre-record their parts in the service. It was the first time I heard Cantor's voice live and what an experience that was! I was sitting on the clergy side of the sanctuary admiring the beauty of the stained glass windows and the newly refurbished sanctuary while smiling under my mask to greet friends who I hadn't seen in person for many, many months. I felt like I was back where I belonged. It was Cantor Kohn's turn to be recorded and the only sound heard was that of Cantor Kohn. Her voice and presence overtook the sanctuary. I breathed a sigh of relief and felt hope! I dare say that I was not the only person feeling like that in the "room where it happened!"

This is just one of many stories which exemplifies how Cantor Kohn has touched our lives as a teacher, as a mentor and as our cantor. Her voice resonates with hope, power and joy.

#### Cantor Kohn's gentleness is calming and supportive. She is proud of her students and appreciates individuals for who they are.

Please join me on Friday, May 19 to celebrate and express our gratitude to Cantor Kohn for being a part of our Beth Emeth family, for sharing her beautiful voice, for sharing her love for Judaism with us and to wish her well in her next journey.

> Robyn Marinstein President@BethEmethAlbany.org

# **Congregation Beth Emeth Bulletin**

Deadline for the June issue is May 4. Published monthly except in August. Please submit to Bulletin@BethEmethAlbany.org

# **Worship Services**

Friday Evening, May 5 5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service Shabbat Emor Saturday Morning, May 6 9:30 am Torah Study 10:45 am Bat Mitzvah of Sophia Kotlow Friday Evening, May 12 5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service Shabbat B'har-B'chukotai Saturday Morning, May 13 9:30 am Torah Study Friday Evening, May 19 5:30 pm Shabbat Unplugged Service Honoring Cantor Kohn Shabbat B'midbar Saturday Morning, May 20 9:30 am Torah Study with Susan Kushner 10:45 am Bat Mitzvah of Sara Metz Thurday Evening, May 25 7:30 pm Shavuot Yizkor Memorial Service Friday Evening, May 26 7:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service **Confirmation Service** Shabbat Shavuot Saturday Morning, May 27

9:30 am Torah Study with Susan Kushner

**Honoring and Thanking** 

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

# Cantor Sharon Kohn Friday, May 19 5:30 pm Shabbat Unplugged 6:30 pm Shabbat Dinner

Menu: Lemon Tarragon Chicken, Roast Potatoes, Salad, Seasonal Vegetables, Wild Mushroom Ravioli, and David's Cookies. Kids Menu: Buttered Noodles and Chicken Tenders \$10 per person, children under 18 join us for free.



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.

#### May Special Birthdays

Reba Architzel Kaitlin Barnett Michael Bedard Gerald Benjamin Daniel Dembling Heather Feller Bob Gersowitz James Knapik Ellen Kotlow Sara Lee Larner Daniel Levin Vivian Lobel

Michael Marmulstein Nan Miller Rebecca Montijo Shari Rosenblum Colette Shamoun Jeffrey Shapiro Monica Sharp Michael Spitzer Jason Tepper Andy Warheit Rabbi Greg Weitzman

#### May Special Anniversaries

Beth and Michael Harwood ~ 15 years Jami and Peter Eisenberg ~ 20 years Gerry and Bob Schlesinger ~ 20 years Hope and Miles Hyman ~ 35 years

#### In Memoriam

Beth Emeth recognizes with profound sorrow the death of our members: Ruth Rubin Mother of Lisa (Glenn) Rubin-Johnson and Nancy (Dan) Smith

**Beth Emeth extends sympathy to those in our congregation who have lost a loved one: Henry W. Bloch** Father of Vivan (Steven) Lobel

Helene Brown Sister of Ira (Diane) Rubtchinsky

#### Julie Bader Stotler

granddaughter of the late Albert Kaufmann daughter of Walter Bader and Diane Kaufmann Bader sister of Andrea Bader Hart mother of Richard Stotler and Steven Stotler

#### Mazel Tov to...

**Miriam** (and the late Marvin) **Grode** on the birth of their great-grandson, Miles Irby. He is the grandson of Jill and Howard Goldfine of Richmond Virginia.

Jane and Garry Sanders on the birth of their granddaughter, Eva Jean Sanders. Her parents are Jessica and Jeremy Sanders of Baltimore, Maryland. Great grandparents include Dorothy and the late Gordon Sanders and the late Jean and George Reiner.

Andrea and Richard Stankus on the birth of their granddaughter Jules Rae. Parents are Claire and Shawn O'Connor. Great grandparents are Joan and Fred Paul.

**Aaron Thiell**, Principal of Latham Ridge Elementary School in the North Colonie Central Schools, who has been named 2023 Principal of the Year by the Greater Capital Region Principal Center and the Capital Area School Development Center (CASDA).



### MAZEL TOV Cynthia Frommer Freedman & Carol Gingold Rosenthal

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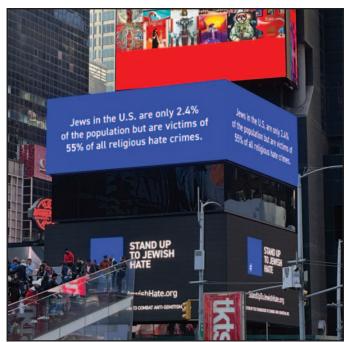


# Kathy's Corner Standing Un to Jewish Hate

Standing Up to Jewish Hate Billy and I went to our first Broadway show in over three years, Leopoldstadt. It tells the story of an extended Jewish family in Vienna from 1899-1954. The family was assimilated and some had married converting to Catholicism. non-lews, even Unfortunately, they were all considered Jewish by the Nazis and none were isolated from persecution. The fate of most of the family was death in concentration camps. We walked out into Times Square feeling quite somber only to see the new *Blue Square Campaign* (Stand Up to Jewish Hate) on a huge billboard. It saddened me that people didn't like the Jews then, and they still do not.

I often think about why it is important that people belong to a temple and support synagogue life. I cannot always put it into words; however, I saved a letter that my dad wrote to his children on the eve of a medical operation in 1994, and I think he stated it well:

As I look back, I have regretted that my days and nights were filled with concern of security- a reflection on my own early childhood and the stress and strain of building a practice and providing for you in a material way. I sometimes wonder if I should have found more time to make you better athletes (Golf, Tennis, Football, Soccer) or exposed you to more Drama or Music. But we did try with Mother's help to make you appreciate your Jewish Heritage and I think you all



are proud to be Jewish – How you observe it is your choice- But transmit it to your children – it is a noble Faith and worthy to be perpetuated in our Family.

Life is still stressful today, as it was for my mom and dad. I strongly agree with my dad and believe that raising Jewish children and sharing Jewish traditions with grandchildren is important. To combat antisemitism, we need to be unified. There are many individuals living in our community that are unaffiliated. Reach out to them and let them know about our special synagogue, Congregation Beth Emeth, and invite them to join you here. We are taking part in activities to combat anti-Semitism and would love for you to get involved. If you want to be included in the discussion or planning, please let me know.

> Kathy Golderman Executive Director

# 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 x222 or DSchaffer@BethEmethAlbany.org so we can update your records.* 

# What an honor!

Having trouble coming up with a gift for that someone who needs nothing?

Beth Emeth is now offering the opportunity to sponsor an issue of The Bulletin.

- in honor of a milestone
- in memory of a loved one
- in appreciation of someone special

If you are interested in this great gift idea, please call Kathy Golderman at x225.

# Kids



# CBEYG

#### Congregation Beth Emeth Youth Group

With the year coming to a close, we turn to the next year. CBEYG Board Elections are on Wednesday, May 3 for all CBEYG members to attend. Being a CBEYG Board Member is an amazing experience and helps develop many skills such as leadership and creativity. If you have ever thought about running your own program, you should definitely run for a position on Board. The last Program of the year is Installation Dinner on Wednesday, May 10, where we install our newest Board Members, discharge the previous Board Members, and say farewell to our graduating seniors. All CBEYGers, parents of CBEYGers, as well as temple leadership are welcome to join us in Wolk Hall for this End-of-Year celebration.

Jacob Hildreth, Executive Vice President



# B'nai Mitzvah

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

#### Sophia Marion Kotlow,

daughter of Caren and Andrew, will become a bat mitzvah on May 6.

Sophia is third generation at CBE. She is dedicated to perfecting her golf game and had the opportunity to play on her school's Varsity Golf Team. Sophia also plays lacrosse and piano. As her



mitzvah project, Sophia is volunteering at CBE's Religious School on Sundays and volunteering at the Soup Kitchen in downtown Albany.



**Sara Danielle Metz,** daughter of Lisa and Jason, will become a bat mitzvah on May 20.

Sara is fifth generation at CBE. Sara has fun playing outside with her friends and young cousins. She loves taking nature hikes and walks at Five Rivers and Thatcher Park. She loves sports like swimming and currently is taking

gymnastics lessons. She also enjoys drawing. For Sara's mitzvah project, she is volunteering on Sundays at CBE's Religious School as a teen aide.

Join Rabbi Weitzman for a special Shavuot CBE & Me Thursday, May 25 at 5:00 pm

Kids ages 0-5 and the grownups who love them are invited to join us for a Pizza Party and other Fun Suprises! RSVP on our website

# **Confirmation 2023** *Friday, May 26 at 7:30 pm*

#### Confirmands and their Parents back row (l-r), front row (l-r)

Nadia Evelyn Hawrylchak (Amy and Michael Hawrylchak)
 Elyssa Hope Johnson (Alison Johnson and Mark Johnson)
 Paul Douglas Lurie (Melissa and Michael Lurie)
 Lyra Ruth Marshall (Erin Casey and Jonah Marshall)
 Joseph "Jack" Lok Colman (Jennifer and David Colman)
 Rabbi Weitzman, Rabbi Shpeen,
 Chava Miriam Thiell (Sara Salitan-Thiell and Aaron Thiell)



### **Confirmation Anniversary Celebration**

As part of the 2023 Confirmation Class Service Friday evening, May 26 at 7:30 pm, we will be continuing our longstanding tradition of welcoming back to the Bima those who are celebrating a special anniversary of their Confirmation at Beth Emeth. Linking our new Confirmads, *I'dor v'dor*, from generation to generation, they will receive the Torah passed along to them by the Confirmands from years past.

Below is listed those members of Beth Emeth who are marking a special anniversary of their Confirmation this Spring. Each will receive a personal invitation to participate in the Confirmation Service on May 26, so that they may represent this milestone anniversary class. If there are members of Beth Emeth who do not appear on the list below with their classmates, please let Rabbi Shpeen's assistant, Rebecca Mohr, 518.436.9761 x224, know as soon as possible so that we may extend an invitation. If there is a member of your family or someone that you know who lives out of the area, or lives in Albany but is not a member of Beth Emeth and was in any of the classes below and would like to be included, let us know and we will gladly extend to them an invitation to this years event.

This is a very special and meaningful ceremony each year and one that is deeply appreciated by the Confirmation students, their families and the congregation as a whole. If your name appears below, please mark your calendars as we look forward to your presence representing your class and linking the Confirmation Class of 2023 to the rich history of our Beth Emeth.

Class of 1998 25th Anniversary Hillary Cooley McCraw Dr. Sam Volo

Class of 1993 30th Anniversary Amy Wander Hawrylchak

**Class of 1988 35th Anniversary** Robyn Easton

Class of 1983 40th Anniversary Laura Roth

Class of 1978 45th Anniversary Bob August Barry Feinman Lisa Goldslager Stulmaker Laurie Stern Donna Zinnershine Goldslager Class of 1973 50th Anniversary Larry Aronowitz David Barnet Susan Bronstein Sommers Lynda Goldstein Shrager Jane Reiner Sanders Josh Saxe

Class of 1968 55th Anniversary Linda Bernstein Schechter Ellen Brickman Rob Dorkin Barry Ginsburg Jeff Kellert Jill Linett Peterson Jeff Sperber

#### Class of 1963

**60th Anniversary** Art Katz Mike Kessler Cathy Rosenblatt Cynthia Urbach Class of 1958 65th Anniversary Steve Einhorn Ceil Lidman Friedenthal Bill Nathan Harriet Wilder Wicks

Class of 1953 70th Anniversary Louis Falk Marwill Helene Goldblatt Haven

Merna London Zinnershine

**Class of 1948 75th Anniversary** Joan Bolz Paul Elaine Stein Peck

**Class of 1943 80th Anniversary** Gloria Maistelman Herkowitz

# May Calendar

#### Monday, May 1

7:15 pm	Zoom Knit & Nosh Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday,	May 3
12:00 pm	Lunch & Learn
Friday, May	5
5:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service
Saturday, M	ay 6
9:30 am 10:45 am 10:45 am	Grade 6 and 7 Shabbat Program
Sunday, Ma	y 7
9:30 am	ARBA for Fours! Closing Day Ceremonies
Monday, Ma	ay 8
7:00 pm	Zoom Knit & Nosh
Wednesday,	May 10
	Lunch & Learn - at Cemetery CBEYG Installation Dinner
Thursday, N	lay 11
6:30 pm	Brotherhood Card Night
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Monday, M	ay 22
7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Zoom Knit & Nosh Education Committee Meeting
Wednesday	, May 24
8:30 am 12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Zoom Finance Committee Meeting Lunch & Learn Confirmation Rehearsal
Thursday, N	lay 25
5:00 pm 7:30 pm	Shavuot CBE & Me Shavuot Yizkor Service
Friday, May	26
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7:30 pm	Confirmation Shabbat Service
Saturday, M	1ay 27
9:30 am	Torah Study with Susan Kushner
Sunday, Ma	y 28
10:00 am	Brotherhood to place flags at Loudonville Cemetery
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Cocktail Reception

Thursday, June 8 at 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Shabbat Service & Special Oneg

Friday, June 9 at 7:30 pm

Gala Ninner & Program

Saturday, June 10 6:00 pm Cocktail Hour 7:00 pm Dinner 8:45 pm Program

Due to space constraints at each of these events, guest attendance is limited and expected to fill. Please RSVP to each event you wish to attend, by visiting our website at BethEmethAlbany.org for reservations / payment before May 8.

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# **Tikkun Olam** Healing The World

*The Social Action Team Meeting Join us on Thursday, May 18 at 7:00 pm* Prior experience not required! Topics include Pride

Parade participation, planning Mitzvah Day, local collaborations, and more. For more information, contact JudyGKahn@gmail.com.

# The April Bedding Collection

CBE's generous donations of new and gently used sheets, blankets and towels were distributed by Grassroot Givers to



individuals and families in Albany, including many in the refugee community.

#### Where did January - March Tzedakah Donations Go?

- African American Cultural Center of the Capital Region in honor of Black History Month
- Soul Fire Farm, Capital Roots and World Central Kitchen in honor of Tu'Bshvat
- Jewish National Fund's Special in Uniform Program in honor of Jewish Disabilities Awareness and Inclusion month
- Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley to honor the memory of Judy Heumann during Women's History Month

#### Soup Kitchen

Consider signing up to join us at the Soup Kitchen on April 30 or May 14. On April 9 this amazing crew, including the Weitzman family, cooked and served a delicious and nutritious meal to our guests at the Soup Kitchen. It was an honor to provide a festive Easter holiday meal to those celebrating.





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Steven Ostroff and Thom Hunt in memory of David Pastiner

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Kerryn and Michael Kent in appreciation of Rabbi Shpeen for preparing Jonah for his bar mitzvah

#### Rabbi Greg Weitzman Discretionary Fund

Karen and Steven Fein in celebration of the birth of Lennon Stella, granddaughter of Robin and Ted Sobol Karen and Steven Fein in celebration of the birth of Eva Jean Sanders, granddaughter of Jane and Garry Sanders

Melissa and Ronald Greenberg in memory of Daniel A. Greenberg

Elaine S. Higgens in honor of the naming ceremony of Amaia Kilson

Kerryn and Michael Kent in appreciation of Rabbi Weitzman for preparing Jonah for his bar mitzvah

Jane and Mark Levine in honor of Pillars Awardees, Jessica and Alan Richer, Julie and Andrew Safranko, as well as Helena and Neil Davidoff

Cheryl Patack in memory of Jason Baker

Robin and Ted Sobol in honor of the engagement of Jessica Marinstein to Josh Jess

Robyn and Ed Marinstein in honor of Julie and Andrew Safranko and Jessica and Alan Richer on receiving the SAAJCC Pillars of the Community Award

# Helping our Synagogue



The Cantor Jodi Schechtman Music Fund

Kerryn and Michael Kent in appreciation of Cantor Kohn preparing Jonah for his bar mitvzah

Jane and Garry Sanders in honor of the special birthday of Dan Dembling

Robin and Ted Sobol in wishing Doreen Smith a speedy recovery

**The Ellen Herkowitz Judaic Art Fund** Jan Reiss-Weitzman and Richard Bass in memory of Ellen Herkowitz

#### The General Fund

Fran and David Dembling in memory of Marvin Sagor Melissa and Ronald Greenberg in honor of Cynthia Freedman and Carol Rosenthal being honored as 2023 JFS Mensches

Melissa and Ronald Greenberg in honor of Marvin Freedman receiving the Anschel Weiss Community Builders Award

Melissa and Ronald Greenberg in honor of Rabbi Shpeen being honored with the Third Age Achievement Award

Rita Kohn in honor of the birthday of Cantor Sharon Kohn

Lenore Kesten in memory of Lila Greisman

Helene and Harry Kushner and family in memory of Larry Saltwell

Debbie and Lee Ratner in memory of Renee Pearlman

Julie and Andrew Safranko in honor of the birth of the granddaughters of Jane and Garry Sanders

Julie and Andrew Safranko in honor of the engagement of Jessica Marinstein to Josh Jess

Jane and Garry Sanders in memory of Jaon Baker

Ronni Sims in memory of Dorice Brickman

Robin and Ted Sobol in honor of Cynthia Freedman and Carol Rosenthal being honored as 2023 JFS Mensches

# The Hazel B. Wagner Memorial Fund

Cathy and Saul Kimmel in honor of the bar mitvzah of Jonah Kent

#### **The Lorraine Bolt Archives Fund** Cynthia Freedman in honor of being recognized by

JFS Mensches and Mimosas



## Helping our World

The David Goodman Reyut/ Caring Community Fund Leslie Baker and Geoff Patack in honor of the Reyut Committee

**Social Action Tzedakah Fund** Karen and Steven Fein in recognition of Yom Hashoah

Jane and David Kadish in memory of Dr. Ruth Beer

Jodi Boyle and Matthew Kohn in appreciation of Cantor Kohn preparing Justin for his bar mitzvah

Laurie Kushner in memory of Larry Saltwell

Nan Miller in honor of the engagement of Jessica Marinstein and Josh Jess

Sigrid and Raymond Naar in memory of Renee Pearlman

Jane and Garry Sanders in memory of Renee Pearlman

Linda and Larry Schechter in honor of Marvin Freedman receiving the Anschel Weiss Community Builders Award

Linda and Larry Schechter in honor of Cynthia Freedman and Carol Rosenthal being honored as 2023 JFS Mensches

Daniel Weinberg and Bert Weinberg in memory of Irma Weinberg

#### Helping Our Children The Benjamin Mendel, Jr. URJ

**Camp Scholarship Fund** Lisa and Bruce Finkle in honor of Cynthia Freedman being honored as a JFS Mensch

Lisa and Bruce Finkle in honor of the engagement of Jessica Marinstein and Josh Jess

The Benjamin Mendel, Jr. URJ Camp Scholarship Fund in honor of Jonah Kent becoming a bar mitzvah Ruthie and Norm Ellenbogen Cynthia Freedman Carolyn and Bruce Ginsburg Alison Johnson Jonah Kent\* Robyn and Ed Marinstein Ruth Mendel \*Jonah raised money for his Mitzvah Project to benefit sending a CBE member to Camp

#### The David Iselin Memorial CBEYG Fund

Jane and Garry Sanders in honor of Jessica and Alan Richer receiving the SAAJCC Pillars of the Community Award

Jane and Garry Sanders in honor of Julie and Andrew Safranko receiving the SAAJCC Pillars of the Community Award

#### The Fund for Jewish Education

Karen and Ed Martin in honor of Julie and Andrew Safranko receiving the SAAJCC Pillars of the Community Award



Bert Weinberg in memory of his wife, Irma Weinberg

#### The Ruth Sherman Linn Fund

Margie and Larry Kirsch in memory of Ruth and Archie Linn

Margie and Larry Kirsch in honor of Julie and Andrew Safranko receiving the SAAJCC Pillars of the Community Award

Margie and Larry Kirsch in honor of Rabbi Scott Shpeen for the many years of his rabbinate

#### The Sisterhood YES Fund

CBE Sisterhood in honor of the Special Birthdays of: Roz Bellin-Winston Barbara Freed Barbara Manning Ruth Mendel Caryl Newhoff Miriam Soffer Renee Whitman

JoAnne Milhausen in honor of the birth of Rebecca Goldie Sanders

Jan Rubenstein in memory of the mother of Pya Seidner

# Lunch & Learn

#### Wednesdays at noon

Bring Lunch, Coffee and Cookies are provided

#### May 3

#### Fact and Fiction of CBE

History and Nooks and Crannies of 100 Academy Road you've never explored.



#### May 10 Walking Tour of Loudonville Cemetery and Mendleson Chapel

Honoring our past as Rabbi Shpeen shares interesting stories and

antecdotes as we explore our historic burial grounds.



#### May 17 Schmooze With Shpeen As He Approaches Retirement:

Everything you wanted to ask or know about Rabbi Shpeen's 38 year career at CBE - the challenges and changes in four decades. Bring your

questions/favorite stories or remembrances AND any lifecycle event photos at CBE from your family.

#### May 24

*The Magic of Stephen Sondheim* Broadway retrospective with Dick Feldman.

# 2023 Nominees for the CBE Board of Trustee

The 2023 Nominating Committee is pleased to report the following nominees for election to the CBE Board of Trustees at the 184th Annual Meeting of the Congregation on Wednesday, June 14 at 7:00 pm.







**Liz Albright** joined Beth Emeth with her wife, Laura, 8 years ago. Soon after joining, she became involved with the Social Action Committee. Through the work of that committee, Liz started writing grants to support our CBE Soup Kitchen. The Social Action Committee also led Liz and her family to organize the "Mitzvah Menorah" gift drive each year. Over the years, their two children- Warren (age 8) and Becca (age 6)- have become more involved with this project, helping to set up the menorah and organize the gifts. Liz was a member of the Rabbinic Search Committee that helped bring Rabbi Weitzman to CBE, and, beginning this year, she began working with our Religious School on Sunday mornings. Liz is a special education teacher for a local school. She is honored to be considered to join the Board of Trustees.

**Chad Bernstein** and his family are excited to become more involved in Congregation Beth Emeth. Originally from New Jersey, Chad lives in Delmar, NY and moved to the Capital Region in 2021 because of Adrien's position as a surgeon at Albany Medical Center. Parker (6) and Ethan (4) come in tow, skipping and smiling. Chad practiced real estate law in New York City before working for two publicly traded real estate companies. He holds a BA from Cornell University and a JD from Washington University in St. Louis. While the Bernsteins are new members, the congregation welcomed them immediately and made Beth Emeth feel like home. Chad looks forward to exploring and adding value to all Beth Emeth offers to the Capital Region.

#### Jacqueline Kagan Dupiche

After spending many years as a prosecutor in Brooklyn fighting for vulnerable victims, Jackie Dupiche moved to the Capital Region in 2014 for a prosecutor job with the state. In Albany, Jackie met Wisley and in 2020 they decided to marry. Learning that Beth Emeth had recently decided to allow the clergy to participate in interfaith marriages, Jackie and Wisley knew it was the right time to become members of CBE. Jackie is a member of the Reyut committee and of the volunteer choir; she, alongside Wisley as crew chief, is also a regular at the Sunday Soup Kitchen. Recently promoted to Associate Commissioner for Worker Protection at the Department of Labor, Jackie takes helping others seriously both at work and in her personal life. Jackie is honored to serve on the Board of Trustees at CBE.

The nominating Committee also nominated Taylor Alfred and Erik Cooley for second 3-year terms. In addition, at its April meeting, the Board of Trustees elected the following Trustees as officers:

> Robyn Marinstein (President) Melissa Greenberg (1st Vice President) Robert Kivort (2nd Vice President) Robin Sobol (Treasurer) Kerryn Kent (Secretary

The nominating Committee was chaired by Robert Kivort and consisted of Joe Schwartz, Alison Johnson, Jen Steil, Meryl Schwalb, Michael Kent, Mike Horelick, and Robin Sobol. Thank you to the committee for their efforts and to all who submitted nominations.



# Beautification



Shabbat of April 28 - 29 Sara Lee and Barry Larner

Shabbat of May 5 - 6 Caren and Andrew Kotlow

#### Shabbat of May 5 - 6 Judy and Tom Clement

Joanne Davidoff and family The Friedlander family Margie and Larry Kirsch Alan Klein Dorry S. Kotzin and family Steven Kramer Zalie and Bob Linn Sandi Zarch

#### Shabbat of May 12 - 13

Patti and Steve Boochever Terry and Marc Ginsburg Marcia and Alan Levitz Lisa and Michael Rome Mark Rosen and family Betty, Robin and Michael Shapiro Joan, Alyssa, Eric, Joshua, Benjamin and Mady Sarah Tillman and family Inga Tomson

in memory of Esther Bloom

#### in honor of

the bat mitzvah of Sophia Marion Kotlow

#### in memory of

Minna Caplan Levy Donald B. Davidoff Leonard E. Friedlander Ruth S. Linn Leon Klein Lewis A. Kotzin Morris Kramer Ruth S. Linn Anne Cohen Zarch

#### in memory of

Sarah Ríber Elaine Ginsburg Howard William Rome Howard William Rome Louis Tomson Norman S. Shapiro

Howard Steven Smith Norman Davidson Tillman Louis Tomson

# Garage Sale

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. We need volunteers from June 18 through June 25.

Visit the CBE website to volunteer.



*This fund enhances Beth Emeth with flowers and beauty.* Listed are the donations received by April 14. Donations received after, will be listed in the June Bulletin.

#### Shabbat of May 19 - 20

Cynthia Freedman, the Marinstein and Benoit families Marvin Freedman Patti and Steve Boochever The Dobris family Dorothy Lazoroff Joan and Harvey Friedman Paul Gordon and family Shari, David, Blake and Bradley Gordon Gary Weitzman, Amy Gingold Horwitz and Eli Horwitz Jodi Boyle and Matthew Kohn Jill Kapner Leamon Éllen C. Ratliff Laura and Lawrence Rosenstock The Ruslander family Arthur Alexander Ruslander Ann and Paul Silk Ann and Paul Silk Ann and Paul Silk Ann and Paul Silk

**Shabbat of May 26 - 27** Joan and Harvey Friedman Linda and Donald Hoffman Barbara Freedman, Lynda Freedman and Kazimierz Deminski Barbara Freedman, Lynda Freedman and Kazimierz Deminski Leslie and Mark Laven Leslie and Mark Laven Reid and Mark Lifset Adrienne and Doug Nadoraski Bonnie and Stuart Rosenberg Mollie and David Shulan Cookie and Peter Siegel Nancy and Barry Simon and family Ilene and Chip Stein Ellen and John Tomlinson and family

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- **Tires**
- Mattresses or bed pillows •
- Underwear, swimsuit •
- Infant car seats or cribs
- Magazine collections, encyclopedias, or textbooks

# **Yahrzeits**

Shabbat of May 5 - 6 **Edith Popkin Bass** Matthew L. Berger Florence Boochever Donald B. Davidoff Leonard E. Friedlander Lawrence Friedman Rhea Fulder **Gussie Gertzberg Ellis Irving Hormats** Arthur S. Kapewich Leon Klein Lewis A. Kotzin Morris Kramer Mollie Frankel Lempert Minna Caplan Levy Ruth S. Linn

#### Shabbat of May 12 - 13

Morris Alpert Esther Berinstein Isadore Bookstein Isaac Brilleman Sam Cohen Walter J. Cohen Isaac Cohn Amalia Cohn Edward Dachs Samuel C. Drooz Henry B. Dubins Leon E. Fisher Rose E. Fisher Elaine Ginsburg Samuel E. Goldstein Bella Hersh Abraham Hersh Jerome Kleinberg Lillian K. Marks Jean Livingston Marx Charles S. May Herman Morje

Jacob Lowenthal Morris Mann Shirley Rubin Meckler Dr. Howard R. Netter Gustave L. Oppenheim Janet K. Patent Harry Price Jeanne Ratzker Samuel Ruge Shirley Weinberg Sheber Samuel S. Silverstein Patricia Snyder Jacob H. Stern Louise Schlesinger Wenger Anne Cohen Zarch

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# **Perpetual Memorials**

The following families have stablished a Perpetual Memorial in memory of their loved one.

#### Joel Burtman Jay Wechsler

Perpetual Memorials ensure that Kaddish will always be recited for your loved ones. Each year the name is added to the Kaddish list and a plaque is hung in the Chapel or Sanctuary. Notices are sent to remind you of the upcoming Yahrzeit and the name of your loved one is listed in The Bulletin. For more information inquire with the temple office. If you wish to have a name included on our Shabbat Kaddish list or have a question about a Kaddish name being recited, please call the office at 518.436.9761 x224 (please do not leave a name for the Yahrzeit list on voice mail). When phoning in a name, please do so by the Thursday of the week it is to be read.

#### Shabbat of May 19 - 20

Lewis A. Aronowitz Florence M. Auer Edward Bass Anna Berney Robert M. Boyle Leo Bronstein Jay S. Caplan Howard Clark Rosalind S. Doling Joan Englander Marvin Freedman Iules I. Friedman Julia Blatner Fuld Harry L. Getz Ida Gordon Sadie Simon Gordon Robert Guthmann Marvin S. Hecker Helen Goldmeer Horowitz Sam Silk Herbert H. Kestenbaum Rose Levy Kraus Dorothy Lazoroff Samuel W. Mann Aaron Mann Sarah Mann

#### Shabbat of May 26 - 27

Minnie Anker Susan L. Baker Ben Becker Benjamin Bloom Robert Cohn Sarah Brindel Cuttler Albert S. Drooz Brindell Fellman Maurice Fine Arthur Fink **Burton Fisher** David S. Freedman William B. Freedman Arthur Green Harold H. Greenstein Arnold S. Hatch, Jr. Sydney Heller Goldie Herskowitz Dr. Benjamin Hoffman Babetta Hydeman Miriam S. Jacobs Eve N. Kneznek Ruth Laven Edward S. Laventall Hon. Harvey M. Lifset Carrie Lehberg Lipman

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# **Shavuot Yizkor** *Thursday, May 25 at 7:30 pm*

Listed below are the names of our loved ones who have died since last year and will be recited at this service. If you would like the name of a loved one who died since last Shavuot (June 4, 2022) included in this service, please contact Rebecca Mohr at RMohr@BethEmethAlbany.org 518.436.9761 x224.

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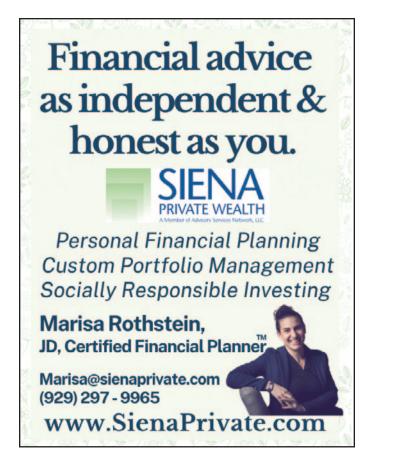


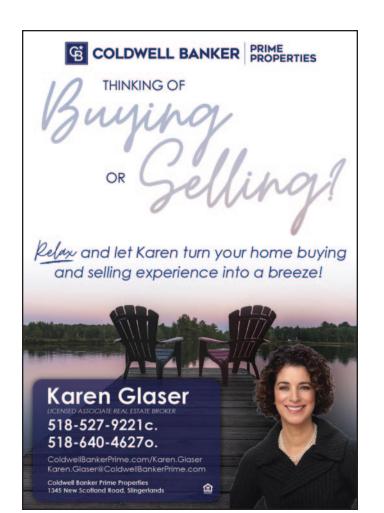






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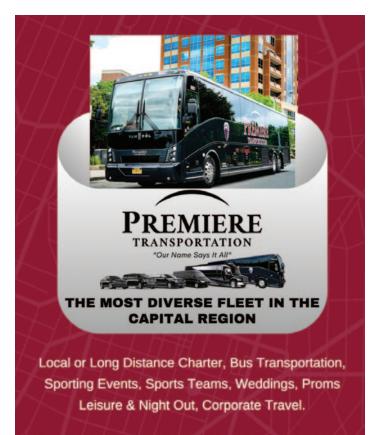
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