The Bulletin

CONGREGATION Beth Emeth
FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

Cheshvan / Kislev 5782 www.BethEmethAlbany.org November 2021

Connect

kə-'nekt
1. to become joined
2. to have or establish a rapport
3. focus for November's issue

Look for yourself in pictures in this issue and reach out. Connecting with old friends, and making new connections makes our lives fuller and more colorful.

Belong 1. focus for December's issue

Engage 1. focus for January's issue

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at 5:30 pm

Lila Tov

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at 4:00 pm

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MENEMSHA FILMS CHAI FLICKS

Presents the
2021 Chanukah Film Festival

with a movie each of the 8 nights of Chanukah
November 28 - December 5

see our website for details

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Consider sponsoring an issue of The Bulletin in honor of a simcha or in memory of a loved one.

A Message From Cantor Kohn

Connecting

The month of Kislev is full of stories. The Torah portions tell about the lives of Esau, Isaac, Rebecca, Jacob, Leah and Rachel. Chanukah gives us many chances to tell stories of miracles and might, of political complexities and of people of faith.

These stories are important because they connect us to who we are and how the groups we belong to came to be.

How we retell our stories is also important. The telling of the Chanukah story has changed in my lifetime. When I was a girl, the only aspect I ever learned was about the single jar of oil that burned for eight days, rather than the 24 hours it was supposed to burn. I never learned about the internal struggle of the Jewish community over how to both live in a secular society and how to live as Jews. This reminds us that every story teller chooses which details to gloss over or omit and which to emphasis. Does the story telling change depending on the audience? Have the lessons learned changed over time, as we have grown in knowledge and self understanding? Are there stories we no longer tell at all?

Were you or your child in Rabbi Shpeen's first Confirmation Class (1986)? Reach out and Connect to your old classmates. It is a wonderful Mitzvah to check in on old friends and let them know you are thinking of them. Doing good makes both the giver and the receiver feel the joy of being Connected.

The *S'fat Emet*, a noted Chassidic master, suggests that every person put themselves into the story. He was thinking about the ark, and noted that it was open to all God's creatures. The creatures only needed to enter the ark. So, too, the *S'fat Emet* teaches, our communities should be welcome to all who enter. How do we enter this symbolic ark? Some ways are imagining who we might be in the narratives of our history, by dreaming of how the world could be, and acting on that vision, by asking whose voices and points of view are missing from the stories we hear and tell.

Beth Emeth is also an ark. We are a community. As the days get colder and shorter and COVID is a reality, it's understandable that we might want to hunker down.

The stories of our people and the teaching of the *S'fat Emet* tell us that we must engage in the world, that we must go through the portals, either electronically or physically. It is up to us to climb on board, to see ourselves in in the stories of long ago and to be active in the moments that are unfolding. Today's moments are tomorrow's stories. How do you want your story to be told?

Cantor Sharon Kohn

Come In & Learn

(Formerly Lunch & Learn)

Wednesdays at Noon
No food or drink

November 3 and 10
with Rabbi Shpeen
November 17
with Rabbi Shpeen and Cantor Kohn

Kathy's Corner

Thankful for Connections

I just finished watching Ted Lasso on Apple TV. I highly recommend this light-hearted comedy, with wonderful characters and a beautiful theme – **Community.** As I binge-watched 22 episodes in a one-week period, I loved how a community was developed and strengthened, and it reminded me of the importance of our amazing community, **C**ongregation **B**eth **E**meth: **C**onnect-**B**elong-**E**ngage.

I am lucky to witness Connecting and Connections every day within our Beth Emeth community

Last month, our talented Executive Assistant to Rabbi Shpeen and Cantor Kohn, Susan Debronsky, ran the AJCC Dunkin' Run. Afterward, she sent me a picture of herself with Board Member, Alison Johnson. The two women, who first met at Beth Emeth, saw each other at the event and shared a special moment together celebrating their "best in age" victories. (see page 4)

Yesterday, while walking to Wolk Hall, I looked outside to the Iselin Family Garden Terrace and saw a group of CBE members just hanging out and chit-chatting. Of course I went outside to say hello, and they explained that they missed seeing each other. So as long as the weather was nice, they were going to safely meet outside to catch up.

Finally, for Simchat Torah this year, Rabbi Shpeen invited all the students who had a bar or bat mitzvah in the past 18 months during COVID, to finally come sign the official CBE Bar/Bat Mitzvah Book, and read the first line of their Torah portion. To witness the connection between all these children who were unable to have the celebrations that they deserved was beautiful. (see page 4)

I hope you feel connected at Beth Emeth. Please call me if you do not feel connected, and I will link you in.

Feeling very thankful,
Kathy Golderman
Executive Director

Virtual Worship Service Schedule

Please note: All who attend in-person services MUST show proof of vaccination AND wear a mask at all times.

Alternatively, please feel free to join us virtually at BethEmethAlbany.org.

Friday Evening, November 5
5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service
Shabbat Tol'dot
Genesis 25:19 - 28:9

Saturday Morning, November 6
9:30 am Torah Study with Alexandra Stein*
10:45 am Bat Mitzvah of Taylor Steil

Friday Evening, November 12
5:00 pm Shabbat Unplugged Service
Celebrating November Birthdays
Shabbat Vayeitzei
Genesis 28:10 - 32:3

Saturday Morning, November 13
9:30 am Torah Study with Susan Kushner*
10:45 am Bat Mitzvah of Zoe Church

Friday Evening, November 19
5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service
Shabbat Vayishlach
Genesis 32:4 - 36:43

Saturday Morning, November 20
9:30 am Torah Study with Alexandra Stein*
10:45 am Bar Mitzvah of Jordan Bernstein

Friday Evening, November 26
5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service
Shabbat Vayeishev
Genesis 37:1 - 40:23

Saturday Morning, November 27
9:30 am Torah Study with Susan Kushner*
Multi-Access (Zoom and In-Person)

* Torah Study via Zoom

*With gratitude to **Marge and Barry Hollander** for the Live Streaming that enables us to be together even when we are apart*

Congregation Beth Emeth Bulletin

Deadline for the December issue is November 4.
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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.

November Special Birthdays

David Brody
Jim Finale
Jed Goldberg
Denise Gonick
Dave Goodman
Lee Greenberg
Leslie Laven
Hal Meckler
Helene Meckler
Jay Rosenblum
Heidi Sabatino
Andy Sommers
Laurie Stein

November Special Anniversaries

Amy and Darin Price ~ 25 years
Sue and Art Katz ~ 30 years
Lori and Michael Leichman ~ 35 years

Mazel Tov To...

David Lieberman for being the *Capital Region Award Winner* from the *NY Alliance for Inclusion Innovation* at their recent *Direct Support Professional Celebration Event*.

Past CBE President, **Andrew Safranko** was recognized on Friday, October 1, as one of four *2021 Distinguished Alumnus* with an award in recognition of his professional accomplishments from the Albany Academies.

Lynda and Steven Shrager on the birth of their grandson, Luca Julian Carillo, on October 1, to proud parents Leslie and Frank Carillo.

CBE members, Alison Johnson and Susan Debronsky both earned first place in their respective age groups at the 2021 JCC Dunkin' Run

A special thank you to Doreen and Larry Smith for donating a large screen TV for our Multi- Access use, in honor of their son Leonard's marriage to Diane.

In Memoriam

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

Frances Goodman
Wife of David Goodman
Mother of Laura (JC) Glindmyer, Ken (Maria) Goodman
Gail (Leo) Budin and Julie Goodman (Steve Hladio)

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

Alvin Brown
Father of David (Danielle) Brown

Sue Levine
Mother of Lisa Levine (Jay Cloutier) and
Brother of Louis Patack (Anne Grace)

Richard Perle Nathan
Brother of Bill (Betty) Nathan

June Vangerud
Mother of Ruth (Dr. Robert) Brass

Walter Wattenberg
Father of Stephen (Angela) Wattenberg

Simchat Torah

Some of the B'nai Mitzvah students, from March 2020 - September 2021 came together to read the opening line of their Torah Portion.

President's Perspective

A Journey of Leadership

My journey to being President of the Congregation started in a church in Syracuse, New York. There is something funny about writing that, but the fact remains the same, that on June 24, 2000, I attended a wedding in Syracuse and met my wife Melissa that day.

I was just three years out of college and had no plans of joining a Synagogue at that time. However, as our romance blossomed and it became clear she was "the one," we discussed our future and Mel decided she wanted to convert to Judaism.

The process of conversion was immersive. I found myself relearning my own religion, but this time through the scope of adult eyes rather than those of a child. Through Mel's conversion, my interest in our Jewish community and our religion was ignited again and walking into Beth Emeth felt like being home.

I wanted to help where I could and began to volunteer on some of the financial committees. Over a few years, I was learning the ropes and the culture of the temple from some fantastic people and creating friendships along the way.

I then was asked to join the Board, and after two terms, I was asked to be an officer and finally President. To put that in perspective, I had no kids when I started on the board and my older son Paul turns 15 this month.

Why am I telling you this? For one, to say that if you are ever single at a wedding and a beautiful woman, who appears out of your league, walks in…..take a chance. But also, to point out that our leaders come from many different places and for a variety of reasons. Our temple is rich with a history of strong leadership. Our current Executive Team and Board are united to create a vibrant future. But what about the future Executive Teams? And the Future Boards? I am here to let you know that you have a chance to be a part of Leadership. Although my path and your path will be different, they both will be formed by a sense of community and start with caring for people. To this day, I am amazed at the relationships I have formed with people 30 years younger than me, like our Youth Group President, Izze Brand, to people 50 years older than me, like our wise Senior Past-President, Alan Iselin.

The journey on the Board and as an Officer has taught me so much. Organizational skills. Interpersonal Skills. Decision Making Skills. Budgeting Skills. Writing Skills. Public Speaking Skills.

The temple allows our leaders to grow their talents and express their creativity in a way that is mutually beneficial to the temple, and the member volunteering their generous time.

I started on the finance side, but there are so many opportunities. You simply have to ask yourself, *what is my passion*, and go from there.

If you are interested in learning more about joining a Committee, please contact our Executive Director, Kathy Golderman. If you are interested in learning more about the Board, please contact our 2nd Vice President, Melissa Greenberg. Thank you for all you do for our temple.

Michael Lurie, President
MLurie@LurieCPAs.com

We would love to post a picture of your wedding and a sentence or two about how you and your loved one became CONNECTED!
Please send to Bulletin@BethEmethAlbany.org.
We will run these monthly as space allows.

Sisterhood Is Calling

November 18
at 7:30
with
Rabbi Shpeen

What are the Psalms All About?
Including a deeper understanding of the most famous 23rd Psalm

Join Rabbi Shpeen via Zoom from the comfort of your home and discuss The Book of Psalms, which is generally believed to be the most widely read and the most highly treasured of all the books in the Old Testament. It is a collection of poems, hymns, and prayers that express the religious feelings of Jews throughout the various periods of their history.

Knit & Nosh

Mondays at 7:00 pm
Multi Access. Whether you choose to knit at home or at CBE - the crew would love to see you!

Sisterhood

Continuing Connections

One of Sisterhood's ongoing youth engagement efforts is Continuing Connections, formerly known as College Connections, an outreach program aimed at ensuring the link between Congregation Beth Emeth and its young members for the four years following their high school graduations. Whether the graduate follows an academic track, enlists in the military, takes a gap year or begins their career, Sisterhood is committed to maintaining a relationship with them.

This year, members with a high school graduation year of 2018-2021 are eligible for participation in Continuing Connections. We are in the process of gathering contact information for our annual email outreach campaign to send warm Chanukah wishes and a gift.

To include the young member in your family, please send the following information by November 10 to ContinuingConnections1@gmail.com.

- Name
- Email Address
- Year of High School Graduation
- Post High School Activity

Each parent of those young members who are eligible will also be receiving an email from me requesting the above contact information.

Thanks in advance for your assistance,
Joni Lieberman Basen

Sisterhood Walks

Saturday, November 13, 2:00 pm

2.2 miles and 1 hour Christman Sanctuary, Duanesburg. Blue & Orange Trail Loop.

Sisterhood welcomes new walkers/hikers to join on easy hikes. Come with water and bug spray, and good hiking shoes or sneakers.
Details about hikes can be found at AllTrails.com
RSVP to Jacki Stein (in case of weather changes) at CBESisterEvents@gmail.com.

Sisterhood has been walking for a year now! It's never too late to join us.

Brotherhood

Join Team Brotherhood

Brotherhood prides itself on the many programs and services that it provides to our CBE community. If you haven't already sent in your dues for the 2021-22 year, please do!

Basic membership is only $36 per year. Please consider joining Brotherhood and getting involved in our events. We are always looking for new ideas for fun and engaging events.

We are working on updating our mission statement and ByLaws. Stay tuned to hear about it. The Chanukah Dinner will be a take out event this year.

Barry Z. Davis, 518.237.5553
BarryZDavis@gmail.com

Diane's Farm

Reflection 2021

Like many facets of life today, Diane's Farm took on an air of quiet, moderation and solitude this year. Our production was not abundant but it provided. Our volunteers were few but consistent. Our energy output was lower than usual but the soil is turned, healthy and will be ready for spring planting in 2022. Our hope is that after a winter's rest, not only will the soil be revitalized, but also that our CBE gardening friends will be ready to dig in and support this community effort. Together, we can be a part of the effort to help ease food inequality within the Capital District and surrounding area. We offer special thanks for the volunteers who stopped by this season and encouragement to those considering future involvement. :)

Marni Tesser, MarniZee4@gmail.com

Sisterhood / Brotherhood

Annual Membership Program

Rabbi Shpeen in conversation with Albany's 25th Police Chief, Eric Hawkins

Sunday, November 14 at 10:00 am

We are excited to share with you this year's Multi-Access program.
Those wishing to attend In-Person, may register on our website under Program Registration before November 10.
As with all of our In-Person programming, you must be vaccinated and wear a mask to attend.
We will also be offering this program via our Live-Stream.
This program is in lieu of our Membership Brunch. If you haven't already done so, please consider joining Sisterhood & Brotherhood.

Sunday,
November 28
10:30 - 11:30 am

Where: **In the field in back of WWAARC, at the corner of Krumkill and Blessing Roads, in the Town of Bethlehem**
Who: **Congregation Beth Emeth Brotherhood and Temple Israel Men's Club Touch Football Challenge III**
Contact: **Mark Swyer at MDSwyer@hotmail.com 518.857.2850**

Game will be played regardless of the weather.

November Calendar

Monday, November 1

7:00 pm Zoom Knit and Nosh - Multi-Access
7:15 pm Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 3

noon Come In & Learn - Rabbi Shpeen
The Pew Study

Thursday, November 4

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

Friday, November 5

7:15 pm Program Committee Meeting

Saturday, November 6

9:30 am Torah Study with Alexandra Stein
10:45 am Bat Mitzvah of Taylor Steil
4:00 pm Lila Tov - Good Night Fun for children

Sunday, November 7

9:30 am Brotherhood Board Meeting - off-site
11:00 am Help in the Soup Kitchen
11:15 am Meet & Mingle for Grade 8

Monday, November 8

7:00 pm Zoom Knit and Nosh - Multi-Access

Wednesday, November 10

noon Come In & Learn with Rabbi Shpeen
Honoring our Veterans

Thursday, November 11

Offices are closed - Veteran's Day

Friday, November 12

5:30 pm Shabbat Unplugged - Celebrating November Birthdays

Saturday, November 13

9:30 am Torah Study with Susan Kushner
10:45 am Bat Mitzvah of Zoe Church
2:00 pm Sisterhood Hike - Christman Sanctuary

Sunday, November 14

10:00 am Sisterhood / Brotherhood Annual Membership Program

Monday, November 15

7:00 pm Zoom Knit and Nosh
7:15 pm Membership Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 17

noon Come In & Learn -*Wise Aging* with Rabbi Shpeen and Cantor Kohn

Thursday, November 18

8:30 am Philanthropy Team Meeting
7:30 pm *Sisterhood is Calling* with Rabbi Shpeen

Friday, November 19

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, November 20

8:30 am Torah Study with Alexandra Stein
9:30 am Bar Mitzvah of Jordan Bernstein

Sunday, November 21

11:15 am Meet & Mingle for Grade 8

Monday, November 22

7:00 pm Zoom Knit and Nosh - Multi-Access

Tuesday, November 23

8:30 am Finance Committee Meeting
7:30 pm Union Thanksgiving at Trinity United Methodist Chuch

Wednesday, November 24

Temple Offices Closed at 2:00 pm
No Religious School or CBEYG

Thursday, November 25

Temple Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

Friday, November 26

Temple Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, November 27

9:30 am Torah Study with Susan Kushner

Sunday, November 28 - First Night of Chanukah

No Religious School
10:30 am Turkey Bowl Touch Football Game

Monday, November 29 - Second Night of Chanukah

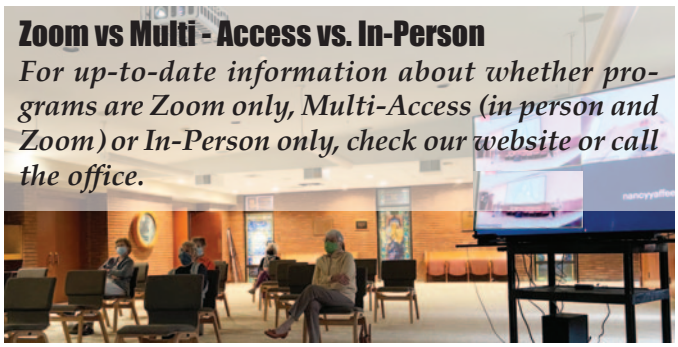
7:00 pm Zoom Knit and Nosh - Multi-Access

Tuesday, November 30- Third Night of Chanukah

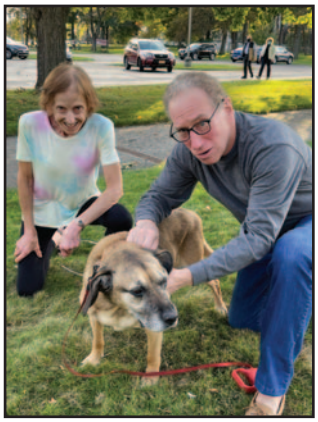
7:00 pm Education Committee Meeting

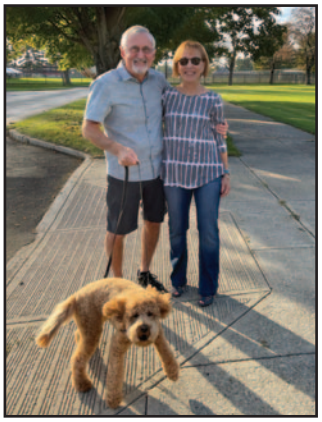
Zoom vs Multi - Access vs. In-Person

For up-to-date information about whether programs are Zoom only, Multi-Access (in person and Zoom) or In-Person only, check our website or call the office.



Blessing of the Pets





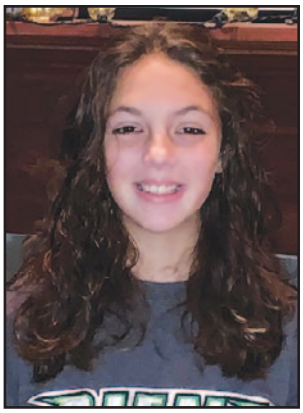
Our Beth Emeth family includes pets!! On a gorgeous Friday night in October we **CONNECTED** with each other and our adorable 4-legged friends. Rabbi Shpeen and Cantor Kohn blessed our pets and spoke about how our pets provide unconditional love, humor and companionship.

Kids

B'nai Mitzvah

All b'nai mitzvah participate in candle lighting and Kiddush at services on the Friday evening prior to their bar or bat mitzvah.

Taylor Steil, daughter of Jennifer and Daniel, will become a bat mitzvah on Saturday, November 6.
Taylor enjoys spending time dancing and socializing with friends. For her mitzvah project, she fostered a very shy kitten for four months, helping to socialize the kitten and build its confidence.



Zoe Church, daughter of Muriel and Jim, will become a bat mitzvah on Saturday, November 13.
Zoe is always smiling. She speaks up for those who can't and has a level of compassion rarely seen in a person so young. Zoe plays lacrosse, runs cross country and track, loves reading, writing and drawing.

Jordan Bernstein, son of Tammy and Jon, will become a bar mitzvah on Saturday, November 20.
Jordan enjoys running with his cross country team, cooking, traveling, skiing and spending his summer at sleep away camp in the Adirondacks. Jordan is a dedicated student and has also worked hard this past year preparing for his bar mitzvah.

Lila Tov

Good Night Fun

Saturday, November 6, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Alexandra Stein and Deb Sokoler welcome children in Grades 2 and younger along with their families.

Say goodbye to Shabbat with Havdalah and learn how to say the *Sh'ma* as a bedtime ritual. You will also be decorating your very own "Sh'ma Pillowcase!"

We will meet In-Person (masks must be worn at all times)
Cost: $5 per family
Register online: by Thursday, November 4

The Einhorn Center for Jewish Education

Sunday
Kindergarten - Grade 6
In-Person 9:30 am -12:00 pm
or Zoom 12:15 pm - 1:15 pm
Grade 8
Twice a month Sundays
12:15 pm - 1:15 pm

Wednesday
Grades 3-6
Remote via Zoom 4:30 - 6:00 pm
Grade 7
In-Person 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
CBEYG
In-Person 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Grades 9-10 (Confirmation Class)
In-Person 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

The Einhorn Center for Jewish Education

Blessings

Thanksgiving is coming; a time to be grateful for the many gifts within our lives. Thanksgiving is not necessarily a Jewish holiday, however being appreciative is incumbent upon us as Jews. In fact, the very name for "Jew" in Hebrew is taken from the tribe of "Yehudah," whose name comes from the Hebrew root "ho'da'ah" meaning, "to express gratitude." Did you know that as Jews, we are asked to recite at least 100 blessings a day to condition ourselves into being grateful for as many things as possible in any given day?

Often finding things to be grateful for is simple, but what about when things are really difficult? What about when we don't feel like being grateful?

Aren't we allowed to be angry, sad, and frustrated — especially during the trying times we've encountered? The answer of course is: "Yes", but... .Yes, we are entitled to be upset and frustrated, but we are also encouraged and challenged to notice the blessings in our lives each and every day! And truly, blessings abound.

While we have faced challenges throughout COVID times, I am delighted to share with you a few blessings for which I feel immense gratitude this season. Our Einhorn Center for Jewish Education at CBE has opened for in-person studies again! How beautiful it is to hear the sounds of children back in the building; learning, laughing, and infused with Jewish spirit. For those families that do not feel comfortable being in-person for study, how fortunate we are to be equipped with the technology and resources to offer virtual learning options, successfully providing a multi-access program to meet various needs. Additionally, we are grateful to have our community growing with new families joining our CBE family and school.

As you gather around your Thanksgiving tables this year, I invite you to share your own gratitude lists. Attitude is everything and there is truly so much to appreciate!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Shara Siegfeld,
Director of Lifelong Learning

Kids and their families Connecting on Opening Day

Yom Kippur Appeal

Thank you to our 2021 Yom Kippur Appeal Donors!

This list inlcudes names of donors as of October 8, 2021. It is never too late to donate.
Your donation allows Congregation Beth Emeth to include all congregants, regardless of their ability to pay full membership dues. We thank you for helping us make everyone feel welcome in our loving CBE community.

Marilyn & Robert Abrams
Nancy & Frank Allen
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Jan Reiss-Weitzman & Richard Bass
Susan & Gerald Benjamin
Francine Berg
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Diane & Stephen Harrison
Helene & Ed Haven
Gloria Herkowitz
Marge & Barry Hollander
Gail & Jay Hurewitz
Barry Isenberg
Judy and Bill Kahn
Kathie Kaplan & family
Becky & Paul Kasselman
Diane & Bernard Kern
Wendy, Dan & Michael Keyser
Natali Khaitov
Margie & Larry Kirsch
Dorry S. Kotzin
Judy & Bill Kraus
Heather Cohen & William Kretzer
Davidine & Jerry LeBoyer
Darlene A. Leder
Marsha & Mike Levin
Jane & Mark Levine
The family of Dr. Robert Lieberman
Randi & Mike Lipnick
Vivian & Steve Lobel
Jane Loeb
Sherry Gold & Wendell Lorang
Betty Lubitz
Jill Sandhaas & Ed Lurie
Eileen & Greg Lurie
Melissa & Michael Lurie
Judy & Stu Madnick
Jill Goodman & Artie Malkin
Barbara Manning
Robyn & Ed Marinstein
Anne & Michael Marmulstein
Ruth F. Mendel
Allison & David Meyers
Kathleen & Richard (z"l) Meyers
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Harris Sitrin
Robin & Ted Sobol
Debbie & Rick Sokoler
Valerie & Spike Solomon
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The Boyer family	David S. Boyer

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Saturday, January 29, 2022

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Rabbinic Search Update

The Rabbinic Search momentum continues! Here are a few highlights of the incredible progress made and a sneak preview of what is planned for the near future:

- Resumes/applications, which are received on a rolling basis, have come from candidates from around the country
- Brief, introductory zoom calls have been held between candidates and co-chairpeople
- Resume/application review and evaluation were completed by The Rabbinic Search Committee
- Zoom interviews with the Rabbinic Search Committee and many candidates were held. The candidates have thoughtfully and enthusiastically responded to questions reflective of the qualities you asked for during focus groups and survey results (ex. commitment to building relationships with congregants, experience working with diverse temple demographics, honoring our focus on our future with a respect for our past, demonstrating leadership with Tikkun Olam, Social Action and Social Justice, feelings about the overlap year with Rabbi Shpeen). Candidates have the opportunity to ask committee members questions to learn more about our Congregation Beth Emeth community and the Capital District. Upon completion of each interview, members of the Rabbinic Search Committee complete a rubric to best enable discussion, review and next steps.
- **EXCITING NEWS!** In-person interviews are being scheduled! The Rabbinic Search Committee has identified several highly qualified candidates to invite to Albany for in-person interviews throughout the fall. During this round of interviews, the candidates will meet in our spectacular Beth Emeth temple with Rabbi Shpeen, Past Presidents, Officers, Professional Staff and the Rabbinic Search Committee. After feed-back from these groups, the next in-person interviews will be scheduled for board members and you - our members - to have the opportunity to meet the candidates.
- Updates will be communicated as they become available.

On behalf of The Rabbinic Search Committee, we are honored to represent our Beth Emeth community, as we continue to respect the process set forth by the CCAR in the search for our next Senior Rabbi.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions!
Robyn Marinstein, RMarinstein@gmail.com
Garry Sanders, GarrettRSanders@gmail.com

Yahrzeits

Kaddish will be recited for those beloved departed whose names are perpetuated in Permanent Memorials established by their families. We invite your inquiries about this thoughtful way of remembrance.

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Myrtle F. Berman
Etta Hegleman Bolz
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Shabbat of November 19-20

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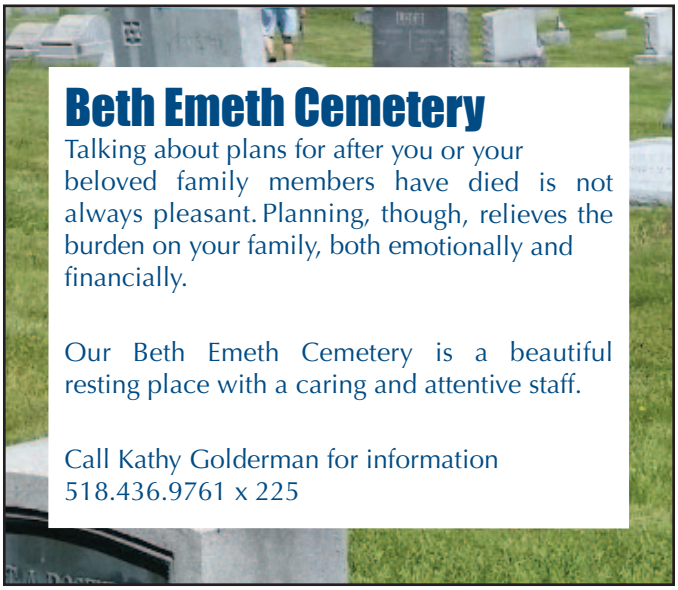

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