

## RABBINIC TRANSITION COMMITTEE



JIM CAMPBELL and his late wife Cindy Shenker joined CBE over thirty years ago on the occasion of their daughter's baby naming with her two cousins thus forming a triple baby naming celebration. Both daughters, Alexandra and Madeline, attended religious school, had their b'nai Mitzvah, actively participated in CBEYG, and were confirmed at CBE. For several years Cindy served on the Board of Trustees. Jim has recently retired with over 42 years of state service, most recently completing 33 years with SUNY System Administration. He currently serves on the Colonie Zoning Board of Appeals, the board of directors for Historic Cherry Hill and Vanderhyden and the advisory board for Historic Albany Foundation. Jim is enthusiastically looking forward to his granddaughter Collins Rose baby naming this spring at CBE.



ALLEGRA EDELMAN'S family joined Beth Emeth four years ago. Allegra's two children attend the Einhorn Center for Jewish Education and Allegra is a member of the Education Committee. Allegra is excited to be part of the next chapter of Beth Emeth's history and honored to be on the Rabbinic Transition Committee.



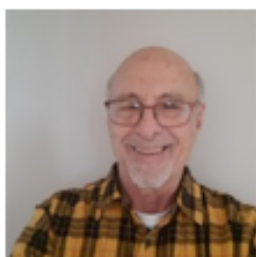
KATHY GOLDERMAN – As an Albany native, and a Beth Emeth employee for nearly 9 years, Kathy is knowledgeable about both! Kathy is happy to help to make a smooth transition and welcome the entire Weitzman family to Albany.



MELISSA GREENGERG currently serves as Beth Emeth's second vice president, has previously chaired the finance committee, and has been active in membership, endowment, and education committees, children's high holy day programming, and Beth Emeth's second night Seder. Melissa, her husband Ron, and children Sasha (15), a 2022 confirmand, and Sam (14), live in Slingerlands. Transplants from New York's southern tier and central New Jersey, they have been members of Beth Emeth for almost two decades. Melissa is honored to co-chair the Rabbinic Transition committee and welcome Rabbi Weitzman to Beth Emeth.



BRET KAUFFMAN and his wife Madeline, have been members of CBE for almost 30 years. Their two adult children, Andrew and Michelle, are lifetime members. Bret served as Brotherhood treasurer and then president, served on the CBE board, chaired the IT committee, and co-chaired "Next D'Or", the most recent effort at identifying needs and desires of the membership of CBE. Bret was instrumental in bringing live streaming to CBE (which we have now been doing every week for ten years.) He is honored to be on this committee and committed to helping CBE continue to grow and evolve.



JEFFREY KELLERT is a lifelong member of Congregation Beth Emeth and has celebrated multigenerational life events at the temple. He is a member of Brotherhood, on the Chef's Crew, and has participated in several Garage Sales. He looks forward to participating in the next step of welcoming Rabbi Weitzman and his family to Beth Emeth



HEATHER STEIN KRUSE is a lifelong member of Congregation Beth Emeth and her young daughters, Gabriella and Emma, are the seventh generation of the family to be CBE members. Rabbi Shpeen has celebrated and presided over many important family milestones throughout the years. Heather wishes Rabbi Shpeen the very best on the years to come, simultaneously, welcoming Rabbi Weitzman with enthusiasm to lead the congregation for the next generation. Heather and her husband, Corey, and their daughters reside in Latham. She is co-owner, with her twin sister, of Clearly Yours Gifts, a personalized gift store located in Newton Plaza. When she is not working or taking care of her young family, she and her family enjoy skiing in Vermont. Heather is honored to have been included in the Rabbinic Transition Committee and to welcome Rabbi Weitzman to CBE and the Capital Region.



ROBYN MARINSTEIN is a third generation member of CBE and is currently serving as first vice president of the congregation. She has been active in the religious school, CBEYG, Membership Committee, is past president of Sisterhood and was co-chair of the Rabbinic Search Committee. Robyn, and her husband Ed's children, David and Jessica grew up at CBE. Robyn is often heard to say the "temple is my second home" and she is honored to be a part of the Rabbinic Transition Committee.



DAVID W. MEYERS is the managing partner of the law firm of Meyers & Meyers, LLP. David is also in-house counsel to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany, New York. A lifelong member of Congregation Beth Emeth, David's family includes his wife Allison, and his four sons, William (13), Isaac (11), Elliott (9) and Avi (5).



ANDY SAFRANKO is an attorney based in Albany and is part of a multigenerational Beth Emeth family. Andy is the immediate Past-President of Congregation Beth Emeth. Andy continues to be active in the congregation and serves on the Development and Endowment Committees. Andy, his wife Julie, and children Alexis (16) and Chad (13) have celebrated many significant life cycle events at the temple. "I am honored to serve on the Rabbinic Transition Committee and help ensure a smooth process. The transition needs to allow time to both honor and pay tribute to the career of Rabbi Shpeen, but also to allow Rabbi Weitzman the flexibility and availability to pave the way as the next senior Rabbi of Congregation Beth Emeth. I am very excited for the future and look forward to welcoming Rabbi Weitzman and his family to Albany to be part of our congregational family."



JUDITH SAIDEI is Associate Professor Emerita and former Director, Center for Women in Government & Civil Society, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, University at Albany. She served on the CBE Board of Trustees from 2008 to 2014 and chaired the Ritual Committee from 2010 to 2014. She helped to guide CBE Leadership Development groups and was a volunteer governance consultant to several CBE Board presidents.



DEBBIE SOKOLER is a "first" generation Beth Emeth congregant who has been the Programming Director of Beth Emeth for the past 22 years. She is excited to be part of this important and exciting time at Beth Emeth. She has 3 children who all grew up at Beth Emeth and is married to Rick Sokoler.