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## We are thankful we have a Jewish Community Our hearts are with Israel.

Auuuu Learning Join together to learn and share about Israel

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**Shabba** A Spirited and Musical Shabbat Service featuring our own Grade 6 students November 3



Each Issue of The Bulletin is a chance to honor someone you love(d). It is a wonderful way to show how thankful you are to have a child, parent, grandparent or friend in you life. Please reach out to Kathy for information.

## A Message From Our Student Rabbi Thankfulness

*Chodesh Tov* (a good month) Beth Emeth Community Members. I am so thankful to have an opportunity to spend this year continuing to learn how best to serve as your congregational rabbi. Learning from the amazing clergy team of Rabbi Greg Weitzman and Cantor Emily Short is truly a blessing. Already in my short time visiting Albany on the weekends, I have seen firsthand the great kindness that both of them possess. It will be a tremendous gift to work with them and learn from them over the coming year.

The theme for this month is thankfulness, or gratitude. One thing that I am certainly grateful for, is my experience working at a regional Jewish Summer Camp in southeast Indiana. My time at Camp Livingston during summers, taught me about the enduring value of Jewish community. The memories that I have, which were created with people that I love, are all sealed within the ground in a place that our greater camp community holds sacred.

At camp, everyday begins with a flagpole ritual, where the leaders of the camp gather to begin the day. The start of each day at our camp began with singing the



## 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 x221 or DCohen@BethEmethAlbany.org so we can update your records. words "*Modeh Ani*" "מודה אני" or in English "I Am Thankful."

Singing these words in the morning when feeling the joy of basking under a beautiful morning sun, and continuing to sing along even when I may have felt less joy in my heart that morning. Reflecting back on those memories around the flagpole, I am thankful that I made a choice to sing along.

During the sermon that I gave at the beginning of Sukkot, I spoke about my background as a Reform and American Jew. Because I have now been studying Jewish history, philosophy, and religion academically for the last eight years, I have been reflecting on my own unique connection with Beth Emeth and the early reform movement in America. I am thankful to have learned from my visits to Beth Emeth so far that this community is a community that is still at the leading edge of Reform Judaism in the United States. The historical leadership of Beth Emeth has helped Albany to continue building a way forward for Reform Jews all around the world. By being an open and accepting place, this congregation has learned to connect in modern and meaningful ways with our shared Jewish tradition.

As a community that values the use of technology, I am very thankful that my family in Cincinnati was able to watch our High Holy Day services online. These technological improvements to the way congregants can connect within the a sacred community, is only one of the many ways that Beth Emeth is poised to continue leading the way forward for American Reform Judaism, and I am thankful for the opportunity to be a part of a clergy team that is leading the way.

> Spencer Mandell Rabbinic Student



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Thank you to Billy Golderman for attending and photographing all things Beth Emeth

## Kathy's Corner

### Gratitude

I am thankful all year long, but during Thanksgiving, I like to express my gratitude. When things are bleak it is helpful to have a gratitude list. I encourage all of you to make your own.

## As bad as things are, recognizing your blessings helps.

#### Things that I am thankful for:

- I am a member of the Beth Emeth family!
- I live in a community where people come together, and I do not feel alone.
- I am part of the wonderful team of many (staff) at Beth Emeth who truly care and work together to make a positive difference in congregants' lives every single day.
- Our Albany City Police, Albany County Sherriff's Department, NYS Police and FBI are there when we need them.
- I cherish and appreciate moments and kindness.
- Beth Emeth provides something for everyone we work hard to ensure that everyone feels welcome and accepted
- My parents taught me to live justly and kindly.
- I have always worked with kind, compassionate and caring clergy.
- Our CBE Board of Trustees and its Executive Committee work tirelessly as volunteers to lead our congregation.
- I have empathetic friends that are here for me when I need them.
- My husband, Billy, and my entire family support me unconditionally.

Although these are difficult and traumatic times, I remain optimistic and have hope for the future.

Am Yisrael Chai, Kathy Golderman, Executive Director

## **Worship Services**

Friday Evening, November 3 5:30 pm Ruach Shabbat Service Featuring Grade 6 Shabbat Vayeira

Saturday Morning, November 49:30 amTorah Study with<br/>Student Rabbi Spencer Mandell

Friday Evening, November 10 5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service Shabbat Chayei Sarah

Saturday Morning, November 11

- 9:30 am Torah Study with Susan Kushner
- Friday Evening, November 17

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service Shabbat Tol'dot

**Saturday Morning, November 18** 9:30 am Torah Study with

Student Rabbi Spencer Mandell

10:45 am Bat Mitzvah of Bella Grundman

Friday Evening, November 24 5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service Shabbat Vayeitzei

Saturday Morning, November 25

9:30 am Torah Study with Susan Kushner

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

#### Save the Date

Ashley and Rabbi Weitzman and family, along with Frankie and Cantor Short will be in Florida the week of February 3 - 10. They very much look forward to meeting with Beth Emeth family and friends on both coasts. More information to follow.





## **Our Temple Family**

It is our practice to acknowledge congregants on special birthdays (starting at age 35) and anniversaries (beginning with the 10th) in multiples of five years.

#### **November Special Birthdays**

Leonardo Ajdelsztajn James Campbell Shye Evan Amir Evan Jean Freedman Joan Goldstein Cynthia Greenstein Stephen Hillinger Brett Knowles Diane Lerner Jeffrey Mirel Monica Oberting Janna Ross Robert Sax Dale Schechter Blanche Schiller Ronald Silverman Wendy Sossner

#### **November Special Anniversaries**

Heather and Corey Kruse ~ 10 years Cindy Chan and Andy Alpart ~ 25 years Judy and Bill Kahn ~ 30 years Robin and Ted Sobol ~ 40 years Cathy and Erik Cooley ~ 45 years Judith and Peter Saidel ~ 60 years

#### In Memoriam

## Beth Emeth recognizes with profound sorrow the death of our member:

#### **Phyllis Silverman**

Wife of the late Rabbi Martin I. Silverman Mother of Sara Silverman (Audrey Valenciano), Amy (Paul) Cohen, and Ethan (Erica) Silverman



#### Welcome New Members

#### Jennifer and Andrew Arbeit

and their children, Harrison and Madeleine Jay Bernstein Kristin and Andrew Blick and their daughters Amelia and Madelyn Ariel and David Fallon and their sons Connor and Max Marla and David Giwerc Amanda and Kyle LeRoy and their children Mia and Max Trisha and Alan Lewis and their son, Luke Lisa and Seth Newman and their children Zachary, Eve and Justin Ainsley Mannino-Piskin and Brandon Piskin Janna and David Ross and their children Leni and Jude Molly and Michael Rothschild

and their children Aaron and Natalie

#### Mazel Tov to...

**Lisa and Jonathan Pierce** on the wedding of their son Daniel Pierce to Kaila Weber. Kaila is the daughter of Seth and Karen Weber. The couple reside in Manhattan.



Thank you to our Community Leaders for coming to speak at the Rally for Israel. Pictured from left - right: Professor Stephen Berk, William J. Hochul, Jr., Hank Greenberg, Congressman Paul Tonko, Governor Kathy Hochul, Rabbi Greg D. Weitzman, Cantor Emily H. Short, Jeff Handelman and Rob Kovach

#### Interested in going to Berlin with Rabbi Weitzman in May?

Join Rabbi, Sunday, November 19 at 11:00 am in the Larner Library to learn about the trip, ask questions and enjoy some bagels.

## A Message from Our President



Have you ever read a children's book that becomes a personal timeless treasure? Many years ago I received a gift - a book titled *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein. It is a story that follows the life-long relationship between a boy and a tree. The illustrations are simple, yet crafted to elicit emotions and the words are chosen with intention, clarity and fullness. *The Giving Tree* is one of my favorite poems and it became my go-to read aloud throughout my tenure as an elementary school teacher.

You might be wondering why I chose this beloved classic to speak about on Rosh Hashanah. Well, one reason is because the tree in the poem is an apple tree and apples are symbolic fruits of Rosh Hashanah

Throughout the story, the tree is strong and steady, while giving of herself to the boy, whatever he wants so he can follow his personal path and direction. The tree takes joy and is happy when the boy gets what he wants, thus reinforcing their unique relationship as well as their commitment and connection to one another. *The Giving Tree* is a reminder of the dynamics and complexity of community and the give and take when making connections and nurturing friendships.

Congregation Beth Emeth is strong and steady- similar to the tree. The steadiness comes from the guidance and leadership of the branches within the Beth Emeth community - our amazing clergy, dedicated professional and administrative staff, committed lay leaders and wonderful members, like you. As a tree, Beth Emeth serves each of us, and is at the center of providing opportunities consistent with Reform Judaism in areas such as learning, social action, ritual, cultural and social.

## When I think about the act of doing mitzvot, a commandment or good deed, the words "and the tree was happy" from The Giving Tree come to mind.

The tree was happy when she gave things to the boy, it was an act of kindness. I invite you to find your happiness by doing a mitzvah- perhaps participate in Mini Mitzvah Day or volunteer at the Soup Kitchen?

We welcomed Andrea McNellis, as Director of Program Operations and Debbie Cohen, as Administrative Assistant to Executive Director - and we congratulated Debbie Schaffer on her promotion to Director of Communications. Thank you all for being steady limbs and bright leaves on the Beth Emeth tree - you truly make a difference. And just last week, Student Rabbi Spencer Mandell began his experience at Congregation Beth Emeth. Spencer, we are delighted to be a part of your rabbinic journey and story!

I hope you feel proud to belong to a caring and giving congregation with Reform Jewish values that offers a multitude of opportunities for you to be involved in. And remember the giving trees, the branches of our congregation and the connections and friendships you have formed. Together, with compassion and patience, we will continue to be strong and steady and pass this special gift on from generation to generation.

Robyn Marinstein, CBE President



## **Kids** L'Taken

#### Is your teen ready to change the world? It's time to get to work! Register them for Congregation Beth Emeth's teen

Register them for Congregation Beth Emeth's teen congregational trip to Washington, D.C., to attend *The Religious Action Center of Reform* 

#### Judaism L'Taken Social Justice Seminar.

They'll have the opportunity to delve deep into current social justice topics, visit museums on the National Mall, such as the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, and even lobby decision-makers on Capitol Hill, all within a Jewish framework. Plus, it's tons of fun!

Join Cantor Short and Student Rabbi Spencer Mandell on this amazing trip of a lifetime from January 26 - 29, 2024. Email Cantor Short for registration details at CantorShort@BethEmethAlbany.org.





Thank you to the Harwood family and New York Apple Sales, Inc. for the apples for Rosh Hashanah, Family Fun Celebration and CBEYG Apple Overnight!

## B'nai Mitzvah

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



#### Bella Grundman,

daughter of Sarah and Rob, will become a bat mitzvah on Saturday, November 18. Bella has many interests and hobbies, including Girl Scouts, Softball, Drama Club and acting lessons, a Junior Honor Society member, and Select Chorus. She also loves to read.

Bella has been volunteering her time as a Madrichim Teen Aide in the Discovery Room/Parenting Center. For her b'nai mitzvah project she is making bracelets and donating all profits as *tzedakah* to the Jewish National Fund, in light of the recent events in Israel.



## **CBEYG** Happy November!

As the weather starts to get colder, Beth Emeth's youth group, CBEYG, will continue to meet on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:00 pm in Wolk Hall. We have many fun events coming up including our **Annual Apple Overnight from November 4 -5**. Join us in baking apple pies to sell to the congregation the following morning, fun programs led by our Board Members, and a sleepover at the temple! You can also order your pies online. Just as a reminder- there will be no CBEYG meeting on November 22 due to Thanksgiving break. New members are always welcome, and we hope to see some more new faces!

Sasha Greenberg, CBEYG Executive VP

## A Message From Life Long Learning 50 Year Anniversary of Yom Kippur War In last month's article, I wrote about one of my heroes

In last month's article, I wrote about one of my heroes and Woman of Valor, Golda Meir. I had been told that on her fundraising tour of the United States in the late 1940's she made a stop in Albany. However, I was not able to find any historical record of such a visit.

In response to the article, I received a phone message from our own senior past president, Marvin Freedman, who not only knew about the Golda meeting, but was there!

Marvin shared some background of the meeting and details. Post 1948's establishment of the State of Israel, there was a dire need for financial backing to the country as well as weaponry for protection against neighboring threats. The United Jewish Appeal was created, under the leadership of a Reform rabbi from Denver, Rabbi Herbert Friedman, to raise money to purchase guns which were sent to the new state out of the quiet port of New Orleans. At the time, there was a special Cabinet of 17 prominent businessmen from around the country who spearheaded these efforts.

One of these 17 men, was Morris W. Berinstein from Syracuse. Morris was married to a woman from Troy, Elsie Symansky. In order to be closer to Elsie's family, Morris and Elsie moved to the Albany area in the early 1950's and are listed within the Congregation Beth Emeth membership records.

While living in Albany, Morris remained heavily active in the United Jewish Appeal efforts during which time, Marvin Freedman was a member of the National Cabinet of the UJA. As threats of war were increasing in Israel, a Golda fundraising tour of the United States, specifically to the cities of the 17 core members from the inception of the UJA was planned. This tour now

Adult Learning

Lunch & Learn Wednesdays at noon

You bring your lunch, we'll provide the dessert and coffee, and we'll share time learning together. November 8 and 29

Evening Learning Wednesdays at 7:00 pm November 1 and 15

included Albany, thanks to Morris Berinstein's move to our city's New Scotland Avenue. Plans were made for the Golda visit and unfortunately, the trip needed to be canceled due to some urgency in Israel. Instead, a teleconference was arranged for all the 17 cities with Golda.

According to Marvin, as the call began there was a roll call city by city. Golda asked, "Chicago are you here?" Yes. "Miami"...and so on, except Albany was personalized. "Albany, are you there, and is my good friend Morris there?" Morris responded and Golda proceeded to ask for his wife Elsie by name followed by a brief conversation.

SO, Golda Meir, never made it to Albany in person, but certainly had some Albany connections and was here in spirit! Our very own Marvin Freedman, in his ongoing affiliation with UJA-Federation, was able to be present for about 6 or 7 Golda presentations in New York City at UJA biennial conventions.

As Thanksgiving is approaching, I would like to express appreciation for the rich heritage of our Congregation Beth Emeth and for the important memories our members share.

With Love, Rabbi Shara Siegfeld Director of Life Long Learning



Marvin Freedman seated on left with fellow Past Presidents before their procession on Yom Kippur.

## The overall topic for the year is *Israel at 75.*

With the current situation changing moment by moment, our specific topics will remain timely and relevant each week. Please join us so we, as a community, have a place to share and be together.

## November Calendar

#### Wednesday, November 1

7:00 pm Evening Adult Learning - Israel at 75

#### Thursday, November 2

6:00 pm Board and Brush with Sisterhood 6:30 pm Brotherhood Card Night - offsite

#### Friday, November 3

5:30 pm Ruach Shabbat - featuring Grade 6 6:30 pm Ruach Shabbat Dinner

#### Saturday, November 4

9:30 am	Torah Study
	with Student Rabbi Spencer Mandell
10:45 am	Grades 6 - 7 Shabbat Service and
	D'var Torah Workshop
6:00 pm	CBEYG Apple Overnight

#### Sunday, November 5

9:30 am	CBEYG Apple Pie Sale
9:30 am	ARBA! for Fours
9:45 am	Grade 8 - 9 (TLC)
11:00 am	Soup Kitchen

#### Monday, November 6

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

#### Wednesday, November 8

12:00 pm Lunch & Learn - Israel at 75 7:00 pm Brotherhood Meeting

#### Thursday, November 9

9:00 am Mah Jongg Tournament5:30 pm Brotherhood Happy Hour - Real McCoy

#### Friday, November 10

Office (	Closed	l for	Veterans	Day
5:30	pm	Erev	Shabbat S	Service

Saturday, November 11

9:30 am Torah Study with Susan Kushner

#### Sunday, November 12

No Religious School - Veterans Day Weekend

#### Monday, November 13

7:00 pm Volunteer Choir Rehearsal

#### Tuesday, November 14

6:00 pm Sisterhood Dinner at Athos

#### Youth Programing Religious School Schedule

Unless otherwise noted, is as follows: **Sundays:** 

9:30 am - noon - Kindergarten - Grade 6 (Sunday Discoveries, formerly known as The Parenting Center, is open during Religious School hours)

#### Wednesdays:

4:30 - 6:00 pm - Grades 3 - 7 5:30 - 7:00 pm - CBEYG (for High Schoolers)

ARBA! for Fours, Teen Leadership Club (TLC) for Grade 8/9 and Confirmation for Grade 10 - as listed

#### Wednesday, November 15

7:00 pm Evening Adult Learning - Israel at 75

#### Friday, November 17

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

#### Saturday, November 18

9:30 am	Torah Study with Student Rabbi
	Spencer Mandell

10:45 am Bat Mitzvah of Bella Grundman

#### Sunday, November 19

9:30 am	Sisterhood Chanukah Bazaar	

- 9:30 am ARBA! for Fours
- 11:00 am Bagels & Berlin (info about trip)

#### Monday, November 20

7:00 pm Volunteer Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 22

#### No Religious School Office Closes at 1:00 pm for Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 23

#### Office Closed for Thanksgiving

#### Friday, November 24

#### Office Closed

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

#### Saturday, November 25

9:30 am Torah Study with Susan Kushner

#### Sunday, November 26

No Religious School

#### 10:30 am Turkey Bowl Touch Football

#### Monday, November 27

7:00 pm Volunteer Choir Rehearsal

#### Wednesday, November 29

8:30 am Finance Committee Meeting noon Lunch & Learn - Israel at 75

## **Sisterhood** Chanukkah Bazaar

Need candles? Need a new dreidel? Need socks? Bring your gelt to buy some gelt to Sisterhood's 2023/5784 Chanukah Bazaar! Chanukah begins on December 6 this year.

#### Stop by in-person beginning November 19 or order online, using the order form on the website beginning November 1.

Please note that ordering online only gives you access to some of the more popular items such as: candles, decorations, dreidels, gelt, etc. There are limited quantities and all will be sold on a first come, first served basis. There will be a special sale on some of the inperson items, so we encourage you to visit the Bazaar.

Online orders can be picked up during times when the Bazaar is open or by appointment. If you have any questions, please contact Kasy Hoffman at 646.429.2510 or KasyHoffman@gmail.com.

#### **In-Person Hours:**

- Sunday, November 19 from 9:30 am noon
- Wednesday, November 29 from 4:30 pm- 6:00 pm
- Sunday, December 3 from 9:30 am noon
- Wednesday, December 6 from 4:30 pm 6:00 pm



## Sisterhood Hike

November 4 meet at 1:00 pm Mohawk-Hudson Trail

Join us at Schenectady Community College Circle, near Washington Ave/ Stockade. RSVP to Jacki at CBESisterEvents@gmail.com so we can look out for all walkers and update in case of weather changes.



## Sisterhood Dinners Out

Bi-monthly, Sisterhood organizes either a dinner or a brunch out at a different restuarant. The group gets separate checks, so just pay for what you eat. Join us!



Tuesday, November 14 at 6:00 pm register online



### Mah Jongg

#### **Sponsored by CBE Sisterhood**

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

**RSVP:** By Friday, November 3 register online or mail in a check to temple office (include name, phone and email and if you will bring a set)

 Choose From:
✓ Tournament Play - \$25 Inclusive Fee With timed games and cash prizes.
✓ Relaxed Play - \$10 Inclusive Fee Mixed level players.

## Thank you! Yom Kippur Appeal Donors

The Yom Kippur Appeal directly helps Congregation Beth Emeth and allows us to fund programs that normally we would not be able to put into place. It is never too late to still donate. Every contribution, whether \$10 or \$10,000, is important; your help is greatly appreciated and needed.

Cindy Chan & Andy Alpart Paula Alpart Susan & Gerald Benjamin Francine Berg **Ron Berinstein** Celia Berk Phyllis Berk Roberta & Ned Berkowitz Susan & Joe Bierman Laurie Stein & Michael Bigley Nancy & Dwight Boone Ruth & Rob Brass Danielle & David Brown Cheryl & Scott Burack Marjie & Mark Burgasser Diane & Jonathan Burman Aimei & Murray Caplan Lita & Theo Carbone Marcia & Jerry Chaifetz Cathy & Erik Cooley Joan Danziger **Ioanne Davidoff** Beth & Barry Davis Susan & Brian Debronsky Margie & Rob Dorkin Jan & Lois Dorman Sheril & Rob Dropkin Jackie & Wisley Dupiche Sherry & Steve Einhorn Lois Etkin The Farber family Leslie & Barry Feinman **Richard Feldman** Joy Davidoff & Jim Finale Anita Fitzpatrick Barbara Freed Linda & Terry Freedland Sherry & Marvin Freedman Joan & Harvey Friedman

> Thank you David Siegfeld for the OUTSTANDING Blowing of the Shofar !

Pat & Bob Friedman Ron Gerrol Ashley & Adam Geyer Karen & Mark Glaser Libby Godfried Alan Goldberg Kathy & Billy Golderman Carol & Harold Goldman Shirley & Herb Gordon Carol & David Grand Marion Greenberg Cindy & Neal Greenstein Miriam Grode Lynda & Bruce Grossman Diane & Steve Harrison Gloria Herkowitz Phyllis & Stephen Hillinger Marge & Barry Hollander Barry Isenberg Sandi & David Karlin Susan & Art Katz Bob Piechota & leffrey Kellert Diane & Bernie Kern Natasha Khaitov Cathy & Saul Kimmel Margie & Larry Kirsch Cheryl Gelder-Kogan & Barry Kogan **Iudith Koretz** Amanda Melino & Jason Laurenzo Marsha & Mike Levin Jane & Mark Levine Family of Robert C. Lieberman Randi & Michael Lipnick Jodi Lippman Vivian & Steve Lobel Sherry Gold & Wendell Lorang Nancy & Steve Lozman Eileen & Greg Lurie Mel & Mike Lurie Robyn & Ed Marinstein Anne & Michael Marmulstein Rebecca & Lorin Meskin Ally & David Meyers Jo Anne Milhausen Sigrid & Raymond Naar Abby & Mark Nash Caryl Newhof Steve Ostroff Lauri Rosmarin-Plattner & **Rob** Plattner Sharon & Jeff Radden Linda Rosenblatt Rapaport

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## **Tikkun Olam** Social Action

#### Donate a Cold Weather Accessory

If you're looking to spread some December holiday cheer, add a new and warm hat, gloves, mittens, scarf or thermal socks to the collection box in the lobby. They will be distributed on December 24 to our guests at the Soup Kitchen. Nothing feeds the soul more than watching a child choose a gift for the special adult in their lives, or seeing the gratitude and pride upon receiving a brand new cold weather accessory to keep warm. Contact Jackie Dupiche for more information, JKag68@yahoo.com.

#### **Period Pantries**

Many people with economic challenges do not have access to menstrual health products, which are not covered by any public benefit assistance. To promote menstrual health equity, we are supporting *ManyCanWear*, a not-for-profit organization created by our own Bella Bernstein, by placing a colorful collection box in the lobby. All hygiene products you donate will stock the "Period Pantries," located in our most underserved neighborhoods. Contact Judy Kahn for more information, JudyGKahn@gmail.com.

#### Let's Talk Turkey!

The Social Action Committee will be sponsoring a Turkey give-away

at the soup kitchen. On Sunday, November 12, we be giving away frozen turkeys at the soup kitchen in addition to the regular Soup Kitchen meals. Folks who usually don't have the means to cook a traditional Thanksgiving meal will be blessed this year and surely grateful to their friends at Beth Emeth. If you have any questions or would like to help pick up and distribute the turkeys on November 12, please contact Jackie

Dupiche at JKag68@yahoo.com.

#### Mitzvah Menorah

The Friday after Thanksgiving we will be putting up our Mitzvah Menorah again. Please stop by and choose a gift

request "candle" from our Menorah. These gifts will benefit local families that might not otherwise be able to afford something special or new on their holidays. Gifts must be purchased and returned by December 15. Special thank you to Liz Albright for spearheading this fun and meaningful fundraiser. She can be contacted at ENussba4@mail.naz.edu



## **Brotherhood** November the month for giving thanks!

I would like to take this opportunity to give thanks. I want to thank those that have helped Brotherhood in our tasks - ushering for Yom Kippur, serving food for the Religious School, our congregational Shabbat dinners, setting up the Sukkah, delivering candles, and the other tasks that we do that are not visible, but help Congregation Beth Emeth in our day to day and special events. This of course extends to Steve, Billy, and the folks in the office - Debbie S, Teresa, Debbie C, Rebecca, Manya, and especially Kathy!

I also need to thank Brotherhood members and their spouses that do yeoman's work in the kitchen, following the lead and guidance of our wonderful head chef, Rob Dorkin!

I have been excited to see some new faces at our meetings and helping out at our events.

We will be having our next Brotherhood meeting midweek, so that those that are not able to attend a Sunday morning meeting can join us. It will be on November 8 at 7:00 pm, at Beth Emeth. Please come and join us if you can or reach out to me

Please come and join us if you can, or reach out to me if you want the Zoom call info.

We hope you can join us at our **Annual Sisterhood/ Brotherhood Brunch** on December 3, where we will be enjoying A Musical Journey Through the 1970's through the songs of several Jewish songwriters, such as Paul Simon, Carole King, Carly Simon, and Randy Newman.

> Thanks, Jay Hurewitz, JayHurewitz@hotmail.com President CBE Brotherhood



## Donations

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



**Clergy Funds** A Complete List of Donations to all Clergy Funds made since September 5 will be included in the December issue of The Bulletin.

**The Shenker Campbell Clergy Development Fund** Joyce Shenker

### Helping our Synagogue



**The Beautification Fund** The Tepper family

**The Ellen Herkowiz** Judaic Art Fund Lois and Judd Suresky in memory of Elaine Burrick

**The General Fund** Sorelle Brauth in honor of the new position for Debbie Schaffer as Communications Director

Sharon and Marvin Freedman in memory of Bruce Frank

Sharon and Marvin Freedman in honor of the 60th anniversary of Joan and Harvey Freedman



Thomas Jonathan Goetz

Carol and David Grand in memory of Michael Bach

Marianne Kelly in memory of Maxine and Walter Silver

Josie Kivort in honor of the anniversary of Jocelyn and Robert Kivort

Louise and Lawrence Marwill in memory of Helene Goldblatt

Louise and Lawrence Marwill in memory of Maxine Silver

Lally and Michael Steckman in honor of spending time with Emma during the holidays

Benita Zahn and Bob Stulmaker in appreciation of Kathy Golderman

The General Fund in memory of Elaine Burrick Jennifer DelRio Lynne and Richard Fletcher Risa and Jack Paskoff Suzanne and Chuck Rosenblum Maureen Sabatella

**The Prayer Book Fund** Rona and Michael Wilker and Wendy Barton in memory of Elaine Burrick

**The Sisterhood General Fund** Cathy and Erik Cooley in memory of Marvin Hendler

Fran and Dave Dembling in memory of Elaine Burrick

Nancy and Jeffrey Lozman in memory of Elaine Burrick



**The Lurie Wander Sukkot Fund** Eileen and Gregory Lurie in honor of the high school graduation of Alexis Safranko

Toby and Fred Wander in memory of Marvin Hendler

Toby and Fred Wander in memory of Stanley Rosen

Toby and Fred Wander in memory of Helene Haven

#### Helping our World



The David Goodman Reyut/ Caring Community Fund Reeva Nowitz in memory of Elaine Burrick

**Social Action Tzedakah Fund** Janet Sternbach in memory of Elaine Burrick

Sue and Paul Lipman in honor of the marriage of Andrea Pressman to Claudia

Caryl Newhof in memory of Mayme Newhof Peck

### Helping Our Children



The Brotherhood Cerf Levy Fund in memory of Phyllis Levy, wife of Joel Levy Laurie Stein and Michael Bigley Inga Tomson

CBE & Me (The Parenting Center Fund) Robin and Ted Sobol

### The David Iselin Memorial CBEYG Fund

Ceil and Richard Friedenthal in memory of Paula Hecker, sister of Stuart Rosenberg

Amy and Michael Hoffman in memory of Elaine Burrick

#### The Larner Family

**Tree of Life Fund** Helena and Neil Davidoff in memory of Michelle Ginsberg

Ceil and Richard Friedenthal in honor of the 60th anniversary of Sara Lee and Barry Larner Amy and Michael Hoffman in memory of Scott Ginsburg

#### The Sisterhood YES Fund

CBE Sisterhood in honor of the special birthday of Joan Goldstein Gloria Herkowitz Elaine Krouner Betty Shapiro Marion Strasser Eleanor Taub

#### The Youth Scholarship Fund

Jack Etter in appreciation of the warm welcome and supportive staff of Beth Emeth



## **Beautification**

This fund enhances our temple building with bimah flowers and other visual enhancements. The donations listed here were received by October 10. Donations made afterwards, will be listed in the December Bulletin.



Shabbat of September 22 - 23 Nancy and Dwight Boone

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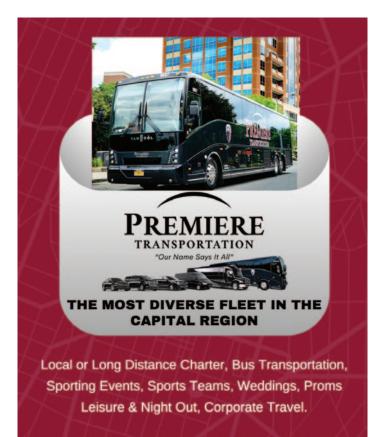
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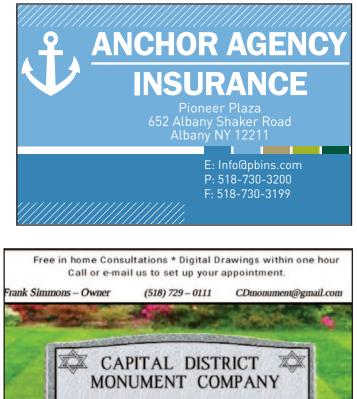
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