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BMH-BJ is the largest traditional and orthodox synagogue in Denver, Colorado. We are the second oldest congregation in the area and just a few years younger than the city of Denver itself. BMH was founded in 1897, BJ was founded in 1922, and the two merged in 1996.

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Join us for an evening of prayer, dairy delights, and Torah study. We offer a special welcome to our guests from Moishe House.

### Tikun Leil Shavuot | Tuesday Evening | May 30, 2017

7:15 pm Rabbi Chaitovsky | "I Was Up All Night, Drinking Coffee and Eating Cheesecake! The Origins of Two Popular Customs"

8 pm Candle Lighting and Mincha/Maariv

**9 pm** Kiddush and light dairy fare (\$10/person, RSVP at bmh-bj.org/shavuot)

### 9:30-11 pm | JED Talks ("Jewish" TED-style talks of 10-15 min each)

Romi Bean | "Standing on Top of the World: How Climbing Mount Kilimanjaro Impacted Me"
Brian Friedman | "Appreciating Israel in the Face of Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions"
Sue Parker Gerson | "They Hated Us First: Why Anti-Semitism is Trending and What We Can
Do About It"

Rabbi Mark Gitler | "Feeding the Hungry, One Wedding at a Time" Michael Joshua | "Forging an Independent, Personal Path"

11:15 pm Rabbi Marc Gitler | "Shema Yisrael: Jewish Law and the Hearing Impaired"

12:30 pm The community is invited to learn with the DAT Minyan (6825 E Alameda Ave) for an all-night Tikun

**5:20 am** Sunrise services at DAT Minyan

**9 am** Shavuot services at BMH-BJ in Shaarei Simcha Chapel

### Second Day Shavuot | May 31, 2017

8:20 pm Mincha/Maariv9:03 pm Candle Lighting

### Second Day Shavuot | June 1, 2017

9 am Shacharit Sanctuary 3:30-5:30 pm | Ice Cream Social (all ages)

9:15 am Shacharit Shaarei Simcha Chapel 8:20 pm Mincha/Maariv

10:30 am (approximate) \*\* Yizkor\*\* 9:04 pm Havdalah

# On My Mind ...

### FROM THE DESK OF RABBI CHAITOVSKY

Sunday, May 7, 2017 — The weather was perfect. I joined more than 2,500 people from across Denver who had turned out for the annual Walk for Israel to publicly demonstrate our support for the Jewish State. Jews of all backgrounds and affiliations were there. Non-Jews who love Israel were there. Eran Doron, the mayor of our Israeli sister city, Ramat Hanegev, was there. The Walk for Israel was hosted by the JCC and JEWISHcolorado and chaired by BMH-BJ members Ronit Williamson, Cindy Noam, and Dana Friedman,

among others. It was a great day filled with good food, good music, and a real sense of community and solidarity.

Marring this otherwise wonderful landscape, however, was a profoundly confusing and disturbing sight.

A small group of people had stationed themselves on the sidewalk at the start of the walk. You could not help but pass them. You could not avoid noticing that they were waving a Palestinian flag. No big deal, I thought. After all, Palestinian protesters gathering at a Walk for Israel is not that unusual. But then you noticed something else. They were not Palestinian protesters. They were Jews!

They were representatives of Jewish Voice for Peace, an organization which, according to their website, "opposes anti-Jewish, anti-Muslim, and anti-Arab bigotry and oppression, and seeks security and self-determination for Israelis and Palestinians, an end to violence against civilians, and peace and justice for all peoples of the Middle East." All very noble ideas.

But when their website goes on to mention a just solution for Palestinian refugees – but not Israelis living under the constant threat of annihilation – they reveal a less than noble bias. When they post a video, "Israel/Palestine 101," about the origins of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict that claims to be historically accurate but is hardly so, they reveal a less than noble bias. When they ally themselves with and actively support the BDS (Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions) movement, they reveal a less than noble bias.

And when they, as Jews, can think of nothing better to do but to wave the Palestinian flag for all to see, on a day dedicated to solidarity with Israel, they reveal a less than noble – and truly disturbing – bias.

I am not an uncritical lover of Israel. Israel is far from perfect, and I have raised troubling questions in my sermons when appropriate. But no one thinks I do not love Israel. But if the total overall impression you promote is that Israel can do nothing right and that Israel is just the bully on the playground, when you are part of an organization that wishes to make Israel's very presence a major issue and a stumbling block to any progress, then you are nothing more than an unloving critic of Israel. We do not need those, in my opinion.

As many of us know, the summer is marked by a three-week period that begins with the Fast of the 17th of Tammuz and ends with the Fast of the 9th of Av (Tisha b'Av). During this time, we recall that both of our Temples in Jerusalem were destroyed. During this time, we recall that we were exiled from our homeland. Our tradition tells us that factionalism and strident, unloving behavior were the root causes of these unfortunate events.

We can do better.

Rabbi Yaakov Chaitovsky

# To ignore or restore – that is the question!

### FROM THE DESK OF CANTOR LICHTERMAN

Our congregation is blessed with 17 *Sifrei Torah*, the newest of which was endowed some 12 years ago. To maintain their condition and treat each with *kavod* (honor), we regularly rotate their use to ensure that "no Torah is left behind!"

Since a Torah is handwritten on parchment, like any living organism, it ages and may deteriorate over time making it *pasul* (unfit for use). It requires rectification before returning to "active duty." Even a small issue may require attention in order to make that Torah "whole" again! Sometimes, economics determine the future of a Torah, and, often because of this, it is left unused for years, thus hastening its deterioration and ultimate demise.



However, a *pasul* Torah has been "resuscitated" by one of my *bar mitzvah* students, Benjamin Parris, who, encouraged by myself and his family, resolved to undertake as his mitzvah project, its "sympathetic restoration." Benjamin was touched by its story and felt motivated to "bring this Torah back to life," since it is an *Eitz Chaim*, a "tree of life!"

This Torah is 100 years old or more. It was dedicated by a father - Yitzchak Shaul ben Avraham David in memory of his children Mordechai and Tsivia, who passed away in 1900 and 1905, respectively, at a young age. (An inscription is attached to the Torah rollers.) The Parris family believed that since we know little else about the family, we should make every effort to sustain their collective memories by, if possible, continuing to use this Torah. After considerable research, I was able to connect with Sofer (scribe) Rabbi Tuvia Negreann, a Denver native, who had recently resettled here. Local woodcrafter Lester Stern restored the wooden rollers, rather than replacing them, since "sympathetic authenticity" was our goal.

After a few months of daily attention, the Torah was, as needed, re-inked, repaired, restitched, rejuvenated, and reattached to its original rollers. Putting all this together, against a tight deadline, required considerable dedication and teamwork, as well as the generous support of many well-wishers, without whose interest, Benjamin and the Parris family could not have completed his project.

In the presence of guests, friends and congregants, Benjamin rededicated this Torah by chanting *Parashat Emor* from it on his bar mitzvah on May 13, 2017. This act of chesed (loving kindness) gives real and poignant meaning to those words we sing, and to which I referred earlier, when returning the Torah to the ark: *Eitz Chayim Hi Lamachazikim Ba* – "It is a tree of life to all that adhere to it!" This Torah has indeed returned to life!

Chazak u'Varuch! May we be blessed to go forward in strength using it for many more decades.

Cantor Foel Lichterman

# "A WINNING EVENING"

"Bet on a Winning Evening," the Annual Event held on April 23, 2017, was more similar to an evening in Las Vegas than a synagogue event honoring three well-deserving lay leaders – our Gabbaim Fred Meisterplass, John Peterson, and Jay Siegel.

As guests arrived, they were serenaded by an Elvis impersonator dressed as "The King of Rock and Roll" himself.

The full buffet dinner catered by David Fine's Finesse Catering was superb, offering a variety of dishes comparable to any Las Vegas casino. The "open bar" was generously donated by cochairs Debbie Meisterpless and Melanie (Lee) Siegel.

After a much-appreciated succinct program recognizing our honorees, the casino opened for the night, complete with authentic roulette and craps tables, as well as black jack and poker tables. For those preferring not to gamble the evening away, the "lounge" offered two live acts: the "first act" showcased Elvis," and the "second act" closed down the house by crooning Rat Pack-era favorites.

The evening concluded with a raffle of donated gift certificates, from Cherry Creek restaurants to spa packages from Moda Salon.

A great time was hand by all. We did indeed let the good times roll. Thank you to everyone for coming!



Cantor Joel Lichterman addresses the crowd, while the cochairs (left) and honorees (right) look on.















We've been very busy in the preschool over the past few months! We're excited to announce that we were awarded a \$30,000 grant by Qualistar to improve our playground. We will be doing more fundraising for the full amount to make our playground better than ever for your children.

April and early May saw plenty of festivities with the Jewish holidays of Purim, Passover, and Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Israel Independence Day). We celebrated our moms with a special Mother's Breakfast on May 5th, and we honored our amazing teachers with a food-, flower-, and caffeine-filled Teacher Appreciation Week from May 8-12, 2017.

We want to thank our amazing teachers, PTO, and parents, without whom we wouldn't be able to pull off any of our fun activities and programs.

We're now preparing to wish our pre-K students a "Happy Graduation" (see page 12). We're also changing gears and preparing for our Summer Camp, which begins on June 5th. Have a great summer!



Like us on Facebook or join our email list for updates on preschool events and more!

Sign up for emails: http://eepurl.com/cz\_to9
Facebook: facebook.com/bmhbjpreschool
Contact us at preschoolebmh-bj.org.

# Happening @ BMH-BJ

### Women's League @ BMH-BJ

The Women's League projects enhance the celebrations of our religious holidays throughout the year. Additionally, the Women's League fosters a strong and lasting connection among the women of our *shul*. Some of the programs and projects that the Women's League sponsors and supports include

- The Gift Shop
- Yom Kippur | We provide lunch for children and a congregational break-the-fast meal.
- Yizkor Memorial Book | We maintain this book to remember those we have lost and honor those we hold dear.
- Sukkot | We decorate the synagogue sukkah, and run a special kiddush in the sukkah.
- Chanukah | We provide support for the Dreidels and Donuts program.
- Purim | We run the Purim Carnival, including baking, running the silent auction and much more.
- Passover | We provide assistance packages for community members in need.
- Shavuot | We organize gifts for Confirmation/Midrasha students and the Siddur Party for 5 year olds.
- The Flower Fund | We organize flowers and greenery for the bimah on Shabbat and holidays.

This year, we plan to add other programs to the schedule, including Pink Shabbat. Some congregants have shown an interest in getting together to learn and play *Mahjong*, so please let us know if you would like to participate.

We encourage you to become involved in this very important and fulfilling volunteer work. Consider making the Women's League a part of your year! For more info contact Lori Duman at 303–779–1862.

### **Denver Jewish Community Girl Scout Troop**

For the past six years, BMH-BJ has hosted the Denver Jewish Community Girl Scout Troop. Starting in 2011 with just six girls, Troop 1737 now boasts 25 girls, ages 5–11. Under the direction of Troop Leader Dr. Liss Gruen, known to her Girl Scouts as "Dr. Liss," the troop continues to expand, currently including girls in three separate levels, Daisies (kindergartengrade 1), Brownies (grades 2–3), and Juniors (grades 4–5). The girls come from as far away as Arvada and Cherry Creek and represent the breadth of the Jewish community, including girls from three Jewish day schools, public schools, and secular private schools.

The troop meets weekly, generally at BMH-BJ but sometimes elsewhere for field trips and ceremonies. Field trips have included the Museum of Nature & Science, the Denver Zoo, the Dumb Friends League, and hiking and camping out under the stars. Last spring, the girls learned how to fence from a former Olympic fencer, visited the Botanic Gardens, and spent a day at a horse corral, learning to care for horses and getting a chance to ride. The girls also learn about and celebrate all the Jewish holidays and learn about themselves, one other, the environment, and their community.

The troop continues to expand and will include Cadettes (grades 6-8) this fall, when the troop resumes after the summer break. With the expansion, the troop requires the participation of even more adults and more leaders. If you would like to volunteer your time as a Girl Scout Leader, empowering girls to become strong leaders themselves, please contact Liss Gruen at GirlScoutLeaderDenveragmail.com.

### Chesed Group @ BMH-BJ

Chesed means loving-kindness. Our Chesed Group is devoted to reaching out and maintaining contact with our synagogue community through gemilut chasadim, "the giving of loving-kindness." We are proud to be involved with bikur cholim, visiting the sick both in hospital and at home, and making support phone calls. We would also like to begin providing meals for families in times of need. Chesed is an important aspect of any shul community. We are looking for motivated people to join the Chesed Group and become involved in supporting our fellow members in times of need.

Any amount of time you have would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested in getting involved please contact Patti Jo Streltzer at 303-388-4203 or pjoenoch@yahoo.com.

We are also looking for donations to help us in providing services to help our community. Any amount makes a difference. If you would like to make a donation to the Chesed Fund, please visit bmh-bj.org/donate.

Thank you all for your continued support of BMH-BJ!







### **CELEBRATE WITH US!**

JOIN US FOR SPECIAL BIRTHDAY
AND ANNIVERSARY SHABBATOT,
FEATURING DELICIOUS KIDDUSHIM
AND BLESSINGS BY THE RABBI ON
THE FOLLOWING DATES THIS
SUMMER. NOTE: FRIDAY NIGHT
DATES (JUNE 16TH, JULY 14TH,
AND AUGUST 18TH) WILL FEATURE
SPECIAL SHABBAT UNDER THE
STARS OUTDOOR DINNERS.

- JUNE 16TH-17TH
- JULY 14TH-15TH
- AUGUST 18TH-19TH

# ShabbatLAB @ BMH\$BJ

Transforming Saturday Morning into Shabbat!

Join us on **June 17, 2017**, and get ready to nourish your soul at ShabbatLAB and then feed your body afterwards at our delicious Kiddush.

Come with questions, leave with answers.



Stay tuned for special Tisha b'Av programming!

# **Looking Toward the High Holy Days**

We'd like to offer a kind reminder to renew your membership in preparation for the High Holiday season. If you have any outstanding dues and/or fees, please note that they must be paid in full by the end of our fiscal year (June 30, 2017).

If you need to set up a payment plan, please contact Sandy at 303–388–4203. To be in good standing for the coming year, 50 percent of your dues must be paid by August 31, 2017. Look for your membership renewal packet in the mail in June.

Also, please remember to update your information with the shul when you have changes. From all of us at BMH-BJ, thank you for being members of our community!

# Lifecycle Events - Mazal Tov!



### **ALEX SMITH**

Alexander Julian Smith will be called to the Torah as a *Bar Mitzvah* on June 3, 2017.

Alex is the son of Elizabeth and Adam Smith and brother to Lisa and Asher Smith. He is the grandson of Tom Surek, Janean and Norman Jarog, and Lucy and Sheldon Smith, and is the great-grandson of Goldie and Marvin Smith as well as the late Jean and Julian Silverberg and Helen Gustafson and Joseph Giovenazzo.

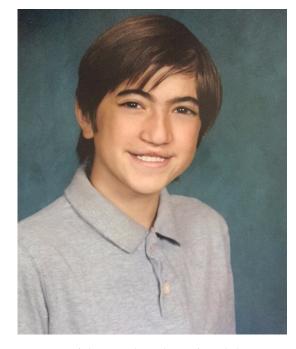
Alex is a fifth generation Denverite on his father's side and the descendant of Hungarian Holocaust survivors on his mother's side. Alex is an Honor Roll Student in 7th grade at Mountain Ridge Middle School in Highlands Ranch. He is also an accomplished musician, having played multiple instruments, including, most recently, the baritone saxophone. In addition, Alex is an elite athlete who currently plays lacrosse and basketball and also played baseball, was a cross country runner, and is an avid golfer and skier. Alex and his family are thrilled to have his family and his friends sharing in this simcha with him



# SHOSHANA LEFTIN & DAVID DOBKIN

Shoshana Corinne Leftin is engaged to be married to David Lawrence Dobkin on June 4, 2017, at the Tivoli Turnhalle on the Denver Auraria campus. Shoshi is the daughter of Patti and Sol Leftin, the sister of Elan and Marni Leftin, and the granddaughter of Corinne and Pacey Barron, and Dorothy and Sam Leftin. David is the son of Dr. Eric and Ceil Dobkin, the sister of Michael (& Megan) and Emily, the grandson of Morton (& Elizabeth) Goldfield, Ruth Goldfield, and Ray Dobkin Green, and Franklin Dobkin, and most recently an uncle to little Isabella Dobkin!

Shoshi will graduate from Einstein Medical School two weeks before the wedding, and she will start a pediatric residency at New York Presbyterian Hospital in New York City one week after the wedding. David works as vice president of the HK Organization, a Brooklyn based real estate owner, operator, and developer. The happy couple will reside in Brooklyn after the wedding.



### RYAN TENENBAUM

Ryan Tenenbaum, son of Todd and Janet Tenenbaum, will be celebrating his *bar mitzvah* on September 2, 2017. Ryan is the grandson of Sherry and Allan Tenenbaum and Bonnie and the late Kelvin Rice and brother to Sarah Tenenbaum.

Ryan attended Hebrew school at Aish and The Sunday Experience. His *mitzvah* project will be donating a portion of his *bar mitzvah* money to The Smile Train (smiletrain.org), an organization that helps out children born with cleft lips and palettes. This is close to Ryan's heart, as he was born with a cleft lip and palette, too. He also will also be donating his time as a volunteer at the cleft lip and palette clinic here in Denver.

Ryan is a 6th grader at Campus Middle School. He plays ice hockey and football. He loves all sports, and enjoys school and spending time with his friends. Ryan's bar mitzvah will be celebrated by family and friends from Denver and London.

### **BRADLEY KRAUS**

Bradley Kraus, the son of Jeffrey and Jocelyn Kraus, is getting married on September 9, 2017, in Ipswich, Massachusetts. His fiancé is Polly Hackett of Ipswich. They will be residing in Denver after they are married. They currently live in New York and met a few years ago while they were both working in London, England.



BMH-BJ 10th graders completed the Confirmation/Midrasha program with Rabbi Chaitovsky and celebrated their achievements on Shabbat, May 6, 2017. Pictured above, from left to right: David Friedman (son of Brian and Dana Friedman and grandson of Dr. Herzl and Hazel Melmed); Alex Shoflick (son of Steven and Megan Shoflick and grandson of Skip and Nancy Miller); Mia Gugino (daughter of Wendy Pomeranz and granddaughter of Theodore and Sandra Pomeranz); Dotan Ferszt (son of Eduardo Ferszt and MayDan Ferszt, grandson of Morris and Raquel Ferszt, and great-grandson of Rose Wildfeuer); Hannah MacKiernan (daughter of Bill and Melissa Mackiernan and granddaughter of Skip and Nancy Miller); Rabbi Yaakov Chaitovsky; Gabrielle "Gabby" Gabbay (daughter of Shaul Gabbay and Laura Gabbay).

# REFLECTIONS ...

"The number of Jews on this planet are few, and the number of those against us are many. And this is a very important time not only to be a Jew, but to be a Jew who cares." - **David Friedman** 

"My Judaism helps me have a more comprehensive and deeper look at life and that is exactly what I want to tell my kids about Judaism. Judaism not only has the power to bring out the best in people, but it has people wanting to learn more and it gives them a reason to believe not only in their faith, but in themselves." - **Mia Gugino** 

"I continue to learn that Judaism is much deeper than a religion. I look forward to learning more and hopefully advocating for Israel when I go to college. I am proud to be a Jew, proud to wear a Star of David around my neck, and proud to be one of G-d's chosen people." – **Dotan Ferszt** 

"For me, chesed, or loving kindness, is a very important factor in Judaism. It is the same with not speaking badly of others. I try my best to refrain from lashon hara, saying negative things about others. I try to incorporate these things into my daily life because they not only help make me a better person, they are a significant part of my definition of Judaism and are a big part of my living life as a Jew." - **Gabby Gabbay** 

"I joined BBYO toward the end of 8th Grade. Joining BBYO really made me realize how important it is to have people around you that you have something in common with and it also showed me how privileged I am to be Jewish." - **Hannah MacKiernan** 

"The importance of the Jewish community and family is something I want to be understood with crystal-like clarity to not only my [future] kids but all of the Jews in the world." - **Alex Shoflick** 



# COLLEGE GRADS - MAZAL TOV!





Gabriel Sanders





Fred Meisterplass

Mazal tov to Tiffany Sanders and Gabriel Sanders, the children of Debby Sanders and grandchildren of Jeremy and Paula Hutt. Tiffany (top, left) is graduating from the University of Colorado, Boulder with a B.S. in Advertising and Communication. Gabriel (top, right) is graduating from Brandeis University with a B.A. in Economics and Islamic & Middle Eastern Studies.

Parker Davis, son of Ann and Kyle Davis, will be graduating from the University of Colorado Leeds School of Business with a BS in Business Administration. He is graduating in just three years, and his parents are very proud of his accomplishments, not the least of which was twice being named to the Deans List for Exceptional Academic Performance. Parker will be interning this summer at Thrive Workplace (a co-working office provider), continuing his coaching position with the George Washington High School Debate Team, and contemplating his career plans as well as graduate school.

Fred Meisterplass, our distinguished Gabbai, son of Debbie Meisterplass and John Meisterplass and grandson of Eudice Lewkowitz, will be graduating from the University of Colorado, Denver, with an MBA in Health Administration. His post-graduate plans are to continue his career in the healthcare industry.

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADS - MAZAL TOV!

Aleeza Maiya Strouse, daughter of Lisa Jultak-Samake and granddaughter of Perry Jultak and the late Della Jultak, graduating from Denver Jewish Day School. Aleeza will be attending University of Colorado Boulder, studying psychology.

Libby Rose Klynn, granddaughter of Jerry and Patti Jo Streltzer, graduating from Columbus Torah Academy in Ohio. Libby will start college in the fall.

Hailey Banker, daughter of Felix and Jenny Banker, graduating from Thomas Jefferson High School.

Hailey will be starting University of Colorado Boulder in the fall.

Sam Rosen, son of Julie and Ted Rosen, was accepted into CU's Honors Program. He will be majoring in Integrative Physiology.

Ahuva Levitt, daughter of Rabbi Refael and Rochelle, is graduating from Denver Academy of Torah High School. She will attend Touro College in Chicago in the fall.



Class of 2016/17 · Miss Dora · Miss Saba

## PRE-K GRADUATES - MAZAL TOV!

Tamar · Savanna · Avi · Moshe · Ori · Zev · Ryan · Issy · Meir



Tamar · Savanna · Avi · Moshe · Ori · Zev · Ryan · Issy · Meir

## For the Love of Art

BY RACHAEL NEUSTADT

Toby and Morton Mower both grew up very poor in Maryland (Baltimore and Frederick, respectively), where no one ever took them to museums or taught them about art. As adults, they were both deeply moved when they began to expose themselves to gallery and museum art. When Morton became successful after his co-invention of the automatic implantable cardioverter defibrillator, the opportunity arose for them to invest in a collection of pieces that they enjoyed.

Their first purchases in 1997 were made with the help of an art dealer with whom they had a trusting relationship. Toby says that it is when they started collecting that they really started learning, because, with each piece came an investigation into not only that work, but the artist behind it, the developments in art that led to that expression, and the historical and emotional story behind the creation of each masterpiece. As passionate art devotees the Mowers say that their collection is "the best investment we've ever made."

Morton likes Contemporary and Pop Art, as well as etchings. Toby prefers Impressionism, especially oils. So, initially, they had a lot of both styles until at its height their collection reached hundreds of works from art history's most famous painters and printmakers, from Rembrandt (1606-69) to Andy Warhol (1928-87). What they chose to do with their love of art and collection is exceptional.

Firstly, throughout their collection's many years, they have regularly loaned out art for fundraisers, charity events, and other public showings, free-of-charge. These works on loan would travel throughout the USA and, occasionally, the world. They used these fundraisers as an opportunity to support causes that they care about, including higher education, medical research, addiction recovery and support. In some cases, universities have had pieces on loan, which has encouraged gallery visitors to make donations. NGOs also have benefited from this generosity, including the Starting Hearts Foundation, which, thanks to a charity exhibition in Vail in 2014, was able to fund mass installations of external defibrillators in Eagle County as well as the training of citizens and high school students in their use. An app called PulsePoint was also developed to help people quickly locate a defibrillator.

Secondly, they realized that the average person may not have the opportunity to come face-to-face with artistic masterpieces. Thus they set forth on a mission to, in their own words "liberate art," so that the joy and enlightenment that they felt in their own lives could become accessible to anyone, anywhere. Art held in captivity—whether in expensive museums or secluded in private collections—is being deprived of its potential to stir the public imagination. The Mowers take particular satisfaction when their work is displayed at universities, which, they believe, gives intellectuals the chance to connect with an emotional aspect of humanity.

Three years ago, the Mowers, BMH-BJ members, moved to Denver from Baltimore to be close to their daughter, an oncology pharmacist with a degree from CU. When they did so, they downsized their collection considerably. What remains is largely 19th-20th century Impressionist and related art, as well as Contemporary pieces, including two Warhols.



Pictured
behind Morton
and Toby
Mower:
Pierre-Auguste
Renoir, The
Young Mother
(La jeune
mere), 1898, oil
on canvas, 22"
x 18."

A portion of this collection forms the core of their most recent exhibition, which appeared at the Art Gallery at the Fulginiti Pavilion for Bioethics and Humanities on CU's Anschutz Medical Campus from March 31-May 24, 2017. The show, "Masterworks," featured pieces comprising the Impressionist period (Cassatt, Monet, Renoir, Degas) with a few Modernists such as Rodin, Matisse, Picasso, and Chagall.

Some think of art as decoration, but the Mowers have taken collection to an intellectual level of deeper investigation. The Mowers say they have a deep personal connection with all of the pieces they have collected.

"Beyond learning about the art, I've learned about myself in this process," says Toby. Morton jokingly said, "I get so involved in gawking at the paintings that it distracts me from getting my work done."

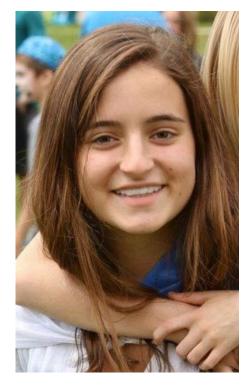
No matter what city the Mowers visit, they seek out the local art museum. Their favorite is London's National Gallery, which hosts one of the world's finest collections of art. Locally, they enjoy the Denver Art Museum (which will display parts of the Mower's Degas collection and their female French Impressionist collection in two separate shows in 2018). The next show lined up this summer will display their entire collection at the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center through a joint collaboration with the University of Colorado in Colorado Springs. Mid-September, the Art Gallery at the Fulginiti Pavilion will receive some of the Rembrandts from Colorado Springs, as well.

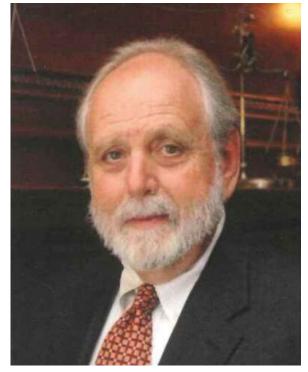
Although one of the most prestigious places their work has been presented was at the Musée d'Orsay in Paris, France, the Mowers believe "Masterworks" was one of their most successful shows ever, with more than 5,000 visitors the first week alone. This may be the most-viewed show the Art Gallery at the Fulginiti Pavilion has hosted since its inception in 2012.

The Mower's generosity in sharing their love of art with the public, free-of-cost, and to the benefit time and time again of universities and charities alike is quite remarkable in our time. Given that we are rather far from London's National Gallery, we should be especially grateful that the Mowers have brought a taste of historically monumental art to those of us here in Colorado. May we all take advantage of these opportunities to experience this astounding collection for ourselves.

Learn more about their "Masterworks" exhibit at http://bit.ly/MowersMasterworks.

# Member Achievements - Mazal Tov!







### MIA GUGINO

Mia Gugino, daughter of Wendy Pomeranz and granddaughter of Theodore and Sandra Pomeranz, was one of 20 American teenagers to be chosen for a Szarvas Fellowship.

Participants attend a two-week Jewish summer camp in Szarvas, Hungary, with Jewish youth from around the world. The program encourages meaningful interactions and mutual understanding with the backdrop of Jewish history.

Learn more at www.szarvas.org.



### **GARY BLUM**

Mazel Tov to Gary Blum, who was recently recognized by the University of Colorado Law School for "outstanding achievement by a small law firm practitioner."

Gary has been practicing as a trial lawyer and as a dispute resolver for 45 years. Since 2005, he has been selected to multiple national law panels and received multiple rewards from Public Justice Trial Lawyer of the Year to the Colorado Bar Association's Ethics award.



### DAVID FOGEL

Mazel Tov to David Fogel, past-president of the Board at Kavod Senior Life and current executive committee member, who is being honored with the Elaine Wolf L'dor V'dor Award for his outstanding service to Kavod Senior Life and the Denver community. The event will take place on July 27, 2017, at the Denver Botanic Gardens. He is a long-time supporter of Kavod. Currently, David is on the board of the ADL, JCRC of JEWISHcolorado, and Federal Bar Association, B'nai B'rith Denver, and he is the Chairman of Trustees of I Rude Charitable Trust. He is also past-president of the Denver Junior Chamber of Commerce and past-Chairman of the Denver Democratic Party.



We love to share in your *simchot*, and we apologize for any omissions. If you have news to share with the congregation, please contact Rachael at 303–951–8231 or clergyassist@bmh-bj.org.

# **June 2017**

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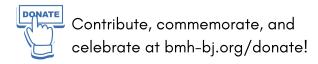
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