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## A GOOD QUESTION

**YAIR D. ROBINSON**

My Father was a “Wandering Aramean.” Every generation of Jews has read these words in association with Passover, going back to Biblical times. They are the beginning of our “history,” but they are also how we see ourselves. As Jews to this day, part of our identity is that of having been refugees--of having come from somewhere else, to a place of safety, in order to speak of truth and shine a light on justice. From Abraham to Moses, exile from Israel to miraculous return, from Europe to North America, this idea is deeply rooted into our identity. Speak to Jews about their family histories and you hear of parents, grandparents and great-grandparents, who had to leave--sometimes under duress, under terrible conditions--in order to arrive someplace else, a place they and their children might call home, or at least safe. Certainly, that is my own family’s story, from my great-great grandparents coming to this country, and my own mother and her family fleeing Egypt under King Farouk to come to Europe and eventually Israel.

Because of our experience, we have paid very close attention to the plight of the refugee and the refusnik, and as American Jews, we have worked hard to help those who needed to escape darkness to reach light. Whether it was our own people leaving the former Soviet Union or Ethiopia, or victims of war like the Vietnamese

## SHABBAT SHALOM

**Friday, February 3, The Nosh at 6:00 PM, Kabbalat Shabbat Evening Service and Program, 6:30 PM, Service 8:00 PM, Oneg Shabbat, 9:00 PM**

Cheryl Hampson, Suzy Grumbacher, Elana Marcus, Mikayla Grumbacher and Ayla Grumbacher will bless the Shabbat Candles Birthday Blessings for the month of February

**Saturday, February 4, Torah Study and Service-in-the-Round Combined, 9:30AM**  
“Bo,” Exodus 10:1-13:16, Jeremiah 46:13-28

**Friday, February 10, Shabbat Shirah, The Nosh at 6:00 PM, Evening Service 6:30 PM**

Connie Kreshtool will bless the Shabbat Candles  
**Saturday, February 11, Service-in-the-Round, 11:00 AM followed by Shabbat Lunch and Learn Tu B'Shvat Seder from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM**

“Beshalach,” Exodus 13:17-17:16,  
Judges 4:4-5:31

**Friday, February 17, The Nosh, 6:00 PM, Service, 6:30 PM**

Cheryl Hampson will bless the Shabbat Candles  
**Saturday, February 18, Torah Study and Service-in-the-Round Combined, 9:30AM**  
“Yitro,” Exodus 18:1-20:23, Isaiah 6:1-7:6, 9:5-6

**Friday, February 24, The Nosh, 6:00PM, Shabbat Service, 6:30 PM**

Rose Ebner will bless the Shabbat Candles  
**Saturday, February 25, Tot Shabbat, 9:30 AM, Torah Study and Service-in-the-Round Combined, 9:30AM, Better Together, 4:00 PM**  
“Mishpatim,” Exodus 21:1-24:18, II Kings 12:1-17

“boat people,” this community in particular has worked hard to resettle refugees either locally or in Israel. We, among all the people of the earth, understand what it means to escape bloodshed only to come to a new strange place untrusted and afraid.

For this reason, just as we have done in the past, our congregation is working to help refugees resettle here in the First State. Partnered with HIAS and Jewish Family Services of Delaware (as well as many other houses of worship, including many of our 9th Ward/Family Promise friends), we will be helping one refugee family resettle right here in Delaware. What does that mean? It means that, sooner rather than later, we will get a call about a family being relocated here: from South America, or Africa, or Syria--and we will answer the call. We will help provide that family housing, transportation, clothes, furniture, hopefully employment. We will greet them at the airport, provide home hospitality to them, help them feel that they are a part of this state and country that we call home. We will do everything we can in their first 90 days in America to help them feel not like strangers, but neighbors, loved and supported. These are people who have been carefully vetted by our national security agencies, who have fled their homes and know they will almost certainly never be allowed to return, who have been waiting YEARS to find a safe place. How can we not welcome them with open arms?

We are blessed to have an amazing task force, led by Steve Dorfman, and teamed by HarrietAnn Litwin, Cindy O’Neil, Leslie and Alex Riepkeen, Susan Detwiler and Brooke Carroll; but we will need EVERYONE’S help to make this successful. What I ask you to do is to reflect on your own family history; the stories you were told by elders, or perhaps your own experience, reflect on what it has meant to us, and to step up to help these people.

**Quote of the Month**

“Whatever you can do or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power and magic in it”

W. H. Murray

**Is Beth Emeth in Your Will?**

Congregants who have already designated Beth Emeth one of their beneficiaries are eligible to become members of the *Congregation Beth Emeth L’Dor v’Dor Legacy Circle*. Indicating that you have already done so (no other information needed) will allow Beth Emeth to count you toward the requirements for a \$10,000 Grinspoon grant awarded by the “Create a Jewish Legacy” program.

Beth Emeth is not yet in your will? Maintaining an active Reform Jewish community has been Beth Emeth’s ongoing goal for over 100 years. With the generosity of our members, we can look to an even more promising future for our synagogue. This is the reason we are undertaking the campaign to encourage members to include a gift for Beth Emeth in their wills. At this time we ask only your declaration that you intend to add Beth Emeth to your beneficiaries and sign our Declaration of Intention. You also will then be counted toward the \$10,000 grant.



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# CANTOR'S CORNER

MARK E. STANTON

Dear friends,

Since there is a one month lag between the writing and publishing of these articles it seems a little strange to talk about our latke-laden holiday one last time, but I must mention the overwhelming responses there were to both the Chanukah concert at Beth Emeth and at the Kutz Home. I still having people stopping me to tell me how much fun was had in each venue. Special "shout outs" go to Reece Ratliff for his tongue-in-cheek rendition of Adam Sandler's "Hanukkah Song" and Lindsay Hawtof for her beautiful and moving rendition of Laura Berkson's song "Menorah" that told the story of how hatred and violence in one small city was combated with the unification and love of its residents, and how the lights of Chanukah truly lit up the hearts of a community for everyone to see. For more on this please follow the link: [http://billingsgazette.com/news/local/a-stone-ignites-a-community-billings-stood-up-to-white/article\\_1595787b-b44f-5a4f-b7b2-3a18e77615b7.html](http://billingsgazette.com/news/local/a-stone-ignites-a-community-billings-stood-up-to-white/article_1595787b-b44f-5a4f-b7b2-3a18e77615b7.html) or look up: "Stories by Susan Olp [solp@billingsgazette.com](mailto:solp@billingsgazette.com) December 2, 2013." It's a true story of hope and light. Again, kudos to Lindsay and to Michelle Sands for bringing this article to our attention.

I hope you will mark your calendars for **February 10**, for our "Shabbat Shirah" literally the "Sabbath of Song" for a special evening of music as we celebrate the redemption of the Israelites as they crossed between the parted waters of the Red Sea.

Also, our **Purim Shpiel** will be held on **Friday evening, March 10**. More to follow.

Just for fun: So I have been asked several times about the greeting "Happy Sylvester" which is used in Israel (especially for the party crowd) as a way of saying Happy December 31<sup>st</sup>. So here are a couple of links to explain:

<https://www.touristisrael.com/new-years-eve-in-israel-sylvester-in-israel/3236/>

<http://igoogledisrael.com/2016/12/five-awesome-ways-to-see-in-the-2016-2017-new-year-sylvester-in-israel/>

Again, I wish everyone the best for 2017!  
Cantor Mark Stanton

# Mazel Tov

...to Rick Geisenberger on his nomination by the Governor Elect, John Carney, to serve in his cabinet as Finance Secretary.

...to Alyssa Simon, daughter of Sheila and Phil Weinberg, upon her installation as Vice-President of the Seaside Jewish Community in Rehoboth, Delaware.

## Thank you to our March Ushers.

March 3, 2017 Nancy Green Crain and Evan Crain 6:30 PM,  
Jeff Margolies, 8:00 PM

March 10, 2017 K. David and Riva Brown

March 17, 2017 Sarah Emhe

March 24 Rose and Alan Ebner

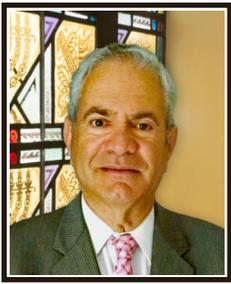
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RABBI PETER H. GRUMBACHER

***"There arose a Pharaoh who knew not Joseph"***

My 57th Bar Mitzvah anniversary falls on my 70th birthday, the first time my birthday and Bar Mitzvah anniversary coincide. The Book of Exodus, *Sh'mot*, is filled with significant stories about the evolution of our People: the recognition that we are indeed a "People" after we crossed the Sea of Reeds to attain our freedom, the giving of the Ten Commandments and so many others. But perhaps this year the very first chapter of *Sh'mot* is the most significant.

The Book of Exodus began on the very first day of the new administration. In it we read that *"there arose a Pharaoh who knew not Joseph,"* referring to Joseph's significant role in the Egyptian court and the ignorance of the new king regarding the high esteem Joseph and, indeed, our people, were held.

Please join us on Friday, February 3rd at the 8:00 PM service and the Oneg Shabbat in honor of Peter's 70th birthday and 57th Bar Mitzvah Anniversary

There is concern that we, American Jews, will not be "known;" the increase in hate crimes as well as words which demean us and other minorities point to the potential danger. We must keep our eyes and ears open, not bury our heads in the sand, stand up for our eternal values and be proud that we are the Eternal People who have overcome terrible deeds.

We pray that all our concerns are for naught.

**Family Promise News**

**Donations of these supplies would be greatly appreciated:** toilet brushes, toilet bowl cleaner, spray disinfectant, dishwasher tabs, laundry detergent, liquid hand soap, kitchen trash bags and Brooms. You may bring them to the Family Promise office at 2104 St. James

Church Rd, Wilmington, 19808 or leave them in the box in the CBE foyer and they will be delivered.

**Catholic Charities can pick up furniture donations.** Call them at 302-764-2717 to schedule a pick up and tell them you heard about it from Family Promise. By partnering with Catholic Charities, Family Promise families will receive items for their homes when they move out.

**Upcoming Dates:** Our first hosting week of the new year was completed successfully in January. The remainder of our 2017 Hosting week schedule includes the weeks of: May 7, October 22 and December 31.

There are so many different ways to support Family Promise and have a personally rewarding experience during these weeks: set up sleeping rooms, drive a van, purchase supplies, visit in the evening, sleep overnight, and prepare and serve meals.

Please contact Judith Insinga by email at [jj schnitman@yahoo.com](mailto:jj schnitman@yahoo.com) or call her at 302-764-4093 if you have any questions about Family Promise or for more information about volunteering opportunities.



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## A WORD OF TORAH

RABBI ELISA F. KOPPEL

Travel to Israel is often transformative. This has often been the case for me: certainly when I went to Israel for the first time as a teen with NFTY in Israel on the Camp Harlam trip—travelling to the other side of the world with some of my closest friends to see the land I had always just read about and beginning to make it my own...my year in Israel, living in Jerusalem or the first year of rabbinical school at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR)... coming back last year for the Reform Rabbinic conference for the first time in a decade and enjoying experiences I had never before had...and during every trip in between. My trip last month was no different.

The main purpose of my trip was for a seminar, a full course really, with the country as our classroom, as part of the Executive Master's program that I'm doing through HUC-JIR, towards a Masters in Religious Education. As I write this, I'm still in the midst of that portion of my trip, and the experiences we've had are still bubbling through my brain—I have no doubt you will hear about it in the coming months. And experience it in big and small ways through the way that I teach and talk about Israel in our synagogue.

But I also went to Israel a week early, to take some vacation time, and to have a different set of experiences, including one that was far more transformative than I expected it to be: I attended a morning Rosh Chodesh service with Women of the Wall.

Some of you heard Anat Hoffman speak last summer when she spoke at CBE—in short, Anat Hoffman is a hero of human rights in Israel. And one of her major projects has been, for decades, trying to create equal rights for women at the *kotel*—the Western Wall, the last remaining wall of the structure that was the Second Temple. This is one of the holiest spaces for Jews, and yet is treated essentially as an Orthodox synagogue.

Don't get me wrong—the Orthodox have the right to pray there as they want to. I fully support their right to have divided prayer space for men and women. And yet, I also think it is important that a new, egalitarian section is being formed in which men and women can pray together. And I think that the main fight that continues—in the form of monthly prayer at the start of each month—for women, in the women's section, is one that is important. And yet, I had never been to one of their services.

On this trip, the timing worked out. And, not only was the timing right—but fate worked in my favor, as well,

and a dear friend was celebrating her Bat Mitzvah that morning with Women of the Wall. The timing was perfect, and I couldn't have been more proud to stand by her side. I've followed the Women of the Wall closely. I knew that there was much controversy around their work. I knew there were those who were not happy about what they do. I knew there were some who made noise each month. But I was not fully prepared for the experience. I'm not sure I could have been.

It all began when we went through security and they searched us thoroughly—not looking for weapons or contraband, but for Torah scrolls. While it is legal to bring a Torah scroll to the Women's Section, the establishment still does not often allow it (the security guard literally said, "I don't know why, I was just told I can't let you in with it.") And while the main scroll was walked back to a car, they still searched each of us—looking through our bags multiple times and feeling beneath our jackets. While they weren't looking for weapons—perhaps they knew that Torah can be the most powerful of tools—either as a protection or as a weapon.

And then, when we began to pray, it began calmly enough. But then, it turned nasty. A handful of ultra-Orthodox women had whistles, and blew them constantly, to drown out our voices, so that the men could not hear the voices of women. They shouted out phrases like, "Goyim!" and "Idolatry!" Their hatred was evident. They wanted to stop us.

They only made us pray louder, and stronger.

We were trying to sing praises to God. They were trying to drown out our prayers with words of anger, because they did not see our acts (all of which were in keeping with traditional Judaism—single gender prayer on the women's side of the Western Wall) as authentic Judaism. I will leave you to decide which act was fuller of spirituality.

It was like nothing I've ever experienced. I managed to get some video—it partly captures the essence of the moment: <https://www.facebook.com/elisa.koppel/videos/vb.9806946/10100628397662939/?type=3&theater>

And I'll say, it was the most spiritual experience I've had at the *Kotel* since high school. It's a place that I find troubling for many reasons and that I often, personally find void of divinity. But that morning, it was different. I felt part of something. I felt resolve. I felt that my voice was able to add to prayer that was important. I felt proud of my friend for her accomplishment (even if she read from an iPhone and not a Torah scroll). I felt hope that some of the other women there, neither with us or against us, might learn that there are different ways to express one's Judaism. I felt anger that there were those who found us so threatening that they wanted to stop us. And I felt

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**KIM VONWELTIN**

## Our Board of Trustees

I hope you have been taking the time to read the "Committees are Community" section of the Orbit each month. It is a chance to meet those shaping the future of Beth Emeth. We are a diverse group of dedicated individuals who care deeply about CBE and its future.

As we do every year, a Nominating Committee will be formed soon to fill the board members whose term is up in June of 2017. We will be asking many to continue with us who have not reached their term limit of three consecutive two year terms (outside of Officers), but there will undoubtedly be the need for new board members. While the task of the Nominating Committee is to bring their nominees to the board, we would like to ask for your input on who the Nominating Committee considers. Do you or someone you know have an interest in being more involved in the governance of CBE? We'd love to know about it!!

We are so fortunate to have so many dedicated people willing to be on our Board. It is no small job, but it is rewarding knowing that we are working together to help CBE continue to be a thriving community. We populate the majority of ushers and greeters at the High Holy Days. We have a representative on the bimah each Friday night and for each Bar or Bat Mitzvah. We make calls to every congregant twice a year for the simple reason of wishing them well. We wear our name tags most any time we are present so you can identify us. We want you to approach us and ask what we do, what our committee's needs are and if there is a way you can participate. We want to do as much as we can, but we need help. We need others who would be willing to do these things and more. Is that you? Is that someone you know? Is there someone else you would like to work with, together to take on a task? Even if it is not a board position, I'd love to know what you're thinking about that we could possibly make happen.

If any of the above interests you, I want to hear from you!

Kim vonWeltin, [kaweltin@msn.com](mailto:kaweltin@msn.com) or 302-753-2162.

## Prom'iere



Don't throw that dress away...every donation matters. Donations of prom dresses are needed. Please drop off your gently used, dry-cleaned formal dresses on hangers for donation at any library. Contact any county library or visit their website at [nccdelib.org](http://nccdelib.org) for details. Tax receipts will be available for clothing and monetary donations.

## Remember Madregot

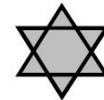
There is still time to donate to our Twinning Project congregation in far-away Siberia. Please send contributions to the Temple Office or visit the Twinning Project page on the website under Our Community.

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closer to God. As my voice joined with others, singing songs of praise and the daily prayers, I felt closer connected to something beyond myself. I felt connected to that community of that moment.

And that moment transformed me.

I'm not sure what I'll do with that transformation. I'm not sure what it means. That part, I'm still percolating.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p><b>1 (5 Shevat)</b> 4:00p Hebrew School 5:30p Trope Class 7:15p Choir Rehearsal</p>		<p><b>3 (7 Shevat)</b> 6:00p The Nosh 6:30p Kabbalat Shabbat Evening Service and Program 8:00p SShabbat Service II with Adult &amp; Youth Choirs 9:00p Oneg</p>	<p><b>4 (8 Shevat) Bo</b> 9:00a B'nai Mitzvah Workshop 9:30a Torah Study &amp; Service Combination 1:00p Refugee Program</p>
<p><b>5 (9 Shevat)</b> 9:00a Sunday School 9:30a Brotherhood 10:30a Torah for Today 12:00p Youth Choir 12:00p Confirmation</p>	<p><b>6 (10 Shevat)</b></p>	<p><b>7 (11 Shevat)</b> 5:00p Trope Class 7:00p Social Action Meeting</p>	<p><b>8 (12 Shevat)</b> 4:00p Hebrew School 5:30p Trope Class 7:15p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>9 (13 Shevat)</b></p>	<p><b>10 (14 Shevat)</b> Shabbat Shirah 6:00p The Nosh 6:30p Shabbat Service 7:30p NY Deli Theme Pot Luck Dinner</p>	<p><b>11 (15 Shevat) Beshalach Tu B'Shvat</b> 9:00a B'nai Mitzvah Workshop 11:00a Service-in-the-Round 12:00p Shabbat Lunch &amp; Learn: Tu B'Shvat Seder</p>
<p><b>12 (16 Shevat)</b> 9:00a Sunday School 9:00a TuBishvat Seders 9:00a Books &amp; Bagels 10:00a Caring Committee Meeting 10:30a Torah for Today 12:00p Youth Choir 12:00p BESTY Program (4th and 5th Grades)</p>	<p><b>13 (17 Shevat)</b></p>	<p><b>14 (18 Shevat)</b> 5:00p Trope Class 7:30p Board Meeting</p>	<p><b>15 (19 Shevat)</b> 4:00p Hebrew School 5:30p Trope Class 7:15p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>16 (20 Shevat)</b></p>	<p><b>17 (21 Shevat)</b> NFTY Convention 6:00p The Nosh 6:30p Shabbat Service</p>	<p><b>18 (22 Shevat) Yitro</b> NFTY Convention 9:30a Torah Study &amp; Service Combination</p>
<p><b>19 (23 Shevat)</b> NFTY Convention</p>	<p><b>20 (24 Shevat)</b> Washington's Birthday NFTY Convention Building Closed</p>	<p><b>21 (25 Shevat)</b> 5:00p Trope Class 7:00p Leadership Development Class</p>	<p><b>22 (26 Shevat)</b> 10:00a Sisterhood QVC Studio Plus Tour 4:00p Hebrew School 4:00p Engaging Our Future Session 5:30p Adult Education: Where is God in Reform Judaism? 5:30p Trope Class 7:15p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>23 (27 Shevat)</b></p>	<p><b>24 (28 Shevat)</b> 6:00p The Nosh 6:30p Shabbat Service</p>	<p><b>25 (29 Shevat) Mishpatim</b> 9:00a B'nai Mitzvah Workshop 9:30a Torah Study &amp; Service Combination 9:30a Tot Shabbat 4:00p Better Together</p>
<p><b>26 (30 Shevat)</b> 9:00a Sunday School 9:00a Engaging Our Future Session 9:00a Caring Committee Soup Making 9:15a Mah Jongg 10:30a Torah for Today 12:00p Youth Choir 12:00p BESTY Program (6th and 7th Grades)</p>	<p><b>27 (1 Adar)</b></p>	<p><b>28 (2 Adar)</b> 5:00p Trope Class</p>				

In memory of the departed whom we now remember...We share in the recent bereavement suffered by members of our temple family and extend our sincere condolences to:

Joseph Zimmerman on the death of his wife and Laurie Ross and Steve Zimmerman on the death of Steve's mother, Marion Zimmerman.  
Jo-anne and Herbert Pessin on the death of Herbert's sister, Henrietta Pessin.



**Committee: Volunteer Service**  
**Volunteer Service Chairperson:**  
**Van D. Olmstead, Jr.**

Van, a career financial advisor, is a branch manager with Fulcrum Group, a division of R. F.



Lafferty. His life has also been focused on volunteering, with 30 plus years as an active member of Kiwanis, doing stints as a volunteer with Boy Scouts of America, Boys and Girls Clubs, Leukemia Lymphoma Society, Breast Cancer Coalition, the Lung Association, the Food

Bank of Delaware and a few other organizations where volunteers are valued. Of course, nowhere are volunteers valued more than they are at Congregation Beth Emeth.

**What's New:** Some time ago, we created a new member survey that has been distributed to families coming to CBE as new congregants. Recently, with the help of President Kim, we have expanded the effort by posting a version of the survey on CBE's website so all congregants might have access. This community is as strong as it is because of our truly remarkable volunteers and our committee believes that to deprive a member the opportunity to be involved is an error that needs to be corrected.

**What's Coming Up:** Of course, we welcome anyone who wishes to help the Volunteer Service group, but our committee is especially looking for people who like to talk on the phone. It has been our intention since the inception of the Volunteer Service Committee to touch every congregant and learn from the adventure. If you're a person with a phone and a few minutes you might dedicate to this effort, express your interest by emailing [volunteers@olmstead.net](mailto:volunteers@olmstead.net) or calling (302) 529-9345 and telling Van to include you.

### Summer Scholarship Available

The Sylvia & Isadore N. Silverman Scholarship Fund will be awarding its 28th annual scholarship to a deserving youth for a Jewish summer experience in camp or Israel. Applications may be obtained at the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Synagogue office, 4412 Washington Street Ext., Wilmington, DE 19802 (302-762-2705), and should be returned to the synagogue office by Wednesday, March 1, 2017.

The Fund was established in 1989 in honor of the Silvermans' 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, by their four daughters and many friends.

### Adult Trip to Israel

This coming May 18—27 led by Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt. "My Turn," sponsored by Authentic Israel, is ideal for anyone seeking a complete first-time experience in Israel or returning anew. Great tour, hotels and food. Participants from all over the U.S. For information, contact Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt at [ebernhardt7@gmail.com](mailto:ebernhardt7@gmail.com) or 201-835-6653.

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## Caring Committee News

The Caring Committee provides opportunities to help members of our CBE community in a variety of ways. They include making soup and meals, writing cards and making calls, consoling the bereaved, distributing holidays gifts and visiting members of our community in facilities and their homes.

New committee members are always welcome. We hope you will join us to learn more about our activities at our next meeting: Sunday, February 12 at 10:00 AM in the CBE Board Room.

If you would like to join Jen Podos in making soup on Sunday, February 26 at 9 AM, please email her at [jen@theseidenbergs.com](mailto:jen@theseidenbergs.com).

Contact Judith Insinga at [jjschnittman@yahoo.com](mailto:jjschnittman@yahoo.com) or 302-764-4093 for more information about the Caring Committee.



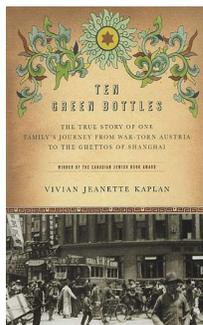
## Marriage Re-Consecration Service

Ah, the cold winter nights! Doesn't it make you want to rekindle the warmth of romance? And what better way is there than to join other couples in re-consecrating your marriage vows in our sanctuary at Beth Emeth on Friday, April 21, during the 6:30 PM Shabbat evening service. If your wedding anniversary in calendar year 2017 is a multiple of 5-years (e.g. 5, 10, 15, 20 years, etc.) then you're eligible to participate! The service is both beautiful and meaningful and a wonderful opportunity for families to share their love.

For more information or to sign up, contact Esther Timmeney at 302-478-0363 or e-mail [esthertimmeney@gmail.com](mailto:esthertimmeney@gmail.com)

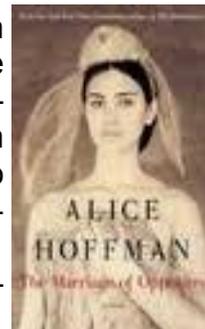
## Sisterhood Books & Bagels

Sisterhood is pleased to announce the next two Books & Bagels dates & titles. Cover charge for the light breakfast is \$5, or \$4 plus a non-



perishable food donation. RSVP to [heathermargolin@verizon.net](mailto:heathermargolin@verizon.net). We hope to see you there!

February 12, 2017 — "Ten Green Bottles: The True Story of One Family's Journey from War-torn Austria to the Ghettos of Shanghai" by Vivian Jeanette Kaplan



April 9, 2017 — "Marriage of Opposites" by Alice Hoffman.

## University of Delaware Hillel Receives Campus Partnership Award from Hillel International *Recognition Reflects Positive Impact throughout the University*



NEWARK, DE – At its annual Global Assembly in Orlando last month, Hillel International presented the University of Delaware (UD) Hillel with the People's Choice Campus Partnership Award. Hillel International, the largest Jewish

campus organization in the world, recognized campus Hillels that best exemplify the organization's mission – to enrich the lives of Jewish students so they may enrich the Jewish people and the world. UD Hillel was honored for extending that mission by positively impacting the entire student body through interfaith cooperation and cross-campus partnerships.



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## Emergency Medical Form

The Caring Committee created an emergency medical form that would provide critical information for emergency care providers and others should someone become ill. Use [this link](#) to go to our web site to print copies of the form. It would be helpful to keep one copy in a visible spot in your kitchen and to carry one copy with you. Paper copies are available in the synagogue lobby.

## Sisterhood News

### QVC Studio Plus Tour

Decorator's Dream: Designing and Styling the QVC Sets tour on Wednesday, February 22 from 10 AM - noon. Cost for this event is \$35. We are limited in numbers for this tour. Please RSVP to Missy Rosenthal by emailing her at [mmrosenthal@comcast.net](mailto:mmrosenthal@comcast.net) or calling her at 610-209-9383 ASAP and you will be provided with instructions to register for this fun event! We can either carpool together or meet at QVC for our tour! If anyone is interested, we can have lunch together afterwards as well! The address is: QVC Studio Park, 1200 Wilson Drive, West Chester, PA 19380

Have you always wanted to learn about a particular component of QVC? The QVC Studio Plus Tours focus on specific areas of QVC that are normally off-limits to visitors. Start with the QVC Studio Tour and then go behind-the-scenes and meet with an expert in the field!

Looking for a little interior decorating inspiration? A visit to the QVC Production Design Department is in order! First, you'll learn about the process of designing the different rooms of QVC's home and how the props on the set are used to enhance the items being presented on-air. Then it's time to see how each set is styled. Visit the prop house, the ultimate area of home accessories. Marvel at the wide variety of furniture, lighting, rugs, drapery and thousands of other adornments, all arranged according to style and color – it's prop paradise! Finally, you'll step onto a set to see how it's all pulled together. Depart QVC with a renewed desire to re-decorate your own home.



## The Kosher Baker is coming to Beth Emeth!

March 5, 2017 - Cookbook Author Event - Paula Shoyer, "The Kosher Baker," Join us for a very special author/chef event as Paula Shoyer joins us to share her baking tips and secrets with us! Paula Shoyer is the author of The New Passover Menu (Sterling 2015), "The Holiday Kosher Baker" (Sterling

Press 2013) and The Kosher Baker: 160 dairy-free desserts from traditional to trendy (Brandeis 2010). Paula's recipes have been featured in newspapers, magazines, websites, blogs and on radio and TV shows all over the United States, Canada, Israel and even Asia. Paula is a French-trained pastry chef who teaches scheduled and custom-designed classes in French pastry and Jewish cooking in the Washington, D.C. area, and all around the world. She does demonstrations as fundraisers for Jewish organizations and institutions.



Appearances include Food Network's Sweet Genius, Home and Family on the Hallmark Channel, Fox Morning News New York, WGN's Lunchbreak, Daytime, and news shows WUSA9 Washington, San Diego Living, NBC Washington and Baltimore, the Kojo Nnamdi Show and the Martha Stewart Morning Living radio show on XM Sirius. Paula develops dessert recipes that are dairy-free, sugar-free, gluten-free and vegan, as well as modern kosher food. She does freelance writing for [www.kosherscoop.com](http://www.kosherscoop.com), "Whisk Magazine," "Joy of Kosher", [www.jewishfoodexperience.com](http://www.jewishfoodexperience.com)., "Washington Post" and "Hadassah Magazine" and develops dessert recipes for companies.

Now is your chance to become the baker you have always wanted to be! There are two ways to participate:

1). VIP morning - We'll join Paula in the kitchen at 11:30 AM for up close and personal time with her. We'll bake together in the kitchen, have lunch, and we'll have the opportunity to talk with her one on one! Cost for this portion of the day is \$50 and includes lunch and admission to

the afternoon event. Our suggested Passover baking menu will be Linzer Tarts, Florentine Bars and Meringue Fruit Tarts.

2). At the late afternoon/early evening event, Paula will demonstrate how to make three desserts and will serve them to the attendees. Our menu will consist of the delicious desserts that our VIPs got to make in the morning. Paula will teach us valuable baking techniques and will explain how to plan for the Passover holiday. You'll have the best Passover desserts on the block this year for sure! Time for this portion will be determined shortly. Cost for this portion of the event is \$18 in advance (\$20 at the door). Cookbooks will be for sale at the event.

**May 11, 2017 - Annual Sisterhood Donor Event!** Pencil in this year's, sure to be, fabulous event....BINGO! 6:30-9:30 PM. Lots of fantastic prizes, great food, wonderful fun.

### List of Funds to Donate to at CBE

**ABLEMAN LITURGICAL ARTS FUND** - Provides programs, complimentary worship or special musical events during Jewish Music Celebration.

**PAUL AND LILLIAN CRAMER MEMORIAL FUND** - To purchase equipment, and to enrich school educational programs; to fund capital improvements and maintenance to Temple property.

**FAMILY ASSISTANCE** - For needy families.

**HARRY AND ESTHER JACOBS MEMORIAL FUND** - For Adult Education and other special programs.

**KEIL-HERRMANN MEMORIAL FUND** - To support annual Scholar-in-Residence lecture series.

**BERNARD KRESHTOOL MEMORIAL FUND** - For Living Judaism programs such as Adult Jewish Education.

**MILTON & HATTIE KUTZ SCHOLARSHIP FUND** - To help defray expenses of our youth at Jewish camps, conclaves, Gratz High School, as well as school tuition.

**EDITH LABOVSKY MEMORIAL FUND FOR STUDENT VISITS TO ISRAEL** - Assistance for Youth and Family Education.

**DR. LEO AND JULIA B. BLUMBERG SCHOLARSHIP FUND** - For the same such purposes as the **KUTZ FUND**.

**DIRECTOR OF LIFE LONG LEARNING DISCRETIONARY FUND** - for the Religious School

**LIBRARY FUND** - To purchase books for the library.

**MARGARET MAY MEMORIAL JEWISH FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION FUND** - For Jewish educational programs.

**MAZON** - A Jewish Response to Hunger - fundraising to help solve the problem of hunger.

**RAYMOND AND ESTHER MCDONALD MEMORIAL FUND** - For activities relating to the State of Israel.

**RABBI GRUMBACHER MUSIC FUND** - To promote Jewish music with guest musicians and purchase music.

**PRAYER BOOK FUND** - funding for prayer book and bookplates call the office for pricing.

**RABBIS'/CANTOR'DISCRETIONARY FUNDS** - To support Jewish causes, pursue acts of loving kindness, etc. **Each Rabbi and Cantor has a separate fund.**

**ROSENTHAL JEWISH BOOK MONTH LECTURE FUND** - To promote Jewish Literature and a biannual lecture.

**SOCIAL ACTION FUND** - To be used at the discretion of the Social Action Committee for local groups in need i.e. Sojourner's Place.

**TEMPLE FUND** - Undesignated Contributions - for general congregation purposes.

**VANCE BOLEN MEMORIAL FUND** - To support Cadet Aides.

**PEARL K. BREGMAN MEMORIAL FUND** - fund available for use by the Caring Community Connection Committee.

**ALICE SCHIFF MEMORIAL FUND** - needs recommended by the Endowment Fund Committee and the Board of Trustees.

**ADULT AND YOUTH CHOIR FUND** - to promote and support the Adult and Youth Choir needs.

**LEONA ELKINS SCHOLARSHIP FUND** - awarding need based scholarship to students of CBE studying Hebrew or advanced Hebrew Studies at CBE, Gratz Hebrew High School or education programs in Israel.

**RABBI HERBERT E. DROOZ & FLORENCE Z. DROOZ FUND** - awards for scholastic excellence.

**JUDGE STIFTEL AND YAFFEE FUND** - needs recommended by the Endowment Fund Commit-

tee and the Board of Trustees.

**THE HARRY & BLANCHE WOLPERT FUND** - Family assistance fund .

**STAT FAMILY GIFT FUND**- Religious School camp and Israel trip scholarships

**HAROLD & BEATRICE SNYDER CAMP HARLAM FUND**- For Camp Harlam Scholarships.

**MILTON & GAIL WAHL FUND** - subsidize the publishing of *The Orbit*.

**THE MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE FUND** - to assist families or individual to pay the minimum dues.

**CARING COMMUNITY COMMITTEE** – To support the Beth Emeth community with care baskets, driving needs, food, cards, etc...

**THE CONGREGATION BETH EMETH EDUCATION FUND** – for supplies and programs for educational needs.

**THE IRENE PACKLES MEMORIAL FUND FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**- Contributions made to this fund will enable our high school students to make the transition to college more easily, with regard to their Jewish identity.

**THE LARRY ISAKOFF MUSIC PERFORMANCE FUND**- income from this fund will be used to pay for musical events such as cantorial and choir concerts, musical plays, etc.

**ARCHIVE FUND** - to pay for archive activities.  
**YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMMING** – for youth and family programs.

**THE HOLOCAUST GARDEN MAINTENANCE FUND** – Maintenance of the Holocaust Garden

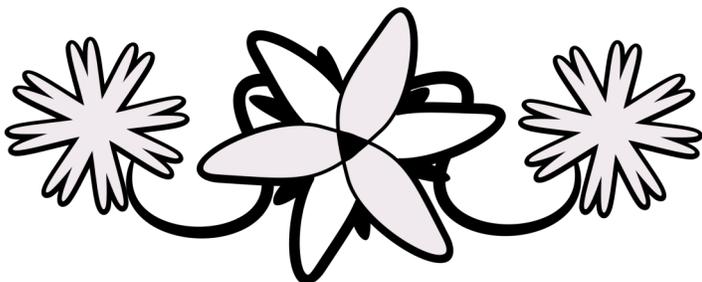
**THE TORAH REPAIR FUND** – To repair the Torah.

**THE JERRY ARENSON LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FUND**- for leadership development

**THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND** - to provide funds for Religious School and Camp scholarships.

**HOSPITALITY FUND** – to help with noshes, onegs and other events.

### A Note about Contributions



We welcome all contributions. If you wish the contribution to be listed in *The Orbit*, there is a minimum donation of \$10. This also covers the mailing of ONE acknowledgement card. Please be sure to include the address if the person(s) are not members of Congregation Beth Emeth. The card is mailed when the check is received.



It is important that, when you send in a donation, you write specifically how you want the donation listed. Please include a note with your check, printed clearly or typed, stating exactly how you want the contribution to read. For example: Mary and John Doe in memory of..., Mr. and Mrs. John Doe in honor of..., Mr. John and Mrs. Mary Doe in beloved memory of....

Please remember to write legibly and to list which funds you would like your donation to go to. Please make your check payable to Congregation Beth Emeth. Also, *The Orbit* usually runs three weeks ahead of schedule so it may take three weeks for your donation to appear in *The Orbit* from the date you mail it. Thank you for your cooperation.

### For a Blessed Event

Sisterhood has the honor of mailing a beautiful mezuzah to the newborn infants and their happy parents, who are members of our Congregation. Please help Sisterhood perform this "Labor of Love" by calling Rosalyn Lieberman at 302-475-1531 or you may e-mail her at momroz7@aol.com, with your good



news.

### ALUMINUM CAN TABS - FOR RONALD McDONALD HOUSE

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## NOTICE

All contributions sent to the Temple should be made out to "**Congregation Beth Emeth.**" If a special fund is desired, its name should be noted on the memo line or in an accompanying letter. Thank you for your cooperation.



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Don't forget to contact the Temple Office at 302-764-2393 to change your address or you may now change your address online. Simply go to our website at [www.bethemethde.org](http://www.bethemethde.org) and log in as a member. You can manage your account details online. If you have

not yet logged in and need a password, simply contact the office and we will send you a link.

Also, you can update your telephone number or email address, the same way. Most of the Temple correspondence is mailed third class. The Post Office does not forward any third class mail.

## Bar/Bat Mitzvah Parties

When planning your son's or daughter's Bar/Bat Mitzvah parties, please consider using our lovely facilities. Our social hall will accommodate a large group of family and friends. Caterers are welcome; rental is reasonable; there is room to dance and plenty of parking and a great staff to help make your party a success.

## IT'S PARTY TIME



## Bar/Bat Mitzvah Room Set-Up

Attention Bar and Bat Mitzvah families: If you are planning on having your son's or daughter's party here at the temple, please make sure to give the Temple Administrator your room set-up two weeks prior to your party.



**Rabbi Robinson  
Discretionary Fund**

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The Congregation Family gratefully acknowledges the following contributions:

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