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A GOOD QUESTION

YAIR D. ROBINSON

I'm still wrapping my head around the idea that Al Vorspan z'l is no longer in this world.

As many of you already know or have read, Al Vorspan, who passed away in February, was a lion of social justice and advocacy. Without him there would be no Social Action Commission of the URJ, no Religious Action Center, no effort on our movement's part to become a voice of prophetic Judaism, putting the ethical values of the Torah into practice through advocacy and activism. As Rabbi David Stern wrote of him, "He was a liberator because he freed the Torah from the ark, the prophets from the quiet pages of bound Bibles, the light of justice from the dainty ner tamid. He simply refused to leave the beating heart of Judaism trapped inside stained-glass windows or musty halls." Al was no font of outrage and anger; he always had a joke or a quip to lighten the mood; he was charming and charismatic, and authentic. A giant, as Stern said, who would remember your name.

Perhaps it's fitting then, that our confirmation class and BESTY leadership went down to Washington, DC for the *L'taken* teen retreat of the Religious Action Center. There, the six teens toured DC, connected with 400 other Reform Jewish teens from around the country (from California to Maine!), but also learned about the issues facing our nation, and how we as Jews, can respond to them, with our tradition, with our voic-

SHABBAT SHALOM

Friday, April 5, Kabbalat Shabbat Program, 6:00PM; Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:00PM, Oneg Shabbat to follow

Natalie Taylor Maddren will bless the Shabbat Candles

Rabbi Koppell will speak

Birthday Blessings for the month of April

Saturday, April 6, Shabbat Study and Schmooze, 9:30AM, Moring Service, 11:00AM

The Bat Mitzvah of Natalie Taylor Maddren, daughter of Chari and Michael Maddren, will be celebrated "*Tazria/Hahodesh*," Leviticus 12:1-8, Ezekiel 45:16-25

Friday, April 12, Shabbat Service, 7:00PM, Oneg Shabbat to follow

Esther Timmeney will bless the Shabbat Candles
Rabbi Robinson will speak

Saturday, April 13, Torah Study and Service-in-the-Round combined, 9:30AM
"*Metzora*," Leviticus 14:1-15:33, Malachi 3:4-24

Friday, April 19, Erev Passover, Shabbat Service, 5:30PM

Susan Detwiler will bless the Shabbat Candles

Saturday, April 20, Torah Study and Service-in-the-Round combined, 9:30AM, Congregational Seder, 5:30PM

"*First Day of Pesach*"

Friday, April 26, Passover Yizkor Service, 11:00AM, Service, 7:00PM, Oneg Shabbat to follow

Barbara Kramer will bless the Shabbat Candles
Rabbi Koppel will speak

Saturday, April 27, Torah Study and Service-in-the-Round combined, 9:30AM, Havdalah and Pot Luck Dinner, 5:30PM

"*Seventh Day of Pesach*,"

es (both in spoken word and song), and with our advocacy. They then wrote speeches and walked up to Capitol Hill, where they met with staffers of our two senators and our congresswoman. They spoke about gun violence, climate change, criminal justice reform and LGBTQ+ rights. They learned what it means to create a community of change and engagement, to lead without being a rabbi or even an adult, to speak with hope, not rage. Throughout the clergy articles, we'll be quoting from their speeches.

Lauren Kalin, who was unable to lobby, summarized the experience this way: *It was overall an amazing experience. I met so many amazing people who had similar interests to me, and were also Jewish, which is awesome. My two electives were gun control and criminal justice, both of which were very interesting. I had never thought about the link to Judaism that both of these topics had, but I now do. In the Talmud, it mentions lots of things about violence as well as justice, which framed both of my programs...I wouldn't change the experience for the world.*

Lauren Aussprung, who participated in the L'taken program and the Nashir Program, lobbied on gun violence prevention in a very personal way. She wrote: *Gun violence prevention is especially important to me, as a Reform Jew, because in the Torah we are told, "do not stand idly by while your neighbor's blood is shed." I can no longer stand by and watch as thousands of people are directly impacted by gun violence year after year. Less than 6 months ago, gun violence struck too close to home for me to ignore. On October 27, shabbat services at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania were interrupted when a gunman opened fire. That morning, 11 people lost their lives and 7 more were injured. While I live over 300 miles away from Pittsburgh, this shooting felt personal because it attacked Jews just like me. Additionally, my best friend, Abby, lives in Pittsburgh, less than 20 minutes away from Tree of Life. When I saw a news headline saying that there was an active shooter in a synagogue in Pittsburgh, she was the first person I thought of. I immediately texted her...and she didn't answer. So I called...and she didn't pick up. I was terrified. At the time, I had no idea what synagogue Abby was currently attending. I didn't know how far away she lived from Tree of Life. I didn't even know if she and her family typically attended Shabbat morning services. Eventually, Abby called me back. She had been in a dance class, on the opposite side of the city from Tree of Life, and having a fun, normal, Saturday morning. She told me that she was safe and her family didn't attend Tree of Life. "Relieved" doesn't even begin to describe how I*

felt in that moment. I was lucky to not lose my best friend that day. Abby was lucky to not lose her own life. But many others were not so lucky.

As our teens lobbied on Capitol Hill, speaking with staffers from each office, they reflected on how poised and thoughtful and prepared our kids were, how they presented themselves; not as adults, but as concerned teens, authentically themselves. They did us proud. I'm hopeful that, in this way, Al's legacy goes on, not in specific policy or institutions, but in the learning and advocacy of our teens, who themselves learned to make Torah live in our actions and words, not just in the pages of a book.

Quote of the Month

"The great essentials for happiness in this life are something to do, something to love, and something to hope for."

Joseph Addison

Thank you to our May Ushers

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CANTOR'S CORNER

ELIZABETH F. FLYNN

Just over a year ago I had a phone call with Rabbi Robinson and Rabbi Koppel to plan for my audition service at CBE. During our conversation, they mentioned that they would be attending an event called “L’taken” in DC with their confirmation students the weekend before I arrived. I had not heard of the program, so they briefly described the weekend of social-justice-driven education that the students experience which ends with the students lobbying to their representatives on the issues they care about. While we had many other things to chat about during that brief phone call, I remember being fascinated and greatly intrigued at the idea of high school students being empowered and inspired to fight for what they believe in, in this way. As it turns out, I was lucky enough to witness the process first-hand when I joined Rabbi Koppel, Rabbi Robinson, and our 10th graders for another L’taken experience. To say that the weekend was impressive is a massive understatement – over three days I watched as our students learned about the issues they cared about, explored expressing these views in an articulate and meaningful manner, prepared to make change and made good friends during the process.

L’taken helped these students gather their voices and express their message in a wide variety of ways. This year, in particular, L’taken incorporated a new program called *Nashir* which focused on the expression and exploration of social justice through music. Our BESTY Board Members and temple song leaders Reece Ratliff and Lauren Aussprung, participated this new exciting track. Reece’s own words best describe the experience: “This past weekend, Lauren Aussprung—BESTY MVP and NFTY PAR Song leader—and I had the privilege of attending L’Taken, a four-day conference for Reform Jewish teens focusing on social action and advocacy. In addition to writing speeches and lobbying with the rest of our Confirmation class, Lauren and I participated in a new L’Taken track called *Nashir*, meaning “We will sing.” *Nashir* combined the social action work of L’Taken with the study of song leading. We looked at artists from Pete Seeger to Matisyahu to explore the unique art of musical activism. We also got to help lead hundreds of Jewish teenagers in music and worship, starting with Friday night and Saturday morning Shabbat services. We picked our songs, practiced for about an hour, and then got up and led everyone in meaningful worship with Cantor Rosalie Boxt. For Saturday night, we prepared a beautiful Havdalah

service, which we held on the steps of the Jefferson Memorial in the heart of Washington, DC. Seeing all the teenagers sitting and singing, united by our Judaism and our drive to change the world, was a truly extraordinary experience.

The weekend culminated in a social action song session, which was held on Monday morning before lobbying on Capitol Hill. As everyone was finishing breakfast, we began singing, leading a series of songs including Singing for our Lives, Down by the Riverside, and One Day. As the teens walked out of the dining hall and to the buses, we lined their path, continuing the singing until all of the buses were full. Lauren and I had the last spots along the path, and as we sang We Shall Overcome, we watched hundreds of bright-eyed, cheering teenagers make their way to the buses and prepare to make a change in our country.”

The rest of our students including Micah Jacobson, Lauren Kalin, Evan Lewis, and Jackson Politis all worked tirelessly to not only explore and advocate for the issues they care about from climate change to criminal justice reform but also to learn about the Jewish teachings and values that support these causes as well. Jackson’s speech to Delaware’s representatives on the subject of LGBTQ+ rights is a shining example of the passion and hard work of our students:



“...Currently there is no federal law that explicitly protects LGBTQ+ people from discrimination. In 2015, The U.S.

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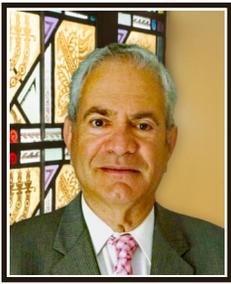
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RABBI PETER H. GRUMBACHER

**Join the
 Jewish Historical Society of Delaware
 at its Annual Meeting**

Sunday, April 7 at 2:00 PM at Siegel JCC

Theme: *“Justice, Justice Shalt Thou Pursue”*
 Delaware’s Jewish Judges

Reservations are highly recommended as in addition to the Board and long-time members of the JHSD, there will be many family members of judges past and present at this interesting event. Call 302-655-6232

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Transgender Survey found that 31% of transgender individuals reported that they were denied equal treatment or were verbally and/or physically attacked at a place of public accommodation. Along with this, in 2016, 1 in 4 LGBTQ+ Americans reported having experienced discrimination. This shows that discrimination against the LGBTQ+ community is a very relevant and prominent issue in our country and that it is time for action.”

As Jews we are taught in the book of Genesis to accept all people from all walks of life because every human being is created *b’tzelem* Elohim, in the divine image. This means that all people are to be accepted and respected because we are all created in the divine image, *b’tzelem* Elohim. More recently Rabbi Janet Marder, former President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis wrote, “The Jewish values and principles which I regard as eternal, transcendent and divinely ordained do not condemn homosexuality. The Judaism I cherish and affirm teaches love of humanity, respect for the spark of divinity in every person and the human right to live with dignity. The God I worship endorses loving, responsible and committed human relationships, regardless of the sex of the persons involved.” This shows that the ideals and beliefs of Judaism support the LGBTQ+ community and believe that everyone is created equal and *b’tzelem* Elohim, in the divine image...”

I am beyond proud of all our students who attended this incredible program and of the strength, courage, passion, and enthusiasm they displayed for making change in their country and making their marks on the world. I look forward to witnessing the same thing from all the students will attend this worthwhile weekend in the years to come.

Passover is Right Around the Corner!

Will you be ready? Having a Seder for friends or family? Are you looking for the perfect gift for your Seder host? The Beth Emeth Sisterhood Gift Shop can help. Come to our **one week sale** starting on **Sunday, April 7, 2019 for our 20 % OFF Sale**, on all Passover items and all table top/serve ware. Beautiful Seder Plates and Matzah holders, Kiddush, Elijah and Miriam Cups, and Haggadahs. Children’s Passover accessories such as plush plagues, and coloring books.

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We’re open Sundays, 9:00 AM to Noon and Wednesdays, (during Hebrew School) 4:00 to 5:30 PM.

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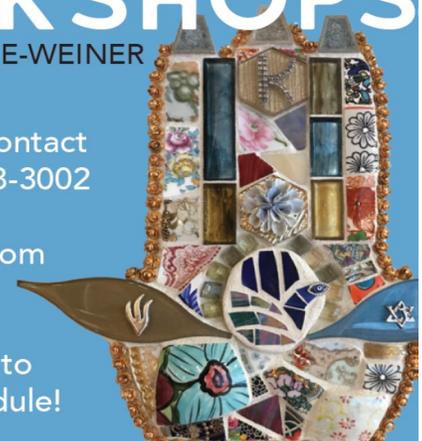


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A WORD OF TORAH

RABBI ELISA F. KOPPEL

For the 10th time, I brought a group to Washington, DC in March to participate in the *L'Taken* Seminar, run by the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. I truly feel that it is the best program that the Reform Movement runs for teens (and I say that with much love and respect for other of our movement's programs). There are many highlights: seeing the participants' faces lit by candles while sitting on the steps of the Jefferson Memorial for Havdalah; talking with the teens about their reflections after visiting the Holocaust Museum; engaging in text study with the quotes found at the MLK Memorial. But the best part is always on Monday, as we travel to Capitol Hill to lobby. Every time, I am awed and inspired by seeing these teenagers we brought down on the bus on Friday, transformed into well-dressed, articulate young people, speaking passionately about issues that are important to them. Asking for change in the world, naming the Jewish values present in their desire for that change, telling their stories of connection, and asking for specific legislative action.

Rabbi Robinson and Cantor Flynn are sharing their own reflections, as well as some of the words of our teens. Here are excerpts from the lobbying speeches from Micah Jacobson, who spoke about Climate Change, and Evan Lewis, who spoke about Criminal Justice Reform.

Micah: My family has been blessed to be fortunate enough to travel quite often and one of our favorite places to go is Iceland. Iceland is a beautiful country with natural hot springs and many, many glaciers. Seeing these glaciers gives an extreme sense of scale. These behemoth blocks of ice have been around for thousands and thousands of years, long before any of us were born, but with the rate they are decreasing, I may have to watch these glaciers disappear. I want to be able to give my children and grandchildren the opportunity to experience all the same things I have. Traveling to some of these places may soon become impossible as islands such as the Maldives could be completely underwater by that time. Rising sea levels don't just affect other nations. It is a very real problem for the United States as well, especially in Delaware. The coast of our home state could be underwater. I may never be able to show my children my old home in Wilmington or take them to the Rehoboth boardwalk. Judaism speaks of our responsibility to other generations. When God created Adam, God led him all around the Garden of Eden. God said to him, "See

how beautiful and praiseworthy all my works are? Everything I have created has been created for your sake. Think of this, and do not corrupt or destroy my world; for if you corrupt it, there will be no one to set it right after you" (Ecclesiastes Rabbah 7:13). I'm sure no one wants to live the inevitable reality that if we continue down this path, our children may come up to us and ask what was snow like and to me that is unacceptable.

Evan: This issue is important because the United States criminal justice system is broken and needs to be fixed. Over the past three decades, tough-on-crime legislation at the federal, state, and local levels has created a system of over-criminalization and mass incarceration. Today, there are over two million people being held in local, state, and federal jails and prisons, the highest incarcerated population in the total number of any country in the world. This criminal justice system also displays deep and troublesome racial disparities. Around the country, African Americans are more likely to be arrested, convicted, and incarcerated for drug crimes, despite evidence that white or black Americans use and sell drugs at roughly the same rates. On average, one in every three black men born today will serve some time in prison, as compared to one in every 17 white men. This deeply troubles me as a Reform Jew because in the Torah we are told: *Tzedek, tzedek, tirdof*" or "Justice, justice you shall pursue" (Deuteronomy 16:20). As Jews, we are instructed to seek justice and ensure that the means we use to reach justice, are just in themselves. Furthermore, we are also guided by the words of Leviticus (19:15), which tell us: "You shall do no unrighteousness in judgement; you shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor favor the person of the mighty; but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor." This text tells us how

a person's socio-economic status should not change the judgement of action or punishment. A criminal justice system that punishes unjustly and with discrimination violates this command.





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



JENN STEINBERG

Educate, Advocate and Mobilize

For the clergy, staff, and leadership of the congregation springtime means budget season. We will all work together with the budget committee to hammer out a balanced budget that allows us to do the things we need to do to keep moving forward in a way that reflects the mission and values of our congregation. Over the past couple of months, I took a break from using this space to reflect on how we live our mission, vision, and values at Beth Emeth but I feel drawn back to what we call on our website "Our Goals," to ground myself in the work that we are pursuing in the back half of 2019, to be continued in 2020.

In May, members of the congregation and our clergy will attend The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism's Consultation on Conscience, an *"opportunity to deepen connections within congregations and across the Reform Movement, network with other communities facing similar social justice challenges and opportunities, build tangible organizing and advocacy skills, and make your mark on the federal as well as state landscape."* While gathering with like-minded folks is certainly good for our neshama, my personal focus in attending this year is to identify what we currently do as a community to live our values and what more we can do with the resources already available to us.

Through this lens, I'll be picking workshops and seeking conversations with other congregations based on three of Beth Emeth's published goals:

Encouraging and inspiring one another to deepen our commitment to Judaism and to transmit our Jewish values to the next generation.

Providing diverse programming and educational opportunities that create excitement and interest in Judaism at ALL life's stages.

Leading and inspiring the greater Wilmington, DE community through tzedakah (justice), tik-kun olam (repairing the world), and Jewish learning.

One of the other hats I wear is co-chair of the Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. Our state's JCRC is one of 125 community relations councils and The RAC is one of 17 national Jewish agencies that make up the network that is the Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA). The mission of JCPA is to mobilize grassroots Jewish activism, and while that mission is not explicit in the goals of our congregation, is a big part of what we do at Beth Emeth for the greater Delaware community.

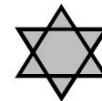
If this part of our mission speaks to you, I would love for you to join us May 19-21 in Washington, DC. Check out <https://rac.org/consultation-conscience-2019> for details and reach out to me at president@bethemethde.org if you think you might want to attend. "There has never been a better time to repair the world."

Kutz Donor Luncheon

The Auxiliary of the Kutz Senior Living Campus wishes to invite you to its Donor Luncheon. Sarah McBride, a Wilmington native, will be our guest speaker. She is the first trans woman to intern at the White House and also spoke at the 2016 Democratic Convention. McBride is presently the National Press Secretary for the Human Rights Campaign. The topic of her talk is "Tomorrow Will Be Different: The Journey Toward Gender Equality."

Please join us on Wednesday, May 8 at Harry's Savoy Grill at 11:00 AM.

For more information contact Bobbi Levitt at 302-652-1193.



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April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 (25 Adar II) 10:00a Literacy Delaware 5:30p Food Pantry Stock	2 (26 Adar II) 10:00a Literacy Delaware 5:00p Food Pantry Open	3 (27 Adar II) 10:00a Literacy Delaware 10:00a Sisterhood Event at Winterthur 1:30p Memory Cafe 4:00p Hebrew School 7:15p Choir Rehearsal	4 (28 Adar II) 10:00a Literacy Delaware	5 (29 Adar II) 6:00p Kabbalat Shabbat Program 7:00p Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6 (1 Nisan) Tazria 9:30a Torah Study 11:00a Bat Mitzvah - Maddren
7 (2 Nisan) 9:00a Brotherhood 9:00a Religious School 11:30a Youth Choir 12:30p Food Pantry Stock Day	8 (3 Nisan) 10:00a Literacy Delaware 11:00a Sisterhood Serving Lunch at Emmanuel Dining Hall	9 (4 Nisan) 10:00a Literacy Delaware 5:00p Food Pantry Open 6:30p, 6:30p, 6:30p Adult Learning Task Force 7:30p Board Meeting	10 (5 Nisan) 10:00a Literacy Delaware 4:00p Hebrew School 7:15p Choir Rehearsal	11 (6 Nisan) 10:00a Literacy Delaware 7:00p Marriage Reconnection Rehearsal	12 (7 Nisan) Marriage Reconnection 7:00p Shabbat Service with Oneg	13 (8 Nisan) Mitzora 9:30a Torah Study & Service Combination
14 (9 Nisan) 9:00a Religious School 11:00a Caring Committee Meeting 11:30a Youth Choir 12:00p Religious School Committee Meeting	15 (10 Nisan) 10:00a Literacy Delaware 5:30p Food Pantry Stock	16 (11 Nisan) 10:00a Literacy Delaware 5:00p Food Pantry Open 7:00p Liturgical Practices Committee Meeting	17 (12 Nisan) 10:00a Literacy Delaware 1:30p Memory Cafe 4:00p Hebrew School 7:15p Choir Rehearsal	18 (13 Nisan) 10:00a Literacy Delaware	19 (14 Nisan) Erev Passover 5:30p Shabbat Service	20 (15 Nisan) Passover 9:30a Torah Study & Service Combination 5:30p Congregational Seder
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28 (23 Nisan) 9:00a Landscaping Day 9:00a Teacher In-Service - No Regular Class 10:00a Books & Bagels at Fairfax Panera	29 (24 Nisan) 10:00a Literacy Delaware 5:30p Food Pantry Stock	30 (25 Nisan) 10:00a Literacy Delaware 5:00p Food Pantry Open				

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:

Sharon and Robert Hart on the death of Robert's father, Stanley Hart.
Marcia Halperin and Norman Monhait on the death of Marcia's mother, Marion Halperin



The Caring Committee

The Caring Committee provides opportunities to help members of our CBE community in a variety of ways. These include making soup and meals, writing cards and making calls, consoling the bereaved, distributing holiday gifts and visiting members of our community in facilities and their homes. The Committee meets monthly from September through May. New committee members are always welcome. Our next meeting is Sunday, April 14, at 11:00 AM in the Board Room. Contact Judith Insinga at jischnitman@yahoo.com or 302-764-4093 for more information about the Caring Committee.

Caring Committee Soup



Low-sodium and gluten-free soups made by Caring Committee members are available in the Beth Emeth freezer. Any congregant who would benefit is welcome to help themselves to containers of soup. If you know someone who might benefit from

receiving soup, please contact Judith Insinga at 302-764-4093, and the Committee will arrange for delivery.

New Adult Learning Offerings this Spring!

Hebrew 102: Not Quite Beginning Hebrew. You asked for it, and here it is! Do you have some Hebrew but want to be more fluent in services? Perhaps it's been years since Hebrew school; or you're self-taught and want to affirm your learning. Join Rabbi Michael Kramer on Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 PM, starting April 3, 10, 17 and ongoing. \$36 for members; \$50 for non-members; and includes all materials.

Scholarships are available. If you're unsure if this is for you, we can arrange for tutoring to get you up to that level. RSVP to the office, or watch your email for a link to sign-up.

Dancing from Liberation to Revelation: Snapshot Studies in the Omer

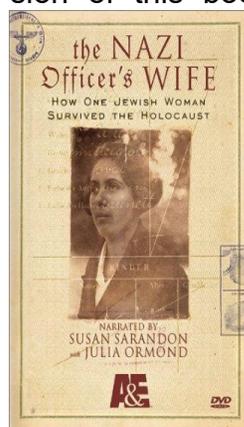
Join each of the clergy on Wednesday evenings throughout the spring, as Rabbi Robinson, Rabbi Koppel or Cantor Flynn explores a different topic each week. A series of single session classes as we move from Passover to Shavuot. Each Wednesday from April 24 through June 5; 5:30-7:00 PM. Light dinner provided; \$5.00 donations suggested. Watch for more information about the specific topics. Come to one or come to them all.

What Questions does that Bring Up?

Torah study could also be called Torah questioning. Whether you come once in a while, or each week, reflecting on and questioning the weekly Torah portion generates some robust conversation. What's bothering YOU about this Torah portion? And what do your peers think? Saturday mornings, 9:30 AM, every week.

The Nazi Officer's Wife

Sisterhood Books & Bagels sponsors discussion of this book by Edith Beer and Susan Dworkin. Sunday, April 28, 10:30 AM at Fairfax Panera. RSVP to Heather Margolin by emailing her at h.m.margolin@gmail.com



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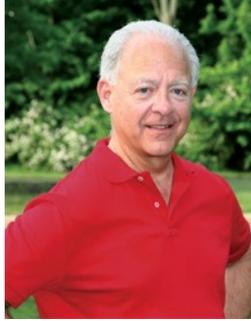
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Brotherhood

"Saving Nature and Managing Growth in Northern Delaware" with Bob Weiner, Sunday April 7, from 9:00-10:30 AM

Bob, a prominent attorney and long-time New Castle County Councilman, will bring us up to speed on various efforts to protect natural landscapes in our area, especially along Concord Pike and in the areas surrounding the Brandywine Creek and Red Clay Creek. Issues around transportation and land use will be discussed. Plus, sure we'll get some interesting stories with Bob's insider view of county government!



This event is open to the public by reservation. Invite your friends! A bagel and lox breakfast is available for \$5.

Please RSVP to Steve Zimmerman by calling him at 302-547-0036, or email him at zimmerman.steven0@gmail.com.

Camp and Israel Scholarships Available

Congregation Beth Emeth has many scholarships available for camp, and Israel trips.

For camp scholarships, please use the Religious School scholarship application in the Religious School section of the CBE website (bethemethde.org).

If you are applying for an Israel scholarship, please send us a brief statement with the following information:

- Name and description of the Israel experience
- Total cost of the trip
- Reason that you are interested in the trip and how it will impact you Jewishly
- We ask that any scholarship recipients share their experiences with the congregation. Some examples of this (but are not limited to) are speaking to children at Sunday School, writing an article for the Orbit, displaying photographs taken in the synagogue lobby, speaking at a Friday night service

Please send Israel trip information to jyulish@bethemethde.org by March 15, 2019.

For questions or more information regarding scholarships, please contact Scholarship

Chair, Brooke Carroll, or Executive Director, Jon Yulish, through the temple office.

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 12 during the 7:00 PM Shabbat evening service. If your wedding anniversary in calendar year 2019 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.

Community Office Hours

One year ago our leadership started an experiment in offering community office hours at varied times outside the building, in the hopes of creating more accessibility. While received positively, it's clear now that the effort is not fulfilling its purpose, so we're drawing the community office hours to a close in March. However, we're still very much accessible! Feel free to reach out to the clergy or the president to make individual appointments, including outside of the building, if that's more comfortable.



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Sisterhood Happenings

April 3, 2019 - Winterthur Museum Tour - "Costuming the Crown" - 10:00 AM - \$17/ person.

From the dazzling gold of Queen Elizabeth's coronation robe to the simple sophistication of Princess Margaret's wedding dress; from the majesty of royal crowns and tiaras to the comfort of clothes worn in private family moments, **COSTUMING THE CROWN** will feature 40 iconic costumes from the beloved Emmy® award-winning Netflix series, a dramatized history of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II. This intriguing exhibition provides a behind-the-scenes look at how costume design is used to create riveting drama and to re-create history. Explore the elegance and style of a bygone era by examining the extraordinary contributions of Emmy®- and BAFTA-winning designers Michele Clapton and Jane Petrie from seasons 1 and 2 of *The Crown*. Discover how costumes play a major role in storytelling and character development in this fictional portrayal of the British royal family that is sweeping the globe! To reserve your spot for this amazing event, please contact Missy Rosenthal by emailing her at mmrosenthal@comcast.net or call her at 610-209-9383.

May 9, 2019 - SAVE THE DATE! QVC Tour and Lunch! May 9, 2019 at 10:00 AM!!

We'll have a tour of the incredible QVC Studio in West Chester, Pennsylvania. If you want to see what it takes to pull off a QVC broadcast, then this tour is for you! Get a backstage pass to the inner workings of the QVC studio and check out what they do to bring us the products we know and love. Contact Missy Rosenthal by emailing her at mmrosenthal@comcast.net for more details!!

Change of Address Reminder

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 and log in as a member. You can manage your account details online. If you have not yet logged in and need a password, contact the office and we will send you a link.

You can also 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.

COFFEE HAWAII FRUIT CRISP BY JAMIE GELLER



INGREDIENTS

14 ounces frozen blueberries
14 ounces frozen peaches
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 cup flour, divided
½ cup brown sugar, divided
1 cup oats
⅓ cup extra virgin olive oil, such as Colavita
1 tablespoon hawaii coffee spice blend
Pinch of sea salt

PREPARATION

Preheat oven to 400°F.

In a 9-inch pie pan, combine blueberries, peaches, lemon juice, 1 tablespoon each flour and brown sugar.

In a separate medium sized mixing bowl, combine oats, remaining flour and brown sugar, evoo, hawaii spice blend and sea salt. Mix by hand or using two forks until crumbly.

Top fruit with crumble and bake, uncovered for 30 minutes.

Serve warm with ice cream.

*Homemade Hawaii Coffee Spice Blend
There is no coffee in this spice blend, but it is traditionally served alongside a steaming cup of coffee.

Combine 1 tablespoon ground ginger, 1 tablespoon ground cardamom, ½ teaspoon cinnamon, ¼ teaspoon ground cloves, ¼ teaspoon ground fennel seeds.

Do a Mitzvah, Sponsor an Oneg

Do you have a special event coming up? A birthday, anniversary or baby naming? Why not honor it by sponsoring a Friday night Oneg. Please do a mitzvah and call the temple office at 302-764-2393 to select a date.





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MEMORY CAFÉ

A Memory Café is a place where caregivers and their loved ones experiencing memory changes can connect with others in a safe, positive, and stimulating environment.

As a volunteer, you will play an integral role in making guests feel welcome and included by:

- warmly greeting guests
- socializing with guests
- planning and facilitating activities
- providing or organizing refreshments
- sharing your talents and interests

A training session will be held for those interested in volunteering. It will provide basic information about memory changes and how to interact with program participants.

JFS' Memory Café will meet every 1st and 3rd Wednesday.

For more information, contact Joyce Griffith
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Aluminum Can Tabs

Please continue saving soda, soup and other tabs and put them in the jar (in the lobby at Beth Emeth). The tabs will be sent to the local Ronald McDonald House. The tabs are sold and the money helps support the wonderful work that the houses provide for sick children and their families.



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We Grow Stronger TOGETHER



**Please join Congregation Beth Emeth
for our annual Second Night Seder,
Saturday, April 20, 2019
5:30 PM**



Each year, at Passover, we anticipate the meaning of the four questions. But have you ever contemplated these four?

Where is there an ongoing invitation to be part of a community?

How do we make this Pesach experience as welcoming and meaningful as possible?

When can we build and deepen relationships over a shared meal?

Why is this night different from all other nights?

The answers will unfold at the Annual Congregation Beth Emeth 2nd Night Seder on Saturday, April 20, 2019 at 5:30 PM. Join other CBE congregants, friends, and family to share this festive meal and mark our thankfulness for Pesach with infused inspiration and renewed spirit.



RSVP now

Make your reservations now! Dinner is **\$10.00** per person for CBE members; \$15 person for non-members. Children under 5 are FREE. We will be hosting a traditional Seder menu with matzo ball soup, gefilte fish, main course, dessert and beverages.

RSVP online and sign up to let us know what dish you will bring to the meal at <https://www.bethemethde.org/event/congregational-seder.html> or by calling the office at 302-764-2393. Please make your reservation and payment by April 10, 2019 to Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 W. Lea Blvd., Wilmington, DE, 19802



Volunteers are needed!

Table setting; guest check-in; soup servers; kitchen cleanup. If you are interested in being part of this community celebration, you can sign up online at <https://www.bethemethde.org/event/congregational-seder.html> or contact Lori by emailing her at lwyzga@bethemethde.org or call the office at 302-764-2393.



Your Old Shoes Can Help Stamp Out Cancer Recycle Your Shoes

Did you know that your old, no longer used shoes can help to stamp out cancer? In cooperation with Community Recycling and Stand Up 2 Cancer (SU2C) **Congregating Beth Emeth** is taking part in a unique fundraising drive that we hope you will consider supporting. **It will cost you no money!** Participating is simple. **Congregating Beth Emeth** is collecting used shoes for reuse. This international shoe recycling program collects used shoes for distribution to poor regions all over the world (including areas in the USA). For each container filled with shoes a donation will be made to Stand Up 2 Cancer.

Our community will benefit as well. Not only will your recycled shoes help raise funds for SU2C, it will also keep more shoes out of our local landfills---and free up some space in your closets.

- **Drop off your used shoes in the shoe recycling container in the lobby of Congregating Beth Emeth.** As each container is filled, they are shipped to the Community Recycling organization for distribution to those in need. SU2C receives a small donation for each container that we fill.
- You get to free up some closet space while helping to reduce landfill waste.
- Ask your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to participate.

Thank you very much for helping to stamp out cancer.

DROP OFF YOUR SHOES to the shoe recycling box in the lobby at **Congregating Beth Emeth** for information about SU2C please visit www.SU2C.org



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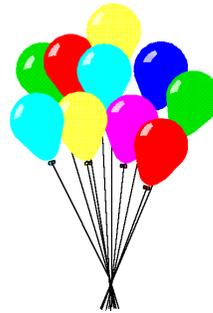
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It is important that, when you send in a donation, you write specifically how you want the donation listed. Please include a note with your check, printed clearly or typed, stating exactly how you want the contribution to read. For example: Mary and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

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, plenty of parking and a great staff to help make your party a success.



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.





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