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A GOOD QUESTION

YAIR D. ROBINSON
(HE/HIM)

Are you ready for summer yet? I know I am! I miss the sun, the warmth, and the chance to be at camp.

Yep, I still go to camp! Specifically, to Camp Harlam, our reform movement camp in the Poconos. There is nothing like being at camp with the kids, the other faculty (rabbis and cantors and educators from around the region), and the staff, experiencing Judaism in an authentic way. Does that mean that our experience in Wilmington is inauthentic? Hardly, *but* when I go as faculty to Harlam, I see Jewish children and teenagers—including many of our own kids—celebrate Shabbat and celebrate each other, use Hebrew expressions like *cheder ochel* (dining hall) and *nikkayon* (cleanup) and recite prayers such as *hamotzi* and *birkat hamazon* as casually as they would use English. Certainly theirs is a normal camp experience, filled with hiking and rock climbing, boating and swimming, arts and crafts and music and exploring the wonders of technology, but all of this is enhanced with song sessions after meals, spending time with young Israeli men and women and talking with them about *ha'aretz*--the Land of Israel, and gathering for Shabbat, dressed all in white, on a hill overlooking the green mountains of the Poconos, celebrating under a canopy of leafy trees and blue sky.

SHABBAT SHALOM

Friday, February 4 , Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 7:00 PM

Or join us via: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDGcjXfeW866IGiUCWEbkuw>

Rabbi Robinson will speak

Birthday Blessings for the month of February

Saturday, February 5, Torah Study, 9:30 AM, Join in person in the CBE board room (masks required); or by Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/531825441>. In addition to Hybrid

learning, we will hold a brief Shabbat morning service beginning at 9:30 AM.

"Terumah," Exodus 25:1-27:19; I Kings 5:26-6:13

Friday, February 11, Shabbat Service, 7:00 PM,

Or join us via: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDGcjXfeW866IGiUCWEbkuw>

Rabbi Robinson will speak

Saturday, February 12, Torah Study, 9:30 AM: Join in person in the CBE board room (masks required); or by Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/531825441>. In addition to Hybrid learning, we will hold a brief Shabbat morning service beginning at 9:30 AM.

"Tetzaveh," Exodus 27:20-30:10; Ezekiel 43:10-27

Friday, February 18, Shabbat Service, 7:00 PM

Or join us via: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDGcjXfeW866IGiUCWEbkuw>

Rabbi Robinson will speak.

Saturday, February 19, Torah Study, 9:30 AM Join in person in the CBE board room (masks required); or by Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/531825441>. In addition to Hybrid

learning, we will hold a brief Shabbat morning service beginning at 9:30 AM.

"Ki Tissa," Exodus 30:11-34:35; I Kings 18:1-39

Friday, February 25, Shabbat Service, 7:00 PM

Or join us via: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDGcjXfeW866IGiUCWEbkuw>

Rabbi Robinson will speak.

Saturday, February 26, Torah Study, 9:30 AM Join in person in the CBE board room (masks required); or by Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/531825441>. In addition to Hybrid learning, we will hold a brief Shabbat morning service beginning at 9:30 AM.

"Vayakhel," Exodus 35:1-38:20;30:11-16; II Kings 12:1-17

Their experience at camp—their *Jewish* experience—delivers a kind of authenticity one cannot capture easily at home or in synagogue or even in a camp ‘full of Jews’. Their experience is unique and special, and one I would encourage you to consider for your own children this year. Talk to anyone who’s sent their kids to Harlam, and they’ll wax rhapsodic about what a positive experience they had; how fun it was, and the friends they made. And you might see that their connection to Judaism is that much deeper. I’m proud to say that, once again this year, I will be there as faculty second session. This adds another dimension for the kids; a chance for them to get to know me (and I get to know all of them!) in a different, more relaxed setting. And I have watched more than one student go from child camper to young staffer to become bright, mature, engaged adults, whose best friends are still the ones they made at Harlam (or Kutz, or 6 Points Sports, or 6 Points Science & Technology, or 6 Points Creative Arts Academy in West Chester PA!). It’s always a joy to see what camp makes of people.

If you are interested in sending your children to either Camp Harlam or one of the 6 Points camps this coming summer, please see me, or Cantor Flynn (who’s going back to 6 Points Creative Arts), or Moret Eliana (as our school just had a Camp Day not too long ago), or talk to one of the many parents here at Beth Emeth who have sent their kids year after year to that special place. ***There is ample scholarship money available for your child to attend a Jewish Camp.*** Your children deserve to have not only a fun summer, not only an authentic camp experience, but an authentic Jewish experience at camp.



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:

Beryl and Bob Gamiel on the death of Beryl’s mother, and to Ilicia and Bruce Shaver on the death of Ilicia’s grandmother, Myra Sachs.

Susan and Daniel Kreshtool on the death of Susan’s mother, Evelyn Korman and on the death of Daniel’s mother, Constance Kreshtool.

Holly and Steven Krinsky on the death of Steven’s father, Robert Krinsky.



Quote of the Month

“Where love is, no room is too small”
Talmud

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CANTOR'S CORNER

ELIZABETH F. FLYNN
(SHE/HER)

While January may have technically marked the beginning of this new year, I never quite feel like we are in the new year until February, when the holiday vacations have ended, and life returns to its normal rhythm and schedule. Ironically, additionally with the beginning of a new year and the return to routine, my mind also eagerly turns to anticipation of the warmer weather and the freedom and relaxation of summer. Coincidentally, February is the time that registrations for Jewish camps and all that they offer, ramps up.

For Jewish musicians, the influence of camp on the growth of their talents and creativity cannot be overstated and vice versa for the influence of camp on the production of and shape of Jewish music. Since the 1960s, the music coming out of Jewish summer camps has redefined the worship experience in synagogues all over the United States and beyond. The new avenues of musical and spiritual expression found in the styles and instruments of camp have helped campers and congregants alike relate to and connect with the ancient liturgy of Judaism in a whole new way. Debbie Friedman, Jeff Klepper, and Julie Silver – three composers we sing nearly every Shabbat – all got their start and inspiration at camp.

Of course, music is only one of the avenues through which kids find connections between their interests and passions and their Judaism. The beauty of Jewish summer camp is that it weaves Jewish *middot*, values, into nearly every activity at camp from eating to art to playing gaga or practicing archery. Judaism is not an extracurricular add-on but an ever present and beloved aspect of the camper's favorite activities. Judaism and Jewish teachings become foundational parts of their identity, and they embrace it.

Growing up, I did not have the opportunity to attend Jewish summer camp and often wished I had been able to. I saw firsthand, the strong bonds formed over summers away between friends at my temple youth group and at NFTY events. It connected them to the other Jewish teens outside the immediate community at our synagogue and helped them build a solid and large Jewish community long before I had the opportunity to do so in college. I was fascinated and admittedly a bit jealous of the opportunities they had, but it wasn't until I worked at

a summer camp for two summers during cantorial school that I fully understood the opportunities I had missed.

Jewish kids from all over the country come together for unforgettable summers where being Jewish - which more often than not puts them in a minority - is actually the norm and is explored in ways that the Hebrew school classroom can only dream of. Judaism, its culture, teachings, and values are naturally incorporated into all activities in a seamless experience that makes kids fall in love with this part of themselves. More than anything, the friendships formed at camp teach them the value of community and the diversity of our people around the world. Camp is so much more than guitar and rock-like or folk-style worship music. It is a sacred place where Jewish kids are able to experience their Judaism in ways most relevant to their lives and their ages and to find their Jewish voice amongst friends on the same journey.

I am overjoyed to announce that I will be returning to the URJ 6Points Creative Arts Academy, where an increasing number of our congregation's children have begun to call their summer home, to serve as faculty during their second session this summer. While all of the Jewish camps are wonderful, CAA has a special place in my heart. As a musician, knitter, and life-long craft enthusiast, it is well-known that I have a deep fondness for the creative spirit. More than any of the other camps, CAA provides a distinctly unique approach to weaving the passions (which range widely from creative writing to fine arts, to modern dance and beyond) of its campers with the core *middot* (Jewish values) that it is built upon. It is truly a beautiful thing and I look forward to helping some of our kids on this journey in summers to come.

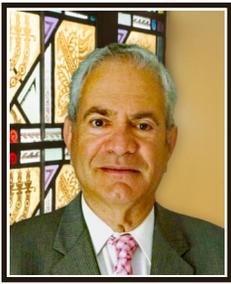
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FOCUS EMERITUS

RABBI PETER H. GRUMBACHER

My 50th Anniversary as a Rabbi Part Two: "Some of My Classmates"

As I've mentioned before, there were thirty-six of us in the Class of '72 who were ordained at the Cincinnati campus of Hebrew Union College, and that number is important in the Jewish tradition. Each Hebrew letter represents a number. *Lamed*=30 and *vav*=6, together forming the number of ordainees in our class.

You may have heard of the *lamed-vavniks*. It is said that each generation has 36 righteous Jews, each one not realizing s/he is counted as one of them. These 36 are said to sustain the world because of their righteousness. Now I'm not saying those in our class are this generation's *lamed-vavniks* because, as those of generations before us, we have never been informed, but...

Of course, the class of '72 was a bit more special than most in that Sally Priesand was ordained as the first woman rabbi. Ours was probably the first class whose members felt they might as well just go home what with the television cameras, reporters, and the like, who were waiting outside the Isaac Mayer Wise Temple so they could interview Sally! All kidding aside, I can assure you that we were very proud to be a part of this momentous occasion, and we continue to be so glad to recognize our classmate as truly a role model for the women who followed, now in the hundreds! Truth be told, Sally has been a role model for the men as well.

One of the earliest conventions of the CCAR following our ordination was held at Grossinger's resort. We had brought David, our first-born, along with us. Sally was walking down the path and we asked her to please hold him because we wanted to take a photograph. She did and we told her, "*Well, now we've got the cover for his Bar Mitzvah invitation!*" Of course, that was not to be the case.

There were a number of those who began their rabbinic studies who never were ordained. In fact, there were a few who never made it

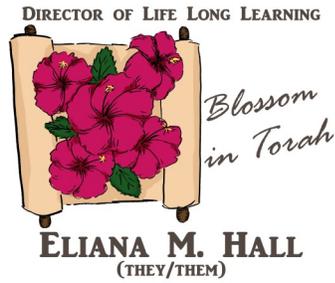
past the first year; in fact, not even past the preliminary summer program preceding the first year! One of them simply never went to class, and one not even his dorm room (we questioned whether he even got dressed each morning) ...and they passed the psychological exam we all had to take in order to be accepted into the rabbinic program??!!! Go figure.

The oldest graduate to be ordained until that time was in my class. He had been an officer in the US Army and was in his late fifties when accepted into the program. Unfortunately, he died after a few years serving an historical congregation in the South. Another classmate had once addressed Beth Emeth at a Shabbat evening service. He had served as a chaplain in the US Navy and spoke about his experiences. He contracted a terminal disease which sadly took his life, a source of sadness for all of us because he truly was a *mensch*.

A classmate who was the type who would give you the shirt off his back not looking first to see if he had another one, was also a Navy chaplain upon ordination. During Operation Desert Storm he computerized the chaplaincy service integrating all those who were serving around the globe, a Herculean task indeed! And then there was the classmate who disappeared after ordination. Someone by chance found him working in a record store.

One rabbi from the Class of '72 officiated at the funeral of Gilda Radner. Another whose father had been an attorney but then became a rabbi, started off as a rabbi and then became an attorney. Yet another founded a congregation for the deaf and became a leading spokesperson for the hearing-impaired communities of Jews around the country. A good friend of mine, the Reform rabbi in Little Rock, was a sounding board for Bill Clinton and wrote a book about their relationship.

Of course, I couldn't mention everyone – I'm not even sure what became of more than a handful of them – but you can get an idea that we represented a cross-section of the Jewish community and were honored to serve in whatever capacity we could. I know I was/am!



Much of the book of Exodus can be disconcerting to read. We have plagues and the Israelites are running from a vast army, and there is widespread discontent and general uncertainty. By the time we get to the golden calf, we really need to shift gears. Moses and God need to catch the Children of Israel doing something good and run with it. Maybe a group project that gets everyone working together will do the trick. Something long-term and with enough detail to engage all the different personalities.

The building of the Mishkan, the movable worship space that they will carry through the desert seems to do the trick. The description in *Parashat Vayakheil* is magnificent in its detail. The instructions name individuals but also include those without specific tasks. Everyone gets involved. Creating sacred space becomes a group project, and suddenly there is less fighting and bickering. Was it merely that the Israelites had too much to do to continue arguing with one another? Perhaps, but I imagine surviving in an unfamiliar desert takes a fair bit of effort even if you are not building a Tabernacle for God.

What this circumstance had that had been missing before was shared vision, emphasis on both the "shared" and the "vision". In Exodus 35:21 we read, "And everyone who excelled in ability and everyone whose spirit moved them came, bringing to Adonai their offering for the work of the Tent of Meeting and for all its service and for the sacral vestments." It didn't matter whether you had a specific set of skills or just lots of enthusiasm. And as for the vision, I encourage you to read starting at Exodus Chapter 35 and let your imagination run wild. It is beautiful.

A shared vision works wonders for groups large and small, whether we are feeding the hungry, building a complex structure for God, or dedicating a space, to working with one another on a different kind of holy work. This past month, Congregation Beth Emeth began

work on a project called Sacred Grounds. In their own words, "Sacred Grounds is a National Wildlife Federation program that recognizes congregations, houses of worship, and faith communities who both create wildlife habitat and actively link faith practices and caring for the environment... We work alongside local partners to assist houses of worship and their communities with project planning and technical expertise to increase native plant gardens."

After two years of uncertainty and what felt a bit like aimless wandering, Sacred Grounds is a fantastic opportunity for us to work together on a shared vision in which Congregation Beth Emeth supports our wider community and the Earth we share. We've got beautiful plans that are still evolving and there is a way for everyone to contribute. This project will take longer than the Mishkan likely did - we are looking at several years of working together, but I hope you will join in. If you're interested in helping us plan, care for, or learn together in our Sacred Grounds Garden and other spaces as we build, please let me know. Who knows what beauty we will create together?

A Legacy Message

As you write or update your will, think of what kind of legacy you will be leaving. Legacy gifts are a powerful way to communicate to your family, friends and the community what is important to you. As you consider all the possibilities, we respectfully ask that you consider among them a legacy gift to Congregation Beth Emeth. Such a gift no matter its size, can continue to grow in the Beth Emeth Endowment Fund helping to sustain the Congregation in good and difficult times.





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



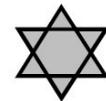
DAVID NEKOUKAR
(HE/HIM)

Please and Thank You

As we enter our third year of the pandemic, it amazingly feels like we are still nearly constantly adjusting to this new reality. The CBE board and staff are in touch with each other constantly via texts, emails, phone calls and meetings, and almost all these conversations touch on COVID in some way. These discussions aim to figure out how to plan events that will meaningfully engage our members during COVID times, and/or general plans about how to keep everyone safe as we try to maintain in-person activities. Thank you for your patience as we continue to evaluate the current state and adjust accordingly. We are striving to be proactive instead of reactive to the challenges the pandemic presents. This often requires two sets of plans for everything we do (services, religious school, b'nei mitzvah studies, and choir practice are just a few examples). Operating in this manner over the past two years has been exhausting but continues to be necessary as we navigate trying to keep our doors open during these unprecedented times. I am asking for your continued patience and thoughtful consideration as policies governing our in-person services and activities, such as mask wearing and health screenings to enter the building, will continue to evolve as the pandemic develops. Please know that this activity is aimed at fulfilling what we view as our responsibility and obligation to do our part to keep you and your family safe and healthy. I would also ask for your continued kindness in your treatment and interactions with CBE staff and volunteers as we remain focused on keeping things safe and secure. If you have any questions or concerns about these policies or any of our pandemic-related plans, please reach out any time at president@bethemethde.org.

The good news among all of this is that, as an organization and as a congregation, we have managed to thrive despite the challenges

currently presented to us. One example of this was on display this past December. I was so incredibly moved when I saw the outpouring of support from our congregation for the Family Promise Adopt-a-Family program led by the efforts of Missy Rosenthal. As Missy noted in a wrap-up note recently sent to our members, the generosity of our community was obvious to anyone who had the joy of helping Missy and team place the final touches on gift wrapping. Perhaps the most amazing part of this effort was the reaction from our members to the last-minute call Missy sent out regarding a family that was in danger of not receiving any gifts for the holiday. Amidst the crazy late December shopping season, our congregation stepped up in a big way by offering to go shopping and sending in donations. In less than 24 hours, Missy and Jon Yulish coordinated the collection of over \$600, which they were able to quickly turn around and use to purchase clothing, household items, and toys for this family and its four children. The outcome was a powerful scene of a board room filled to the brim with gifts for several Family Promise families, and a president who was (and continues to be) proud to be associated with a community that could move into action this decisively and swiftly. Thank you ALL so much for your generosity and willingness to jump at the chance to help these families in need. Many thanks as well to Missy and Jon for their essential role in making this happen. I look forward to being similarly moved and surprised by the gestures of our amazing and generous congregation in the future.



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February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 (30 Sh'vat) 12:00pm Stocking for Joseph's Pantry	2 (1 Adar I) 4:45pm Hebrew School	3 (2 Adar I)	4 (3 Adar I) 7:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	5 (4 Adar I) T'rumah 9:30am Torah Study
6 (5 Adar I) 9:00am Religious School	7 (6 Adar I)	8 (7 Adar I) 12:00pm Stocking for Joseph's Pantry 7:00pm Board Meeting	9 (8 Adar I) 4:45pm Hebrew School 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	10 (9 Adar I)	11 (10 Adar I) Choir Performs 7:00pm Shabbat Service	12 (11 Adar I) T'zaveh 9:30am Torah Study 6:00pm Sisterhood/Brotherhood Joint Social Event
13 (12 Adar I) 9:00am Mitzvah Day 9:00am Books & Bagels	14 (13 Adar I)	15 (14 Adar I) Purim Katan 12:00pm Stocking for Joseph's Pantry	16 (15 Adar I) 4:45pm Hebrew School	17 (16 Adar I)	18 (17 Adar I) 7:00pm Shabbat Service	19 (18 Adar I) Ki Tisa 9:30am Torah Study
20 (19 Adar I)	21 (20 Adar I) Presidents' Day Business Office Closed	22 (21 Adar I) 12:00pm Stocking for Joseph's Pantry	23 (22 Adar I) 4:45pm Hebrew School 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	24 (23 Adar I)	25 (24 Adar I) 7:00pm Shabbat Service	26 (25 Adar I) Vayak'heil 9:30am Torah Study
27 (26 Adar I) 9:00am Religious School 1:00pm Education Committee Meeting	28 (27 Adar I)					

How to Save a Life with No Medical Training

“Whoever saves a single life is considered by scripture to have saved the whole world”
- Sanhedrin 37a

Donate blood. It's that simple. Donating blood is safe, simple to do and saves up to three lives per donation. And you get a snack!

As with so many other things in our world, blood and blood products are in short supply due to the ongoing pandemic. And while fewer donors are presenting to for donation, the need has increased in hospitals locally as well as nationally. This has created a shortage of these life saving products like I have not seen in my 20+ years as a transfusion medicine physician.

What patients need blood?

- Those fighting cancer
- Patients with chronic blood diseases such as sickle cell anemia and thalassemia
- Victims of trauma and violent crimes
- Patients undergoing surgery
- Critically ill patients

How can you help?

- **Donate blood** – the need is unfortunately constant. You can find information and make appointments with the Blood Bank of Delmarva, your community blood center at <https://www.delmarvablood.org>. Most of the blood collected locally is used by the hospitals in our communities.
- **Help spread the word** - Share the need with your friends and family.
- **Volunteer** at your local blood center or blood drives.
- **Organize** a blood drive.

You have the power to save a life, and in so doing, save the world.



The Caring Committee



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 holiday gifts and visiting members of our community in facilities and their homes, although these visits have been suspended during the pandemic. New committee members are always welcome. Contact Judith Insinga by emailing her at jj schnitman@yahoo.com or 302-764-4093 for more information about the Caring Committee.

Adult Education

Join us for Exploring our Values Series!

February 9, 2022 at 5:30 PM, Social Justice.

April 6 at 5:30 PM, Israel Engagement/Antisemitism.

May 11 at 5:30 PM, *Chesed/Kindness*.

Sisterhood Happenings

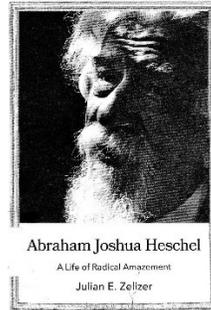
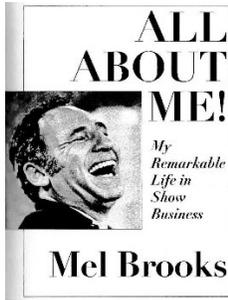


Calling all bakers and volunteers! In April we will be celebrating a milestone event and we would love to have your assistance to make it even sweeter! Please take a moment and sign up for a dessert or to volunteer with the event itself. More details forthcoming for the date. Please go to the following: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949AFAB2DA4F58-beth>. Thank you.

The Orbit Article Submission

All articles for the March issue of The Orbit are due on Wednesday, February 2, at 9:00 AM. Please email them to Lori at lwyzga@bethemethde.org. Thank you.

Catching Up with the CBE Library



While the pandemic has disrupted life for CBE and the Greater Wilmington community for the past couple of years, our congregational Library has kept its eyes and ears open for interesting or amusing books by Jewish authors and on subjects of Jewish interest. As we look forward to a (relatively) Covid-free future, we think you would enjoy reading our latest acquisitions. Here are some examples:

- Two recent releases (covers above), one serious, the other about as funny as the comedies he created: A new biography of the revered rabbi and civil rights leader Abraham Joshua Heschel – Holocaust refugee turned American activist icon; and a laugh- and nostalgia-filled memoir by the creator of many popular movies, Broadway musical comedies and even television series, written in a style that makes the reader feel as if he/she were in a room conversing with Melvin Kaminsky (or should we say Mel Brooks) himself.
- Recent fiction by authors such as Anthony Doerr, David Liss, Jodi Picoult, Kirsty Manning, Lynda Cohen Loigman, Mario Escobar, Markus Zusak and Marra B. Gad. There's even a Sherlock Holmes mystery among them – *The Adventure of the Peculiar Protocols*, by writer and director Nicholas Meyer,
- For our middle to high schoolers in the “J” section, including those artistically inclined, we acquired a biography of the artist Marc Chagall. On a more serious note are Liza Wiemer’s novel *The Assignment* and Rabbi Lawrence Kushner’s *The Book of Letters: A Mystical Hebrew Alphabet*, and the more whimsical *While Standing on One Foot: Puzzle Stories and Wisdom Tales from the Jewish Tradition*.

- Recent acquisitions for our beginning readers and for the littlest ones to whom we love to read, are titles such as *The Shabbat Box*, *Good Night, Wind*, *What Are Your Words?*, *Havdalah Sky*, and three Jewish holiday books, including Sholem Aleichem’s *Hanukah Money*.
- Several interesting and provocative non-fiction books in the “z numbered” section, including the coffee table book *Rescuing DaVinci* by Robert Edsel, author of *Monuments Men*, which became a 2014 movie with an all-star cast.

Madeline and Allan Rubinow,
Library Chairs

Books and Bagels

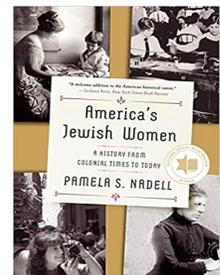
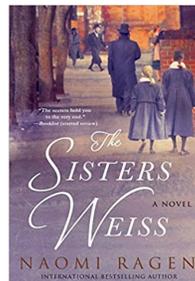
All discussions will be held at 9:00 AM, with the location (virtual or in person) to be announced. Please RSVP to Heather Margolin by calling her at 302-477-0737 or email her at h.m.margolin@gmail.com. Heather will provide Zoom links and or location during the week prior to the event. For those attending in person, there is a \$5.00 cover charge for the light breakfast, or \$4.00 plus an item to donate to Joseph’s Pantry.

February 13, 2022

Naomi Ragen *The Sisters Weiss: A Novel*

April 10, 2022

Pamela S. Nadell, *America’s Jewish Women: A History from Colonial Times to Today*.



List of Funds to Donate to at CBE

ABLEMAN LITURGICAL ARTS FUND -

Provides programs, contemporary worship or special musical events during Jewish Music Celebration.

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FAMILY ASSISTANCE - For needy families.

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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. **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.

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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.

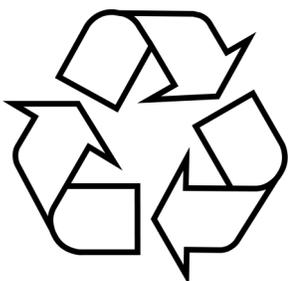
Our community will benefit as well. Not only will your recycled shoes help raise funds for SU2C, it will also keep more shoes out of our local landfills---and free up some space in your closet.

- **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



CHOCOLATE LOVER'S NAPOLEON SHIFRA KLEIN



INGREDIENTS

- 2 packages instant chocolate pudding mix
 - 3 cups nondairy milk (soy, almond or coconut)
 - 8 oz. nondairy whipping cream
- 2 packages of chocolate graham crackers

Chocolate Sauce

- 6 oz. chocolate
- 1/2 cup heavy cream or nondairy whipping cream

PREPARATION

- Slowly stir pudding mix into three cups of soy milk, mixing until slightly thickened and fully incorporated.
- Whip the cream and fold pudding mix into the whipped cream.
- Layer the crackers in 9x13 baking pan and top with half of the chocolate mixture.
- Layer the chocolate graham crackers on top of chocolate mixture and layer again with graham crackers.
- Prepare the chocolate sauce - In a small saucepan, heat 1/2 cup whipping cream on medium/low heat so that it comes to a simmer. Take off heat. Add chocolate and mix until chocolate fully melts.
- Top napoleon with chocolate sauce. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Makes 8 to 12 servings
- Another option: leave the chocolate sauce near or on top of a warm stove and serve the chocolate sauce warm on individual plates when serving. This elevates the look and taste of the dessert.

Sisterhood Events

Join us for U.S. Holocaust Museum Virtual Speaker Program on February 9, 2022. Join us virtually at 7:00 PM as we attend a virtual speaker program organized through the United States Holocaust Museum. This special program is not limited to our synagogue and may fill up so please register asap if you are interested! Although it is geared to educators, you do not need to be an

educator to register for the event.

Holocaust Survivor and Museum Volunteer, Irene Fogel Weiss, will share her personal story of survival as a teen in Hungary and what happened to her large family during the Holocaust.

Registration is required. You can register through the link below.

<https://www.ushmm.org/online-calendar/event/lihevirenweiss0222>

Dining For Dollars: AMERICANA KITCHEN on February 13, 2022

Support Beth Emeth Sisterhood and an awesome local business in this fundraiser with @americanakitchen! On Sunday, February 13, from 3:00-8:00 PM, order via Americana's website or phone 610-358-1800 and make sure to tell them that you are supporting Beth Emeth's fundraiser! 20% of the proceeds will go directly to Beth Emeth Sisterhood! As always, your support is greatly appreciated!

Here is a link for more details: <https://www.groupraise.com/events/215348>

To order: www.americana.kitchen or 610-358-1800, 1104 Naamans Creek Road, Garnet Valley, PA 19060.

Pure Barre Event

Join us on Sunday, February 27, 2022 at 12:30 PM for a private barre class at Pure Barre in Greenville, DE. In honor of National Heart Month, we'll spend an hour in the Pure Barre studio. Pure Barre is a total-body barre workout that transforms you physically and mentally. The musically-driven group classes focus on low-impact, high-intensity movements that strengthen and tone your body in 50 minutes or less. This class is limited to 20 people, so make sure you register for the class if you want to join us! Contact Missy Rosenthal at mmrosenthal@comcast.net or 610-209-9383 to secure your spot. There will be a minimum charge for the event but Pure Barre is going to donate a portion back to Sisterhood, so it's a win-win for everyone!! For more information about the Pure Barre studio and it's classes, click on the link below:

<https://www.purebarre.com/location/greenville-de>



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Honoring Rabbi Grumbacher

Friday, April 8, 2022

Plan to attend Congregation Beth Emeth's celebration of the **50th anniversary of Rabbi Peter Grumbacher's ordination**, as well as his **50th year with Congregation Beth Emeth**. The evening will begin with dinner, followed by Shabbat services and a cantorial concert led by Cantor Flynn. Special guests will include former Beth Emeth cantors Michael Mandel

Invitations to this event will follow soon