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## A GOOD QUESTION

YAIR D. ROBINSON

Summertime! The kids are off to camp (and sometimes the adults; I'm returning to Camp Harlam this summer as faculty, this time as the dean, along with 16 of our kids!), the beach house is open, and the pace of life is, hopefully, a little slower. It is easy in this time of holiday, of summer break, to leave behind all our cares and focus entirely upon ourselves and our needs; however, it should not be a time to leave behind our Jewish identity, nor let our commitments dwindle. As much as we joke that 'no one is Jewish over the summer' we should never leave our enthusiasm for Judaism behind with the parkas.

This is not to say that the summer must be a time of great seriousness; the days are too pretty to waste on great effort. However, there are little ways to bring *yiddishkeit* with you out of the school year and into the lazy days of summer, little things we can do to bring our Jewishness to the beach, the mountains, or the back yard:

- Make Shabbat outside: all you need is some tea-candles, a sunset, a little bit of challah and a little bit of juice as you say goodbye to the week that was and welcome the Sabbath bride, be it on the beach or in the woods.
- Tzedakah at "the Beach" (or "the Shore"): have the kids save up all the change from every video game, ice cream or other treat over vacation. Put it away to donate and have the family decide where it's going.
- Reading: The kids have their summer reading list,

## SHABBAT SHALOM

**Friday, June 1, Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:00PM,  
Honoring Benjamin Lasner  
Oneg Shabbat to follow**

Jessica Faith Schmoyer will bless the Shabbat Candles  
Rabbi Koppel will speak

Birthday Blessings for the month of June & July

**Saturday, June 2, Shabbat Study and Schmooze,  
9:30AM, Morning Service, 11:00AM**

The Bat Mitzvah of Jessica Faith Schmoyer, daughter of Joyann Kroser and Jason Schmoyer will be celebrated  
"Behaalot'cha," Numbers 11:1-9, Zecharia 3:6-10

**Friday, June 8, Service, 7:00PM,  
Oneg Shabbat to follow**

Rabbi Robinson will speak

HarrietAnn Litwin will lead the music

Sue Paul will bless the Shabbat Candles

**Saturday, June 9, Shabbat Meditative Hike  
10:00AM, meet at the JCC parking lot**

"Shelach" Numbers 13:1-15:41, Joshua 2:1-24

**Friday, June 15, Service, 7:00PM,  
Oneg Shabbat to follow**

Riva Brown & Cheryl Hampson will lead services  
Riva Brown will read Torah

Riva Brown will bless the Shabbat Candles  
**Saturday, June 16, Torah Study and  
Service-in-the-Round Combined, 9:30 AM,**

Michele Sands will lead services  
"Korach" Numbers 16:1-18:32,  
I Samuel 11:14-12:22

**Friday, June 22, Service, 7:00PM,  
Oneg Shabbat to follow**

Sarah Kittinger will lead the music

Michelle Baron will bless the Shabbat Candles  
**Saturday, June 23, Torah Study and  
Service-in-the-Round Combined, 9:30AM**

"Chukkat," Numbers 19:1-22:1, Judges 11:1-33

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and you have your beach books; add a Jewish book or two to the list, something you've always wanted to read about, or study. Now's your chance! Hurting for ideas? Go to [www.uri.org/books](http://www.uri.org/books) for the Reform Movement's list of Significant Jewish books, or check your copy of Reform Judaism magazine.

- Find the local synagogue: Whether you're off to the Jersey Shore or Martha's Vineyard, the mountains or staying home, there's bound to be a synagogue nearby—including our own! Find out their Friday Night service schedule, or if they offer a tour, have some kind of summer course for you or some other activity: a Lunch & Learn, craft experience, or storytelling. If you're away, seeing another synagogue can be a refreshing break from the mini-golf!

- Get Crafty: like to knit? Sew? Needlepoint? Quilt? Woodwork? Practice making a Jewish object: a *kippah*, a new *tallit*, a *challah* cover, a *pushke*, or something else!

The rains pass, but our attention to Jewish life need not pass with it. I hope you'll pack your *yiddishkeit* along with your bathing suit and sunscreen.

### Service Schedule Continued for June & July

#### Friday, June 29, Service, 7:00PM, Oneg Shabbat to follow

Participants from the Israel Trip will speak:  
Reflecting on the Congregational Israel Trip  
Cheryl Hampson will bless the Shabbat Candles

#### Saturday, June 30, Torah Study and Service-in-the-Round combined, 9:30AM

"Balak" Numbers 22:2-25:9, Micah 5:6-6:8

#### Friday, July 6, Shabbat BBQ, 5:30PM, Service, 7:00PM, Oneg Shabbat to follow

Cheryl Hampson will bless the Shabbat Candles

#### Saturday, July 7, Torah Study and Service-in-the-Round combined, 9:30AM

"Pinchas" Numbers 25:10-30:1, Jeremiah 1:1-2:3

#### Friday, July 13, Service, 7:00PM, Oneg Shabbat to follow

Rabbi Robinson will speak

Sarah Kittinger will bless the Shabbat Candles

#### Saturday, July 14, Torah Study and Service-in-the-Round combined, 9:30AM

"Matot-Masei" Numbers 30:2-36:13,  
Jeremiah 2:4-28;3:4

#### Friday, July 20, Service, 7:00PM, Oneg Shabbat to follow

Rabbi Robinson will speak

Van Olmstead will bless the Shabbat Candles

#### Saturday, July 21, Torah Study and Service-in-the-Round, 9:30AM

Cantor Flynn will lead the service and the  
Torah discussion

"Devarim", Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22, Isaiah 1:1-27

#### Friday, July 27, Service, 7:00PM, Oneg Shabbat to follow

Rabbi Robinson will speak

Cheryl Hampson will bless the Shabbat Candles

#### Saturday, July 28, Torah Study and Service-in-the-Round, 9:30AM

"Vaetchnan" Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11,  
Isaiah 40:1-26

### Thank you to our July and August Ushers

July 6 Jennifer and Benjamin Kniaz  
July 13 Rachel and Adam Greenspan  
July 20 Riva and William Brown  
July 27 Elizabeth Rich and Kristian Ball  
August 3 Sandra and Peter Idstein  
August 10 Peter Lustgarten and  
David Nekoukar  
August 17 Brooke Carroll and  
Timothy Caspar  
August 24 Elisha and Nigel Caplan

### Quote of the Month

"One of the greatest discoveries a man  
makes, is to find he can do what he  
was afraid he couldn't do.

"Anonymous"

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# CANTOR'S CORNER

MARK E. STANTON

Dear friends,

Words will never be able to express the outpouring of love and the overflowing abundance of blessing that was palpable by me, and I hope by the many others, who attended the events over the May 4 and 5 weekend. For those that weren't able to attend, it was quite the visual to see so many faces at both ends of Shabbat; at Friday evening services joined by Beth Emeth's Youth and Adult Choirs for Music Appreciation Shabbat, and then Cantor Elisa Abrams Cohn, opening *Havdalah* services on Saturday night joined by members of Beth Emeth's professional High Holy Day Choir (including Marisa Robinson as a stand-in) along with the beautiful duet sung by Lindsay Hawtoff who has delighted us in the past during High Holy Day services, and Aaron Gluck, who goes back to the time of our Saturday-Morning Youth Choir. All these mixed in with beautiful tributes, words, gifts and blessings. My cup truly runneth over!

I cannot thank my classmate and friend Cantor Michael Mandel enough for making the introduction to Beth Emeth 15 years ago.

What struck me on my visits to my friend in Delaware were the warm receptions I received every time I met the members of Beth Emeth and the especially sweet smile of Verna Schenker

I found out later, when hired by Beth Emeth that Wilmington's Jewish community was not only a community that "played" well together, but they also made beautiful music together!

From concerts at the Music School of Delaware that brought the Jewish and non-Jewish communities together to the ways of connecting with brethren of many faiths to join together at Hanover Presbyterian Church and other Wilmington churches and synagogues for Thanksgivings and observances of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's birthday. From the performances by Beth Emeth Youth and Adult Choirs at Lodge Lane and the Kutz Home, to the combined craziness of the Purim shpiels, we had a great time - and made wonderful music!

I remember in my earlier years here bringing Jack Burnam, our previous Music Director for over

17 years and his Choral group, Coro Allegro to join with our choir in larger works. Many members of our incredibly gifted High Holy Day Choir came from this amazing choir. Add in a few of our own concerts and talent shows with those who lent their time and talents year in and year out behind the scenes...it's too long of a list, but they all have a place in my heart.

A very, very special thank you goes to all the past and current members of the Adult, Youth, High Holy Day choirs, and "ersatz cantors." I leave you with excerpts from Michael Tilson Thomas's song "Grace":

Thanks to whoever is there for the sacred joy of music...Thanks to whoever has dared give us brave new sounds of music...It seems to me that we all feel so close to the truth in the notes our souls declaring, and the truth feels good...So many people calling out to one another, help us to hear them, teach us that all men are brothers, so many people, so many stories, so many questions, so many blessings make us grateful whatever comes next in this life on earth we're sharing. For the truth is life is good. So many memories... Amen

The memories of my time here in Wilmington will ALWAYS be cherished. Thank you all for fifteen years of blessing!

*B'ahavah uv'Shalom, in Love and in Peace,  
Cantor Mark Stanton*



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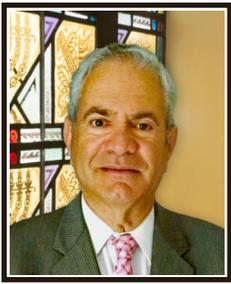
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**FOCUS EMERITUS**  
**RABBI PETER H. GRUMBACHER**

**"On Cantors...OUR Cantors"**

I join all of you in wishing Mark Stanton the very, very best in all of his endeavors. His leaving is difficult for Suzy and me because over the years he's been with us, he has not only been a great *chazzan*, but he has become a very close friend. There are few who truly care about other people as he does, and those sentiments have been heard from members of other congregations as well.

Our first cantor was Michael Mandel who masterfully oriented us to the great possibilities of cantorial music. There were questions as to whether Beth Emeth should even have a professional cantor; after all, we had soloists and a choir since our inception. Thankfully, we were able to change that mindset of *"But we've ALWAYS done it that way,"* and bring to our bimah a man who loved liturgical music, the music of the classical composers of our movement.

We now welcome Cantor Elizabeth Flynn and look forward to a long association with our congregation. My "flies on the wall" - and I have them all over the place - have told me that she is *"extremely kind, talented, and capable. (She is) responsible, very loving and compassionate; she's a wonderful person,"* a direct buzz from one of them.

Let's all treat Cantor Flynn well and give her the opportunity to teach us and inspire us. Just as not every person is the same as the next, obviously since cantors are people, too, not everyone is the same as the next. She will bring a new and different perspective for sure; so let's not proclaim, *"Well, Cantor, we've ALWAYS done it this way. Why change?"* Because!



**Help Us Welcome Cantor Elizabeth Flynn**

Won't you join us at one of the 'Meet and Greets' we've planned at congregants homes or the JCC during July and August to enable congregants to meet Cantor Flynn on a more personal basis than during a Beth Emeth service.

The schedule is as follows:

| Date and Time                             | Hosts  | # of Congregants |
|---|--|------------------|
| Thursday, July 5, 7:00 PM                 | Dayle and Mike Joseph                              | 12               |
| Monday, July 16, 7:00 PM                  | Jan and Rob Goodman                                | 20               |
| Wednesday, July 25, 5-7 PM                | Hosted by Jenn and Mitch Steinberg at the JCC pool | No limit         |
| Tuesday, August 7 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00 PM | Esther and Paul Timmeney                           | 20               |
| Wednesday, August 22, 7:30 PM             | Karen Jacobs and Jack Blumenfeld                   | 40               |

Please note that you will need to go to our website at [www.bethemethde.org](http://www.bethemethde.org) and register. Please click on Cantor Flynn's picture. It will bring you to a chart which you can then click on to register. Please contact Esther Timmeney, the Chair of the Committee to Organize 'Meet and Greets' at [esthertimmeney@gmail.com](mailto:esthertimmeney@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



**Shabbat Hike**

**HIKING**



Join Rabbi Robinson on Saturday, June 9, 2018 for an outdoor Meditative Hike at the JCC parking lot at 10:00 AM. Hiking will be on trails near the JCC.

Questions? Please email Rabbi Robinson at [rabbirobinson@cbe.comcastbiz.net](mailto:rabbirobinson@cbe.comcastbiz.net).



# A WORD OF TORAH

**RABBI ELISA F. KOPPEL**

Without a doubt, one of the greatest assets we have here at CBE is our teaching faculty. Our teachers work so hard, and do so much to bring creativity to their classrooms, connect powerfully with their students, and to guide our learners in meaningful ways towards new insights and achievements.

And they are also engaged learners themselves. I am so lucky that we have a faculty that is not only willing to, but is happy to learn—who approach challenges by asking questions and trying new approaches. And also who come to professional learning eagerly. Throughout the year, we have professional learning sessions, and at each one I am reminded how engaged our teachers are in their own learning, and towards becoming better as individuals and continuing to grow as teachers.

Recently, our faculty welcomed educators from other synagogues in the area, as we hosted a day of learning with directors from Camp Harlam, who trained us in Mental Health First Aid. I am so pleased that most of our teachers now hold certification in this.

Like first aid training for physical health emergencies, this training offered the chance to learn what to do for mental health situations, including how to notice early signs that someone might be struggling. This training was so important, and will only help to make our school a safer place for our students—physically, mentally, and spiritually.

Earlier in the year, our faculty learned with Scott Fried, an award winning speaker, youth educator, and HIV/AIDS advocate. He talked to us about how to empower our students and to build a space where we help our students develop self-esteem, and where they feel comfortable being themselves—whomever they are.

We also learned last year about working with students with a variety of needs—both those who are typical and those who are not—with Lisa Friedman, a Jewish educator and leading expert on Special Needs and Disabilities in the

Jewish sphere. And with a security expert from the Wilmington Police, who helped train our teachers in how to respond to emergency situations.

All that, in addition to the learning that we do collectively—teaching each other, sharing ideas, and using the expertise and experience of each of our teachers to benefit all of our teachers—and, in turn, our students.

In Pirkei Avot, one of the great Jewish



sources of rabbinic wisdom, we read, “Let the honor of your student be as dear to you as your own, the honor of your companion as great as the awe you

feel for your teacher, and the awe for your teacher as great as your fear of Heaven.” I am so blessed to have a faculty full of people who fall into all of those categories—who are my students, my companions, and my teachers. And who view their positions with the appropriate honor—and who recognize in their students, the faces of wise teachers.

I look forward to continuing to learn with such a talented group of teachers and learners.

## 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.





## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



JENN STEINBERG

*“Trust yourself. Create the kind of self that you will be happy to live with all your life. Make the most of yourself by fanning the tiny, inner sparks of possibility into flames of achievement.” – Golda Meir*

As part of my journey to becoming the President at Beth Emeth, I had the opportunity to attend the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Scheidt Seminar for incoming URJ congregational presidents. It was one of the most useful and fulfilling conferences I’ve ever attended. There were many meaningful “lightbulb” moments and I hope to use this space over my presidency to explore some of those concepts and themes as we work together to make Beth Emeth a place that inspires not just our members but the entire Delaware Jewish community.

The quote above was part of a group activity on Saturday night after Havdalah. There were 13 quotes around the room and each of us was asked to read the quotes, pick the one that was most meaningful, and sit down at the corresponding table. What followed was a discussion of why we each selected this quote and what we would take back from the larger Scheidt experience. I selected this quote first and foremost because of the first sentence; *“Trust yourself.”* Over and over during the weekend I shared the narrative of Beth Emeth – the size of our congregation, the size of the larger community, who are our clergy, the fact that we are the ONLY Reform congregation in the ENTIRE state. That last part is what got people’s attention. As the face of Reform Judaism in Delaware, I know how much good we are doing and the profound impact it has on our community, both Jewish and non-Jewish.

The second sentence *“Create the kind of self that you will be happy to live with all your life”* spoke to me not on a personal level but on a larger, congregational level. I am so looking forward to working with my congregation and clergy to create the kind of Beth Emeth of

which we can be proud. We are Congregation Beth Emeth and if we think of Beth Emeth as a living, breathing self then it is up to each of us to care for that self, to nurture that self, to love that self. In the coming months, you’ll hear more from me about ways that we can take care of and nurture our congregational community.

The last sentence, *“Make the most of yourself by fanning the tiny, inner sparks of possibility into flames of achievement,”* is my favorite. My role as a leader within Delaware’s Jewish community comes directly from those who supported my inner sparks, who encouraged me to consider the possibilities. Now, it’s my turn to help fan the sparks of possibility at Beth Emeth. What can each of us do to inspire the Beth Emeth community? What possibilities do you see in the work we do both inside and outside of the building? I am so excited about our possibilities and I hope you are too!

### Adult Learning June and July

Looking for some intellectual stimulation this summer? Or just want to get together and talk about families? It may be summer, but that doesn’t mean learning stops.

Join Sue Paul for a lively discussion of Family Dynamics in the book of Genesis. Bring a sandwich – CBE will supply dessert and drinks and explore the very real family struggles and family joys of our ancestors. We will enjoy our Lunch and Learn sessions on these summer days: June 6,13,20,27 in the Beth Emeth Library from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. To register: online- [www.bethemethde.org](http://www.bethemethde.org); Phone- 302-764-2393. Questions? Contact Sue Paul by emailing her at [szp812@aol.com](mailto:szp812@aol.com).

Summer is also a good time to sit back and relax with friends, as we deconstruct Torah and celebrate Shabbat every Saturday mornings from 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM.



# June 2018

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday  |
|--|--|---|--|--|---|---|
| <b>3</b> (20 Sivan)<br>9:00a Landscaping Day<br>1:00p Camp Reunion | <b>4</b> (21 Sivan)                                | <b>5</b> (22 Sivan)<br>11:30a Lunch & Learn   | <b>6</b> (23 Sivan)<br>11:30a Lunch & Learn                                | <b>7</b> (24 Sivan)<br>10:00a Memoir Group<br>1:00p Office Hours - Kim vonWeltin (BrewHaHa Branmar Plaza)                                | <b>1</b> (18 Sivan)<br>10:30a Office Hours-Rabbi Robinson (BrewHaHa on 202)<br>6:00p Kabbalat Shabbat Program<br>7:00p Kabbalat Shabbat Service with Oneg<br>7:00p BESTY Shabbat & Main Event | <b>2</b> (19 Sivan) <b>B'h'aaot'cha</b><br>9:30a Torah Study<br>11:00a Bat Mitzvah - Schmoeyer              |
| <b>10</b> (27 Sivan)<br>Congregational Israel Trip                 | <b>11</b> (28 Sivan)<br>Congregational Israel Trip | <b>12</b> (29 Sivan)<br>Congregational Israel Trip<br>11:30a Lunch & Learn<br>7:30p Board Meeting | <b>13</b> (30 Sivan)<br>Congregational Israel Trip<br>11:30a Lunch & Learn | <b>14</b> (1 Tammuz)<br>Congregational Israel Trip<br>10:00a Memoir Group<br>1:00p Office Hours - Kim vonWeltin (BrewHaHa Branmar Plaza) | <b>15</b> (2 Tammuz)<br>Congregational Israel Trip<br>7:00p Shabbat Service with Oneg   | <b>9</b> (26 Sivan) <b>Sh'lach L'cha</b><br>10:00a Shabbat Hike   |
| <b>17</b> (4 Tammuz)<br>Father's Day<br>Congregational Israel Trip | <b>18</b> (5 Tammuz)<br>Congregational Israel Trip | <b>19</b> (6 Tammuz)<br>Congregational Israel Trip<br>11:30a Lunch & Learn                        | <b>20</b> (7 Tammuz)<br>Congregational Israel Trip<br>11:30a Lunch & Learn | <b>21</b> (8 Tammuz)<br>Congregational Israel Trip<br>1:00p Office Hours - Kim vonWeltin (BrewHaHa Branmar Plaza)                        | <b>22</b> (9 Tammuz)<br>Congregational Israel Trip<br>7:00p Shabbat Service with Oneg   | <b>16</b> (3 Tammuz) <b>Korach</b><br>Congregational Israel Trip<br>9:30a Torah Study & Service Combination |
| <b>24</b> (11 Tammuz)  | <b>25</b> (12 Tammuz)                              | <b>26</b> (13 Tammuz)<br>11:30a Lunch & Learn   | <b>27</b> (14 Tammuz)<br>11:30a Lunch & Learn                              | <b>28</b> (15 Tammuz)<br>1:00p Office Hours - Kim vonWeltin (BrewHaHa Branmar Plaza)   | <b>29</b> (16 Tammuz)<br>7:00p Shabbat Service with Oneg  | <b>23</b> (10 Tammuz) <b>Chukat</b><br>9:30a Torah Study & Service Combination                              |
|  |  |   |  |  |   | <b>30</b> (17 Tammuz) <b>Balak</b><br>9:30a Torah Study & Service Combination                               |

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:

Barbara Citron on the death of her brother, and Heather Hansen and Daniel Citron on the death of Daniel's uncle, Joseph Kaufman.

To the Congregation on the death of our member, Donald David Golder.



### Congratulations to the Marriage Re-Consecrants

Eight couples took part in the marriage re-consecration service on Friday evening, April 20. It was a beautiful ceremony witnessed by a large number of congregants, family, and friends, and presided over by Rabbi Robinson, accompanied by the wonderful music of Cantor Stanton, the adult choir, and organist, Dennis Stewart.

The eight couples are: Linda and Chris Sereduke (5 years), Laurie Ross and Steve Zimmerman (35 years), Esther and Paul Timmeney (35 years), Riva and Bill Brown (45 years), Judy and Steve Dorfman (45 years), Lelaine and Stuart Nemser (50 years), Michele and Howard Sands (50 years), and Mara and Ira Tartack (50 years).

A great big thank you goes to our office and custodial staff for their support, especially Lisa Schrier, who prepared the embroidered pouches that held the ceremonial glass that each couple broke, and the colorful program that was distributed to the congregants. Also, special thanks to Sela and Jeff Margolies, our matron of honor and best man; Alan and Rose Ebner, our wedding ushers; Miriam Sandler who photographed each couple; and to Esther and Paul Timmeney who organized the event.

If next year your marriage is a multiple of 5 years and you wish to take part in this ceremony, please respond when the event is publicized next year.



## FAMILY PROMISE NEWS

**At Brew HaHa, save a nickel, and Family Promise will get a nickel!** Just have your drink in a reusable mug, or bring your own travel mug. This discount and donation program is automatically applied at all Brew HaHa locations, **now through June 30.**

**Upcoming Dates:** Our remaining hosting weeks this year begin on September 23 and December 30. New volunteers are always welcome. There are so many different ways to support Family Promise and have a personally rewarding experience during our hosting weeks: set up sleeping rooms, drive a van, purchase supplies, visit in the evening, sleep overnight, and prepare and serve meals.

Training sessions are being planned for new volunteers as well as current ones.

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



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## Youth Activates

Dear Congregation Beth Emeth,

After careful, thoughtful reflection, I have decided to step down as Director of Youth Programs. I make this decision knowing full well the profound sadness I will feel in the coming months as the new school year begins and a new round of youth programming picks up into a full swing. I have decided to focus more on pursuing my Master's Degree in Pastoral Clinical Mental Health Counseling.

Over the past two years here at Congregation Beth Emeth, I have seen, been a part of and felt tremendous personal growth. I had the unique opportunity to work alongside dedicated staff, charismatic and tenacious teens whose programs will continue to inspire me, and share in profound experiences with families as they all engage with their Judaism here at Beth Emeth.

I leave having full confidence in the BESTY Board, the Youth Committee lead by the amazing Alexandra Hudes, and in the leadership of the clergy at Beth Emeth. I cannot thank Rabbi Koppel, Rabbi Robinson, and Cantor Stanton enough for their constant guidance and support. I would also like to wish a heartfelt thank you to the BESTY board, all the parents, volunteers, and to all the kids for making me feel so welcomed and a part of the community. Without all your hard work we would not have been able to accomplish all that we did!

Beth Emeth truly is a special community for families to be a part of. I hope to visit and see everyone's smiling faces throughout the year and will always be available by email. I would like to leave you with lyrics to a song I recently found myself listening to; and it reminded me of why I began to do youth work in the first place.

You, who are on the road must have a code  
that you can live by.

And so become yourself because the past is  
just a good bye.

Teach your children well, their father's hell did  
slowly go by,

And feed them on your dreams, the one they  
pick's the one you'll know by.

Don't you ever ask them why, if they told you,  
you would cry,

So just look at them and sigh and know they  
love you.

And you, of tender years can't know the fears  
that your elders grew by,

And so please help them with your youth, they  
seek the truth before they can die.

Teach your parents well, their children's hell will  
slowly go by,

And feed them on your dreams, the one they  
pick's the one you'll know by.

Don't you ever ask them why, if they told you,  
you would cry,

So just look at them and sigh and know they  
love you.

These are the words to Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young's song "Teach Your Children." In the coming months and years all that we know will change; the one constant that we can hold on to, that I feel we should hold on to, is the faith in our children, for the collective future of the Jewish people and for the world.

*B'Shalom,*  
Benyamin Lasner



## 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.



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## CANTOR'S CORNER

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Shalom everyone! I am so excited to be joining Congregation Beth Emeth to serve as your Cantor in July. I am most sincere when I say that I truly feel like I have found my home. I am excited to begin meeting everyone soon and to start getting to know you all and sharing myself, my passions and my energy with my new community. I thought I might begin this process here – first with a quick three interesting facts about me and then an explanation of what I spent the last year and a half exploring for my thesis and recital – which was fueled by my passion to explore, preserve and proliferate our tradition of Jewish music.

So first, my three facts: First, I have a passion for exploring popular music trends from all over the world and have created two large-scale presentations of the development of Japanese rock and pop. Second, I have a humongous family – my father was one of eleven children and now I have thirty first cousins and over twenty-five second cousins, all of whom are dear to me. Third, I am a very passionate animal lover and animal rescue advocate. I currently volunteer for the cat rescue from which I adopted my two cats and am looking forward to getting involved with animal rescue groups in Wilmington.

With the exception of my ordination which will occur in exactly three days of this writing on May 6 – my final year of Cantorial school was defined on two specific dates – January 25, when my thesis was due, and April 17 when the thesis was manifested into my recital. Up until those dates my life revolved around two composers: Heinrich Schalit and Paul Ben-Haim and the lessons their lives have taught me.

Both well-known composers in their time, the two met and worked together in Munich, Germany up until 1933 when the Nazi regime was established in Germany. The point however is not the tragedy of their exile but in the hope, courage, and inspiration of what they

chose to do in the wake of being forced out of their beloved country and hearing of the tragic ends of many of their kin. Both of these composers immigrated to new countries, the United States and Israel respectively, and worked obsessively to preserve, protect, and create Jewish music. They took control of rescuing the one aspect of Judaism that they could: the music of their people.

There are many lessons I take away from my extensive studies of these two men. The one however that I constantly reflect on, is the importance of music in the preservation and life of Jewish spirituality and culture. As my ordination approaches, I feel the weight and importance of this mission. I am about to be fully sworn-in to carrying on the tradition of protecting, preserving, and creating one of the most significant and special components of Jewish spirituality and culture.

It is beyond a substantial task and I feel the weight and significance of the previous generations of composers and cantors who came before me. Schalit and Ben-Haim figuratively have their hands on my shoulders as I step up to take up this task. While it is a job of immense significance, it is one that I joyfully take on with an excitement and energy that will carry me as I join you all in Wilmington and begin to serve as your Cantor.

Looking forward to joining your *Kehillat Kedosha*, your holy community very soon.

### 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](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, 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.





Please join us on Friday, July 6, at 5:30PM for a Shabbat BBQ to celebrate Cantor Flynn's first Shabbat on our Bimah! Shabbat service will follow at 7:00PM.

Just bring your Shabbat spirit; we'll provide the challah, wine, candles to light, fabulous BBQ and great company!

Share this event with anyone who might like to join us.  
Congregation Beth Emeth welcomes all.

No charge for this event; please let us know by July 2 that you're coming so we know how much food to get.

Register at: <https://www.bethemethde.org/event/shabbat-bbq.html>



Oneg Shabbat will follow the service

## 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. The Committee meets monthly from September through May. New committee members are always welcome.

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

### Caring Committee Soup



Chicken and vegetarian 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.

## Beth Emeth Art Auction

On Saturday evening April 21, Beth Emeth held our art auction to raise funds to replace the carpet in the Social Hall.

Approximately 80 congregants and guests enjoyed great food, drinks and company, while bidding on a variety of works of art including tzedakah boxes created by our religious school students.

The auction raised approximately \$2,500 toward the \$20,000 needed to purchase the new carpet. If you would like to earmark a gift to the new carpet, please send a check made out to *Congregation Beth Emeth* and write *Carpet* in the memo line. Or, you can donate on-line by clicking [HERE](#) and typing *Carpet* in the Payment Notes box. Any amount is appreciated. Our goal is to have the new carpet installed by the High Holidays.



## List of Funds to Donate to at CBE

**ABLEMAN LITURGICAL ARTS FUND** - Provides programs, contemporary 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. **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 Committee 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** – or 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

## 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.

## 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.



The Congregation Family gratefully acknowledges the following contributions:

*"Nobody is ever impoverished through the giving of charity." ~ Maimonides*

### **RABBI ROBINSON DISCRETIONARY FUND**

In appreciation of Rabbi Robinson from **Harold & Rachelle Hawtof**

In appreciation of Rabbi Robinson for his caring and help following the death of my mother, Leona Berkowitz from **Michele Sands**

In appreciation of Rabbi Robinson from **Robert & Naomi Hershkowitz**

In appreciation of Rabbi Robinson from **Steven Zimmerman & Laurie Ross**

In honor of Jeffrey Merritt's 50th birthday from **Vivian & Ira Merritt**

**Peter and Alison Lustgarten**

### **CANTOR STANTON'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

In appreciation to Cantor Stanton for his caring and for leading the Shiva services following the death of my mother, Leona Berkowitz from **Michele Sands**

### **CARING COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

In loving memory of Bernard E. McCoy from **Eleanor & Lloyd Falk**

In memory of Leah M. Rothner and Jacoby T. Rothner from **Phyllis Lann**

In memory of Ida Ebner from **Rose & Alan Ebner**  
In loving memory of Abraham Sands and in appreciation of the committee's support following the death of Leona Berkowitz from **The Sands and Costas Families**

### **DIRECTOR OF LIFELONG LEARNING DISCRETIONARY FUND**

In memory of Irving Hochhauser from **David Margolies & Sheila Hochhauser**

In appreciation of the very special card from the Pre-school from **Jeffrey D. Merritt**

### **FAMILY ASSISTANCE**

In memory of Irmgard Ehrlich from **Barbara & Manfred Katz**

In memory of Kevin Kiffmeyer from **Charlotte Gluckman & Family**

In memory of Irving Kursh, Fred Weiss and Howard Weiss from **Jane, Raymond, Max & Samantha Kursh**

### **HHD CHOIR**

**Alan & Kim vonWeltin  
Charles & Sandra Sobel  
Ms. Harriet B. Ansul  
Richard and Judy  
Goldbaum**

**Shirley Weiner  
Michele Sands**

### **KEIL-HERRMANN MEMORIAL FUND**

In memory of Rose B. Hershon from **Mrs. Anita Hershon**

### **LARRY ISAKOFF MUSIC PERFORMANCE FUND**

In memory of Abraham Hoffman and Beatrice Hoffman from **Dr. Elinor Miller**

### **MAZON**

In honor of our 5 year reconsecration from **Linda & Christian Sereduke**  
In honor of the birthday of Frannie Smith from **The Birthday Group**

### **SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**Michele Sands  
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### **STAT FAMILY GIFT FUND**

In memory of Lillian S. Feingold from **James & Phyllis Feingold**  
In memory of my mother and grandparents from **Joy Greenberg Honig**

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**Alan & Kim vonWeltin  
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Michele Sands  
Richard and Judy  
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Shirley Weiner  
Sue & Chuck Milazzo**

**TEMPLE FUND**

In memory of Lawrence P. Jacobs from **Anne F. Jacobs**  
In memory of Dr. Albert Shappell and Regina Varon from **Carmen & Stephen Shappell**  
In loving memory of mother, grandmother & great-grandmother, Lena Levy from **Carolyn Kreston & Family**  
In memory of Imrich Greschler from **Kathleen Greschler**  
In honor of our 50th wedding anniversary from **Lelaine and Stu Nemser**  
In memory of mother & grandmother, Doris Goldman from **Marti, Walt, Alana & Fara Coppol**  
In loving memory of Randy Mendelsohn from **Ray Mendelsohn & Family**  
In memory of Elaine & Jim Pizor from **Richard & Marcia Margolin**  
In memory of Lawrence P. Jacobs from **Robin & Jared Freschman, Samara & Evan Cohen**  
In memory of Rose Sitzer from **Ruth Balick & Family**  
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In memory of Uncle Davey Goldberg from **Vicky & Reid Drucker**  
**TORAH REPAIR FUND**  
In memory of Ruth Merritt from **Jeffrey D. Merritt**



**Sisterhood Thanks You!**

Sisterhood would like to thank our volunteers for all their help and time to make this garage sale another successful one for the Sisterhood, synagogue and the community. And thank you to our congregants who donated all the items that made this sale possible. We apologize if you are not listed here, but your efforts are sincerely appreciated.  
Heather Margolin, Karen Caplan, Inez Bailey, Nancy Marcinkowski, Barbara Aronstam Pam Levin, Gloria

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Cindy O'Neil and Marcia Russakow, Garage Sale Co-Chairs



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