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## A GOOD QUESTION

**YAIR D. ROBINSON**

This month is an exciting one, Jewishly. We begin March with the festive holiday of *Purim*, celebrating the triumph of Esther and Mordechai over the wicked Haman (boo!), and we end the month with our festival of freedom, Passover (also my birthday, but that's neither here nor there).

When we celebrate Purim (and I hope you'll join us for our various celebrations detailed throughout the Orbit,) we take the initial, underlying conflict for granted; that is, that Mordechai refuses to bow down to Haman (boo!) setting off the rest of the story: Haman's (boo!) plot against the Jewish people, Esther and Mordechai's rescue mission, the parties with Ahasuerus, etc. Most of us learned at some point that Mordechai won't bow down because Jews don't bow to people, only God. But are Jews actually prohibited from bowing in a respectful way to other people?

The answer is no; Jews are not prohibited from bowing, and there are plenty of examples in the Torah and history where Jews made respectful bows toward people for various reasons (one that is relevant to commentaries about the Book of Esther is Jacob bowing to his brother Esau seven times in respect and atonement upon his return from Haran). So why does

## SHABBAT SHALOM

**Friday, March 2, Shabbat Service 7:00 PM,  
Purim Shpiel, Oneg Shabbat to follow**

Lynne Ellick will bless the Shabbat Candles  
Birthday Blessings for the month of March

**Saturday, March 3 Torah Study and  
Service-in-the-Round Combined, 9:30 AM**

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

**Friday, March 9, Service, 7:00 PM,  
Oneg Shabbat to follow**

Rabbi Koppel will speak

Dr. Melinda Randall will bless the Shabbat Candles

**Saturday, March 10, Torah Study and  
Service-in-the-Round Combined, 9:30 AM**

*"Vayakhel-Pekudei,"* Exodus 35:1-40:38;  
Numbers 19:1-22, Ezekiel 36:16-38

**Friday, March 16, Service 7:00 PM,  
Oneg Shabbat to follow**

Rabbi Robinson will speak

Sara Rebecca Gabriela Kane  
will bless the Shabbat Candles

**Saturday, March 17, Shabbat Study and Schmooze,  
9:30 AM, Morning Service, 11:00 AM**

The Bat Mitzvah of Sara Rebecca Gabriela Kane,  
daughter of Lisa Kane will be celebrated

*"Vayikra/Chahodesh,"* Leviticus 1:1-9, Ezekiel 45:16-25

**Friday, March 23, Service, 7:00 PM,  
Oneg Shabbat to follow**

Rabbi Robinson will speak

Shoshana Kohn will bless the Shabbat Candles

**Saturday, March 24, Shabbat Study and Schmooze,  
9:30 AM, Morning Service, 11:00 AM**

The Bar Mitzvah of Hillel Jacob Martyniak, son of  
Shoshana Kohn will be celebrated

*"Tzav/Haggadol,"* Leviticus 8:1-9, Malachi 3:19-24

**Friday, March 30, Erev Passover,  
Shabbat Service, 5:30 PM**

Debra Johnson will bless the Shabbat Candles

**Saturday, March 31, Torah Study and  
Service-in-the-Round Combined, 9:30 AM**

*"First Day of Pesach"*

**Saturday, March 31, Second Seder at CBE at 5:00 PM**

Mordechai refuse? The Midrash imagines that Haman (boo!) was wearing an idolatrous image on his garment, so Mordechai was trying to avoid bowing down to *it*. Even if we accept that answer, it seems like the kind of thing a brief, polite conversation might resolve before someone reaches a genocidal rage! Another midrash concocts a narrative that Haman (boo!), having overspent on the military and requiring more funds, borrowed money from Mordechai but only on the condition that Haman (boo!) sold himself to be Mordechai's slave. Thus, why would Mordechai bow to his own property? This narrative, aside from being, let us say, *creative* with Scripture, leaves us with an ethical hangover regarding Mordechai's imagined behavior.

Finding both of these rabbinic responses unsatisfactory, we turn to a final rabbinic interpretation. Mordechai is the *only* one of Ahasuerus' court who refuses to bow; both his fellow courtiers *and the Jewish community* beg him to reconsider so as not to cause trouble, but Mordechai refuses and insists on remaining upright. The rabbis even imagine Haman (boo!) trying to "make nice" with Mordechai, at least at first, greeting him with words of peace, words Mordechai rejects. Why? Due to Haman's (boo!) wickedness. He refuses to show Haman (boo!) even one iota of respect due to his actions and moral fiber (or lack thereof). That he is an *Agagite*, a descendant of King Agag of Amalek, the people who had preyed upon Israel's weakness early in our history and was therefore meant to have their name blotted out, didn't help matters. Mordechai's refusal to bow, therefore, is an act of resistance against immorality and those who would prey upon the weak. An act, of course, that nearly leads to the complete eradication of the Jewish people.

This might seem like an unnecessary exercise in *pilpul* (study for the sake of looking smart), but I would argue that, in this age of resistance, as our young people take to the streets and our athletes take a knee during the National Anthem in protest against the idolatries of our age, including bigotry, sexism, and the worship of power for its own sake, this text is more relevant than ever. Mordechai teaches us that, sometimes, there are some people in this world with whom we simply cannot either negotiate or reason with. That to do so means compromising our values to the point of irrelevance. That even

when the whole community is shouting (out of legitimate fear) about the limits of protest, even when it makes us unreasonable and seemingly irrational, we must take a stand. Or, as They Might Be Giants wrote: "can't shake the devil's hand and say you're only kidding."

I look forward to seeing you at our various Purim celebrations, and as we boo Haman's (boo!) name and enjoy the festivities and the fun, let's also find our inspiration in Mordechai's choices.

### Brotherhood Program

Join Brotherhood for "But he Was Good to his Mother" with Sue Paul on Sunday, March 18 at 9:00 AM. Come hear one of our most

in-demand speakers, member and educator, as she entertains and informs us about some of the worst shandes in our history: Jewish gangsters!



This event is open to the public by reservation. A bagel and lox breakfast is available for \$5.00. Please RSVP to Steve Zimmerman by calling him at 302-547-0036 or email him at [zimmerman.steven0@gmail.com](mailto:zimmerman.steven0@gmail.com).

### Quote of the Month

"Not every thing that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced."

James Baldwin

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**CANTOR'S  
CORNER**

MARK E. STANTON

Dear Friends,

It is great to be back after some restful time away. It was also great to see many of you at the Federation Shabbat held this year at Beth Shalom where our joint CBE and CBS adult choirs joined together to memorialize Debbie Friedman through her music. The service was peppered with choral arrangements of her Shalom Aleichem, *T'filat Haderech*, along with Yoel Sykes' *Oseh Shalom* to the delight of a packed sanctuary. Thanks go to both choirs, and I hope our collaboration continues for many years to come.

It was terrific to be back for our combined Scholar-in-Residence Shabbat with Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin, and Harlam's "Shabbat around the World" service celebrating Camp Harlam's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We were joined by our youth choir, along with our guitarists: Rachel Greenspan, Reece Ratliff, and our youngest, Dylan Steinberg, which would have made any Harlamite proud! We thank them all for their talents, weeks of preparation, all their hard work, and for a great service.

Who needs Netflix, YouTube or HULU when you have ... (drum roll please)...

**JEW-LU! Yes, Purim is upon us! Please join us for an evening of great fun and craziness as we have a retrospective of Purim's Past, here at Beth Emeth on Friday, March 2, at 7:00 PM.** We will walk down memory lane to bring you episodes from your favorite spiels from over a decade.

Save-the-Date! Please save **Friday evening, May 4, on your calendars for A Night of Music Appreciation.** Join us for a special night as the musical elements of Beth Emeth are brought together for **a night to remember!**

I (along with the rest of the clergy) have set up "office hours" which may not be in the office! Please feel free to contact me if you would like to get together for coffee, lunch, or just simply to talk. Please leave a message for me at the

temple, **302-764-2393ext.323.** I'd love to hear from you.

*B'ahavah uv'Shalom*, in love and in peace,  
Cantor Mark Stanton

**CBE Dementia Support Group**

We are a small group within the Congregational community who have loved ones living with Alzheimer's and Dementia. We are caregivers, daughters, wives and husbands who are dealing with this challenging disease in our lives and in the lives of our loved ones. We offer each other support by exchanging resources for care and education, but mostly by listening and sharing our stories. If you are interested in joining us, or would like more information about this group, please contact Karen Caplan at [skcaplan@comcast.net](mailto:skcaplan@comcast.net) or 610-405-2292.

**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.

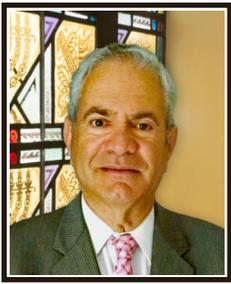
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RABBI PETER H. GRUMBACHER

***A Special Snowy Silver Anniversary"***

March 13-15 is the 25th anniversary of an event remembered by the families who participated in the Kallah at URJ Camp Harlam. Parents and their children went to the Poconos to have many interactive experiences Rabbi Sarah had up her sleeve.

That Friday was glorious. The sun was shining and there was an invigorating chill in the air. The families went to sleep that night after a wonderful Shabbat evening service. They were excited to face the next day. There had been the forecast of snow, but that night they could see stars in the sky. Again the meteorologists didn't know what they were talking about.

Suzy, who along with our children was in Harlam, woke up in the middle of the night; the silence was sending a message. You know the silence I'm talking about...the silence as snow falls. She looked outside and, behold!, the prognosticators were right. SURPRISE! The next day when parents and children awoke, they couldn't believe their eyes. For two extra days they were in the camp. They were stuck because it was impossible for vehicles to travel. Nevertheless they had a wonderful time. Few came with proper clothing or boots, but that didn't keep them from bonding and enjoying the creativity of Rabbi Sarah.

I was unable to come to Harlam that weekend. I had a Bat Mitzvah and that, too, was impacted; the blizzard was widespread. The family had invited many and if I recall, twenty-seven guests showed up. So did the videographer and the caterer but the DJ was unable to travel to the temple. I vividly remember the father of the young lady whisper to me as we sat on the bimah looking at a relatively empty sanctuary, *"In June I'm going to have every one of them to our home for a showing of the video. They had better show up!"*

We did eat well....and a lot!  
Happy twenty-fifth!

**FAMILY PROMISE NEWS**

**Upcoming Dates:** Our first hosting week in 2018 begins on April 22. Other 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 [jschnittman@yahoo.com](mailto:jschnittman@yahoo.com) or 302-764-4093 if you have any questions about Family Promise or for more information about volunteering opportunities.

**Catholic Charities can pick up furniture donations.**

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## A WORD OF TORAH

RABBI ELISA F. KOPPEL

***We are so fortunate to have been in the Better Together Grant program for these past 2 years. Through this program, we bring together teens and seniors to learn together and build relationships. Our program here, Generation to Generation, focuses on telling our stories—how we tell our own and how we hear those of others. This year, each month, as we gather on Sunday mornings, we’ve had different guests come in to tell their stories in their own unique ways. In the spring, we’ll all travel together to New York City to see the story of the American Jewish experience and will create short documentaries of the seniors telling their stories. If you are (or you know) a teen (7th through 12th grade) or a senior, please join us for this wonderful, inspiring program! In this month’s column, I gave my space to Ben Lasner, our 7th Grade Teacher and Director of Youth Programs, to tell you more about a recent session. REK***

*Sitting, listening and learning with Scott Fried (<http://scottfried.com/>) was an amazing experience from Generation to Generation this past Sunday. In fact, it was so amazing I sat down*



*and this article just poured out of me. If you were in attendance, or your student or child attended this past weekend, ask them about the program; ask them*

*if they were inspired or changed in any way.*

I long to hear the day burning in my ears as I fall asleep. It struck me how much that saying reminds me of a scout song that we used to sing at the end of a campfire; “Softly falls the light of day, while our campfire fades away. Silently each scout should ask: ‘Have I done my daily task? Have I kept my honor bright? Can I

guiltless sleep tonight? Have I done and have I dared, in everything to be prepared?”

You see to me this was it, this was the song that meant everything in scouting. I think I always thought it meant that in my head I should be prepping for the next day or something that could just happen out of nowhere. I remember every night while I was working at Camp Ockanickion asking myself “Can I guiltless sleep tonight,” for I recognized in those words the meaning of all of the other ones. If I could guiltlessly sleep, I knew I was ready for the next day and all it had in store for me.

But listening to Scott Fried and hearing the phrase “Do you hear the day burning?” WOW. Just wow. It makes the hairs on my body stand up just thinking about it. How can one live their life every day to the fullest that when they fall asleep they hear it, they hear the stillness of the night as if it is a roar calling them saying, “You! You can hear me, for you have lived me! You and no one else but you could have lived me to the fullest as you did on this day!”

How empowering is that? As children and teenagers, we go through our lives seemingly on this endless odyssey of school, to sports, to Hebrew school, to friends, to more after school activities, to family gatherings, and finally sometimes too early and others too late we fall gratefully into our beds. As adults we go from work, to the gym (if our New Years resolution is still strong!), we go grocery shopping, maybe meet up with friends, pick up the kids, cook dinner, watch the news, do some work around the house, maybe watch a show on Netflix with or without the kids, and then finally, sometimes early, other times too late, we gratefully fall into our beds.

Now the scout song may not be going through yours or your child’s head but the concept is. You’re asking yourself, “What should the kids’ lunches be tomorrow?” “The check engine light came on I’ve got to get it to a shop this week,” “I wonder what Tim is doing next weekend; maybe he and Helen want to grab dinner?” “I’ll need a babysitter,” “What time is Jack’s track meet this weekend?”

Your child might be thinking: “I have a math test this week I’ve got to prep for.” “Johnny seemed grumpy yesterday. I should ask him

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**KIM VONWELTIN**

We have some changes coming to us in the next few months. Jenn Steinberg and our Cantorial Search Committee have been hard at work interviewing and vetting potential cantors. The time will come soon enough when we will need to say goodbye to Cantor Stanton and say hello to our new cantor. It is going to be a stressful time for everyone, including the two cantors. We will need to be ready to support each other, and each of them in their journeys to new homes, new surroundings and the new congregations that they will be joining.

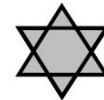
We will need to offer the same Audacious Hospitality to our new cantor that we do when we welcome a new congregant. We are really pretty good at it, ya know. All Reform congregations, and really every congregation, have set their goals at audacious, but we have an advantage. We were taught by the best. Verna Schenker (z"l) was AUDACIOUS from the word go and she brought so many of us along with her. You say hello, you ask questions, you introduce to others, you follow up, you make sure they are never standing alone, you ask them to help with a small task and just keep building up from there. The next thing you know you have a thoroughly welcomed congregant. The same progression can, and will, work for welcoming a new cantor. There are some differences of course, but the process should be very similar.

One big difference is that when we welcome a new congregant, we are not comparing them to other congregants. This is going to be one of our biggest challenges. Cantor Stanton is so beloved and has such a uniquely wonderful voice, that it will be very hard not to compare our next cantor to him. But it is no different than having two children, something I know a little bit about, having twins. It can be very difficult to not think in terms of what one does compared to the other, but you know you can't, because each child (cantor) is their own person. Not better or worse than the other, just different. I can guarantee you that our next

cantor will be different than Cantor Stanton. They HAVE to be by virtue of being different people. But just like you love both your children, it is possible to come to love our new cantor as well. But it won't happen if you don't give it time.

Our new cantor will have a uniquely wonderful voice, but it may take time for us to realize it because we'll be so used to what we've been blessed with for so long. Our new cantor will be a wonderful teacher, choir director, Bar and Bat Mitzvah tutor, chanting coach and much, much more, but it may take some time for us to appreciate them. What we will need to remember is to keep our minds and ears, open to the potential of loving someone new.

It will be a difficult task to allow ourselves to love them. To not wonder if loving them takes something away from Cantor Stanton. Know though, that it does not, just as loving one child does not take anything away from the other. We will use the support of our other congregants, clergy and leadership to help us. They will all be working to get information out to everyone as quickly as possible when the time comes. There will be many times and events where interacting and experiencing our new cantor will be easy and comfortable. The more you allow yourself to participate in these things, the easier it will be to welcome them to Beth Emeth and into your heart. When the time comes, please join me in greeting them as we would a congregant, audaciously.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1 (14 Adar)</b> <b>Purim</b> 5:30p Israel Conversations	<b>2 (15 Adar)</b> <b>Shushan Purim</b> 7:00p Purim Shpiel & Shabbat Service with Oneg	<b>3 (16 Adar) Ki Tisa</b> 9:30a Torah Study & Service Combination
<b>4 (17 Adar)</b> 9:00a Religious School 9:00a Purim Carnival 12:00p Youth Choir	<b>5 (18 Adar)</b>	<b>6 (19 Adar)</b> 7:00p Adult Learning: Dybbuks, Demons & Golems	<b>7 (20 Adar)</b> 4:00p Hebrew School 7:15p Choir Rehearsal	<b>8 (21 Adar)</b> 5:30p Israel Conversations	<b>9 (22 Adar)</b> Shabbat Across America 7:00p Shabbat Service with Oneg	<b>10 (23 Adar) Vayak'heil-P'kudei</b> 9:30a Torah Study & Service Combination
<b>11 (24 Adar)</b> 9:00a Religious School 10:00a Books & Bagels Series 11:00a Life Experiences 12:00p Youth Choir 12:00p Religious School Committee Meeting (open to parents)	<b>12 (25 Adar)</b>	<b>13 (26 Adar)</b> 7:30p Board Meeting	<b>14 (27 Adar)</b> 4:00p Hebrew School 7:15p Choir Rehearsal	<b>15 (28 Adar)</b> 5:30p Israel Conversations	<b>16 (29 Adar)</b> 7:00p Shabbat Service with Oneg	<b>17 (1 Nisan) Vayikra</b> NFTY Par Elections 9:30a Torah Study 11:00a Bat Mitzvah - Kane
<b>18 (2 Nisan)</b> 9:00a Brotherhood 9:00a Religious School 12:00p Youth Choir	<b>19 (3 Nisan)</b>	<b>20 (4 Nisan)</b> 7:00p Liturgical Practices Committee Meeting	<b>21 (5 Nisan)</b> 4:00p Hebrew School 6:00p Model Seder with St. Andrew & Matthew Church 7:15p Choir Rehearsal	<b>22 (6 Nisan)</b> 5:30p Israel Conversations	<b>23 (7 Nisan)</b> 7:00p Shabbat Service with Oneg	<b>24 (8 Nisan) Tzav</b> 9:30a Torah Study 11:00a Bar Mitzvah - Martyniak
<b>25 (9 Nisan)</b> 9:00a Religious School 9:00a Passover Program 10:45a Better Together 11:00a Caring Committee Meeting & Baking 12:00p Youth Choir	<b>26 (10 Nisan)</b>	<b>27 (11 Nisan)</b>	<b>28 (12 Nisan)</b> 4:00p Hebrew School 7:15p Choir Rehearsal	<b>29 (13 Nisan)</b>	<b>30 (14 Nisan)</b> <b>Erev Passover</b> 5:30p Shabbat Service	<b>31 (15 Nisan)</b> <b>Passover</b> 9:30a Torah Study & Service Combination 5:00p Second Seder

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:

Douglas White and Ruth Rosenberg on the death of Douglas's mother, Wilma G. White.

Martin Wagner and Donna Hilton on the death of Martin's daughter, Deborah Savin.

Richard and HarrietAnn Litwin on the death of Richard's mother, Dorothy Litwin.



**Thank you to our April Ushers**

- April 6, 2018 Rachelle and Hal Hawtof
- April 13, 2018 Alina and Joe Rodek
- April 20, 2018 Lynn and Michael Mineo
- April 27, 2018 Doris Silverman and Lisa Yoder

**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 20 during the 7:00 PM Shabbat evening service. If your wedding anniversary in calendar year 2018 is a multiple of 5 years (e.g. 5, 10, 15, 20 years, etc.), then you're eligible to participate! The service is both beautiful and meaningful and a wonderful opportunity for families to share their love. For more information or to sign up, contact Esther Timmeney at 302-478-0363 or e-mail [esthertimmeney@gmail.com](mailto:esthertimmeney@gmail.com).

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**Join the Circle**



We welcome the newest members of our Congregation Beth Emeth L'Dor v'Dor Legacy Circle, Jeffrey Merritt and Michele and Howard Sands. They have made

the commitment to include a bequest to the Congregation in their wills. Their generosity and that of the other Circle members are insuring that there will be a vibrant Reform congregation in our community for generations to come.

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## Things That Go Bump in the Night!

On Wednesday, February 28 at 5:30 PM, come for an **Adult Purim Schpiel**. Costumes optional – but oh, so fun – when we play the parts of Ahasuerus, Esther, Mordecai, Haman and Vashti (and all their hangers-on). Light supper provided.

For more weeknight fun, come explore the dark side, at **Dybbuks, Demons & Golems!** on Tuesdays, March 6 and April 3 at 7:00 PM. Did you know there are demons in the Talmud? Do you know how to create a Golem, or kill one that's gotten out of control? What does Jewish writing say about the things that go bump in the night, and how have those ideas been used through time — both in the Jewish community and in the outside world?

On March 11, at 10:00 AM, Sisterhood invites us to discuss **The Lion Seeker** at Books & Bagels — *it's a big book, so if you plan to come, start reading!* RSVP to Heather Margolin

Then save these April Wednesdays for **Peacemakers & Prophets**, Wednesdays, April 11, 18 and 25 at 5:30 PM. What does Judaism have to say about speaking prophetically while also making peace? What happens when those ideas are in conflict? How do we reconcile them?

And every Saturday at 9:30 AM, come explore what this week brings us in the way of stories, concepts, psychological drama and moral guidance in our weekly Torah reading. No Hebrew and no experience necessary.

## 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. **Our next meeting is Sunday, March 25 at 11:00 AM in the Board Room.** Contact Judith Insinga at [jjschnitman@yahoo.com](mailto:jjschnitman@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.

## Save the Date!

Please plan to join us at CBE on **Saturday evening April 21** for a fun-filled art auction featuring live and silent auctions, great food and entertainment. There



will be art for every taste and budget including Judaica, sports and music memorabilia, collectible works and much more. Additional details will follow soon!

## Kveller's Korner

What are you kvelling about? New job or business? Weddings, engagements, births? Kids or grandkids on the honor roll or dean's list? Have you had a book, article or story published? Send us your good news and we'll kvell about it too! We can also include high resolution photos as space permits. Please email all news and photos to: [loriannw@cbe.comcastbiz.net](mailto:loriannw@cbe.comcastbiz.net).

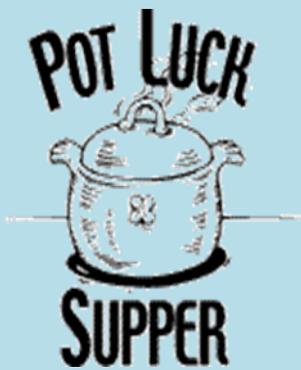


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**Saturday,  
 March 31, 2018,  
 at 5:30 PM, Seder  
 Dinner**



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 2<sup>nd</sup> Night Seder on Saturday, March 31, 2018. Join other CBE congregants, friends, and family to share this festive meal and mark our thankfulness for Pesach with infused inspiration and renewed spirit.

Make your reservations now! Dinner is **\$10.00** per person. Children under 5 are FREE. We'll be hosting a traditional Seder menu with matzo ball soup, gefilte fish, main course, dessert and beverages.

**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/  
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## Emmanuel Dining Room – Help Needed

Thanks to the following lady chefs, we prepared 18 trays of ziti for the hot lunches that are served to the homeless of Wilmington at the Emmanuel Dining Hall: Heather Margolin, Sheila Hochhauser, Cindy O'Neil, Judith Insinga, Ellen Wagner, Bonnie Polykov.

A huge thank you to Mike Garnett, who helped us tremendously by cooking the ziti ahead of time, and, as usual, anticipating our every need!

We will be serving the food at the Emmanuel Dining Room **SOUTH** location, located at 500 Rogers Road, in New Castle, on the 2nd Monday of every Month. Our next serving date is Monday, March 12, from Noon until 1:00 PM. We encourage you to volunteer for this opportunity. It is a very rewarding feeling to be involved in providing a meal, which often is the only one of the day, to hungry men, women and children. Those interested in helping to serve, please contact Karen Caplan at 610-405-2292 or [skcaplan@comcast.net](mailto:skcaplan@comcast.net).

### Sisterhood News

#### Sisterhood's Books and Bagels

March 11 at 10:00 AM -- *The Lion Seeker* by Kenneth Bonert

May 20 at 9:30 AM -- *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult

There will be a \$5 charge for the light breakfast -- or better yet, \$4 plus a non-perishable donation to the JFS Food Pantry. RSVP to Heather Margolin 302-477-0737 or email her at [h.m.margolin@gmail.com](mailto:h.m.margolin@gmail.com).

#### Sisterhood Donor Event

"Life is a Big Canvas. Throw all the paint on it you can." With Danny Kaye on Thursday, April 26, 2018 from 6:30 - 9:00 PM at Congregation Beth Emeth. Join us for a delicious dinner and a painting pottery party to celebrate and support Beth Emeth Sisterhood. A talented artist will be at the event to help us create one-of-a-kind pieces. This is the perfect Mother's Day gift for yourself or a favorite mother, sister, daughter, granddaughter, etc... in your life! Bring your family and friends for a night you won't forget! Pencil the date in on your calendars! Your invitations should arrive in March. Please contact Missy Rosenthal at [\[thal@comcast.net\]\(mailto:thal@comcast.net\) for more information.](mailto:mmrosen-</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

### Due to Popular Demand!

Sisterhood tour of the National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia on Sunday, March 4, 2018 at 1:30 PM (90 minute tour begins at 1:45 PM), the prices are: \$16 Adults, \$15 Seniors and Youth (13-21); \$11 Children (12 and under)

We will have a guided tour by one of the museum's experienced docents. The tour offers an overview of 350+ years of the American Jewish experience, from 1654 to the present. Covering all three floors of the Core Exhibition, the tour explores key artifacts and stories in the context of the ongoing challenges and opportunities presented by unprecedented freedom.

If you are interested in joining us for this amazing trip, please contact Missy Rosenthal by emailing her at [mmrosenthal@comcast.net](mailto:mmrosenthal@comcast.net) or calling her at 610-209-9383. If we have enough interest, we can charter a bus to go to the museum together. Otherwise, we can all meet at the museum at 1:30 PM. The museum is located at the corner of 5th & Market Streets in Philadelphia. You do not have to be a Sisterhood member to join us! Family and friends welcome!

For more information on the museum, visit their website at: <https://www.nmajh.org>.

### Sisterhood Garage Sale Needs your Help and Donations

Volunteers needed for set-up dates on April 29, 30 and May 1; sale dates are May 2 and 3 and help is needed with packing up after the sale May 3, at 3:00 PM until completed. **New sale time for Wednesday, May 2 only is at 9:00 AM to 6:30 PM.** For more information please contact Cindy O'Neil by emailing her at [cindyjoneil@comcast.net](mailto:cindyjoneil@comcast.net) or email Marcia Russakow at [mah4me@verizon.net](mailto:mah4me@verizon.net). Donations can be dropped off at the synagogue beginning Monday, April 2. Please let us know if you have a large donation and we will try to arrange pick up. Thank you.



**(Rabbi Koppel's article  
continued from page 5)**

what's wrong when I see him tomorrow" "so-so looked really cute today ;I wonder if they would go out to Starbucks with me," "I hope there's turkey for lunch tomorrow", "I did not do well on that vocab test."

We spend our evenings either trying to distract ourselves from the day or focus ourselves on the future. How often do you lay on your bed at the end of the day listening to the silence around you? The silence that you have created because at the end of the day we know that we did the best we could with the cards that had gotten dealt to us that day. We know that to hear the day burning, we have to accept that the day burns as it has come to an end. We have to accept that to live each day we have to try and do our best; we have to accept the failures that occur both naturally and because we caused them, we have to accept the successes that occur naturally and because we caused them, we have to accept ourselves and our limitations, and we have to accept that we must continually be striving toward a goal even if that goal is achingly, so far away. Yet we must accept it all the same because that day is done, it is burning in your ears as you fall asleep; all that's left is to greet the new day when you wake up and try again.

So I challenge you to ask yourselves each night this month, "Can you hear the day burning?" It is my *tikvah* (hope) that this exercise may help you get through the week easier.

Benyamin Lasner

### **One Bowl Amazing Chocolate Cake**

Duration 50 minutes, cook time, 40 minutes, preparation time, 7 minutes, serves 8.

**Ingredients:**

2 cups all-purpose flour  
1½ cups sugar  
1 cup nondairy milk; soy or almond work well  
½ cup extra virgin olive oil  
½ cup mayonnaise  
3 eggs  
1 (4-ounce) package instant chocolate pudding mix

2 teaspoons vanilla  
⅔ cup unsweetened cocoa powder  
1¼ teaspoons baking powder  
1 teaspoon baking soda

**Preparation:** Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly grease a Bundt pan with non-stick baking spray. In the bowl of an electric mixer, combine all ingredients. Mix at medium speed for 2 minutes. Pour into prepared Bundt pan. Bake at 350°F for 45 to 50 minutes, or until a skewer inserted in the center comes out clean. Let cool before glazing if desired and serving.

For a glaze, place 1 cup chocolate chips and 1/2 cup soy milk or non-dairy frozen ready-to-whip liquid topping, thawed, in a small saucepan. Heat until melted and drizzle over cake.

*Recipe Courtesy of QUICK & KOSHER Recipes from The Bride Who Knew Nothing by Jamie Geller (Feldheim 2007)*



### **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.

### **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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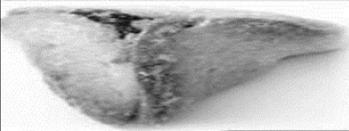
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