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A GOOD QUESTION

YAIR D. ROBINSON

What brings you joy?

That might seem like a frivolous question in this day and age. With so much going on and so many demands on our time, 'joy' may seem like a distant idea, a vague memory of another age, one less fraught and full.

And this time of year, is a time for rejoicing! We are instructed to rejoice in this month of *Adar*, the month in which we celebrate the holiday of Purim. The mitzvot of Purim require us to laugh, celebrate, act a little mischievously, dress up in costume and otherwise "whoop it up." In fact, the rabbinic texts of the Midrash tell us that, of all the books of the Bible and all the holidays of the calendar, all will be negated in the World to Come—except the book of Esther and the holiday of Purim! In fact, the rabbinic texts liken the holiday to Yom Kippur ("yom ha-ki-PU-RIM" Get it?) and liken the High Priest on the Day of Atonement, dressed in his finery, to Queen Esther dressed in her royal gown approaching Ahasuerus. Both are actions done to save the Jewish people; one from our own failings, the other from outside hostility. But instead of it being a day of atonement and self-denial, it becomes a day of great rejoicing.

Why all this emphasis by the traditional commentators? Because *both self-denial and rejoicing lead to redemption*. We may think that

SHABBAT SHALOM

**Friday, March 1, Kabbalat Shabbat Program, 6:00PM;
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:00PM,**

Oneg Shabbat to follow

Jennifer Steinberg will bless the Shabbat Candles

Rabbi Robinson will speak

Birthday Blessings for the month of March

**Saturday, March 2, Shabbat Study and Schmooze and
Service-in-the-Round combined, 9:30AM**

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

Friday, March 8, Shabbat Service, 7:00PM,

Oneg Shabbat to follow

Jennifer Zelvin McDloskey will bless the Shabbat Candles

Sarah Green, Learner and Community Outreach

Specialist of Literacy Delaware will speak

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

The Bar Mitzvah of Zakary Forrest Ward, son of
Jennifer Zelvin McCloskey and Kieran McCloskey and
Christopher Ward will be celebrated.

"Pekude," Exodus 40:30-38, I Kings 8:10-6

Friday, March 15, Shabbat Dinner, 5:30PM,

Service, 7:00PM, Oneg Shabbat to follow

Cheryl Hampson will bless the Shabbat Candles

Rabbi Robinson will speak

**Saturday, March 16, Shabbat Study and Schmooze and
Service-in-the-Round combined, 9:30AM**

"Vayikra," Leviticus 1:1-5:26; Deuteronomy 25:17-19; I
Samuel 15:2-34

**Friday, March 22, Service, 7:00PM, Purim Shpiel, The
Adult Choir will sing music of Purim**

Oneg Shabbat to follow

Dylan Jayla Steinberg will bless the Shabbat Candles

**Saturday, March 23, Shabbat Study and Schmooze
9:30AM, Morning Service, 11:00AM**

The Bat Mitzvah of Dylan Jayla Steinberg, daughter of
Jennifer and Mitchell Steinberg will be celebrated

"Tzav," Leviticus 8:1-9, Jeremiah 7:21-25

Friday, March 29, Service, 7:00PM,

Oneg Shabbat to follow

Sue Paul will bless the Shabbat Candles

Rabbi Koppel will speak

**Saturday, March 30, Shabbat Study and Schmooze and
Service-in-the-Round combined, 9:30AM**

"Shemini," Leviticus 9:1-11:47, Numbers 19:1-22,
Ezekiel 36:16-38

our tasks, our obligations, require a dour seriousness; Purim reminds us that joyfulness is not the same thing as frivolity, and is no obstacle to repairing the world. Joy is a Jewish value, an essential component to our lives and our fulfillment of *mitzvot*. In fact, I would argue that, without joy, we lose our ability to fulfill our sacred obligations. Joy helps us reframe those obligations: from tedious tasks set before us as obstacles against happiness instead to opportunities to transform and be transformed by our encounter with the Other. Joy, therefore, is not merely about a fleeting moment of pleasure (though that might happen too), but rather a deeper contentment, a satisfaction that emerges from our fulfillment of our sacred obligations.

Purim is a holiday about revealing secrets—like finding this message hidden in our articles this month.

So, let's return to that earlier question: what brings you joy? What allows you to feel as if you are fulfilling your sacred obligations? What brings you a taste of redemption, a taste of that World to Come? And what are you doing to make sure you are celebrating, that you are rejoicing, that you are laughing and 'whooping it up?' What are you doing to see the work—your chosen task—as an opportunity to serve the Other and be fulfilled in that service, rather than as a burden or an obstacle?

Psalms 126 reminds us, "those who sow in tears shall reap in joy." We do not deny the tears of our existence or experience. We shouldn't deny our rejoicing either, for even our rejoicing can lead to redemption.

Thank you to our April Ushers

April 5 Susan and Mark Detwiler
 April 12 Nzingha and Roger Kellman
 April 19 Jeff Margolies
 April 26 Beth and Leonard Stark

Quote of the Month

"Each of us is important and has something to give. Listen to the music within you and believe in yourself. Do not be afraid. Take the risk of living."

Haria

Camp and Israel Scholarships Available



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

For camp scholarships, please use the Religious School scholarship application in the Religious School section at bethemethde.org.

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

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Please send Israel trip information to iyulish@bethemethde.org by March 11, 2019.

For questions or more information regarding scholarships, please contact Scholarship Chair, Brooke Carroll, or Executive Director, Jon Yulish, through the temple office.

Mazel Tov

...to Charlotte Gluckman on the birth of her great-grandson, Brooks David Shore.

...to Dr. Rachel Pulverman-Silverman and Lowell Silverman on the birth of their son, Heath. Heath joins big sister, Dana.

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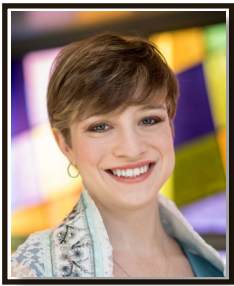
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CANTOR'S CORNER

ELIZABETH F. FLYNN

משנכנס אדר מרבין בשמחה

As March arrives and Adar II is upon us, the words of the song above, "*Mishenichnas Adar*" are playing in a nonstop loop (it's a very short and repetitive song) in my head. Normally, this might seem like an irksome condition but on the contrary, it usually brings a big smile to my face.

I love Adar and I love Purim but it wasn't always that way. I grew up barely celebrating the holiday and as a child only acknowledged it as Judaism's attempt to have something fun like Halloween on the calendar. It wasn't until cantorial school that I truly experienced, enjoyed, and understood the wonder of Purim and of the absolute joy it insists we find in our lives.

The first service I ever lead was a Shabbat morning service on Rosh Chodesh Adar (the first day of the month of Adar), with a classmate of mine who had grown up in a community that went all-out for Purim. From the moment we sat down to plan this service, he was humming the tune of "*Mishenichnas Adar*." At the time it was a tune I had never heard before and as this bouncy but highly repetitive melody continued to fill the silence as we worked, I quickly grew curious and a little irritated. As I asked him, after the thousandth time he repeated the tune, what in the world it was, he looked at me with a very surprised look. To him, this folk tune was as common as *Hava Nagila* and was an automatic song to be included in any service during Adar. He detailed the joy and excitement that built as his home community would sing it over and over again, celebrating this crazy and joyous time. Soon, the melody became one of my favorite melodies of all time.

Purim is one of my favorite times of the Jewish calendar because it is purely about joy and silliness. Purim is a holiday about revealing secrets—like finding this message hidden in our articles this month. For a culture like ours which is so deeply rooted in obsessing on the trauma of our past, having an entire month (or two - like we have this year!) which is dedicated to being silly, is a welcome relief. So dedicated is Purim to helping us find joy, that we dress up in costume, tell an extremely farcical tale which flips

our history of trauma on its head, and transform our music in the most delightful way.

It is unsurprisingly this last point that I love the most. From the fun, upbeat, and repetitive folk tunes like *Mishenichnas Adar* (which literally demands that with the coming of Adar we must increase our joy), to redefining *tefilah* on Erev Purim by using the melodies of our favorite pop, rock, and show tunes, to the absolute insanity that is *Megillat Esther* trope - the melodies we use when chanting from the Scroll of Esther - the music of Purim is guaranteed to put a smile on your face and make you laugh.

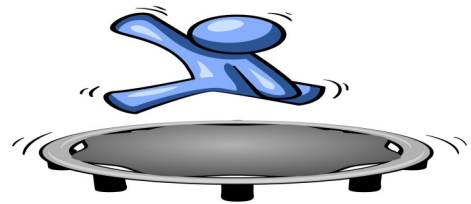
So as we begin this incredibly fun and joyful season, I look forward to sharing with all of you my favorite part of it all the music! From our Purim Shpiel based on the music of QUEEN, to the twists and turns of the intricate chanting of the Megillah, to a colorful wig or two - it's going to be quite a month!

Mishenichnas Adar, marbin b'simcha! As Adar enters, let us all increase our joy!

Chag Purim Sameach,
Cantor Flynn

BESTY Event

Join BESTY for a night of fun! Services at CBE followed by Glow Jump at Sky Zone on Friday, March 8, 7:00 PM to 11:30 PM. The cost is \$25. Register at <https://www.bethemethde.org/event/besty-services-and-skyzone-event.html#>



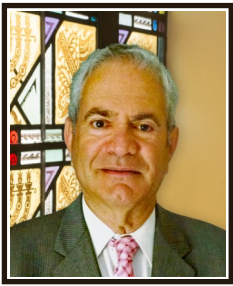
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FOCUS EMERITUS

RABBI PETER H. GRUMBACHER

“The Message of our Confirmation Photos... And Other Affirmations of Aging”

The other day I was glancing at the Confirmation photographs gracing our Temple hallway. They go back decades. They show rabbis who served the congregation and it doesn't take much to see the aging evolution of Rabbis Drooz and Grumbacher. I look at the photo in which I sport a beard which I shaved off once I saw how multi-colored and ugly it was, a fact which Suzy affirmed. I kept the mustache for a few more years but shaved that off as well when I became senior rabbi.

Why mention this? Because in the past week or so I happened to run into young people who were confirmed at Beth Emeth a long time ago; young people I haven't seen for years. I said to myself, *“Wow, they got old,”* but stopped short when I realized they aren't the only ones...what did they say about me when we parted company? I don't want to know!

Early in January, we attended the convention of the National Association of Retired Reform Rabbis (yes, it's real and is a very active collection of colleagues). Rabbis I remember as youngish men (no women in generations before mine) also got old; some aged better than others.

Before I conducted holyday worship in Staunton, VA, this year I did so in a town next to Lakewood, NJ. It is not a congregation but a large group of people from many “Over-50” communities. Early on, I commented to Suzy that it feels good to look out and see hundreds of people older than me. She responded, *“Not so fast.”*

As “they” say, it beats the alternative. I thank God every day for the few maladies I have and the wonderful family I've seen expand over the years. I'm grateful for the congregation I served for over three decades; few colleagues can claim that nowadays.

I hope this doesn't come across as maudlin. It's just that now and then it's good for me...and you...to take stock so that when we look in the mirror or count the candles on the cake we

might realize that the years have passed, but that the ride was a good one. And we don't have to wait for the holydays to do this. There's less pressure.

Congregation Receives Bequest

We are indebted to the late Marvin Yaffee who included in his will, a bequest to Congregation Beth Emeth. His gift has been placed in the Stifte/Yaffee Fund established almost twenty years ago by his brother-in-law, Judge Albert Stiftel. Income from the fund has been allocated to Religious School scholarships and camper-ships. While they are no longer with us, they shall be remembered for generations to come through their named fund, now part of our Endowment.

Gifts during your lifetime or as a bequest in your will of ten thousand dollars or more can be placed in our Endowment as a fund named for you or for a person you wish to honor and/or memorialize. Donors also have the option of directing their gifts to a specific program or capital expenses or they can become part of the unrestricted fund for unexpected needs.

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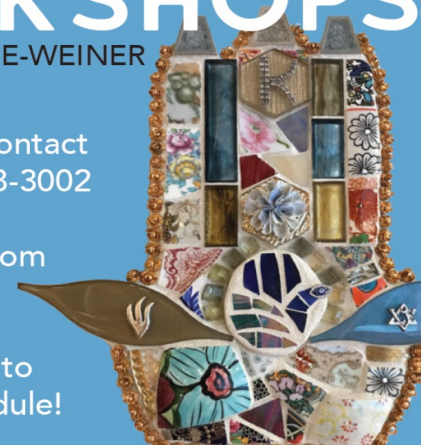


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A WORD OF TORAH

RABBI ELISA F. KOPPEL

When someone asks me what my favorite part about teaching is, I often answer that it is the moment when a student I'm working with has an "aha" moment. That one moment, when they realize something, when the pieces fit into place, when they have a new insight...Most of you, I hope, know that moment I'm describing, having experienced it as a learner—where you finally get something in a new way. The moment that I identify as the strongest from my own educational experience is somewhat mundane; it was when learning how to drive a stick shift, and finally understanding where that balance was between pulling off the clutch and putting on the gas—and what it felt like. But at that moment, I finally knew how to drive a stick (it took a lot more practice to get that process to be smooth on a regular basis).

For those of you who have taught, you also probably know the unique feeling of having helped someone else get to that moment. Purim is a holiday about revealing secrets—like finding this message hidden in our articles this month. It's a moment of joy, for me. And, in my mind, truly encapsulates the idea that teaching and learning should be full of joy—education should be joyful.

That doesn't mean that it has to always be fun, or that it is always happy, or (especially) that it is never hard. Exactly the opposite, in fact. Joyful learners want to learn more—they want to dig deep. The joy I am describing is the kind that is lasting, and that brings satisfaction.

As my colleague and longtime friend, Lisa Friedman writes, "I want my students to experience joy. I want my students to connect to something we do or discuss or argue about in a way that makes them feel elated, exhilarated and gleeful. I want them to have a moment (or many moments) that they experience in their whole bodies, in their souls and that sticks with them long after they have left my classroom." To me, this really encapsulates my goal, as well. To create learning that is full of joy—for the students, as well as for the teachers.

And, perhaps, this is why I love Purim. It's my second favorite holiday (Passover being the

first, but that's another Orbit article). What I love is that while it is doubtlessly fun, there is also so much room for joy. It's a holiday on which we turn the typical on its head. Which we do best when we understand the typical.

A Purim Shpiel is best created, and best understood, by someone who already knows the story of Purim. Some of the best jokes within a spiel might even necessitate a deep knowledge of the story and the holiday—or of other Jewish ideas. Whether one aimed at adults (like our **Adult Spiel, on Erev Purim, this year on March 20**), at kids (like our **Sunday Morning Carnival Spiel, created and presented by our seventh grade, this year on March 24**), or at everyone (like our **Friday Night Spiel, this year on March 22**). All of them are an opportunity to enjoy both the setting and the content—and to find joy in the experience of learning about Purim.

The costumes and carnivals add to the fun atmosphere and allow us to take ourselves out of the seriousness of the everyday, which helps us to learn in different ways. And find new opportunities for both learning and joy.

May we all have an Adar (2 for the price of one, this year), and a Purim, full of joy.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



JENN STEINBERG

Az me est chazzer, zol rinnen fun bord!
(If you're going to do something wrong, enjoy it!)

5 Things I've Done Wrong Recently In No Particular Order

- Not recognized someone because I ran into them "out of context."
- Procrastinated ordering the invitations for my daughter's Bat Mitzvah.
- Scolded an entire group of people for their behavior via email.
- Lived out of the laundry baskets because I just couldn't bring myself to fold it all.
- Gotten irrationally angry over a text message.

I've said it before and I'll say it again – the big 10 sins are fairly easy to avoid; it's the little sins that will get you.

As we enter the month of Adar, I've got more reasons than ever to feel joy – my daughter Dylan will become a Bat Mitzvah on the 23 and on the 26, I will celebrate a milestone birthday. Add to that three other family birthdays and Adar is a pretty joyful place to be for me. I've been the president of this congregation since May 2018 and every time I tell someone about my position, their reaction is similar to what you might get at a shiva house: "I'm so sorry. That must be so difficult. I could/would never want that position." I then have to awkwardly respond that I a) chose to do this of my own free will; b) I'm looking at it as an adventure; and c) I'm going to do the best I can during the time I'm in the position.

The best part about all of this, I'm absolutely sure I've done things wrong since May. Sometimes because people have told me that I messed up and other times because I'm only human. I really like the quote above about doing things wrong because frankly, as the leadership of the congregation, I am so supported by our clergy and staff, that it is nearly impossible for me to really mess anything up. I have an amazing team supporting me while I try to do the right thing and enjoy myself during these two years.

And so, I need to remind myself daily to find joy and opportunity in the things I do wrong. Didn't

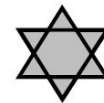
recognize someone? Well, isn't it nice that it turns out we frequent the same few places. Lived out of my laundry basket? At least I don't have a job that requires me to wear clothes that wrinkle. Angry about a text message? To be so lucky to have something that small to get upset about in my life. Purim is a holiday about revealing secrets—like finding this message hidden in our articles this month. We are so lucky at Beth Emeth to have the community we do and I just know the month of Adar is going to be a joyful time for me as I celebrate birthdays, simchas, and Purim with those I am close to. I hope that you will take the time this month to reflect on just how much we have to enjoy together.

Marriage Re-consecration Service



Ah, the cold winter nights! Doesn't it make you want to rekindle the warmth of romance? And what better way is there than to join other couples in re-consecrating your

marriage vows in our sanctuary at Beth Emeth on Friday April 12 during the 7:00 PM Shabbat evening service. If your wedding anniversary in calendar year 2019 is a multiple of 5-years (e.g. 5, 10, 15, 20 years, etc.) then you're eligible to participate! The service is both beautiful and meaningful and a wonderful opportunity for families to share their love. For more information or to sign up, contact Esther Timmeney at 302-478-0363 or e-mail esthertimmeney@gmail.com.



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3 (26 Adar I) L'Taken 9:00a Brotherhood 9:00a Religious School 11:30a Youth Choir	4 (27 Adar I) L'Taken 10:00a Literacy Delaware 4:00p JHSD Board Meeting 5:30p Food Pantry Stock	5 (28 Adar I) 10:00a Literacy Delaware 5:00p Food Pantry Open	6 (29 Adar I) 10:00a Literacy Delaware 4:00p Hebrew School 5:30p Adult Learning: #Me Too and The Bible 7:15p Choir Rehearsal 7:30p Introduction to Judaism	7 (30 Adar I) 10:00a Literacy Delaware	8 (1 Adar II) 7:00p Shabbat Service with Oneg	9 (2 Adar II) P'Kudei 9:30a Torah Study 11:00a Shabbat Service 11:00a Bar Mitzvah - Ward
10 (3 Adar II) 9:00a Religious School 11:00a, 12:10p Education Committee Meeting 11:30a Youth Choir 12:30p Food Pantry Stock Day	11 (4 Adar II) 10:00a Literacy Delaware 11:00a Sisterhood Serving Lunch at Emmanuel Dining Hall	12 (5 Adar II) 10:00a Literacy Delaware 5:00p Food Pantry Open 7:30p Board Meeting	13 (6 Adar II) 10:00a Literacy Delaware 4:00p Hebrew School 5:30p Adult Learning: #Me Too and The Bible 7:15p Choir Rehearsal	14 (7 Adar II) 10:00a Literacy Delaware	15 (8 Adar II) 5:30p Shabbat Dinner 7:00p Shabbat Service with Oneg	16 (9 Adar II) Vayikra 9:30a Torah Study & Service Combination
17 (10 Adar II) 9:00a Religious School 11:00a Caring Committee Meeting 11:30a Youth Choir 12:00p Confirmation	18 (11 Adar II) 10:00a Literacy Delaware 5:30p Food Pantry Stock	19 (12 Adar II) 10:00a Literacy Delaware 5:00p Food Pantry Open 7:00p Liturgical Practices Committee Meeting	20 (13 Adar II) Erev Purim 10:00a Literacy Delaware 4:00p Hebrew School 5:30p Adult Purim Shpiel	21 (14 Adar II) Purim 10:00a Literacy Delaware	22 (15 Adar II) Shushan Purim Adult Choir Sings Music of Purim 7:00p Shabbat Service with Oneg 7:00p Purim Shpiel	23 (16 Adar II) Tzav 9:30a Torah Study 11:00a Bat Mitzvah - Steinberg
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31 (24 Adar II) 9:00a Religious School 11:30a Youth Choir 12:00p Sisterhood Fashion Show & Luncheon Donor Event						

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:

Clara and Steve Goldhar on the death of Steve's mother, Rochela Goldhar.

Stefanie and Michael Brumberg on the death of Michael's father, Stephen Brumberg.

Eugene Kane on the death of his wife, Doris Kane.

Kim and Alan vonWeltin on the death of Kim's brother, Kurtis Wheatley.

Nancy and Nicholas D'Argenio on the death of Nancy's mother, Myrna Jacobson Rawdin.



Joseph's Pantry of Congregation Beth Emeth

We're Making a Difference - In the 10 weeks that we have been open, we have provided a three-day supply of food to 157 households representing 548 individual people. We distribute canned vegetables, proteins, soup, breakfast foods, starch/grains, fresh fruit and vegetables. Additionally, we have, paper goods, feminine hygiene products, personal care items and cleaning supplies available. None of this would be possible without the very generous donations made during the High Holy Days and the months since. Our volunteers find the overwhelming gratitude of our clients heartwarming, humbling, joyful, self-satisfying, and heartbreaking all at the same time. It is wonderful that our synagogue has determined that this is an important need that we can and should help satisfy; so we want to describe the number of people that come to us in hopeful terms, but at the same time, it is an indication of how many in our community are hurting and in desperate need of assistance.

The Need is Growing - The Religious School ran a program called, "Meet the Need." Over 600 items were collected including canned meats and other proteins. We also used Tu B'Shevat and MLK Day as an impetus to make a fruit offering in the form of canned or fresh fruits, but it's never too late. Feel free to keep it going. Also, share the Joseph's Pantry of CBE Facebook page with others to spread the word.

Stepping it Up - We would like to ask every-

one who is in a position to help with donations, to step it up a notch. Donations of food or money to purchase food, are much appreciated. Monetary donations may be made at the Joseph's Pantry webpage. There, you will also find our current list of needed items. We are also making it easy to do food collections at work or school by providing Joseph's Pantry Food Bins complete with flyers already attached. All you need do is pick up a bin, put it in a place of prominence, and bring it back in to CBE when it's full. There is a stack of bins in the lobby near the pantry. Anyone is welcome to pick one up and take it with them. Feel free to use your own bin with the flyer available on the webpage.

Group Projects - Joseph's Pantry is just waiting to be the special project for any youth group, service organization, sports team, scouting group, honor society or any other group of which you may be a part. Please contact Jon or Kim to discuss what that project may look like for you and your group at josephspantry@bethemethde.org.

Volunteering - All of the food donations we could possibly gather will go unused if we don't have the volunteers to distribute them every week. We have had a wonderful core group of people who have spent their time stocking, organizing and working on Client Days. We get as much out of these relationships with our Clients. It would be wonderful to have a greater variety of volunteers to spread the love and good spirit. The dates and times of volunteering opportunities are on the Joseph's Pantry webpage or on the Calendar at

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Bethemethde.org under, "Food Pantry." In general, Client Days are on Tuesday evenings and we do stock work on every other Sunday or Monday.

Thank You – It does not seem like enough to just say, "Thank you." There have already been times when the corner of the lobby has been full of items brought in by many of our members and even a few organizations in the community. We could not have done what we have, or continue to do what we intend, without your support. And truly... Thank you!!

March Adult Ed Learning

#MeToo and the Bible, Wednesdays March 6 and March 13, 2019, from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Coming right before Purim, let's talk about how the Age of "MeToo" influences the way we look at our tradition. How do we understand some of the behaviors of our ancestors that we now understand as problematic? How can we (or can we) accept the voices of teachers who have taken advantage of and hurt others? What does tradition tell us about the importance of the #MeToo Movement? And how can #MeToo influence our understanding of traditions? Light dinner provided, \$5 donations suggested.

Adult Purim, Wednesday, March 20, at 5:30 PM

Join your friends at the fun, annual tradition of our Adult Purim Shpiel! The book of Esther was not intended to be a kids' story, and children shouldn't have ALL the fun of the holiday. Come take part in our PG-13 (or maybe even R) telling of the Story of Purim, with heavy appetizers, light dinner, and adult (and non-adult) beverages. No acting experience or desire required. Just join the merriment!

And more stories every Saturday morning. Come see what the story of the week is, and interpret it with friends around the table. Torah Study — no experience and no Hebrew necessary — continues every Saturday at 9:30 AM.

Brotherhood Happenings

Storytelling from Brandywine to the Bay" with Ed Okonowicz, Sunday, March 3, from 9:00-10:30 AM

Experience adult storytelling through tales of history, humor, romance, and mystery, all set in familiar sites between the head-water of the Brandywine and the banks of the Delaware



Bay. Learn about the region's rich history through yarns, folktales, and historical and contemporary pieces told by this well-known local author and storyteller.

This lecture/discussion program is made possible by the Delaware Humanities Forum, which provides funding for this and many other programs.

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

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

Bob, a prominent attorney and long-time New Castle County Councilman, will bring us up to



speed on various efforts to protect natural landscapes in our area, especially along Concord Pike and in the areas surrounding the Brandywine Creek and Red Clay Creek. Issues around transportation and land use will be discussed. Plus, sure we'll get some interesting

stories with Bob's insider view of county government!

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

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

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Nirvana Chicken Wings

Recipe by Tina Wasserman, who will be our Scholar-in-Residence February 22-24.

Makes 8 to 10 Servings As An Appetizer

Ingredients:

4 tablespoons pareve margarine
2 tablespoons curry powder
1/4 cup dry white wine
2–3 pounds chicken drumettes
1 cup mango chutney
1/4 cup shredded coconut
1 tablespoon finely chopped scallion
2 tablespoons finely chopped peanuts

Directions:

Melt the margarine in a saucepan, and stir in the curry powder. Cook for 2–3 minutes, and add the wine. Remove from heat.

Remove any excess fat from the chicken parts. Wash and pat dry. If using whole wings, discard the tip and cut the two-bone section and drumette apart.

Place the chicken parts in a roasting pan, and baste with the curry sauce. Bake for 20 minutes in a 350°F oven.

Chop up any large pieces of mango in the chutney, and spread the chutney over the chicken parts. Bake for 30 minutes or until chicken is tender.

Place the chicken on a serving platter, and pour sauce into a 1-quart saucepan. Reduce the sauce by one-third over moderate heat.

Pour the sauce over the chicken, and sprinkle with the coconut, scallions, and peanuts. Serve.

Note : May be made in advance and reheated in the microwave or oven. Garnish with the coconut, scallion, and peanuts only after reheating and before serving.

Tina's Tidbits:

Classic Indian cooking technique calls for cooking the spice for a brief period to bring out the flavor. However, when working with powder, be very careful not to brown the spices or they will taste bitter.

It is not necessary to remove the tip or third portion of the chicken wing if you are serving the wings in a casual setting with lots of napkins.

Cut them into drumettes and wing sections for a more formal cocktail party as instructed above.



Sisterhood Happenings

March 31, 2019 - 2019 Sisterhood Fashion Show & Luncheon Donor Event



Join us on Sunday, March 31, at 12:00 PM for a delicious lunch and fabulous fashion show! The fashion show will showcase adult clothing from Chico's and White House Black Market, and tween and teen apparel from Two Sisters boutique!

This is a not to be missed event! Tickets are \$20/adult and \$15/children (8 and under). If you are interested in participating in the event as a model, we are looking for women of all ages and sizes AND we are also looking for girls, tweens, and teens (sizes 7 and up) to participate. Modeling opportunities are limited. This could be the perfect mommy/daughter or grandmother/granddaughter day together!! We will also be collecting donations for Joseph's Pantry at the Donor Event!! Your invitation will arrive shortly in the mail!

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

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

To reserve your spot for this amazing event, please contact Missy Rosenthal by emailing her at mmrosenthal@comcast.net or call her at 610-209-9383.

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

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



Allison L. and Randy E. Brody – Allison and Randy live in Wilmington with their two children, Tori Naomi, who attends religious school, and Samantha Rochelle. Allison is a teacher and Randy is a tire specialist.

Julia Alida and Samuel G. Forester – Julia and Sam reside with their two daughters, Annabelle Irene, and Ava Rose, in Wilmington. Annabelle and Ava are attending religious school. Julia is an assistant director of admissions and Sam is in sales.

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 17 at 11:00 AM in the Board Room. Contact Judith Insinga at jj schnitman@yahoo.com or 302-764-4093 for more information about the Caring Committee.

Caring Committee Soup

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

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

Change of Address Reminder

Don't forget to contact the temple office at 302-764-2393 to change your address or you may now change your address online. Simply go to our website at www.bethemethde.org and log in as a member. You can manage your account details online. If you have not yet logged in and need a password, contact the office and we will send you a link.

You can also update your telephone number or email address, the way. Most of temple correspondence is mailed third class. The office does forward any class mail.



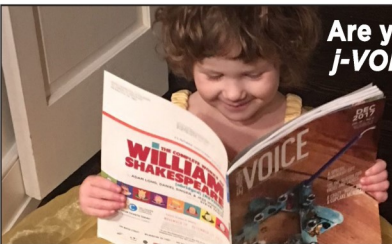
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Community Office Hours



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

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Your Old Shoes Can Help Stamp Out Cancer

Recycle Your Shoes



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

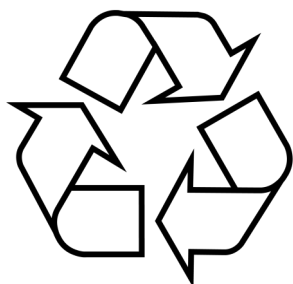
Our community will benefit as well. Not only will your recycled shoes help raise funds for SU2C, it will also keep more shoes out of our local landfills---and free up some space in your closet.

- **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



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.

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

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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.

JOSEPH PANTRY (Beth Emeth Food Pantry) - to provide funds for the purchase of food in order to supplement in-kind donations.

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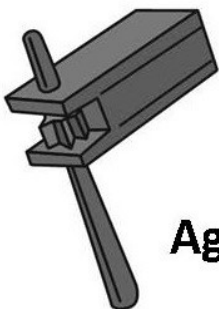
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