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## A GOOD QUESTION

YAIR D. ROBINSON

עֲבֹדוּ אֶת־יְהוָה בִּשְׁמַחָה בָּאָוֹלֵפְנֵי בְּרֻנָּה:

Serve The Eternal with gladness, come into God's presence with thanksgiving! (Psalm 100:2)

It seems that the month of May is meant to be a month of celebrations for us in our congregation!

This month, from end to end, presents us with an embarrassment of riches; many, many (many!) opportunities to celebrate different members of our congregational family, as well as our community as a whole. While I know we're busy in the spring, I hope you will make a point to put these on your calendar.

We begin the month with our *Music Appreciation Shabbat* and our *Shir Shalom*, as we celebrate our choirs, our music director, Dennis Stewart, who is celebrating 18 years with us, and, of course, our beloved cantor, Mark Stanton, who is leaving at the end of June. May 4 and 5 present terrific opportunities for us to share our appreciation for Cantor Stanton, especially the program on the 5. I know you're not going to want to miss this chance to wish our cantor well!

Friday, May 18 is our *Confirmation* service. While this year is a smaller class, they are no less mighty, and I know they will be heartened by being able to celebrate with their congregation. Many of you have watched these children grow up into poised teens; I hope you will make a point of celebrating with them as they affirm their commitment to their people, *our* people.

## SHABBAT SHALOM

**Friday, May 4, Kabbalat Shabbat Program, 6:00PM,  
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:00PM,  
Oneg Shabbat to follow**

Music Appreciation Shabbat

Marcia Russakow will bless the Shabbat Candles  
Birthday Blessings for the month of May

**Saturday, May 5, Torah Study and Service-in-the-Round Combined, 9:30AM, Shir Shalom, 7:30PM**  
"Emor," Leviticus 21:1-24:23, Ezekiel 44:15-31

**Friday, May 11, Service, 7:00PM,  
Oneg Shabbat to follow**

Yvette Rudnitsky will speak: "Eldering Feminist"

Mackenzie Elise Ratliff will bless the Shabbat Candles  
**Saturday, May 12, Shabbat Study and Schmooze, 9:30AM, Morning Service, 11:00AM**

The Bat Mitzvah of Mackenzie Elise Ratliff, daughter of Lynne and John Ratliff will be celebrated  
"Behar/Behukkotai," Leviticus 25:1-10, Jeremiah 17:5-8

**Friday, May 18, Service, 7:00PM  
Confirmation Service, Oneg Shabbat to follow**

Mother of the Confirmands will bless the Shabbat Candles

**Saturday, May 19, Shabbat Study and Schmooze, 9:30AM, Morning Service, 11:00AM**

The Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Rebecca Kupchik, daughter of Elena and Aaron Kupchik will be celebrated  
"Bemidbar," Numbers 3:1-10, Hosea 2:16-22

**7:00PM Shavuot Program, Sunday, May 20, Shavuot Study in celebration of Rabbi Koppel's Master's in Jewish Education**

**Friday, May 25, Service, 7:00PM,  
Oneg Shabbat to follow**

Rabbi Robinson will speak: "To be a Blessing"  
Kim vonWeltin will bless the Shabbat Candles

**Saturday, May 26, Torah Study and Service-in-the-Round Combined, 9:30AM**  
"Naso," Numbers 4:21-7:89, Judges 13:2-25

Sunday, May 20 is a movable feast! In addition to being Shavuot, it is *also* the last day of religious school, and we anticipate celebrating both with dairy deliciousness as well as study of Torah. We are *also* celebrating Rabbi Elisa Koppel's completion of her Masters in Jewish Education from the Hebrew Union College! Please join us for that, and if so inclined, make a contribution to her discretionary fund in her honor. BUT WAIT, THAT'S NOT ALL! We're ALSO celebrating the completion of our programmatic year with our *annual meeting and family festival*. Roll right from the end of religious school to our celebration of our volunteers and all we do as a congregation, vote in our new board, and connect in fellowship with one another!

Pew! That's a lot of celebrating! And that's in addition to our regular *shabbatot, b'nai mitzvah* and other programming. Again, I hope you will make a point of coming out to celebrate together our Cantor, our music, our teens, our Director of Lifelong Learning, and all the good work our congregation does. We'll see you there!



to our 2018 Confirmands

**BROOKE NOELLE HOLLANDER** child of  
Alan and Jill Hollander  
**SAMUEL MARGOLIES** child of  
David Margolies and Sheila Hochhauser  
**ALEX NICHOLAS RANAUTO** child of  
Beth and Michael Ranauto  
**SAMUEL SCOTT SAPERSTEIN** child of  
Matthew and Laura Saperstein

#### Quote of the Month

"Courage is the art of being the only one who knows you're scared to death."

Mark Twain



...to Cindy O'Neil on the birth of her grandson, Shane David Brenner.

...to Charli and Jason Horowitz on the birth of their sons, Joshua Tyler and Ezra Reid. Big brother is Asher.

#### Thank you to our June Ushers

- June 1, Leslie and Alexander Rikleen  
June 8, Ilana and Brandon Miniman  
June 15, Helen Schmidt Sutton  
June 22 Kristine and David Tuttleman  
June 29, Erica and Barry Crell



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# CANTOR'S CORNER

## MARK E. STANTON

Dear Friends,

This Passover has been a true walk down memory lane. Here we are celebrating our last holidays together – 15 years full of music – not just the notes on a page, but the notes inscribed on the hearts of people's lives. The song made up of heartstrings plucked, in sadness and in joy, and echoed back and forth over the years.

There are many things that come to mind:

The Youth Choir that would come every Saturday to rehearse and sing for Shabbat morning services. They watched and sang for every Bat and Bar Mitzvah for years. When it was their respective turns, those kids owned that *bimah*!

Watching the Adult Choir annually perform for the Kutz Home, and other performances for concerts (I seem to remember a tango and "Oklahoma" somewhere in there). They have brought much joy to many people's lives.

Watching many in the Confirmation classes having to memorize the 10 Commandments (yes, they had to memorize them – and it was fun!)

Taking the kids from the Youth choir out for end-of-the-year trips to Dorney Park, and have, what seemed to be, endless coaster rides, or Dave & Busters and watch kids' stuff their pockets and shirts so full of prize-tickets to the point they would burst at the seams or the trampoline park and (literally) have them bouncing off the walls!

Seeing the joy in so many faces when, not too long ago, the new Klezmer band was joined by the Adult and Youth Choirs and together created a special Evening of music that was truly a joyous Shabbat for all – performer and spectator alike!

Then there's turning the whole world upside down – *Purim*! Whether it was themes of Television Show Tunes, Disney, The Muppet Megillah, West Side Story, Broadway, Wizard of Oz...I could go on... they were all madden-

ingly fun!

The music of the High Holidays will always have a special place in my heart. The amazing array of singers and instrumentalists that are able to play and sing any style with the (at least in the singers' case) best Hebrew pronunciation that would be the envy of any cantor, and each one with the heart of a Jew! I will say more, but not here.

Fifteen years of lifecycle events – *B'nei Mitzvahs*, weddings, "brises" and baby namings, other special occasions, and even funerals that brought us closer together – they were all blessings.

These are only a small few of the things that come to mind in the moment, but there are so many more that I could share here if only I had a volume of space.

I have been so incredibly blessed to share in your lives and know you have indelibly touched mine in such significant ways, and allowed me to grow...and share...and hopefully helped you on your paths as well. You will ALWAYS be my family!

I hope we can share one more moment together and join me the weekend of May 4 and 5.

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



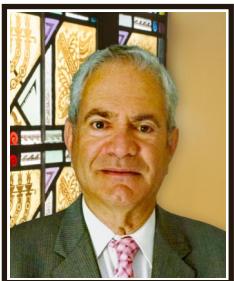
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## FOCUS EMERITUS

RABBI PETER H. GRUMBACHER

### **"Israel at 70: Some Random Thoughts"**

Israel Independence Day, *Yom Ha'atzmaut*, is upon us. This isn't just another anniversary; it is the 70th anniversary. There are those who didn't think Israel would make it much past the proclamation of statehood in 1948, but despite so many moments of fear that indeed their Arab neighbors would push them into the sea, Israel is, thankfully, still with us.

Yes, there are reasons to be in opposition to some of her government's policies; to be upset that despite many inroads made by the Progressive side of Judaism, the Orthodox have virtual control; to believe that our value of justice is not coming to pass with respect to Israel's treatment of Palestinians', nonetheless we must support Israel and answer questions her detractors raise. You and I know that we can have issues with "family members," and we do, but we do not forsake them.

Those who traveled with us this February, the forty-four Christians and Jews, saw an Israel that amazed them. So many said, "*We didn't expect Israel to be so peaceful, so technologically advanced, so.....(fill in the blanks).*" But they did experience such an Israel, and they promised us (Pastor David Mueller and me, Suzy and Gigi) that they would spread the word to their friends. Many of their acquaintances - even spouses! - said they wouldn't go on a trip to Israel because of the threats they might face. We faced no threats and our fellow travelers were to make certain that the word would go out.

Hopefully this will not have been my last tour of Israel, and I would hope that you will join me on the next one. When that will be I do not know (but at 71 it better be sooner than later!). It's a wonderful experience being in a wonderful country...forty new people learned that.

Thank you to all of our Purim Carnival donors! Without your help we would not be able to have the quality Youth Programming that Beth Emeth is known for!

Queen Vashti: Barbara D. Goldberg

Queen Esther: Rabbi Elisa Koppel

King Ahashuerus: Rabbi Yair and Marisa Robinson

Mara Tartack

Kim and Alan vonWeltin

Hero of Shushan: Joyann Kroser and Rabbi Elisa Koppel



### **Sisterhood News**

#### **Sisterhood's Books and Bagels**

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).

#### **Ronald McDonald House**



Join Sisterhood on Tuesday, May 8 at 9:00 AM as we spend the morning helping the families at the Ronald McDonald House of Delaware. We'll bake desserts to put out for the families and make casseroles that they keep on hand for emergencies and lunch. Due to limited kitchen capacity, we are limited to no more than 14 people. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Missy Rosenthal by emailing her at [mmrosenthal@comcast.net](mailto:mmrosenthal@comcast.net). As a group, we will decide what we'll be baking, what supplies will be needed, etc.



## A WORD OF TORAH

RABBI ELISA F. KOPPEL

As some of you know, I've been working for the past 2 years on earning a Master of Arts in Religious Education through the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) in their Executive Master's Program. And, while it's hard to believe, that moment is nearly upon us when the program will end. On May 3, I will earn an additional Master's Degree to hang on my wall. The symbolism of that certificate is so much larger than the piece of paper on which it will be written.

Together with 11 of my colleagues—from throughout the country—I have learned about Jewish educational leadership, spending time on all 4 campuses of HUC-JIR: New York, Cincinnati, Los Angeles, and Jerusalem. We have explored topics ranging from supervision to curriculum design to leadership and change theory. We've learned with some of the top educational scholars of our day. And we've had the chance to add our own ideas to the field of Jewish educational scholarship.

Most importantly, we've become a group. Our cohort of 12 ranges from Directors of Lifelong Learning to Informal Educators to professionals in Jewish organizations. Our previous experience ranges from early childhood to adult learning to teens to elementary aged students. We all came into this with experience, and we have all grown together. Some have changed positions during our time together—others have realized that change must be imminent for them—and others have realized that our learning has better prepared them for the work that they were already engaged in.

For me, it's been a powerful way to gain vocabulary to articulate much of which I've picked up along the way. I've been doing education in various forms for many years, although this is my first position formally as an educator. I've come to learn that some of which I've figured out has educational theory behind it—and it's already helped me to grow as an educational leader and to better respond to various situations—and to plan for the years ahead.

Most importantly, our cohort has become an important group of colleagues for me. We laugh together and learn together—at times we cry together and support each other. Hardly a day goes by when one of us doesn't ask for advice on our ongoing group chat—for situations ranging from the mundane to the challenging. And someone always

answers. As we've gained the same language together, and learned together, and seen each other grow—we've become a group. And I am confident that we will continue to be part of each other's journeys as we step forward after graduation.

This is an accomplishment that I am proud of. It's been hard to go back to being a student. And it's been challenging to balance a full time job with a graduate program. But I've done it, and I've learned so much, and I've embraced all that this program has offered me. I can't wait to continue to use the experience in my work. But in the meantime, I am excited to celebrate.

On May 20, after the last day of Religious School, we will be celebrating my learning as we gather together for cheese cake and ice cream and transition into our Annual Meeting. Please join me as we celebrate together. On this day of Shavuot, we traditionally celebrate the receiving of the Torah—please come celebrate with me to celebrate this new way in which I have received Torah.

Earlier in the day, we will also celebrate learning as a school, including our annual end of year slide show, honoring our teachers, and hearing from our students. Each class this year has spent time learning a Jewish song that connects to their curriculum—I hope you'll join us at 11:15 in the sanctuary to hear those songs and to celebrate learning with our community of young learners. There will also be the opportunity for learning with Rabbi Robinson that morning, at 10:30 AM using text that I've explored during my program. And at 12:00PM we will celebrate together.

In addition to joining me in celebration, you can also honor my accomplishment by making a donation to the Director of Lifelong Learning Discretionary Fund. This money helps me to help the disadvantaged, support organizations whose work I feel is important, and helps to enable learning and Jewish participation in a variety of ways for members of our community—through offering support to those taking part in Jewish programming, as well as supporting special programs. This money helps me continue the mission of our synagogue—and helps me to bring the learning that I've done to action through teaching others. It makes it possible for me to take the Torah that I've received and transmit it to our community. I thank you in advance for your support.

And I thank you all for supporting me in this program—for allowing me to engage in this learning for the past 2 years. It's been quite a journey—and I'm so blessed that we are able to share it together.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



KIM VONWELTIN

This is it. My last article as your president. While writing is not my forte, I've been glad to be able to get information out to all of you on a monthly basis. As I hope most of you know, Jennifer Steinberg will be voted on as your new president at our Annual Meeting on May 20. I hope that many of you will be able to come that day to show your support and to join your congregational family in celebrating another wonderful year at CBE.

I also hope that many of you will consider becoming more involved in the stewardship of CBE in the years to come. We have been blessed with many, many people over the years who have given of their time and of themselves to serve as committee chairs and board members, and in many other capacities. It can occasionally, though not always, be time consuming, but it comes with a huge sense of pride and accomplishment that you've made an impact on the current and future path of CBE. Though you don't have to be president to feel that you've been incredibly blessed to have the opportunity.

The election to the position of president of a congregation often comes with a mix of, "congratulations" and, "I'm sorry," with a wink and a nod. I'm sure it is greeted in this way in many other congregations as well. The truth is, it really should just be, "congratulations." There are of course, the hard decisions and the hard conversations. The sometimes seemingly endless meetings and tugs on your brain, and your heart. But those are overshadowed completely by the opportunity to work with such well intentioned and thoughtful people.

I can honestly say that it has been such a treat to have been able to work so closely with our staff at CBE. There would literally be no CBE without them. There is a phenomenal amount of work coming out of just three full time administrative staff members. Jon Yulish, our Temple Administrator, and Lisa Schrier and Lori Wyzga, our Administrative Assistants, are miracle workers. They take a boat load of tasks every year and make it look easy, regardless of how difficult it really is. Mike Garnett, is the glue without whom the entire place would fall apart, along with his two minions, Evan vonWeltin and Matt Schrier. Then there is our wonderful clergy, who it's been my absolute pleasure to work with and get to know better.

The Board of Trustees itself is a collection of individuals each with their own talents and sincerity they bring to the CBE table. The amount of time and concern they take with each decision for the congregation is so inspirational. They come to our board meetings ready to work. We have a tradition of starting each meeting with a D'var Torah presented each month by a different

member who has the opportunity to express how the parshah for the week relates to the work we are doing as a board. It is so great to see each month how we each, and as a group, grow with every meeting. You should come attend a meeting sometime! They are all open to the congregation and are listed on our calendar.

The work of being president can be hard, but there is a purpose to it that makes it infinitely rewarding. I hope, even if you have no designs on becoming president, that you take the chance to become more involved whenever it is presented to you. I hope also, that you welcome Jenn as your new president with all the support you are able. The work of balancing the needs of everyone in the congregation can be difficult, so please also, be patient and understanding in your requests. One of the most enlightening things I have learned from attending conferences over the past two years is that we are beyond blessed as a congregation. No matter the nature, or the number, of challenges we face at CBE, there are congregations out there that have it so much worse. We are truly so much more a family than many of which I've heard. We may have our differences, we may have our challenges, we may have personalities that don't always get along with each other, but through it all, we strive to have a familial love and respect for each other not often found.

I want to thank you for the opportunity to be the president of this family for the past two years. I would like to encourage you to donate to the President's Discretionary Fund in Jennifer Steinberg's honor to help support her in the work she will be doing for the next two years. "[W]hat a long, strange trip it's been," but one well worth the effort.



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## May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1 (16 lyar)</b> 9:00a Garage Sale Set-up 7:00p Adult Learning: Exploring Israel	<b>2 (17 lyar)</b> 12:00p Office Hours-Rabbi Robinson at CBE 4:00p Hebrew School 7:15p Choir Rehearsal 7:30p Introduction to Judaism	<b>3 (18 lyar)</b> <b>Lag BaOmer</b> 9:00a Garage Sale 10:00a Memoir Group 1:00p Office Hours - Kim von-Weitlin (BrewHaHa Branmar Plaza)	<b>4 (19 lyar)</b> Music Appreciation Shabbat Robinson (BrewHaHa on 202) 6:00p Kabbalat Shabbat Program 7:00p Kabbalat Shabbat Service with Oneg	<b>5 (20 lyar) Emor</b> 9:30a Torah Study & Service Combination 7:30p Shir Shalom Celebration of Cantor Stanton
<b>6 (21 lyar)</b> 9:00a Religious School 9:00a Brotherhood - "I et My People Go" with Steve Zimmerman 12:00p Youth Choir 12:00p Confirmation 12:00p Religious School Committee Meeting (open to parents)	<b>7 (22 lyar)</b> 7:30p Board Meeting	<b>8 (23 lyar)</b> 3:30p Office Hours-Rabbi Robinson at CBE 4:00p Hebrew School	<b>9 (24 lyar)</b> 1:00p Office Hours - Kim von-Weitlin (BrewHaHa Branmar Plaza), 5:30p Israel Conversations 7:00p BEMP Annual Meeting	<b>10 (25 lyar)</b> 1:00p Office Hours - Kim von-Weitlin (BrewHaHa Branmar Plaza)	<b>11 (26 lyar)</b> 10:30a Office Hours-Rabbi Robinson (BrewHaHa on 202) 7:00p Shabbat Service with Oneg	<b>12 (27 lyar) B'har-B'chukotai</b> 9:30a Torah Study 11:00a Bat Mitzvah - Ratliff
<b>13 (28 lyar)</b> <b>Yom Yrushalayim</b> Mother's Day 9:00a Religious School 12:00p Youth Choir	<b>14 (29 lyar)</b>	<b>15 (1 Sivan)</b> 7:00p Liturgical Practices Committee Meeting 7:00p Adult Learning: Exploring Israel	<b>16 (2 Sivan)</b> 3:30p Office Hours-Rabbi Robinson at CBE 4:00p Hebrew School	<b>17 (3 Sivan)</b> 1:00p Office Hours - Kim von-Weitlin (BrewHaHa Branmar Plaza)	<b>18 (4 Sivan)</b> 10:30a Office Hours-Rabbi Robinson (BrewHaHa on 202) 7:00p Shabbat Service with Oneg	<b>19 (5 Sivan) B'midbar</b> <b>Erev Shavuot</b> 9:30a Torah Study 11:00a Bat Mitzvah - Kupchik 7:00p Shavuot Program
<b>20 (6 Sivan)</b> <b>Shavuot</b> <b>Yizkor</b> 9:00a Religious School 9:30a Books & Bagels 10:30a Shavuot Study 10:45a Better Together 12:00p Youth Choir 1:00p Annual Meeting & BBQ	<b>21 (7 Sivan)</b>	<b>22 (8 Sivan)</b>	<b>23 (9 Sivan)</b>	<b>24 (10 Sivan)</b> 1:00p Office Hours - Kim von-Weitlin (BrewHaHa Branmar Plaza)	<b>25 (11 Sivan)</b> 10:30a Office Hours-Rabbi Robinson (BrewHaHa on 202) 7:00p Shabbat Service with Oneg	<b>26 (12 Sivan) Naso</b> 9:30a Torah Study & Service Combination
<b>27 (13 Sivan)</b>	<b>28 (14 Sivan)</b> Memorial Day	<b>29 (15 Sivan)</b>	<b>30 (16 Sivan)</b>	<b>31 (17 Sivan)</b> 1:00p Office Hours - Kim von-Weitlin (BrewHaHa Branmar Plaza)		

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:  
Richard Sklut on the death of his wife,  
Arlene Sklut



### 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 [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.

#### Family Promise News

**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.

Now through June 30 at all Brew HaHa locations, you can save 5¢ by having your drink in a reusable or travel mug. This discount will be donated to Family Promise! Just bring in your own travel mug, or ask to have your drink in a mug or a glass. The discount will be automatically applied.

Please contact Judith Insinga at [jjschnitman@yahoo.com](mailto:jjschnitman@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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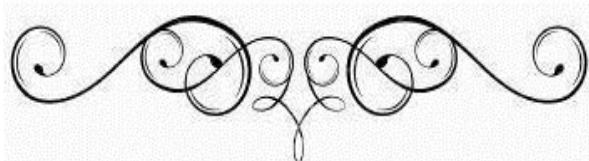
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## **Israel Conversation, Shavuot Film and Cheesecake, The Fight Against Slavery**

Join us on Tuesdays, May 1, and May 15, 2018, at 7:00PM. Challenged thinking about Israel? So are a lot of people, including rabbis. In *Israel: Bridging the Divide and Engaging Ourselves in the Challenge and Conversation*, we will explore the idea that the American Jewish conversation on Israel needs a makeover. We will weigh in on the ideas of the changing vision of Zionism, the challenges that Israel presents to us as North American Reform Jews, the question of how we can be both critical of and connected to Israel, and how we can connect to Israel. As we prepare for our congregational trip to Israel this summer, how can we use that experience, both for those who travel there and those who do not, as an opportunity for engagement? This series features a conversation with Dr. Joseph Holo, Dean of the Los Angeles Campus of HUC-JIR, and Dr. David Meyers, Professor and Chair in Jewish History at UCLA; from the HUC College Commons Series, as well as current events.



Join us again on Sunday, May 6, 2018 9:00 to 10:30AM for "Let My People Go" with Steve Zimmerman. The fight against slavery is a core concern of Judaism, but slavery is not just part of history. Human trafficking in modern American society is a tragedy of vast proportions. We will watch videos provided by Zoe Ministries of Delaware, and discuss other research into this disturbing issue. A bagel and lox breakfast is available for \$5. RSVP on [www.bethemethde.org](http://www.bethemethde.org), or call or email Steve Zimmerman at 302-547-0036, [zimmerman.steven0@gmail.com](mailto:zimmerman.steven0@gmail.com).

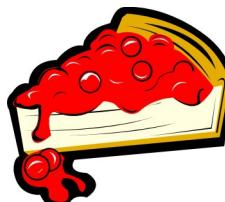


## **Shavuot Film and Cheesecake!**

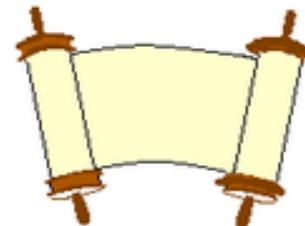
**Saturday, May 19, 2018, 7:00PM**

**The Women's Balcony – a New York Times and Los Angeles Times CRITICS PICK! and Israel's #1 Film of the Year!**

An accident during a bar mitzvah celebration leads to a gender rift in a devout Orthodox community in Jerusalem, in this rousing, good-hearted tale about women speaking truth to patriarchal power. When the women's balcony in an Orthodox synagogue collapses, leaving the rabbi's wife in a coma and the rabbi in shock, the congregation falls into crisis. Charismatic young Rabbi David appears to be a savior after the accident, but slowly starts pushing his fundamentalist ways and tries to take control. This tests the women's friendships and creates an almost Lysistrata-type rift between the community's women and men.



And on Saturdays, May 5, 12, 19 and 26, come at 9:30AM for conversation, dissecting — and riffing — on the Torah portion of the week.



## **Jewish Ally**



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## **FRUIT DESSERT PIZZA BY JOY OF KOSHER**



30 MIN. DURATION  
15 MIN. COOK TIME  
15 MIN. PREP TIME

8 SERVINGS

### **INGREDIENTS**

1 -18 ounce package refrigerated sugar cookie dough  
4 ounces cream cheese (1/3 less fat), softened  
4 ounces frozen whipped topping, thawed  
1 1/2 teaspoons Sugar  
1 -16 ounce can sliced light peaches, drained (reserve juice)  
7 large fresh strawberries  
1 to 2 medium kiwis  
1 tablespoon cornstarch  
1/3 cup Sugar

### **PREPARATION**

1. Pre-heat oven to 350°F.
2. Cut cookie dough into slices and arrange on a 12-inch pizza pan, coated with non-stick spray.
3. Press slices together to form a solid crust. Bake 12 to 15 minutes until golden. Crust is done when edges begin to brown.
4. Beat cream cheese until smooth; add sugar and whipped topping. Spread evenly over cooled crust. Top with peach slices, strawberries, and kiwi.
5. Combine 1/2 cup reserved peach juice, 1/3 cup sugar and 1 tablespoon cornstarch. Cook until thick. Drizzle over pizza and chill.

## **A Note about Contributions**

We welcome all contributions. If you wish the contribution to be listed in *The Orbit*, there is a minimum donation of \$10. This also covers the mailing of ONE acknowledgement card. Please be sure to include the address if the person(s) are not members of Congregation Beth Emeth. The card is mailed when the check is received.

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

Please remember to write legibly and to list which funds you would like your donation to go to. Please make your check payable to Congregation Beth Emeth. Also, *The Orbit* usually runs three weeks ahead of schedule so it may take three weeks for your donation to appear in *The Orbit* from the date you mail it. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **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.

### **Annual Meeting**



Please join your CBE family on May 20 at 1:00PM for the congregation's Annual Meeting and Family Festival. This year, in addition to a BBQ lunch, business meeting and recognitions and awards, we will have music, a bounce house and family friendly games. There is no charge for this event but please let us know that your family is attending so that we know much food we need. Please go to our website <https://www.bethemethde.org/event/annual-meeting--bbq.html> or you can call the office at 302-764-2393.

## Visiting the Sick By Rabbi Robinson

Every morning when Jews worship, we recite these words from the Mishnah: "These are the duties whose fruit a person enjoys in this world, while the reward is saved for him in the world to come: ...acts of loving-kindness ... and visiting the sick..."

Whether or not we believe in a heavenly reward of some kind, clearly there is a sense that *bikur cholim*, visiting the sick, is an essential aspect of Jewish life. This is reaffirmed in the Talmud and other rabbinic writings throughout the ages. We read in the Babylonian Talmud, (Nedarim 39b if you want to look it up), "It was taught: There is no measure for visiting the sick. What is meant by, 'there is no measure for visiting the sick?' R. Joseph thought to explain it: its reward is unlimited. Said Abaye to him: Is there a definite measure of reward for any precept? But we learnt: Be as heedful of a light precept as of a serious one, for thou knowest not the grant of reward for precepts? But Abaye explained it: Even a great person must visit a humble one. Raba said: [One must visit] even a hundred times a day. R. Abba son of R. Hanina said: He who visits an invalid takes away a sixtieth of his pain. Said they to him: If so, let sixty people visit him and restore him to health?"

Sickness can take different forms, of course; from the aged shut-in to the post-partum mother, to the person recovering from surgery or in remission of chronic illness of any age. Regardless, as Jews, we have an obligation to reach out and be supportive.

There are many ways to do that. We pray our *mi sheberach* prayer every Friday. Our Caring Committee, led by Judith Insinga, strives to visit shut-ins and congregants in nursing homes, makes soup on Sunday mornings to take to those recovering from illness once they've returned home, and regularly checks up on those who need a little TLC. Our Brandywine Village Network provides opportunities for volunteering to help our seniors in Brandywine Hundred. Our Jewish Federation tries to send their chaplain to visit when Jews are hospitalized, regardless of affiliation. And,

of course, I and the rest of the clergy team make calls and visits when someone is in the hospital.

Here's the problem though. We can only visit, or check up on, or call people *when we know they are ill or hospitalized*. Yes, sometimes we get a list from the hospital, but not always. Yes, sometimes a friend might remember to call. But too often we find out *afterwards*. And sometimes a long time afterwards, months or even a year after a person has had surgery or suffered an illness. No one should have to suffer without community support; that is what we're here for. **BUT WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOUR HELP.**

So, if you'll permit me, I have two requests for help: ***IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE IS IN THE HOSPITAL OR ILL, PLEASE LET ME AND THE CLERGY KNOW.*** Please don't assume we know, and even if we do, I'd rather hear twice than not at all.

If you're capable of volunteering for the Caring Committee to help, whether it's writing cards or making soup or visiting the sick directly, **PLEASE DO.**

In this way, we as a community can fulfill those words of our tradition and, more importantly, do the work God compels us to do for one another.

## Community Garden at Beth Emeth



Did you ever want to grow your own vegetables or flowers and you just don't have the space or time to do it all yourself? Congregation Beth Emeth is planning a Community Garden for all to benefit from. We have the space to share and we are looking for people interested in helping with getting it started. We would love to know what you want to grow and how you think it should be shared. There's a brief survey on our website [www.bethemethde.org](http://www.bethemethde.org) to help us get to know what you want. So, lets jump into spring and get this garden growing.

Please contact Rabbi Elisa Koppel at [ekoppel@cbe.comcastbiz.net](mailto:ekoppel@cbe.comcastbiz.net) with any questions.

## 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 .

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**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 ARENSEN 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Lend a Helping Hand: Volunteering at the JFS Village

Jewish Family Services of Delaware's Brandywine Village Network (BVN) is Delaware's first Village, designed to help older adults remain independent at home. Through a network of professional and volunteer support, Brandywine Village Network provides personalized assistance customized to members' needs.

The power behind BVN is our volunteer team. BVN Volunteers are individually assigned based on volunteers' unique skills, interests, and availability. Volunteers assist members with a wide array of needs including friendly check-in phone calls, providing transportation to appointments and help with things like shopping, light cleaning and yardwork.

Some of our volunteers help BVN members by preparing meals, providing companionship, and helping with electronics and technology. As every BVN member has their own aging concerns and needs, there are many different kinds of volunteer opportunities available to lend a caring and helping hand.

We welcome all volunteers! Please inquire about opportunities to help fulfill BVN's mission to enable older adults to "age in place". A BVN coordinator would love to speak with anyone interested in being part of their village team. Please call them at 302-478-9411 or email them at [bvncc@jfsdelaware.org](mailto:bvncc@jfsdelaware.org).



## The Congregation Family gratefully acknowledges the followg contributions:

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

### RABBI ROBINSON DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of Gilbert Kamen and Ruth Kamen from **Kathie & Ted Kamen**

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### CANTOR STANTON'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

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## Shir Shalom - May 5<sup>th</sup> A Celebration of Cantor Stanton

An evening of hellos, goodbyes and peace.  
We will have Havdallah, wine, cheese, desserts and a few special guests.  
Starting at 7:30pm. Admission \$15 (free with participation in the Booklet)

### Booklet of Memories

You can share your blessings for Cantor Stanton by participating in this booklet. An eighth of a page includes admission for one, a quarter includes for two all others personal submissions include admission for up to four.

(There is a possibility that we hit max room capacity and will need to no longer include admission)

All proceeds will be applied toward the evening's festivities.  
Any remaining funds will be applied to the Cantor's Discretionary Fund.

To Purchase Admission or Put a message in the Book of Memories go to:  
<https://www.bethemethde.org/event/celebration-of-cantor-stanton.html> or call the office at (302) 764-2393

