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## A GOOD QUESTION

YAIR D. ROBINSON

*Ki Va Moed!* The time has come! Normally we say that in reference to a holiday, and it is true that Thanksgiving is around the corner, but we are celebrating a different kind of holy time, the opening of our Food Pantry *Joseph's Pantry*. Hopefully by now, you've seen the space our volunteers have transformed into an emergency food pantry, and have seen how it is absolutely full to overflowing. I love the fact that it is right as we enter our Temple building, so that when our new friends arrive, or guests come to visit, they can see that the way we serve our community is at the forefront of what we do.

Our past president, Kim VonWeltin, and our executive director, Jon Yulish, have been working diligently to coordinate volunteers, including our teens, adults of all ages, members and non-members. But we know how much work needs to go into this effort to make sure we get it right. Or, rather, we *don't* know—this is perhaps the largest effort our congregation has undertaken to care for the needy in our community, and we need to be as present as possible. Will we make mistakes? Almost certainly, but so long as it is in the name of caring for those in need and providing support, so long as we *learn* from those mistakes and 'fall

## SHABBAT SHALOM

Friday, November 2, Kabbalat Shabbat Program, 6:00PM,

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:00PM,

Oneg Shabbat to follow

New Membership Shabbat

Birthday Blessings for the month of November

Saturday, November 3, Shabbat Study and Schmooze

and Service-in-the-Round combined, 9:30AM

"Chaye Sarah", Genesis 23:1-25:18, I Kings 1:1-31

Friday, November 9, Service, 7:00PM,

Oneg Shabbat to follow

Rachel Werkheiser will bless the Shabbat Candles

Rabbi Koppel will speak

Saturday, November 10, Shabbat Study and Schmooze,

9:30 AM, Morning Service, 11:00AM

The Bar Mitzvah of Luke Warren Werkheiser, son of Rachel

and Greg Werkheiser will be celebrated

"Tol'doth," Genesis 25:19-32, Malachi 2:1-7

Friday, November 16, Service, 7:00PM,

Oneg Shabbat to follow

Lisa Fleetwood will bless the Shabbat Candles

The Choir will sing

Saturday, November 17, Shabbat Study and Schmooze,

9:30AM, Morning Service, 11:00AM

The Bar Mitzvah of Gavin James Fleetwood, son of

Lisa Fleetwood will be celebrated

"Vayetze," Genesis 28:10-19, Hosea 14:2-8

Friday, November 23, Service, 7:00PM,

Confirmation Reunion, Oneg Shabbat to follow

Cheryl Hampson will bless the Shabbat Candles

Brennan Stark will speak

Saturday, November 24, Shabbat Study and Schmooze

and Service-in-the-Round combined, 9:30AM

"Vayishlach", Genesis 32:4-36:43 Obadiah 1:1-21

Friday, November 30, Service, 7:00PM,

Oneg Shabbat to follow

Allison Munson will bless the Shabbat Candles

Rabbi Robinson will speak

Saturday, December 1, Shabbat Study and Schmooze,

9:30 AM, Morning Service, 11:00AM

The Bat Mitzvah of Allison Munson, daughter of Deborah and

Anthony Munson, will be celebrated

"Vayeshev," Genesis 37:1-11, Amos 3:4-8

upward', then I have no doubt that even our mistakes will be holy.

To that end, *we still need you!* We will not be eligible for Food Bank of Delaware support until June (and quite right; they need to see that we're 'for real'). So we need your help. We need your sweat equity; we need you to come in to help our new friends shop for their emergency supplies, to help process them into the system (so we can eventually hook up with the Food Bank and keep track of needs), and help stocking behind the scenes. And we still need those donations of food (especially proteins), toiletries, cleaning products and money (so we can supplement in-kind donations) to keep rolling in. Jenn Steinberg, in her address at Rosh Hashanah, talked about generosity. I am asking us to create a *culture of generosity* when it comes to our food pantry. We need to get into the habit that, every time we go grocery shopping, we add an extra item (or two, or 10) to our list. That every time we come to the Temple—for services, to drop our kids off, adult learning, Brotherhood or Sisterhood or one of the myriad programs or meetings that take place—we bring a bag of goodies (or a check) to leave for the pantry. It will take time, it will take conscious effort (for myself and my family too!), but we need to do it. Coming to a bat mitzvah service? Bring a canned good. Helping out with landscaping? Bring that pack of toilet paper. You get the idea; now we need to do it! *Ki va moed*, the time has come!

With Thanksgiving and Chanukah coming, we of course have more opportunities to help serve the community. Our annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Meal Packing is taking place on Sunday, November 11, this year hosted by the Islamic Society of Delaware in Newark. It's an amazing event, and hope you'll come support it. In addition, I'll be preaching at Shiloh Baptist Church on Tuesday November 20 for the 9<sup>th</sup> Ward Interfaith Thanksgiving service at 7:00 PM, speaking specifically about our Food Pantry and the need in our midst. Again, I hope you'll find your way to that service that we can come together in worship and fellowship. Finally, our Mitzvah Menorah should be going up toward the end of this month, so when you bring those cans in, please bring in a hat, mittens, a scarf or even a coat so we can get those to people who are in need. In this way, when we sit down

to our Thanksgiving meals surrounded by family and friends, we can say that we are grateful for the opportunity to make a difference in our world, and say *baruch atah Adonai eloheinu melech haolam, shenatan lanu hizdamnut l'takein et ha'olam*: Blessed are you Adonai our God, sovereign of the universe, who gives us the opportunity to repair the world. Amen!

## Leaving a Legacy

Most of us live such busy lives involved with family, work and community, that the names of those who have contributed so much of their time and substance and energy to our congregation, slip from our minds once they leave this earth.

Leaving a gift in your will or trust to Beth Emeth will create a lasting legacy that will reflect your Jewish values and your support of Reform Judaism in our community. It will become part of our endowment fund that has been established to provide enrichment programs and building renovations to keep Beth Emeth a vital synagogue in the years ahead. By indicating that you have included a gift to the synagogue in your will, you will become a member of our L'Dor v'Dor Legacy Circle. For more information leave your name in the Temple office and you will be contacted.



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**Mitzvah Goreret Mitzvah,  
Averah Goreret Averah.**

“One mitzvah leads to another mitzvah,  
One transgression leads to another  
transgression.” (Pirkei Avot 4:2)

This passage from one of the most famous texts on Jewish Ethics, which many of us grew up singing as a catchy folk-tune in the religious school or in NFTY, highlights one of key, if not THE key tenet of Judaism – follow the mitzvot (the commandments) to live a fulfilling and productive life. As November rolls in and our synagogue life has recovered from the craziness of the High Holy Days, this passage has been on my mind, and for good reason. November, while significantly separated from the HHDs, this year does not mark a return to the status quo in our synagogue life and culture; rather it marks a significant and positive change – the opening of *Joseph's Food Pantry*. This is an event that I am not only extremely excited about but one that makes me even more proud to be a part of this community.

The opening of a food pantry in our synagogue is a significant and extremely important step in exemplifying our community's commitment to Jewish Values. Helping those in need, which is our food pantry's primary function, is of course one of the most fundamental teachings of Judaism. As Rabbi Hillel famously said – Judaism boils down to one thing: “treat others the way you want to be treated, the rest is commentary.” I have no doubt that when we are in need, we appreciate help. Therefore, helping those who do not have enough food in our community have access to food is a no-brainer. Of course, this is not the first year we have been helping provide food to members of our community. Operation Isaiah High Holy Day food drive has been a long-standing tradition of Congregation Beth Emeth and it has been very successful. As referenced earlier, *mitzvah goreret mitzvah*, one mitzvah leads to another mitzvah. With the opening of our own food pantry, we are building on our previous mitzvot and taking ownership of serving the community directly. This means that not only are we fully absorbing our Jewish obligations, we are also committing ourselves to fulfilling this role *all-*

*year-round*, not only during the High Holy Days.

The food pantry brings with it multiple and different opportunities to help. As Maimonides, the famous Jewish scholar and rabbi taught, an act of tzedakah has different levels of participation, allowing for multiple entries for our congregants to get involved. Just as Maimonides explains there are different levels of Tzedakah, there are different levels of support we need for the pantry to be a success: we need volunteers, we need consistent food donors, perhaps publicity skills donated, and of course we need monetary donations. This allows for congregants to be involved in all sorts of ways, in the ways that best fit their skill sets and comfort levels. Everyone has a way to participate and help build this incredible part of our community.

To open a food pantry out of our building sends a strong message both to our community and to our children. It shows the Wilmington Community that not only do we preach the values of caring for the less fortunate, we also *live them*. For our children, we are setting this as an example of what it means to be Jewish – to believe in this core set of values so thoroughly that we *live them* and dedicate our time and money to helping others. They will grow up knowing that this is what is expected of them as Jews and hopefully that will inspire them to create similar programs in the communities where they settle. *Mitzvah goreret mitzvah*, may this mitzvah, this tremendous good deed and inspiring project, lead to many more and remind us of why we celebrate and take pride in being Jewish every day.

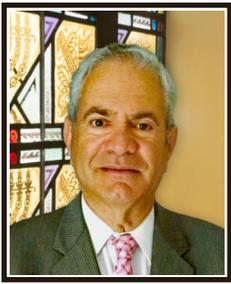
May this be God's will,  
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RABBI PETER H. GRUMBACHER

***Kristallnacht 80 Years Later***  
***November 9 and 10, 1938***

It's been eight decades since the Nazis burned down the vast majority of synagogues in Germany as well as smashing the glass of Jewish-owned businesses. The shards shimmered when the sun came up the morning of November 10, 1938, appearing like pieces of crystal. Thus it was called *Kristallnacht*, the night of shattered glass. And on that night as well, my father was arrested and sent to Dachau.

Now in 2018 the situation is different. Though nationalism is growing in Germany, that country is, ironically, the safest place to wear a *kipah* or a *chai* or *Magen David* chain in the streets. Suzy and I and another couple attended services in a Berlin synagogue. The pews were filled; congregants, especially children, participated in the music and prayers with gusto. I felt that the future of European Jewry was in that building. There were a few guards outside the synagogue but nothing compared to the security in France or Belgium.

When we visited the Baltic nations this summer, one of the ports was Stockholm, Sweden. We took a city tour. As we passed the memorial to Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who saved many hundreds of Hungarian Jews, the guide said, "*Wallenberg saved a thousand Hungarian citizens.*" I pointed out to him that those "citizens" were Jews. His response, "*I prefer saying 'citizens.'*" When I mentioned this to a colleague who had served Stockholm's Jewish community, he said, "*Welcome to Europe 2018!*"

Let's pray that the future will reflect the situation in Berlin and not that in Sweden.

**Marvels & Miracles & Insults...**  
**Learning on Lea Continues.**

Come hear and discuss the tales of the Prophet Elijah and Prophet Elisha on Wednesdays November 7 and November 14, from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. Even if you weren't able to make the October sessions, each Wednesday can stand alone. We'll get to know these two colorful characters and why they're so important to our story. For those of you looking for Hollywood Bible, this is it! New name, specific to the reading. Hungry? A light supper is provided; \$5 donation requested.

Interested in films? The film series continues on **Sunday, November 4 at 5:00 PM, with *The Insult***—A moment of temper, an emotional exchange and suddenly a Lebanese Christian and a Palestinian refugee are embroiled in an event that goes to court and gets national attention. In our current climate of partisanship, this film will make you stop and think. \$8/person for dinner and film; bring a side or dessert. RSVP a must.

Sisterhood doesn't have a Books & Bagels in November, but get ready and start reading "*In the Courtyard of the Kabbalist*" by Ruchama King Feuerman, in anticipation of the December 9 meeting. Discussion will begin at 9:00 AM. We serve a light breakfast for \$5 – or \$4 plus a non-perishable donation for the Food Bank. RSVP to Heather by emailing her at [h.m.margolin@gmail.com](mailto:h.m.margolin@gmail.com) or call Heather at 302-477-0737.

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## A WORD OF TORAH

RABBI ELISA F. KOPPEL

Several years ago at a different congregation where I was a rabbi, a young man had just come back from a summer at Urban Mitzvah Corps, a Reform Movement program in which a group of high school students live in a Reform Jewish community on the campus of Rutgers University, and volunteer doing community service in the New Brunswick area. It's a program with which I am quite familiar, having been involved with and connected to the program in a variety of ways since I was a participant in the program in high school. I knew the kind of summer that this young man had likely had and I knew the look he'd have in his eyes when he told me the stories about what he learned and what he gained by the end of the summer.

But one story he told me touched me more than I expected. His job site, the place he volunteered daily, for part of the program was at Play Safe—a free summer day camp experience for underprivileged kids, which included lunch. Play Safe has come to depend on the volunteers from Mitzvah Corps each summer who serve as counselors for the children. One day, when the kids got their lunches, one of the children had an extra slice of cheese on his sandwich and was overjoyed. The young man, my congregant, had a moment of understanding, suddenly realizing that the little boy next to him was likely looking at the only food he would eat that day and that the extra slice of cheese really did mean everything at that moment. At that moment, the idea of food insecurity took on real meaning for that teen.

A few months later, that temple youth group did a program called Midnight Run, in which we took a bus full of donated clothing, toiletries and food into New York City in the evening, parked in a busy area, and gave the items out to people in need. Watching that same young man handing out sandwiches and soup to people, watching him feed the hungry, I knew—I could see—that he truly understood the holy work in which he was engaging.

That story, about that young man, is one of the reasons that I'm so excited that we will be opening *Joseph's Pantry*, a food pantry within the walls of our synagogue. What excites me is that the opportunity that this venture holds for all of us to see firsthand, the stories behind the poverty and hunger that we know exists in the world. And this is

true for all of us—for adults as well as our young people.

It is my hope that members of our community of all ages will be able to participate—not only by bringing in food, every time we enter the building—but also by volunteering. Whether that is stocking the shelves, making cards to send friendly messages to recipients of the food, or helping with our guests when they come to get food, there are so many important opportunities to volunteer. For everyone to volunteer. I hope that you and your family will join in these efforts.

There is a line in *Birkat hamazon*, the grace after meals that was long ago removed from the version of the prayer that is done in the Reform Movement and that is even controversial in more traditional settings. The line translates as, "I was young and I've gotten older, and I never saw a righteous person suffer or his children beg for bread."

This line, from Psalm 37, is something that is, quite simply, not true. Some have explained it away by considering it to be a description of the messianic vision, and a call to us to make that vision a reality—a vision in which, indeed, the righteous do not suffer and no children must beg for food. That explanation has never been satisfying to me.

And I wish I remembered who taught me a different interpretation: that the text is not describing a future reality of which we dream, but that it is describing our reality: I was young and I've gotten older—and *I've...never...seen...*

I've never seen that the righteous suffer and that their children beg for bread. I've never seen them there. And I've never really seen them when I have noticed them. They've been there all along—I just never saw.

This line is a call to us not to build a world sometime in the future in which these people do not exist, but to see these people because they do exist today: in our world, in our country, in our state, and yes—in our community.

And once we see, we must act. We must feed the hungry. And while advocacy and education are also important, we must feed the hungry in a direct, immediate way. I hope that all of us will take part—those who are young and those who have grown older—in the sacred task of doing that in our own synagogue, through *Joseph's Pantry*.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



JENN STEINBERG

In my October Orbit article, I took on the task of starting to break down the Congregation Beth Emeth mission statement. As a refresher, *“Congregation Beth Emeth is a Reform Congregation whose mission is to enrich the lives of our members and our community by teaching, learning, and rejoicing in our Jewish ideals and traditions.”* Last month focused on the first part of the mission and how we as a community might fulfill that mission through different types of generosity. This month, my focus is on the second half *“teaching, learning, and rejoicing in our Jewish ideals and traditions”* and how that can be viewed through the lens of generosity.

In November, we will officially cut the ribbon on *“Joseph’s Pantry,”* our congregation’s emergency community food pantry. The creation of this special, sacred space fits into our goals and mission so perfectly. It gives us both the opportunity to live out and learn from our Jewish ideals and traditions as we fulfill one of our congregation’s published goals *“Leading and inspiring the greater Wilmington, Delaware, community through tzedakah (justice), tikkun olam (repairing the world), and Jewish learning.”* By explicitly inviting our neighbors into our spiritual home once a week, we are directly engaging with the larger community. Through the generous donation of food and donations of time every week, Beth Emeth is actively engaging in tzedakah (justice) – when people are hungry, when they do not know when they will next eat, it creates obstacles in their lives that are bigger than a grumbling stomach. Children who are hungry are sick more often, children who are hungry are not able to learn as well. Hunger affects one’s ability to work effectively and leads to greater healthcare costs for families and employers. Through this work of tzedakah, of justice, we can help those in need to have one less thing to worry about that week. By helping to feed

our neighbors, we actively pursue tikkun olam (repairing the world). And by getting to know our neighbors, we have the real opportunity for Jewish learning. There are so many references to Judaism’s commitment to caring for the poor and hungry in our texts - Pirke Avot it says *“do not separate yourself from the community.”* Ta’anit says *“When Rav Huna would eat a meal, he would open his door and say, “Whoever is in need, let that person come and eat.”* Mid-rash says *“When you are asked in the world to come, “What was your work?” and you answer, “I fed the hungry,” you will be told, “This is the gate of Adonai, enter into it, you who have fed the hungry.”* I hope you’ll check out [mazon.org/get-involved/hunger-and-jewish-texts/judaisms-commitment-to-caring-for-the-poor-and-hungry](http://mazon.org/get-involved/hunger-and-jewish-texts/judaisms-commitment-to-caring-for-the-poor-and-hungry) and be inspired by these texts and others to be generous and involved in helping Beth Emeth fulfil its mission through the work we’ll do in *Joseph’s Pantry.*

### Orbit Article Deadlines

Article for the monthly newsletter, The Orbit are due on the first Wednesday of each month. Please submit your articles by emailing them to Lori at [lwyzga@bethemethde.org](mailto:lwyzga@bethemethde.org).

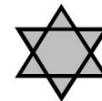
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<b>4 (26 Cheshvan)</b> 9:00a Brotherhood 9:00a Religious School 9:30a Jenn Steinberg Office Hours (Starbucks 4125 Concord Pike) 9:30a Project Zug 9:30a Chanukah Bazaar 9:30a Sisterhood Chanukah Bazaar 11:30a Youth Choir 12:00p Confirmation Class 5:00p Film Series	<b>5 (27 Cheshvan)</b>	<b>6 (28 Cheshvan)</b>	<b>7 (29 Cheshvan)</b> 11:00a Community Office Hours: Rabbi Robinson (Brew HaHa 1812 Marsh Road ) 4:00p Hebrew School 5:30p Adult Learning: Marvels and Miracles 7:15p Choir Rehearsal	<b>8 (30 Cheshvan)</b>	<b>9 (1 Kislev)</b> 7:00p Shabbat Service with Oneg	<b>10 (2 Kislev) To'ldot</b> 9:30a Torah Study 11:00a Shabbat Service 11:00a Bar Mitzvah - Werkheiser
<b>11 (3 Kislev)</b> Veterans Day 9:00a Religious School 9:30a Jenn Steinberg Office Hours (Starbucks 4125 Concord Pike) 9:30a Project Zug 11:00a Caring Committee Meeting 11:30a Youth Choir 4:30p Thanksgiving Meal Packing and Pot Luck Dinner at Islamic Society of Delaware	<b>12 (4 Kislev)</b>	<b>13 (5 Kislev)</b> 11:00a Sisterhood Serving Lunch at Emmanuel Dining Hall 7:30p Board Meeting	<b>14 (6 Kislev)</b> 11:00a Community Office Hours: Rabbi Robinson (Brew HaHa 1812 Marsh Road ) 4:00p Hebrew School 5:30p Adult Learning: Marvels and Miracles 7:15p Choir Rehearsal	<b>15 (7 Kislev)</b>	<b>16 (8 Kislev)</b> Adult Choir Sings 7:00p Shabbat Service with Oneg	<b>17 (9 Kislev) Vayetzei</b> 9:30a Torah Study 11:00a Shabbat Service 11:00a Bar Mitzvah - Fleetwood
<b>18 (10 Kislev)</b> Building Closed 9:30a Jenn Steinberg Office Hours (Starbucks 4125 Concord Pike)	<b>19 (11 Kislev)</b>	<b>20 (12 Kislev)</b> 7:00p Liturgical Practices Committee Meeting 7:00p Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Shiloh Baptist Church	<b>21 (13 Kislev)</b> 7:30p Introduction to Judaism	<b>22 (14 Kislev)</b> Thanksgiving Day	<b>23 (15 Kislev)</b> 7:00p Shabbat Service with Oneg 7:00p Confirmation Reunion	<b>24 (16 Kislev) Vayishlach</b> 9:00a Torah Study & Service Combination
<b>25 (17 Kislev)</b> Building Closed	<b>26 (18 Kislev)</b>	<b>27 (19 Kislev)</b> 9:15a Sisterhood Baking at Ronald McDonald House	<b>28 (20 Kislev)</b> 11:00a Community Office Hours: Rabbi Robinson (Brew HaHa 1812 Marsh Road ) 4:00p Hebrew School 7:15p Choir Rehearsal 7:30p Introduction to Judaism	<b>29 (21 Kislev)</b>	<b>30 (22 Kislev)</b> 7:00p Shabbat Service with Oneg	

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:  
The Congregation on the death of our member, Myra Berkowitz.



### Thank you to our December Ushers

November 30, 2018	Sarah and Seth Torregiani
December 7, 2018	Sarah and Jason Kittinger
December 14, 2018	Sarah Ambro Perry and Jonathan Perry
December 21, 2018	Cheryl Scanlon Zinner and Ira Zinner
December 28, 2018	Susan and Mark Detwiler

### Quote of the Month

“One way to pick a future is to believe it’s inevitable”  
Richard Bach

### Brotherhood

Join Brotherhood for: **"Israel: Past and Present," with Daniella Buchshtaber, Israel Shlichah, Sunday, November 4, 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM.** Come meet our new Israel Shlichah



and hear her personal story and how it connects with the Israel of yesterday and today.

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

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### Luke Werkheiser's Mitzvah Project

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## A Special Note from Your CBE Library

October 12, is the U.S. general theater release date for an important, compelling, deadly serious motion picture called **Beautiful Boy**, from its producer, *Amazon* (yes, *Amazon* now has a movie/TV production studio – see *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*). For the sake of families in Delaware and elsewhere, I hope that our local cinema complexes will show it, and I believe that every parent and his/her (at least) middle-school-age kids and up will see it. I have not seen the movie (as of this writing, it hasn't opened yet), but the *UTube* and *Facebook* items I've seen bear this out. In late summer, *Beautiful Boy* highlighted pretty favorably at the Toronto International Film Festival in August, and its two male stars (*Steve Carell* and *Timothee Chalamet*), and possibly others, are predicted to be Oscar nominees (again). You might have seen young Mr. Chalamet (with his Jewish mom) during the *Oscars Red Carpet Show* last March, or in his role in *Lady Bird*; Carell is, after all, Carell.

In light of the worrisome national substance abuse epidemic that I'm sure our congregants are aware of, and the apparently easy accessibility and insidious influence of the substances on even "good kids" like ours, I have taken the unusual step of purchasing for the CBE Library the three books on which the movie is based. The first of these, ***Beautiful Boy: A Father's Journey Through His Son's Addiction***, was authored by a professional writer named David Sheff, who is from a family of Russian-Jewish descent, although he and his family appear to be thoroughly non-affiliated at the moment.

The subject of ***Beautiful Boy*** is his eldest child, Nicholas ("Nic"), who subsequently (and amazingly) wrote his own pair of memoirs vividly and hauntingly describing his own harrowing experiences in the death-grip of "crystal meth" and other controlled substances, ***Tweak*** and ***We All Fall Down***. I've read ***Beautiful Boy*** and ***Tweak*** and started ***We All Fall Down*** recently and, believe me, they're not fun reads but are also so compelling that they're hard to put down. On the other hand, there are also passages where one must stop reading for a while, if only to blot the tears.

We only have one copy of each book at the

moment, located in the Board Room annex of our Library, catalogued as non-fiction z 361.1. If demand warrants it, more can be added to



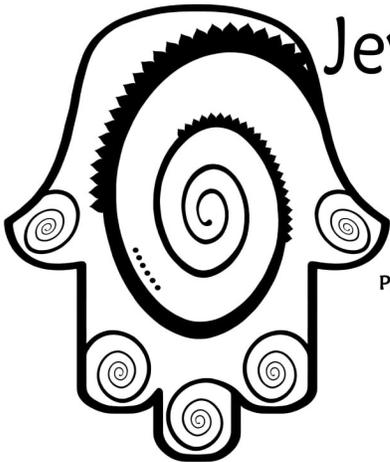
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## Sisterhood Gift Shop



Come visit us in the Gift Shop!! We're open every Sunday, in which Religious/ Hebrew School is in session from 9:00 AM to Noon and 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM on Wednesday afternoons.

We have new and exciting new merchandise coming in this fall including new jewelry, candles, mezuzot, menorot and much, much more! Come and check us out!! For an appointment, Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday AM, please call Marcia at 302-478-5134 and leave a message.

## 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, November 11, at 11:00 AM in the Board Room. Contact Judith Insinga at [jj schnitman@yahoo.com](mailto: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.



## PUMPKIN-MAPLE BUNDT CAKE BY JAMIE GELLER

### Ingredients

#### Cake:

3 cups all-purpose flour  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
½ teaspoon kosher salt  
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon  
½ teaspoon ground nutmeg  
½ teaspoon ground ginger  
¼ teaspoon ground cloves or allspice  
1 cup extra virgin olive oil  
½ cup maple syrup  
¾ cup packed brown sugar  
5 large eggs  
1 can (15-ounce) pumpkin purée  
1½ teaspoons vanilla extract

#### Maple Glaze:

½ cup confectioner's sugar, sifted  
2 tablespoons maple syrup

#### Cake:

1. Preheat oven to 325°F. Grease and flour a 12-cup Bundt cake pan.
2. In a medium bowl, combine flour, baking powder, soda, salt, and spices; set aside.
3. In the mixing bowl of a stand mixer, beat on medium speed extra virgin olive oil (evoo), maple, and sugar until the sugar is incorporated and no longer grainy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in pumpkin and vanilla.
4. With the mixer running on low speed, slowly add dry ingredients into batter. Beat only until all ingredients are blended.
5. Spoon batter into the prepared bundt pan. Bake at 325°F for 55 to 60 minutes, or until a wooden toothpick or cake tester comes out clean when inserted in center.
6. Cool in pan on a rack for 15 minutes in the pan. Invert cake onto a serving plate to cool completely.

#### Maple Glaze:

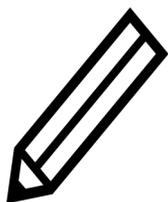
1. Whisk sugar and syrup together to form a thick glaze.
2. Spoon glaze over cooled cake before serving.



## Payments Made with Stock

People who wish to give stock as a donation or to pay their commitment, must follow these instructions: 1. Direct your broker to transfer stock to Beth Emeth's broker. 2. Notify the business office and let Jon, Lisa or Lori know that you have transferred stock, so that we may credit your account. **THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART!** Tell one of us your name, the # of shares you sold, the name of your stock (i.e. AT&T or DuPont) & what the stock is paying for (i.e. commitment). If you want to transfer to our broker, please call M & T Bank at 1-800-724-7788. Beth Emeth's account number is AZD961050 and the DTC number is 0443. If you have any questions, please call the business office at 302-764-2393 and we would be happy to help you.

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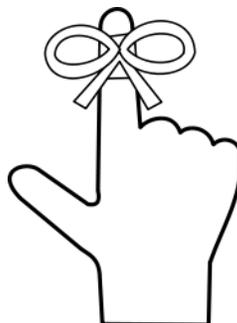


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It is important that, when you send in a donation, you write specifically how you want the donation listed. Please include a note with your check, printed clearly or typed, stating exactly how you want the contribution to read. For example: Mary and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

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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.

## School Closing Information



Our Hebrew School closings for inclement weather on Wednesday afternoons will be determined by the Brandywine School District. If they cancel school for the day or dismiss early, we are canceled as well! Information will be sent to you via email and can also be heard on our school answering machine at 302-762-5858 or found at WDEL, if you have not provided us with an email address.

## 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](mailto:momroz7@aol.com), with your good news.

## 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**FUND** – awarding need based scholarship to students of CBE studying Hebrew or advanced Hebrew Studies at CBE, Gratz Hebrew High School or education programs in Israel.

**RABBI HERBERT E. DROOZ & FLORENCE Z. DROOZ FUND** – awards for scholastic excellence.

**JUDGE STIFTEL AND YAFFEE FUND** – needs recommended by the Endowment Fund Committee and the Board of Trustees.

**THE HARRY & BLANCHE WOLPERT FUND** - Family assistance fund .

**STAT FAMILY GIFT FUND**- Religious School camp and Israel trip scholarships

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**MILTON & GAIL WAHL FUND** - subsidize the publishing of The Orbit.

**THE MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE FUND** - to assist families or individual to pay the minimum dues.

**CARING COMMUNITY COMMITTEE** – To support the Beth Emeth community with care baskets, driving needs, food, cards, etc...

**THE CONGREGATION BETH EMETH EDUCATION FUND** – or supplies and programs for educational needs.

**THE IRENE PACKLES MEMORIAL FUND FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS** - Contributions made to this fund will enable our high school students to make the transition to college more easily, with regard to their Jewish identity.

**THE LARRY ISAKOFF MUSIC PERFORMANCE FUND**- income from this fund will be used to pay for musical events such as cantorial and choir concerts, musical plays, etc.

**ARCHIVE FUND** - to pay for archive activities.

**YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMMING** – for youth and family programs.

**THE HOLOCAUST GARDEN MAINTENANCE FUND** – Maintenance of the Holocaust Garden

**THE TORAH REPAIR FUND** – To repair the Torah.

**THE JERRY ARENSON LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FUND**- for leadership development

**THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND** - to provide funds for Religious School and Camp scholarships.

**HOSPITALITY FUND** – to help with noshes, onegs and other events

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