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A GOOD QUESTION

YAIR D. ROBINSON
(HE/HIM)

Sometime just before you read this, we'll have entered the month of Adar. More specifically, the *first* month of Adar (this year being a leap year in the Jewish calendar, we get two for the price of one). The Hebrew month of Adar is a time when we are commanded—compelled, even—to be joyful. It goes back to the ninth chapter of the book of Esther, recalling the events we celebrate as the holiday of Purim:

Mordecai recorded these events. And he sent dispatches to all the Jews throughout the provinces of King Ahasuerus, near and far, charging them to observe the fourteenth and fifteenth days of Adar, every year—the same days on which the Jews enjoyed relief from their foes and the same month that had been transformed for them from one of grief and mourning to one of festive joy. They were to observe them as days of feasting and merrymaking, and as an occasion for sending gifts to one another and presents to the poor. (Esther 9:20-22).

That requirement to celebrate the days of Purim with 'festive joy' eventually extended to the rest of the month, and in a leap year, to *both* months of Adar, so that Purim's holiday nature is bookended by rejoicing on either side.

Now I know for many of us this feels like 'enforced fun'. Celebrate the holiday, sure, but be joyful? *The whole time?* As Tessa exclaims

SHABBAT SHALOM

Friday, March 1, Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 7:00 PM; The Youth Choir will perform

Or join us at www.bethemethde.org.

Rabbi Robinson will speak

Birthday Blessings for the month of March

Saturday, March 2, Torah Study and Service Combination, 9:30 AM

"Ki Tissa," Exodus 30:11-34:35; I Kings 18:1-39
Friday, March 8, Tot Shabbat Service, 6:00 PM, Shabbat Service, 7:00 PM, Or join us at www.bethemethde.org.

Rabbi Robinson will speak

Saturday, March 9, Torah Study and Service Combination, 9:30 AM

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

Friday, March 15 Shabbat Service, 7:00 PM
Or join us at www.bethemethde.org.

Rabbi Robinson will speak

Saturday, March 16, Torah Study and Service Combination, 9:30 AM;

"Pekudei," Exodus 38:21-40:38; I Kings 7:51
Friday, March 22, Shabbat Service, 7:00 PM

Purim Shpiel: The Barbie Megillah

Or join us at www.bethemethde.org.

Saturday, March 23, Shabbat Hike, 10:00 AM
(see page 2)

Sunday, March 24, Adult Purim Shpiel, 6:00 PM
"Vayikra," Leviticus 1:1-5-26, Deuteronomy 25:17-19; I Samuel 15:2-34

Friday, March 29, Shabbat Service, 7:00 PM
Or join us at www.bethemethde.org.

Rabbi Robinson will speak.

Saturday, March 30, Torah Study, 9:30 AM, Morning Service, 11:00 AM

The Bar Mitzvah of Andrew Joseph Freedman, son of Dr. Erica Kaufman and Dr. Brian Freedman, will be celebrated.

"Tzav/Parah," Leviticus 8:1-9; Ezekiel 36:22-28

in Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Gondoliers*, "it's too much happiness!" It can even feel artificial—should we fake it, feigning joy, even if we don't feel it? And of course, what about all the tragedies happening in our community and around the world? And there are so many problems in the world: poverty, homelessness, people fleeing their homelands, environmental disasters, and as of this writing, over 120 days of the hostage crisis and war in Gaza. But fine, pass the Hamantaschen.

For us to understand this mitzvah, we have to go back to the nature of Purim itself. It's not just a day of frivolity, but a day that was supposed to be disaster, the day when Haman (boo) was going to have the Jews slaughtered throughout Shushan. Hence the day turning "from grief and mourning into festive joy." As Jews, we are accustomed to days being filled with grief and mourning, to the point where we might feel that any rejoicing feels sinful. Instead, we must understand Jewish joy as a radical act of defiance, an act of resistance against those who would wish us harm. Yes, we resist through our activism, our devotion to Torah, our commitment to our values, and even just existing; but there is a wisdom in Purim's joy that invites us not just to celebrate a holiday that has become cleaned up for the kids, but to feel what Esther's generation probably felt—that sense of exuberance and relief that emerged from their redemption from destruction. A few verses later, the text makes explicit the power of this day: "...these days are recalled and observed in every generation: by every family, every province, and every city. And these days of Purim shall never cease among the Jews, and the memory of them shall never perish among their descendants." Indeed, the rabbinic literature teaches that, while in the Messianic Age all the festivals shall cease, Purim shall remain and continue to be celebrated. Purim—a holiday of defiant joy—is forever.

So it falls to us to find joy and embrace it, not as a false hope, nor as an act of smothering our own feelings, but as a statement of defiance and a celebration of redemption, at this season in ages past, as well as our own. A month ago, Cantor Pellen, Samantha Schnall and I took eight teenagers to the Religious Action Center's L'taken program, where they learned, connected with other Jewish teens, and advocated on Capitol Hill for what they believed in. It was a moment as joyful as any I get to celebrate in my

rabbinate. That is one way I find the spirit of this season, knowing that the kids are all right. May each of us do so as well, embracing these months of festive joy, and yes, pass the Hamantaschen.

Shabbat Hike

Join Rabbi Robinson for a meditative hike on March 23 at 10:00 AM at the Brandywine Park, 1080 N. Park Dr., Wilmington, DE 19806, near the Jasper Rose Garden. Email questions to Rabbi Robinson at rabbirobinson@bethemethde.org.



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 2024 is a multiple of 5 years (e.g. 5, 10, 15, 20 years, etc.), you are 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 Lori Wyzga in the synagogue office at 302-764-2393 or email her at lwyzga@bethemethde.org.



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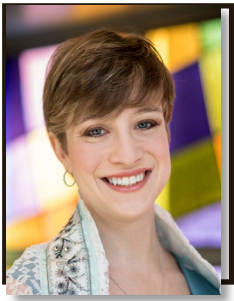
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Elizabeth F. Pellen

The Perplexity of Purim

Sometime around the High Holy Days, when our sacred calendar was on full display to much of the world, a humorous post began circulating online, entitled: "List of Jewish Holidays for Non-Jews." You may have seen it on your Facebook timeline, or it might have been emailed to you, or perhaps, you have never seen or heard of it. The point of the list was to "rename" each Jewish Holiday with a short phrase that would explain the day or festival's meaning. I have recreated the list below (source is the account "punlitico" on tumblr.com): **"List of Jewish Holidays for Non-Jews."** We got: Jewish New Year, Jewish Apology Day, Nomadic Hut Appreciation Week, Bible Party Time, Greasy Foods and Fundamentalism Week, Jewish Arbor Day, Genocide Remembrance Day 1 (whimsical, silly), Dry Crackers Week, Genocide Remembrance Day 2 (recent, solemn), Day #33 For Some Reason, Harvest and also Bible Day.

As I read through the list, I remember chuckling in appreciation and translating each holiday name in my head: Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Simchat Torah, Channukah, Tu B'shvat... As I reached "Genocide Remembrance Day 1 (whimsical, silly)" I paused. For a second, I was stuck trying to figure out which holiday was being referred to until my brain caught up and I realized... Oh, of course, they meant Purim. (For those curious, the other holidays in the list following this are: Passover, Yom HaShoah, Lag B'omer, and Shavuot.) It seemed so odd, so out of place and so unbelievably strange to see Purim (the holiday when we dress up in outlandish costumes, sing parodies, and perform ridiculous skits) referred to as a day which acknowledged something as upsetting and serious as a genocide. However, when you think about it, this mock nickname given above to Purim is not completely inaccurate. An examination of the holiday's story quickly illuminates this fact.

Despite the levity which marks the holiday, the themes surrounding it are quite dark. Purim is, in fact, the day when we recognize a plot to kill all the Jews within the kingdom of Shushan and then celebrate the Jews escaping this horrid fate and taking revenge on their would-be killers. This is certainly not a cheerful story, but rather a violent and twisted one. Why or how did we come up with the traditions we have surrounding Purim?! How did we turn something so grave into one of the silliest and ridiculous holidays in our calendar? There are of course a few different theories on

this. Perhaps the customs were birthed out of a communal psychological response to centuries of anti-Semitic sentiment and attacks. It is no secret that the Jewish people have faced opposition and hatred for as long as we can remember, certainly going as far back as our days in Egypt! In the face of seemingly unending prejudice, how are we supposed to react? Instead of wallowing in self-pity, perhaps these traditions of Purim were birthed out of a desire to laugh in the face of danger and to drown out the fear with noise, drink, and laughter?

While that is certainly a plausible explanation, I like to think that the traditions developed out of a slightly more positive perspective, one of strength and perseverance. I think it is more logical that we overdo the silliness and celebration on this day to remind ourselves, the Jewish people, that while we were threatened and nearly eliminated, we survived against all odds. Perhaps it is because I am an optimist, or perhaps simply because I do not want to dwell on the darkness in these tough days, this is the explanation I choose to believe.

Personally, I love Purim. It is my favorite holiday. I love the excitement and creativity of it. I love the silliness and the way it brings the community together in a way of pure mirth that none of the other holidays seem to achieve. It does not surprise me at all, that my brain did not compute the label of "Genocide Remembrance Day 1 (whimsical, silly)" as being the moniker for Purim. I am glad to have had this wakeup call, despite its disturbing and complex message. It reminds me that there is more depth to the holiday than joy for joy's sake; it reminds us that we should rejoice – that we are commanded to rejoice because we are *alive*. So, I hope that you will join me in celebrating being alive, being together, and being resilient together as we gather and goof off this Purim.

I will see you on March 22, as we gather to perform and watch **The Barbies, The Barbie Megill Megillah!**

Chag Purim Sameach!!



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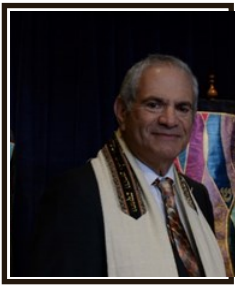
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RABBI PETER H. GRUMBACHER

Simon R. Krinsky, z"l: ***Beth Emeth's Orthodox "Rabbi"***

Most of you know that I am serving Temple Beth El of Newark as their interim rabbi. The congregation is affiliated with the Reconstructionist movement. Beth El was founded in 1954 and its first rabbi was Simon Krinsky who was the Hebrew school director of Congregation Beth Emeth for a number of years. He was also the founder of The Jewish Voice, now Jewish Living Delaware.

Rabbi Krinsky was an enigma to me. He was ordained by Rav Isaac Kook in the Mir Yeshiva in Poland. Rav Kook was to become the first Chief rabbi of the State of Israel; the Mir Yeshiva was the preeminent seminary for the training of Orthodox rabbis before the Holocaust.

What's wrong with this picture?

Why would Rabbi Krinsky found a non-Orthodox synagogue? Why would Rabbi Krinsky serve as the Hebrew school director of a Reform congregation? More than that, Rabbi Krinsky could be found in our pews virtually every Shabbat – evening and morning – and, in those days, was the only rabbi given permission to wear a *kipah*.

So, I asked him. With his extremely thick Eastern European accent he told me that Rabbi Drooz was the only rabbi in town who was kind to him. He also said, *"I wouldn't step foot in doze udder shuls if you gave me a gold invitation!"*

When Rabbi Drooz and I needed a third rabbi for a bet din, the "court" in which we examined those choosing Judaism, we asked Rabbi Krinsky. The candidates were a bit intimidated by him. He had a stern look, and they also weren't accustomed to hearing that accent. But of all of us, he asked the simplest questions. Once he asked an erev-convert, *"How many times did Moses visit Israel?"* And he did so with the look of a rabbi who knew the wrong answer would emanate from the

student's mouth. After sweating a minute or so, the convert said, *"He never visited Israel."* Rabbi Krinsky smiled, his eyebrows became unfurrowed and he said, *"You're right!"* with a lilt in his voice.

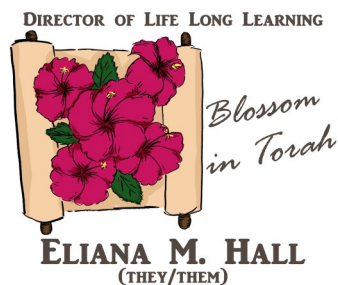
He got ticked off at me after one of those exams. He said, *"You never ask a question of a convert that a congregant of yours cannot answer."* I was truly surprised, but thinking about it I realized that he was right. I never asked a really tough question of a conversion candidate again. He might have been a scholar – and he surely was – but he was a rabbi of this world who, despite his own strict religious background, loved his people regardless of the level of Judaism they lived.

I told many of my Reform colleagues about Rabbi Krinsky. They thought I was kidding, not understanding how a truly Orthodox rabbi was affiliated with a Reform congregation and on top of that, had such an open attitude. *"Well,"* I would respond, *"he was and he did...and we were very fortunate!"*

Joseph's Pantry

Joseph's Pantry is an emergency food pantry hosted by Congregation Beth Emeth. Its goal is to provide a three-day supply of food and toiletries on an emergency basis, for residents of Wilmington, and specifically, for those in need, in the Ninth Ward. The hours of operation are: Tuesday afternoons, from 3:00 PM until 6:00 PM. The pantry is always in need of donations and volunteers. Some of the items that are currently on the pantry's Wish List are: toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, canned vegetables, pasta, pasta sauce, macaroni and cheese, canned fruit, laundry detergent, and menstrual products. Donations can be dropped off at Beth Emeth or can be ordered online and shipped directly to the synagogue. Thank you for your support.





Last month, I spent three days at the annual convention for the Association of Reform Jewish Educators, surrounded by friends and colleagues, old and new. The theme of our conference this year was inclusion, so we met in Memphis, Tennessee, home of the American Civil Rights Museum. In between sessions led by Jews of Color, LGBTQI Jews, and Jews with disabilities, we took the time to visit the museum. It was in fact one of the most moving experiences I have ever had in a museum. Many of the exhibits were life-sized, including statues of human beings and replicas of buses. The hotel room and balcony where Dr. King was murdered were part of the museum itself. It was haunting. It took my breath away. And throughout the museum, around every corner and as part of every exhibit, were accounts of human beings whose story was so much more than the discrimination they faced. Their work to bring about equality was chronicled in detail. Their hopes for humankind were in the actions they took.

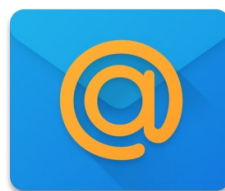
We usually think of Passover as the holiday that focuses on freedom from oppression. Purim and the American Civil Rights Movement may seem like disparate historical events, but for weeks now, I've been holding the two stories next to each other in my mind and finding that the similarities go beyond bigotry and hatred and even beyond brave leaders. Both the story of Purim and the story of the American Civil Rights Movement are stories of the courage and leadership of not just one but hundreds, even thousands, of individuals coming together to create hope that was bigger than any one individual could hold.

I say this not to diminish the crucial leadership roles of Queen Esther or Dr. King, but to highlight the contributions of individuals who fought for freedom in other ways: by guiding young people, comforting those who were frightened or discouraged, and generally lifting up those around them. These stories are not told in the Book of Esther, but as I moved

through the American Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, I imagined that stories like these must have taken place in Shushan. I thought, what a blessing it would be to hear those stories, and I began envisioning them, creating mental midrashim, if you will, about old women who taught young fighters and quiet neighbors, who comforted those who had lost loved ones.

Like the American Civil Rights Movement, Purim is both a harrowing and an inspiring story. It could not be one without being the other. It is overwhelming. Each year, I struggle to find a new lens through which to view the Story of Purim, lest I become numb to the violence or cynical about the victory. This year, I'll imagine the individuals rather than the crowds and the ordinary citizens rather than the leaders and let them inspire me.

Orbit Submission



Article for the April 2024 issue of the Orbit are due on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 9:00 AM. Please email articles to Lori at lwyzga@bethemethde.org.

Shabbat Study and Schmooze

Join Rabbi Robinson on Saturday mornings on April 27 and May 25 at 9:00 AM, for in-person (NO ZOOM) brunch and Torah study at Congregation Beth Emeth. Bagels and shmeer, coffee, and a chance to study together and be in community together, live and in-person

Quote of the Month

"The more charity, the more peace"

Talmud, Pirke Avot



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



RACHEL ALLEN
(SHE/HER)

Purim is carnivals, costumes, games, stories, groggers, drinks, food, and Hamantaschen. There are so many things that I love about Purim that it is difficult to focus an article on just one aspect of such a big holiday. For me, however, the celebration of Purim starts when we make the Hamantaschen for the holiday.

While Hamantaschen are delicious cookies, they are even more special because you only get them once a year; they are more powerful than just a cookie.

When I bite into a Hamantaschen, I am transported to my childhood, standing at the kitchen counter putting filling onto cookie dough circles, pinching them into triangles and doing our best to ensure that they stay pinched and do not explode in the oven. I can hear the debates with my brother and sister about which filling is the best and the discussions about what happens when we mix different fillings. I hear us negotiating to try to get more chocolate or strawberry and less prune. I can smell the cookies baking in the kitchen and I can see my father stealing a cookie as soon as it comes out of the oven; after all someone had to ensure that the cookies passed quality control.

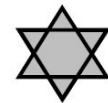
Such is the power and importance of the Hamantaschen, that when I moved to college, my roommates and friends gathered with me to make the cookies for Purim. Now we had different kinds of debates, such as how to make the best poppy seed filling and are savory Hamantaschen still true Hamantaschen (a debate that we continue to have). As a young adult, I happened to be traveling to see my brother and sister in California over Purim. We cannot, however, miss the once-a-year chance to make Hamantaschen. So, in my brother's small apartment kitchen, the three of us made Hamantaschen that year. We again argued about the fillings, and discussed the best ways to ensure the cookies would keep their shape, just as we did when we were little.

Life moves quickly. Even on days when I get an early start, the morning is over just as it began. To find that moment of quiet and peace, where we can practice mindfulness and being in the present, is difficult. The Hamantaschen, however, is a powerful cookie. We know that it is up for this task.

Every year, we should take the time to make Hamantaschen. If we miss it, then we miss it for the year and the cookies are just too good to be missed. When I make my Hamantaschen, there is nowhere else that I can be and nothing else that I can be doing. I must ensure that the appropriate amount of filling is directly in the center, I must take care that the cookie is pinched just right; I must watch so that cookie is not over baked or underbaked. I must be present.

When we eat Hamantaschen, there is no space for worries about the future. There is only space for joy. The joy of being with friends and family, the joy of good food and conversation. The joy of good memories. Every bite, brings back the taste, smells, and sounds from past Purims. While we may celebrate with new friends and family, each bite of the Hamantaschen can bring back, even for a moment, those that were with us before.

I know that this is a lot to ask of a cookie, the chance to be present while at the same time the chance to remember. The Hamantaschen, though, is just that powerful. As we get closer to Purim, I hope that each of us gets the opportunity to take a moment, be with our friends and family, let the world slow down so that we can fill the room with laughter, joy, and the smell of freshly baked Hamantaschen.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 (21 Adar I) Youth Choir Performs 7:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 8:00pm Oneg	2 (22 Adar I) Ki Tisa 9:30am Torah Study & Ser-vice Combination
3 (23 Adar I) 9:00am Religious School 9:00am New Member Breakfast 12:00pm Knitting Club 12:00pm Chess Club 12:00pm Purim Spiel Re-hearsal	4 (24 Adar I)	5 (25 Adar I) 12:00pm Stocking for Jo-seph's Pantry 3:00pm Joseph's Pantry Open	6 (26 Adar I) 4:45pm Hebrew School 7:00pm Purim Shpiel Re-hearsal	7 (27 Adar I) 6:00pm DoMore24	8 (28 Adar I) 12:00am DoMore24 6:00pm Tot Shabbat 7:00pm Shabbat Service 8:00pm Oneg	9 (29 Adar I) Vayak'heil 9:30am Torah Study & Ser-vice Combination
10 (30 Adar I) 9:00am Pancakes & Prayer 11:00am Teacher Meeting 12:00pm Purim Spiel Re-hearsal 3:00pm Clergy for Choice Service	11 (1 Adar II)	12 (2 Adar II) 12:00pm Stocking for Jo-seph's Pantry 3:00pm Joseph's Pantry Open 7:00pm Board Meeting	13 (3 Adar II) 4:45pm Hebrew School 7:00pm Purim Shpiel Re-hearsal	14 (4 Adar II) 7:00pm Introduction to Juda-ism: Sacred Texts	15 (5 Adar II) 7:00pm Shabbat Service 8:00pm Oneg	16 (6 Adar II) P'kudei 9:00am Shabbat Study & Schmooze
17 (7 Adar II) Sisterhood Event 9:00am Religious School 11:00am Caring Committee Meeting 12:00pm Knitting Club 12:00pm Chess Club 12:00pm Purim Spiel Re-hearsal	18 (8 Adar II)	19 (9 Adar II) 12:00pm Stocking for Jo-seph's Pantry 3:00pm Joseph's Pantry Open	20 (10 Adar II) 4:45pm Hebrew School 6:00pm Purim Spiel Dress Rehearsal 7:00pm Purim Shpiel Re-hearsal	21 (11 Adar II) 7:00pm Introduction to Juda-ism: Sacred Texts	22 (12 Adar II) Purim Shpiel 7:00pm Shabbat Service 8:00pm Oneg	23 (13 Adar II) Vayikra Erev Purim 10:00am Shabbat Hike 6:00pm Adult Purim Shpiel
24 (14 Adar II) Purim	25 (15 Adar II) Shushan Purim	26 (16 Adar II) 12:00pm Stocking for Jo-seph's Pantry 3:00pm Joseph's Pantry Open	27 (17 Adar II) 4:45pm Hebrew School	28 (18 Adar II)	29 (19 Adar II) Business Office Closed 7:00pm Shabbat Service 8:00pm Oneg	30 (20 Adar II) Tzav 9:30am Torah Study 11:00am Bar Mitzvah of Andrew Freedman 11:00am Shabbat Service
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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:

Kendra Moritz Rosner and
Andrew Rosner on the death of
Kendra's mother, Millie Bobuk.

To the Congregation on the death of our
member, Constance Wahl.



Caring Committee



The **Caring Committee's SouperHeroes** recently gathered to make soup for congregants in need. Available varieties include a hearty vegetable soup (vegan), chicken soup with vegetables (gluten-free), and chicken soup with vegetables and pasta. Congregants may pick it up themselves or contact Shifrah Markiewitz at mmarkiewit@aol.com, if delivery is needed.

Many thanks to our SouperHeroes - Shifrah Markiewitz, Judith Insinga, Michele Sands, HarrietAnn Litwin, Linda Sachais and Brian Gluck - for the time and effort necessary to continue this outreach project.

Another important aspect of the Caring Committee's outreach is connecting congregants to community resources. One such resource is **The V.I.A.L. of Life Program**. This program is a free service provided by New Castle County Emergency Medical Services, to all seniors and disabled residents of New Castle County. The Vial of L.I.F.E. stands for *Lifesaving Information for Emergencies*.

The Vial of L.I.F.E Program includes three components - a medical information form, medication bottle and magnet. The medical information form lists information about your

medical history, daily medications, demographics, doctor(s), hospital preference(s) and an emergency contact. Once completed, insert the form in the medication bottle and store the bottle in your refrigerator in direct view. Then, place the Vial of L.I.F.E magnet on the front of your refrigerator to signify that you are part of the program. This resource assists emergency medical services responding to your home. EMS will look for the magnet on your refrigerator to obtain important medical information necessary for treating you quickly and appropriately, during a crisis.

The Caring Committee has partnered with New Castle County Emergency Medical Services to offer this resource to our congregants. A supply of vials is available for pick-up at Congregation Beth Emeth.

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.

Contact Executive Director, Jon Yulish for more information by calling 302-764-2393 or by emailing him at jyulish@bethemethde.org.

Aluminum Can Tabs



Please continue saving soda, soup and other tabs. You may drop them off in the container located at the front door of the temple. The tabs will be sent to the local Ronald McDonald House. The tabs are sold and the money helps support the wonderful support that the houses provide for sick children and their families.

Beth Emeth Community Seder



Please join Congregation Beth Emeth for our **Second Night Community Seder** on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 5:30 PM. The seder will be led by Beth Emeth clergy and is open to Beth Emeth members and

the wider Jewish community.

Make your reservations now! Dinner is \$36 per person. Children 6-11 are \$12; Children under 5 are FREE. The seder includes a traditional seder menu with matzo ball soup, gefilte fish, main course, dessert and beverages. Vegan and vegetarian options will be available

RSVP online at <https://congregationbethemeth.shulcloud.com/event/community-second-seder.html> or by calling the office at 302-764-2393. You may also mail a check to Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 W. Lea Blvd., Wilmington, DE, 19802. Please make your reservation and payment by Friday April 12, 2024.

Sisterhood Events

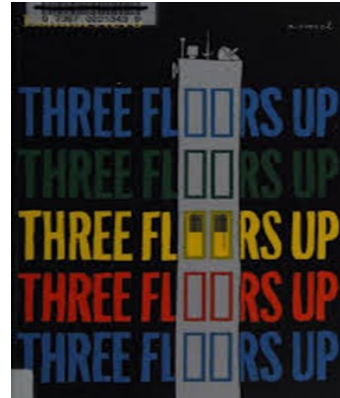


Mahjong Mondays - Join us from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM on March 18, and April 15, 2024. Play the fun and exciting game of Mahjongg! Beginners are welcome! We'll try to break up into groups of four with

beginners grouped together and more experienced players grouped together. Please RSVP to Missy Rosenthal at mmrosenthal@comcast.net so we know how many people to expect, how many sets we will need and if you consider yourself a beginner or experienced player. If you have a set and mahjongg card(s), please bring them!! We'll provide snacks and drinks!!

Sisterhood Books and Bagels - Discussions will begin at 9:30 AM. There is a cover charge of \$5 (or \$4 plus a nonperishable item for Joseph's Pantry) for those attending in person.

RSVP to Heather Margolin by emailing her at h.m.margolin@gmail.com or 302-477-0737 at least one week prior to the event. We look forward to seeing you there! April 14, 2024: "Three Floors Up," by Eshkol Nevo (Author), Sondra Silverston (Translator) Set in an upper



-middle-class Tel Aviv apartment building, this best-selling and warmly acclaimed Israeli novel examines the interconnected lives of its residents, whose turmoil, secrets, unreliable confessions, and problematic decisions reveal a

society in the midst of an identity crisis.



The Word Mavens Are Coming to Beth Emeth!

Join Beth Emeth Sisterhood for our 2024 Donor Event! It's sure to be a funny, fabulous program! Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 12:00 PM. In-

itations will be sent out in March! Hope you can join us! For more information on The Word Mavens, check out their website: Philadelphiaauthors.com Joyce Eisenberg and Ellen Scolnic, The Word Mavens, are acclaimed authors and entertaining speakers on Jewish culture, food and family.

List of Funds to Donate to at CBE

ABLEMAN LITURGICAL ARTS FUND - Provides programs, contemporary worship or special musical events during Jewish Music Celebration.

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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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MEMORIAL FUND - For Adult Education and other special programs.

KEIL-HERRMANN MEMORIAL FUND - To support annual Scholar-in-Residence lecture series.

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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.

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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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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.

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

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

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

JOSEPH ZIMMERMAN MEMORIAL MUSIC FUND – to fund the hiring of a professional cellist during Kol Nidre.

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.

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.



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Your Old Shoes Can Help Stamp Out Cancer Recycle Your Shoes



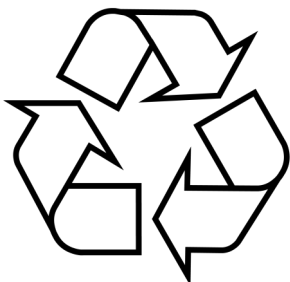
Did you know that your old, no longer used shoes can help to stamp out cancer? In cooperation with Community Recycling and Stand Up 2 Cancer (SU2C) **Congregating Beth Emeth** is taking part in a unique fundraising drive that we hope you will consider supporting. ***It will cost you no money!*** Participating 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





SALTED CHOCOLATE CHIP ASSOVER MACAROONS BY LISA HOREL

INGREDIENTS

- 2 extra large egg whites (70 grams)
- 3/4 cup sugar (150 grams)
- 3 cup unsweetened shredded coconut (170 grams)
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 cup bittersweet or semisweet chocolate chips (170 grams)

PREPARATION

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper.
2. In a large bowl, stir all of the ingredients except the chocolate chips until fully mixed. Let the mixture sit for 3 minutes. Stir again. Add the chocolate chips and stir to mix well. Using a 1/3-cup ice-cream scoop, place eight or nine mounds on each prepared baking sheet. Flatten each macaroon, using clean, damp fingers.
3. Bake for 15 minutes and rotate the pans for even baking. Bake for 6 minutes more for a deep golden toasted color, or 8 minutes more for a darker, crunchy macaroon. Let cool on the parchment. You will have to peel the cookies from the parchment when they are cooled, but they will come off. Transfer to a rack to cool completely. Store in an airtight tin with parchment between the layers. Makes 18 servings.

PURIM CARNIVAL



CONGREGATION BETH EMETH
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MARCH 24, 9AM-11AM

TICKET PURCHASE -

- 10 TICKETS - \$5.00
- 25 TICKETS - \$10.00
- 50 TICKETS - \$18.00

WRISTBAND PURCHASE -

- CHILD WRISTBAND(NO FOOD INCLUDED) - \$25.00
- ADULT WRISTBAND(PALACE LOUNGE, WITH BREAKFAST PASTRIES, COFFEE, AND TEA) - \$15.00

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- HERO OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE (INCLUDES 2 CHILDREN WRISTBANDS & 2 ADULT WRISTBANDS) - \$360.00



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BETH EMETH




ADULTS ONLY PURIM SPIEL

MARCH 23 6:00-8:00 PM

\$10 PER PARTICIPANT

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED, & YOU ARE WELCOME TO BYOB

COSTUMES ENCOURAGED

RSVP WITH QR CODE OR ON OUR WEBSITE CALENDAR



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In appreciation of the
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FAMILY ASSISTANCE

In loving memory of
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great grandfather, Sam
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mother, grandmother and
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In memory of my beloved
Maude from **Jeffrey
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Harry Haskel Farb
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Sisterhood Family Game Day **Sunday March 17 12:30PM to 2:30PM** **Congregation Beth Emeth Social Hall**

Bring your favorite family board games or card games and snacks!

Please bring ONE NEW UNWRAPPED board game or card game (per family)
to donate to the Ronald McDonald House.

We'll provide lunch; you bring the games!

Lunch will be served at 12:00 PM; Games will start at 12:30PM.

There is no cost to attend, but RSVP is required so we know how much food to order.

Include family name and number of adults and children attending with your RSVP.

RSVP before March 3 to Miriam Sandler - Mtartack@gmail.com

YES, husbands are welcome too!