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Share the Joy of Thanksgiving!

Sunday, November 15 at the Soup Kitchen.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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Join our team SISTERHOOD STRONG!

Sunday, October 18

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 7:30 PM

Tickets: $36 general admission
$18 students
Additional donations welcome.





urj BIENNIAL 2026 | Philadelphia, PA December 10-13

The URJ Biennial is in December, join us as we gather as a Movement for an unforgettable four-day immersive experience! Scan the QR Code for the Biennial Webpage.

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The Installation of Rabbi Mandell

Friday, October 30, 5:30 pm

Followed by a Festive Oneg in honor of Rabbi Mandell







We are delighted to formally welcome Rabbi Spencer Mandell as a spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Emeth with a special installation ceremony. This is a sacred and celebratory occasion—a moment for our community to come together, affirm our shared future, and honor the covenant between a congregation and its rabbi. We invite all members, friends, and guests to join us for this historic evening in the life of our nearly 190-year-old community.

A Message From Our Cantor

Cantor Sharon Kohn



What does it mean to belong to a place and to a community?

What does it mean to belong to a place and to a community? I struggled with this idea when I took my first full time cantorial position in Houston, TX. I grew up in Illinois, spent time in NYC and Jerusalem for seminary, yet Houston was a mystery to me. An astute congregant noticed my bewilderment and arranged for me to attend a college football game, telling me that this experience would allow me to understand this place that was to be my new home. I did learn many things about Texas culture that afternoon. The enduring lesson was about belonging.

Rice University was playing Texas A&M. Both schools were well represented by their fans, as evidenced by the team colors and jerseys displayed. All were clearly enthusiastic in their support of their team during pregame activities. But I noticed something curious as the singing of the national anthem concluded. While half of the crowd sat, a large number of people in A& M gear did not. They stood at their seats, attention riveted on the field. Curious, I asked what was going on.

> ***"Show up, and see yourself as part of this grand enterprise called Judaism."***

Long ago, at an A&M game, the team was low on players. The bench was so depleted, that the last eleven players were on the field and one of them became injured. Without a full team, the game would forfeit to A&M's opponent. At that moment, a student from the stands ran to the field, put the hurt player's helmet on his head, and played the rest of the game. Honor preserved.

Ever since, every student, present and former, stands at the ready throughout the game to be the 12th person, should their team need them. Each of those folks in the stands sees themselves as an important member of the community. They are connected to their school, their team, and to one another in their willingness to take the field when needed. They see themselves as active participants, not simply fans.

I showed up. They came and were invested in the game.

This image has become a powerful reminder of what belonging can look like.

There is an old Jewish tale about a town that had 10 Jewish men. Every one of them faithfully went to shul every day because without each of them, there would be no minyan. Without a minyan, the required quorum, certain prayers, including Kaddish, could not be said. Then new families moved in. And suddenly, there was not a minyan at services. Once the men no longer felt needed, they quit coming as regularly.

What would our CBE community look and feel like if we saw ourselves as those people at the football game who didn't wait to be asked. How might we feel about ourselves, if we realize that we are needed and responsible to and for each other? Luckily, there are lots of ways to stand up. We can't all be on the football team, as it were. So find something that feeds your passion and your interest. Show up, and see yourself as part of this grand enterprise called Judaism. Imagine what your support, your gifts, your ideas, your enthusiasm can add to your community and to your own life.

May this new year of 5787 be one of joy and purpose. May it also be one of belonging. See you at the game!

A Message From Our President

Robin Sobol



Not Just Attending, But Belonging

Pirkei Avot, teaches, "Do not separate yourself from the community."

There is a difference between attending and belonging.

We attend a service. We attend a program. We attend a meeting or a class. We come through the doors, find a seat, participate, and then head home. But belonging is something more. Belonging is the feeling that when we walk through the doors of Congregation Beth Emeth, we know that this is our community and that there is a place for us here.

In *Pirkei Avot,* we are taught, *"Do not separate yourself from the community."* These words, written centuries ago, still speak to us today. Judaism has always understood that we are strengthened by being part of something larger than ourselves. But community doesn't happen simply because we gather in the same building. It grows through relationships—with one another and with the congregation we share.

Belonging might begin with attending a Shabbat service, but perhaps it continues by introducing yourself to someone you don't know at the Oneg. It might begin by bringing your child to Religious School and grow into volunteering for a program. It might mean joining a committee, attending an adult learning class, participating in Sisterhood or Brotherhood, helping with a social action project, singing in a choir, or simply reaching out to another congregant who could use a friendly call.

And belonging does not have to mean doing everything. We are all at different stages of our lives, with different amounts of time, energy, and interests. What matters is finding the place—or perhaps the people—that helps you feel connected.

Just as importantly, creating a sense of belonging is a responsibility we share. It is not enough for us to say that everyone is welcome. We need to make sure people feel welcome. When we see someone sitting alone, we can sit beside them. When we notice a new face, we can introduce ourselves. When someone hasn't been around for a while, we can reach out. Small gestures can make an enormous difference.

As we move into 5787, I hope each of us will think about what it means not simply to attend Beth Emeth, but to belong to Beth Emeth. And then I hope we will take it one step further: **What can each of us do to help someone else feel that they belong, too?**

A congregation is more than a building, a calendar of programs, or even the services we hold. It is the relationships we build, the experiences we share, and the ways we care for one another.

That is how we turn attendance into participation, participation into connection, and connection into belonging.

May 5787 be a year in which each of us finds new ways to connect, to participate, and most importantly, to belong.

Robin Sobol

President, Congregation Beth Emeth

A Message From Our Executive Director

Jill Rafferty-Weinisch



Your Beth Emeth Year

At Congregation Beth Emeth, we want to be more than a place you attend. We want to be a community where you belong.

By the time this issue of the Bulletin arrives in your mailbox, we will have completed what I hope was a joyful and meaningful High Holy Day season for you and your family. For many in our community, the High Holy Days represent the peak of their involvement at CBE each year. **What does the rest of the year look like for you?**

Being a member, completing your paperwork (thank you to everyone who returned those pink forms!), and sending in your annual commitment are all important ways of supporting CBE. But **belonging** is about something deeper. It is about knowing that you are part of something beyond yourself, that your presence and efforts matter to others, and that there is a place for you here—whatever that looks like for you.

> ***Our synagogue is strongest when people move from simply being participants to becoming connected members of the community***

At Congregation Beth Emeth, we want to be more than a place you attend. **We want to be a community where you belong.**

Our synagogue is strongest when people move from simply being participants to becoming connected members of the community—when we share our time, our talents, our ideas, and our stories with one another. As we begin this new year, I invite you to consider not only what CBE can offer you, but what kind of community we can create together.

So, as you think about your Beth Emeth year, consider some of the many ways you might find connection and belonging here:

Learn with us. Have you considered joining us for Torah Study on Saturday mornings? Weekly study is led by members of our clergy and other knowledgeable members of the congregation. And if Saturday mornings in person don't work for you, you can join us via Zoom.

Connect with others. Does membership in Brotherhood or Sisterhood appeal to you? We are fortunate to have active affiliate organizations that provide regular opportunities for friendship, social connection, and service to CBE.

Give back. Looking for a way to make a difference? Our Reyut and Social Action programs offer many opportunities to support members of our congregation and the broader community. Volunteers are always welcome, and there are many different ways to participate.

Try something new. Is there a program you've been meaning to attend? We have some exciting events coming up, including a performance by a trio from the Israeli Symphony Orchestra on October 22 and a performance by the Albany Area Senior Orchestra on November 3. We hope you'll join us!

A Message From Our Executive Director

Jill Rafferty-Weinisch



Your Beth Emeth Year (continued)

Reach out. Sometimes belonging means knowing that you don't have to navigate life's challenges alone. If you or someone you know could benefit from pastoral support, please contact Siobhan to arrange a time to talk. And if you know someone in our community who may be in need of support, please let us know so that we can reach out.

There is no single way to belong at Beth Emeth. For some, it may be attending services every week. For others, it may be coming to an occasional program, volunteering, studying Torah, joining an affiliate, helping with a social action project, or simply getting to know someone new.

Whatever your Beth Emeth year looks like, we hope it includes finding a place where you feel connected, valued, and at home.

Thank you for being part of Congregation Beth Emeth. Whether you have been here for generations or are just beginning to find your place, **you belong here.**

Please enjoy the information in this Bulletin, check out our website and reach out to me or a member of the team if you're looking for direction or connection. We're here to help. We look forward to seeing you—and, more importantly, to being part of your Beth Emeth year.





If you or someone you know could benefit from pastoral support, please contact Siobhan Shea at:

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A Message From Our Principal

Sara Salitan-Thiell



What Does It Mean to Belong?

You belong. And because you belong, you have something to contribute.

At the Einhorn Center for Jewish Education, we have been thinking about this question and also, what helps a child know, "I belong here"?

Belonging is more than being welcomed through the door. It is the feeling that there is a place where you are known, valued, and needed. It means knowing that your questions are welcome, that your ideas matter, and that you don't have to have everything figured out in order to be part of the community.

This feels especially important in a Reform Jewish educational setting. Our students come from many different backgrounds and bring different relationships to Judaism. Some families observe many Jewish traditions at home, while others are just beginning to explore them. Some students have grown up surrounded by Jewish community, while for others, attending religious school may be one of their primary connections to Jewish life. Some ask big questions about God, tradition, and identity. Others simply want to sing, laugh, create, celebrate, and spend time with friends.

There is room for all of these experiences at the Einhorn Center!

In fact, we believe that the diversity of our students' experiences strengthens our community. Judaism has always been a tradition of questions, debate, interpretation, and learning. A student who asks, "Why do we do this?" is not standing outside Jewish tradition, but is instead participating in it.

Belonging also means having the opportunity to contribute. Our students are not simply recipients of Jewish education. They help create our community. They bring their curiosity, creativity, kindness, humor, and unique perspectives into our classrooms. When a student helps another child, offers an unexpected interpretation of a Torah story, leads a prayer, shares a family tradition, or simply makes a new friend feel welcome, that student is helping to build the community we all share.

As educators, we therefore have a responsibility that goes beyond teaching Jewish knowledge. We want our students to learn Hebrew, Torah, Jewish history, holidays, prayers, and traditions. But we also want them to develop a deeper sense of connection: This is my community. **These are my people. There is a place for me here.**

Sometimes belonging begins with something very small: a teacher who remembers your name, a friend who saves you a seat, a familiar song, a holiday tradition, or an adult who takes your question seriously.

Our hope is that every child who walks through our doors experiences those moments. We want every student to know that they do not have to be exactly like anyone else to belong. They can bring their questions, their uncertainties, their families, their experiences, and their whole selves.

Perhaps that is one of the most important things a religious school can teach.

You belong. And because you belong, you have something to contribute.

That is the kind of Jewish community we hope to build together here at the Einhorn Center. We work to make our school one in which every child can find a place, make connections, ask questions, grow, and eventually help make that place welcoming for someone else.

A Message From Our Director of Administration

Lita Carbone



Safety and Security Updates

We know that recent incidents around the country have left our community concerned about the safety of members, staff, and clergy at the temple. We wanted to share with you some of the steps we have taken and will be taking to help keep people safe:

Changes to Events, Programs, and Visiting CBE:

- Our front desk will be provided with a list of appointments and guests that are expected for the day. When you buzz to be let into the building, you may be asked by our team if you have an appointment.
- If you do not have an appointment, we would still love to see you! You will be asked the reason for your visit. Please know that if you are stopping by, our clergy and staff may be with other congregants or in meetings and unable to see you right away. If you would like to schedule a time to meet with our clergy or team, please see the contact information at the end of this article.
- All visitors to CBE are required to sign in at the front window during office hours. For events/programs being held after the office has closed for the day, Event/Program leaders must have a sign-in sheet for attendees to check in. This does not apply to religious services.
- Visitors, unless just dropping something off, must wear a name badge that will be provided at sign-in.
- Lay leaders hosting events offsite will be provided with a copy of our Off-Site Event Safety and Security Guidelines. Offsite Event Leads will be provided an attendance sheet with contact information for the attendees.
- Lay leaders hosting events at CBE will be provided with a panic button before their event/program. When the event or program is over, it is the Event Lead's responsibility to return the panic button to a member of the CBE team.
- In addition to a panic button, the Event Lead will be provided a folder with emergency preparedness information, including emergency exit routes from anywhere in the building, emergency contact numbers, and more. We ask that Event Leads return the folder to a CBE team member. If it is after office hours, please turn in the folder and panic button to Steve or Billy.

We want everyone to feel welcome as they walk through our doors at 100 Academy Road. As you may be aware, we have many new staff members so they are still learning everyone's names and recognizing faces so please be patient. Not only will these steps help our team with recognizing our members, but these steps will also ensure that our team and community are safe. We appreciate your understanding!

Trainings and Other Updates:

In addition to these upcoming changes, our staff and clergy have been busy meeting the needs of our community, with security as a top priority.

- This past spring, we began using two paid security staff (instead of one) during Sunday religious school and other days when there is a high concentration of children in the building.
- We have increased coordination with our tenant, Hebrew Academy, to ensure both of our organizations are sharing information that may be relevant to keeping people safe.
- Staff and clergy have completed various training sessions over the summer and will be conducting drills throughout the year. The trainings that have been completed include: Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events, Security Awareness & Active Threat Response, Situational Awareness and De-escalation, and Red Cross CPR/First Aid Certification training. There will be training opportunities available for members of the community coming soon.
- Our team has implemented procedures to review our camera footage on a daily basis as a means of proactive reporting on any incident that may occur. We are also working with Albany Police to address unauthorized activity on the property with signs and additional patrols.
- In July, CBE submitted an application for the Protecting Communities Against Hate grant. This grant submission was made possible by our incredible Security Assessment Task Force and CBE staff. We are incredibly grateful for their hard work and dedication to the safety and security of our community. If awarded, this grant would allow us:
  * Replacement of doors and locksets to provide greater security, including intruder-repelling doorstops.
  * Permanent concrete planters in front of entrance to prevent vehicle assaults.
  * Additional cameras for internal and external areas not currently covered.
  * Replacement of phone system with one that would allow for remote access in case staff had to work offsite and public address capabilities.
  * Cybersecurity upgrades and IT infrastructure to support phone and camera improvements.
- We have received a small grant from the Tepper Foundation through the Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York to underwrite part of the cost of paid security and have applied for additional funding.

Please reach out if you have any questions!

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A Message From The Security Assessment Task Force

Alyson Tarek

Fellow congregants,

I am writing to provide an update from the Security Assessment Task Force.

Security has always been a top priority for our synagogue, and even more so when children, youth, and our elders are on site at CBE. With anti-semitism on the rise, and horrible acts against Jewish communities still fresh in our minds, our board chose to form this Task Force earlier this year to ensure there is a group of congregants focused on the continuous improvement of our security at CBE.

Security is at the forefront of our minds as we come together at Academy Road during many opportunities to gather this time of year. Rabbi Weitzman's beautiful words from the bima speaking to the importance of community, including those from the liturgy - "*V'ya'asu kulam agudah achat:* May all become bound together as one" - speak not only to community and engaging with one another, but also to our being one family. One family to look over one another. As our task force has gotten to work, we have kept that important mission in mind - looking out for one another.

A variety of efforts are underway:

- Completed an assessment of our current security, reviewing needs of the physical plant, placement/usage of security guards, as well as protocols and procedures for staff, lay leaders, and congregants
- A close partnership with Hebrew Academy to combine our efforts
- An increase in Sheriff presence when children's programming taking place on site
- Security training has been provided through our wonderful partnerships with both the Jewish Federation, their partner the Community Security Initiative (www.csiyny.org) as well as the Albany Sheriff's office. More opportunities for training will be advertised as they become available.
- Applications have been submitted for a variety of grants to provide funding for both security personnel as well as hardening of the building
- Estimates received to determine costs for proposed projects stemming from our assessments

Thank you to my fellow task force members: Donald Basen, Nathaniel Bray, Rob Kivort, and Alex Nicholson, as well as our wonderful team supporting the efforts: Lita Carbone, Jill Rafferty-Weinisch, and Steve Squires. And, of course, the support of our President Robin Sobol. It is an honor to work with you all.

We will continue to update you as this work moves forward.

Wishing you a happy, healthy, and safe New Year, from my family to yours!

Best,
Alyson Tarek

A Conversion Poem

Isaak Belmont (David)

"Hineini" in Hebrew or "Here I am" in English is a simple phrase that invites our souls into presence, and alignment with the universe and God. Presence is a gift, and I was honored to work and learn with Isaak on his journey towards converting into Judaism. Isaak shared the poem below when publicly celebrating his new identity as a Jewish person at a recent Shabbat service honoring his conversion into Judaism.

- Rabbi Mandell

Here I am
For the first time
Present in a new space
A dawn has finally broken
Here I am
Looking down from a mountain across a valley
Looking down from a mountain I used to scoff at
Here I am
In the company of many
In living, loving company
Days marked by nights and nights marked by candles
Here I am
In quiet moments
Where I may repeat and reflect
This time in wonderful ways
Moments where I can breathe a softness into my lungs
And know that other people breathe it into theirs as well
That everyone breathes it
Here I am kissing doorposts
Feeling the past and the future
And the breathing world around me
Trying to feel my neighbors and my brothers and myself
Here I am
After bathing in a bath
A bath I've never bathed in before
Here I am



urj BIENNIAL 2026 | Philadelphia, PA December 10-13

Many Voices, One Movement

Join thousands of clergy, synagogue professionals, and lay leaders, and engaged Reform Jews from across the Reform Movement for four unforgettable days. **The 2026 URJ Biennial is an immersive gathering filled with bold conversations, transformative learning, spiritual renewal, and joyful Jewish experience.**

Biennial creates space to reconnect with our shared values, deepen relationships across communities, and return home energized with fresh ideas, practical tools, and renewed purpose. At a pivotal moment for Jewish life, this gathering brings us together to learn, celebrate, and strengthen the connections that sustain vibrant congregations and Jewish communities.

Why Biennial? Why Now?

Jewish communities are navigating complexity, opportunity, and change. Biennial offers intentional space to come together with openness and belonging — to explore perspectives, connect meaningfully, and grow together.

An Experience of Community, Joy, and Inspiration

From the moment you arrive, Biennial invites you into a vibrant environment designed for connection and discovery. Explore a dynamic **exhibit hall** featuring hundreds of vendors showcasing innovative Jewish resources, organizations, and creative ideas. Between sessions, spontaneous conversations spark collaboration, deepen relationships, and build connections that last long after the gathering ends.

Shabbat at Biennial is a highlight, a shared communal experience that brings participants together for a special Shabbat dinner, uplifting worship, and joyful celebration.

Throughout the event, **inspiring speakers and thought leaders** offer perspectives that challenge, energize, and illuminate the evolving landscape of Jewish life.

Musical performances are woven throughout the gathering, led by **Musical Director Elana Arian** and an incredible lineup of contemporary Jewish artists. From spirited worship to memorable performances, song and celebration lift voices, fill rooms, and transform shared moments into something truly special.

Beyond the gathering spaces, attendees can explore Philadelphia — a city rich in Jewish heritage — adding cultural discovery to an already meaningful experience.

Biennial isn't just an event you attend: it's an experience.

It's where we gather to celebrate who we are, strengthen our shared purpose, and imagine what comes next together.



What's in It for You?



Clergy step away from daily responsibilities into a Movement-wide environment of reflection and renewal. Through rich learning, peer exchange, and spiritual exploration, they gain fresh perspective, language, and practices that reinvigorate their leadership and energize their communities.

Synagogue professionals dive into practical, solutions-focused sessions designed to spark new ideas
and momentum. They leave with actionable strategies, innovative frameworks, and renewed confidence
to strengthen engagement and help their communities thrive.

Lay leaders expand their understanding of the Reform Movement while sharpening leadership grounded in Jewish values. By connecting with peers and exploring new perspectives, they gain clarity, vision, and motivation to guide their congregations, communities, and boards forward.

Reform Jewish community members immerse themselves in vibrant learning, celebration, and connection — discovering new pathways into Jewish life and belonging. They leave energized, inspired, and more deeply connected to the Movement and their own Jewish journey.

Camp alumni rediscover the joy and spirit that first drew them in — reconnecting with friends, songs, and traditions that feel like coming home. High-energy moments and shared celebration bring camp magic into a lively Movement-wide experience they'll carry with them long after Biennial ends.

Dear CBE,

We're writing to share our excitement about the return of the URJ Biennial to Philadelphia, December 10-13, and to invite you to join us. Rabbi Mandell and I will both be there, and we'd love for this to be a Beth Emeth experience we share together!

Over the years we've had the pleasure of attending Biennial more times than we can count, and each time has been a chance to learn and connect. This year there will be seven learning and discussion tracks, including one focused on Israel, along with rich opportunities to connect with clergy, staff, and lay leaders from across North America, a meaningful Shabbat celebration, and plenty of music and Jewish joy. Given the times we're living in, we expect this year's gathering to be especially poignant.

We are glad to share that Congregation Beth Emeth has arranged a bus from Academy Road to Philadelphia that will leave CBE on Thursday, December 10 at 8:00 am and return the evening of December 13. The bus will offer direct drop-off and pick-up at your conference hotel. The bus is $250 per person, round trip, and non-refundable. Please reach out with any questions. We'd love to share this experience with you.

Sincerely,
Rabbi Weitzman
Rabbi Mandell

Scan to Register for the URJ Biennial

Scan to Register for the Bus to URJ Biennial with CBE

MAZAL TOV TO...

Nate and Josh Bray on the birth of their baby boy. Wishing their growing family a lifetime of health, love, and sweet moments together.

Isaak Belmont on his conversion to Judaism on July 10, guided by Rabbi Mandell. May his journey be filled with lifelong learning, community, and joy!

Madeline Campbell and Matthew Frankel on their marriage on August 8, 2026, with Rabbi Scott Shpeen officiating. Madeline is the daughter of **James Campbell and Cynthia Shenker** (z"l). May their home be filled with joy, peace, and endless love.

Sandra Gollop on the baby naming of her grandson, Levi Scott Gollop. Parents are Benjamin and Kayla Gollop. May Levi's life be filled with health, happiness, and the blessings of Torah, chuppah, and good deeds.

Ellen and Alan Kogan on their milestone 60th wedding anniversary. May their home continue to be filled with joy, health, and love for many years to come.

Brittany Leva and Harrison Burack, son of **Cheryl and Scott Burack**, on their upcoming wedding blessing ahead of their November 8, 2026 wedding. May their future together be filled with endless love, peace, and shared joy.

Amanda and Noah Poskanzer on the baby naming of their daughter, Isla Poskanzer. May Isla's life be filled with health, happiness, and the blessings of Torah, chuppah, and good deeds.

Haley Schaumberger and David Febrillet on their marriage on July 18, 2026. May their home be filled with joy, peace, and endless love.

Doreen and Larry Smith and parents Diane and Leonard Smith, on the joyful arrival of their grandson and son, Joshua Robert Smith, born on July 14, 2026. Wishing Joshua Robert a lifetime of health, happiness, and endless blessings as your family celebrates this wonderful simcha.

Christina and Douglas Spink, grandson of Pat and Bob Friedman, on their recent marriage. May their home be blessed with lasting joy, love, and companionship.

Sandi Zarch on the joyous marriages of her granddaughters, Ashley Wood to Jordan Alexander, and Lexi Wood to Zach Ezrin. Wishing both couples a lifetime of happiness, harmony, and sweet memories.

Lauren and Harold Iselin on their new grandbaby.

Have a simcha? Contact Courtney at Courtney@CBEAlbany.org.

Our Temple Family

IN MEMORIAM

Beth Emeth recognizes with profound sorrow the death of our members and extends sympathy to those in our congregation who have lost a loved one.

Fred Paul
Father of Andrea (Richard) Stankus
Father of Cathy Paul (Nathan Canby)
Father of Jim Paul (Cindy Hicks)

Rabbi Norman Mendel
Husband of Heather Mendel
Father of Lisa Mendel

** as of September 1, 2026*

Welcome New and Returning Members!

From July 1, 2026 to September 1, 2026



Welcome Back!

Jeff and Kelly Lurie

Jonathan Cohen and Tali Yardeni-Cohen

Welcome New Members!

Eileen Bernstein

Benjamin Feinman and Carly Schwartzman

Audrey Hoffman

Jeffrey Weltz and Susan Ikenhofer



Let's Celebrate!

Special Birthdays and Anniversaries



October Special Anniversaries

25 YEARS	Jodi Boyle and Matthew Kohn
35 YEARS	Liz and Brian Epstein
55 YEARS	Jane and Dave Kadish
55 YEARS	Cathy and Saul Kimmel

October Special Birthdays

Nancy Allen
Lisa Babiskin
Jennifer Balazs
Alison Birzon
Jennifer Carabis
Muriel Church
William Cohen
Joanne Davidoff
Michael Favicchio
Mark Fluster
Herbert Gordon
Marsha Levin
Jennifer Nisoff
Rachael Palmer
Ann Silk
Jacalyn Stein
Lisa Stulmaker
Stephen Wattenberg
Sheryl Welton

A Summer to Remember

CBE had a very busy summer this year! Thank you to everyone who helped make these events so special. We are grateful for each of you and the wonderful community you help create—without you, these events would not be possible. Take a look at some of our favorite moments from a busy and memorable summer here at CBE!





CBE Marches in the Capital Pride Parade.



Sisterhood hosts 15th Annual Susan B. Shpeen Memorial Donor Dinner.



CBE Welcomes Assistant Rabbi Mandell and Cantor Kohn to our Clergy!







CBE hosts a historic Annual Meeting, bringing in the 2026 - 2027 year.





Our Annual Garage Sale was held in June and was a massive success!



Brotherhood hosted a number of exciting offsite events.







The Renaissance Group 2.0 kicked off their return with a lovely Torah at Tanglewood event with Torah Study led by Cantor Kohn.





Our Soup Kitchen continued to support our community. Thank you to all our volunteers for your dedication!





Rabbi Weitzman joined CBE member and Holocaust survivor Ruth Mendel at Crane Lake Camp, where Ruth shared her inspiring story of survival with campers.





Sisterhood launched two series of Mah Jongg Lessons, with a great turn out!

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October Calendar

Orange is Worship

OCT 02 FRI
5:30 pm Simchat Torah and Consecration Service
6:30 pm Extended Oneg

OCT 03 SAT
Sh'mini Atzeret
9:00 am CBE & Me: High Holy Day Edition
9:30 am Torah Study with George Forrest
10:45 am Sh'mini Atzeret Yizkor Service
1:00 pm Sisterhood Walk

OCT 04 SUN
Simchat Torah
9:30 am Religious School
11:00 am Soup Kitchen

OCT 05 MON
6:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting
7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh - Virtual

OCT 07 WED
4:30 pm Wednesday Religious School

OCT 09 FRI
5:30 pm Shabbat Services

OCT 10 SAT
9:30 am Torah Study with Stephen Weitzman
10:45 am B'nai Mitzvah of Leo Spector

OCT 11 SUN
No Religious School

OCT 12 MON
Office Closed In Observance of Indigenous People's Day
7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh - Virtual

OCT 14 WED
4:30 pm Wednesday Religious School
6:00 pm B'nai Mitzvah Workshop for Parents
6:00 pm CBEYG
7:00 pm Brotherhood Torah Schmooze - Virtual

OCT 15 THURS
9:00 am Sisterhood Mah Jongg Tournament

OCT 16 FRI
5:00 pm Blessing of the Pets / Preneg
5:30 pm Ruach Shabbat / Congregational Dinner

OCT 17 SAT
9:00 am URJ Eisner & Crane Lake Camps Propective Camper Weekend
9:30 am Torah Study with Cantor Kohn

OCT 18 SUN
9:30 am Religious School
10:00 am Sisterhood Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk
10:00 am Noah's Ark Petting Zoo at The Einhorn Center for Jewish Education

OCT 19 MON
7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh - Virtual

OCT 21 WED
4:30 pm Wednesday Religious School
7:00 pm Sisterhood Jewelry Swap

OCT 22 THURS
7:30 pm Israel Symphony Trio Concert

OCT 23 FRI
5:30 pm Shabbat Services

OCT 24 SAT
9:30 am Torah Study with George Forrest
10:45 am B'nai Mitzvah of Alex and Julia Rasizer

OCT 25 SUN
9:30 am Religious School
9:30 am Einhorn Center TLC Classes

OCT 26 MON
7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh - Virtual

OCT 28 WED
4:30 pm Wednesday Religious School
6:30 pm Sisterhood Board Meeting

OCT 29 THURS
11:30 am NNORC Birthday Potluck
6:30 pm Sisterhood Dinner Out

OCT 30 FRI
5:30 pm The Installation of Rabbi Mandell
6:30 pm Festive Oneg in Celebration of Rabbi Mandell

OCT 31 SAT
9:30 am Torah Study with Rabbi Weitzman

B'nai Mitzvah

B'nai Mitzvah lead in candle lighting and Kiddush at the Friday night service prior to their B'nai Mitzvah



Leo Spector - Saturday, October 10

Leo Spector, son of Joseph and Lauren Spector, is in eighth grade at Bethlehem Middle School. He has attended CBE religious school since he was a kindergartner and is excited to show how hard he has worked to honor his Jewish heritage. Leo is an avid basketball player and participates in various AAU tournaments throughout the Capital Region. In his free time, Leo also hangs out with close friends, is on the links at Hidden Meadows Golf Course, or is at home with his parents, older brother, Sammy, and his beloved cat Eddie C.

Alex Rasizer - Saturday, October 24



Alex Rasizer, son of Brian Rasizer and Dr. Carrie Rasizer, is an 8th grade student at Bethlehem Central Middle School. He sings in the school choir, participates in school theater productions, and is a talented hip-hop dancer. Some of his favorite roles have included Charlie in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, Les in *Newsies Jr.*, and Charles Wallace in *A Wrinkle in Time*. Outside of school, he enjoys playing pickleball, listening to music, being with friends and family, and spending time with dogs. Kind, loving, and full of creativity and humor, Alex is always ready with a smile or laugh and has a special talent for bringing energy and entertainment wherever he goes.



Julia Rasizer - Saturday, October 24

Julia Rasizer, daughter of Brian Rasizer and Dr. Carrie Rasizer, is an 8th grade student at Bethlehem Central Middle School. She plays the clarinet in the school band and was a member of the modified softball team this spring. This season will mark her fourth year playing travel softball. In addition to athletics and music, Julia enjoys playing pickleball and flag football, spending time with friends and neighbors, creating art, and being with her family. Known for her honesty, kindness, and positive spirit, Julia is always smiling and laughing, bringing joy to those around her.

Thank You Garage Sale Team!

The Beth Emeth Garage Sale begins the moment the previous year's sale ends. By using the feedback from committee members, congregants and staff we prepare for the upcoming sale with the knowledge that there is always room for improvement. Having started out as a fundraiser it has evolved into an enormous community builder and a highlight of the Summer at Beth Emeth. In the months that precede the sale, we are contacted by congregants who are downsizing, moving, or who are about to begin the process of cleaning out their parent's home to make ready for sale. Often, these are people whom we know, and we understand their emotional turmoil. Change is never easy and Rob and I provide a plan, support, and encouragement to help guide them through this process. Everyone's possessions carry a story, a history, and a sentimental value unique to them. We, along with an army of volunteers, find a new home and a new appreciation for these preloved items.

The structural dimensions of Beth Emeth allow us to use the same areas for each department. When drop off begins, our volunteers move the flatbeds and triage the contents in the vicinity of each department. On the Sunday and Monday of drop off, Paul Hall is packed and loaded with an assortment of items that need to be organized. It's overwhelming! Rolling racks of clothes, bundled in green or black bags are lined up and ready to be sorted, hung, sized for sale. Our volunteers are the best! Their work ethic and stamina are epic! Our seasoned volunteers gravitate to their special area of interest. The layout is the same every year. The first timers are assigned where there is a need and usually where they can meet and work with veteran volunteers.

Thanks to the generosity of our CBE Board, congregants, and local restaurants, lunch and dinner are provided in the kitchen. It becomes the focal point for chatter, laughter, and socializing. Meeting new people, comparing previous year's sales, the kitchen is buzzing with energy. We are all united in food!! It is devoured along with homemade cookies. It is said: "feed them, and they will come" is so true.

When Opening Night finally arrived, customers began lining up as early as 2 pm! Many of the same people are in line every year and greet us with huge smiles and excited anticipation. When the doors open at 6:30, groups of 50 at a time are allowed to enter. There is a crush of people cramming their shopping into 2 ½ hours. Time flies!

There are long lines and customers are very patient waiting to cash out. Although we have many cashiers, baggers, and people who tally up customers' items, we still need more volunteers for checkout. We will train! We also need people for customer service, hanger sorting, and general cleanup prior to the Sunday sale and Monday nonprofit and bag sale day. On Monday bag sale day, as customers are leaving with enormous bags and boxes of treasurers, their gratitude is often expressed verbally but also with a smile. Your preloved items have a new home!

Margie Dorkin
Garage Sale Co-Chair



Shoppers lined up for the first night of the Sale!



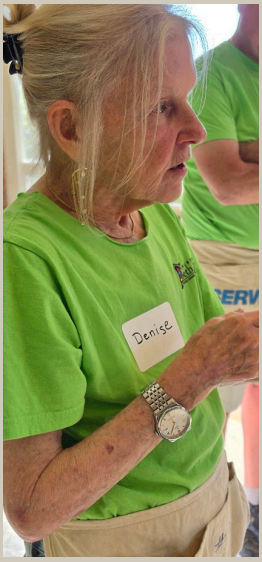
Garage Sale Volunteers celebrating another successful sale at the annual picnic hosted by Rob and Margie Dorkin.

In addition to the awesome garage sale volunteers, there were several behind the scene individuals and restaurants that deserve recognition and thanks. The people and places that generously provided delicious breakfasts/brunches, lunches, dinners, and sweet treats the week before the garage sale kept the volunteers "fueled" and very happy! Many thanks again to the following congregants: Nancy Allen, Joni Lieberman Basen, Jim Campbell, Margie & Rob Dorkin, Karen Fein, Jean Freedman, Jill Goodman, Judy Kahn, Nancy & Steven Lerner, Deb & Ben Liebman, Abby & Marc Nash, Judy Ratner, Ellen Reohr, and Gail Sokol.

If you're picking up food or dining out please stop by the restaurants below to thank them for their generosity to CBE.

Caffe Italia, Colonie Country Club, and Saati's.











A special thank you to Jerry Goldstein for his generous donation of hundreds of new items.

Thank You to Our Garage Sale Committee!

Frank Allen
Nancy Allen
Heather Cohen
Margie Dorkin
Rob Dorkin
Joyce Favicchio
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Carl Ruppert
Lisa Stulmaker
Barbara Zaron







Shop Local at the Chanukah Bazaar at Beth Emeth

Get ready to celebrate with Chanukah cheer at our annual Sisterhood Chanukah Bazaar!

This year's Bazaar promises to be even bigger and better than ever, with a dazzling array of Chanukah gifts and decorations to suit every taste.

Sunday, November 15 (9:30 am - 12:30 pm)
Wednesday, November 18 (4:00 pm - 6:00 pm)
Sunday, November 22 (9:30 am - 12:00 pm)
Wednesday, December 2 (4:00 pm - 6:00 pm)

Don't Miss Out: Our Bazaar was a huge hit last year and items flew off the shelves! Be sure to arrive early to get the best selection.

Payment Options:
Cash, check, and credit card (with a fee)

Proceeds for a Good Cause:
All proceeds from the bazaar support the important work of our Sisterhood.

Mark your calendars and join us for a fun-filled shopping experience!

Why Join Sisterhood This Year?

Come find your people. Sisterhood is a warm, welcoming community where friendships grow — over wine tastings, Mah Jongg, dinners out, book club, soup kitchen visits, and the Making Strides Walk.



Together, we also help make big things possible: B'nai Mitzvah gifts, Confirmation gifts, and even caring for our CBE home with a contribution towards the new HVAC system.

Whatever you're looking for — new friends, meaningful learning, or a way to give back — there's a place for you here.

Join us this year!

Questions? Email: Sisterhood@CBEAlbany.org

I hope to see you soon!

In Sisterhood,

Sara Bonder

CONGREGATION BETH EMETH
SISTERHOOD

Updates From Sisterhood:

MAH JONGG

ATTENTION MAH JONG PLAYERS!!
Please consider purchasing your 2027 card through CBE Sisterhood. Simply provide your name, address, email address, and League number (if you have it) along with the number of cards you want with your check payable to Sisterhood to the Temple office.
Sisterhood will place the order for you, the price of the card is the same, and Sisterhood benefits.

This is a very simple way to support Sisterhood that does not cost you anything. If you have questions, please reach out to **Lisa Proskin** at: 518.221.1187 or LProskin@nycap.rr.com.





During the summer months, Sisterhood offered Mah Jongg lessons for new players and for those who needed a refresher. The response was amazing, with 35 Mah Jongg devotees taking the course. We are hoping to offer more Mah Jongg lessons this fall, possibly on Sunday mornings when your children are in Religious School. Stay tuned for details.
Our next MJ tournament for more experienced players is Thursday, October 15. Check your email and weekly notices for more updates.

SISTERHOOD MAKING STRIDES BREAST CANCER WALK

Sunday, October 18, 10:00 am

Join our team, Sisterhood Strong, and let's work together to make a difference in the fight against breast cancer. While each of us has our own personal reasons for joining the American Cancer Society's Making Strides event, we are united by a shared goal: to take down breast cancer. We believe that by coming together, we can achieve what we couldn't alone. Your support, whether through a donation or by joining our team, directly contributes to the American Cancer Society's critical work in research and patient support services. Every dollar truly counts, embodying the principle of *Tikkun Olam*, or "repairing the world." By dedicating our time and resources to this cause, we are actively participating in the mending of our community and the lives of those affected by this disease. Join us in this sacred work. Together, with one heart, we can make a meaningful impact and help bring an end to breast cancer.

Scan the QR Code to join our team or donate!

American Cancer Society

MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER®

SISTERHOOD AND BROTHERHOOD MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH

Sunday, November 15, 10:00 am
Join us for the annual Sisterhood and Brotherhood Membership Brunch!

This program is free for Sisterhood and Brotherhood members and $12/person for guests. You can apply this amount towards your membership of $36. The Brotherhood Crew is preparing a delicious brunch including French toast, bagels, cream cheese and lox, tuna salad, herring in sour cream, and fruit. The Sisterhood will be preparing and donating kugel and quiche.

The entertainment will be a Shakespearien experience with Will Kempe's Players, including our own Lita Carbone. Brush up on your sonnets and tell us if it is to be or not to be. Get ready for some fun surprises including Shakespeareoke.

CONGREGATION BETH EMETH SISTERHOOD

CONGREGATION BETH EMETH BROTHERHOOD

Brotherhood: Belonging at CBE

Theo Carbone



This Congregation showed up for me. Not because I had earned it. Not because I was particularly involved, or particularly observant. They showed up because that's what this place does.

When thinking about this month's article, I had to ask myself what it means to truly belong to something, rather than to simply attend it.

For a long time, I don't think I had the standing to answer that question. When I first started coming to Beth Emeth, I was "Lita's Husband."

That's not a complaint. It was a title I was perfectly content with. I came to services on occasion. I was present for Erev Rosh Hashanah and Kol Nidre. I was more secular then, and I knew a lot of faces without ever quite getting the names to stick. I was present, I just wasn't part of anything.

Attending is safe. It's checking an item off a to-do list and moving on to the next thing. Belonging asks more of us. Being known means being seen when you're at your best…and when you're less than your best. It means letting our walls down, and that, on its own, makes us uncomfortable because it requires us to be vulnerable.

What changed for me wasn't a moment of spiritual clarity or an "ah-ha" moment. It was a job.

For those who don't know, I worked at CBE for a short stint. I had just left a workplace that had taken a huge toll on me mentally and physically. When I started at Beth Emeth, I expected an office, but what I found was so much more. I got to see the day-to-day of it: the calls, the visits, the preparations, the quiet (and sometimes frantic) work that gets done behind the scenes to make everything look easy from the outside looking in. Belonging, it turned out, had a lot less to do with how I felt on a Friday night than with what people were willing to do for each other on a Tuesday afternoon.

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Then my father had dangerous complications after a surgery, and this congregation showed up for me. Not because I had earned it. Not because I was particularly involved, or particularly observant. They showed up because that's what this place does.

Our tradition never left belonging up to how we feel. It's built into our obligations to our fellow congregants. A mourner can't say Kaddish alone; the words require a minyan, ten people standing together. Which means that someone's grief is, quite literally, unfinishable without other people in the room. And the tenth person doesn't have to be learned. They don't have to be eloquent, or know the tunes, or have any idea what to say to someone who is hurting. They only have to be there.

I find enormous comfort in that. It means belonging isn't a feeling you wait around to develop, or a status you earn after enough years and enough committees. It's a seat that someone needs filled.

So, I'll ask you what I had to ask myself. **Are you attending, or do you belong?**

If you're not sure, the way across is smaller than you think. Learn three names you don't know yet. When you hear that a shiva needs people, be one of them; you don't need to know what to say.

Just be the tenth.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Theo Carbone

WISLEY DUPICHE TURKEY GIVEAWAY

Share the Joy of Thanksgiving!

As we look toward November, our congregation is delighted to once again sponsor the Wisley Dupiche Turkey Giveaway at the Soup Kitchen on Sunday, November 15. This cherished tradition helps ensure that families in our community can enjoy a full, festive, and delicious Thanksgiving meal in their own homes.

Wisley was an inspiration for our community efforts. A huge supporter of the Soup Kitchen, he was instrumental in pioneering this very turkey giveaway. His kind demeanor and infectious enthusiasm brought light and warmth to every patron he interacted with. This annual event will ensure his deep commitment to serving our community lives on.

This year, our Sunday Soup Kitchen partner All Saints will be bringing traditional Thanksgiving sides — adding even more warmth and abundance to the holiday table.

To make this annual mitzvah shine, we need your help.

We're seeking volunteers to package and distribute frozen turkeys and sides, greet guests with holiday cheer, and help keep the flow of distribution running smoothly. It's a wonderful opportunity for adults, teens, and families to serve together and share the spirit of gratitude and giving.

We also welcome donations to help us purchase turkeys and all the essentials needed for the event. Every contribution — large or small — directly supports families who count on this holiday program for nourishment and joy.

If you're able to volunteer, please reach out to our Social Action Committee at SocialAction@CBEAlbany.org.
To donate, visit CBE's website, contribute to the Social Action Fund, and write "Turkey" in the payment notes.

Thank you for helping us bring warmth, dignity, and Thanksgiving joy to our community.



Congregation Beth Emeth Youth Group: CBEYG

Are you a Jewish teen and looking to find your Jewish community?

This year, CBEYG is looking forward to building more Beth Emeth programming, leadership, and teen led community for the 2026 – 27 school year. Our Beth Emeth youth group, CBEYG, will continue strengthening the formative teen programming in the Capital region group with help from Rabbi Mandell, other CBE clergy, and Temple staff. In addition we are searching for a new CBEYG advisor to help support the CBEYG Board in an ongoing generational partnership helping to shape, and create meaningful partnerships and opportunities for our community's teens in grades 9-12.

This year, one of the changes will be a new strategy in our Wednesday night meetings. Our board will be meeting both in-person at Beth Emeth, and online, so more teens can stay in touch and get involved! Rabbi Mandell will be helping to support CBEYG as we build out a new youth group advisor structure.

These changes are for a stronger CBEYG in the future. Our youth group has been an incredible place where teens build friendships, learn leadership skills, connect authentically with their Jewish community, and to relax and have fun.

We are excited to welcome students in grades 9-12. Whether you have been involved at Temple for years or have never attended a Beth Emeth event, we would love to have you join us for a meeting as we serve Congregation Beth Emeth's community and continue to shape the future of Jewish life in the Capital region.



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Cookie Siegel in honor of the marriage of Christina and Douglas Spink, Grandson of Pat and Bob Friedman

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The Family of Dr. Robert C. Lieberman in honor of the special birthday of Sam Feldman
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The Family of Dr. Robert C. Lieberman in honor of Peter Hoffman being elected to the Board of Trustees
Steven C. Ostroff in celebration of Sandi Zarch's granddaughter Lexi Wood marriage to Zach Ezrin.
Renea and Larry Pollack in celebration of their 45th Anniversary

Rabbi Spencer Mandell Discretionary Fund

In honor of Rabbi Spencer Mandell:

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Robin Sobol in honor of Rabbi Spencer Mandell's ordination from HUC and welcoming him to Beth Emeth as our Assistant Rabbi

HELPING OUR SYNAGOGUE AND OUR WORLD

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Robin Sobol in honor of the birth of granddaughter Blake to Robyn and Ed Marinstein

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Beautification

Shabbat of August 28 - 29
Arthur Herman in memory of Robert Samuel Herman

Shabbat of September 18 - 19
The Ackerman and Volo Families in memory of Fred S. Ackerman
Nancy and Dwight Boone in memory of Dr. Aaron L. Buchman

Shabbat of September 25 - 26
The Ackerman and Volo Families in memory of Shirley Cohen

Shabbat of October 2 - 3
Leslie and Roy Auerbach in memory of Allen Kenneth Greenberg
Steven and Linda Fischer in memory of Frances Fischer
Tim Fischer and Mary Ellen Klein in memory of Helen Mendleson Mann
Harriet Greenberg in memory of Allen Greenberg
Marilyn Harbage in memory of Cecil Shulman
The Hildreth Family in memory of Allen Greenberg
Sid Markowitz in memory of Leo W. Gilbert
Ellen Flasterstein-Reohr and Melissa Reohr in memory of Shirley Flasterstein
Peter and Judith Saidel in memory of Willard M. Saidel
Bari Schulman Reiner in memory of Melvin B. Schulman
Susan and Reid Sperber and family in memory of Rhoda Frank Sperber
Mrs. Donna Siegal in memory of Dr. Milton Siegal
Charlotte and Jeffrey Sperber and Family in memory of Rhoda Frank Sperber

Shabbat of October 9 - 10
Doris and Joe Abelson in memory of Martha Hahn
Paula Alpart, Brian Alpart, and Andy Alpart in memory of Harvey Alpart
Dr. Judy Balan Pearl in memory of Jerry Balan
Alice Firsty and Family in memory of Ida Lifton Fisher
Paul and Becky Kasselman in memory of George Kasselman
Paul and Becky Kasselman in memory of Mary Brownstein Kasselman
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The Family of Benjamin Mendel, Sr. in memory of Benjamin Mendel, Sr.
Renee Morris and Bradley Morris in memory of Mitchell S. Morris
Carole Solomon Rosenblum in memory of Max Solomon
Marion Strasser in memory of Paula Lagus
Marion Strasser in memory of Rudolph Lagus
Marion Strasser in memory of Ruth Lagus Langdon

Shabbat of October 16 - 17
Sherry Gold and Family in memory of Barry Alan Gold
The Goodman-Malkin Family in memory of David Goodman
The Lozman Family in memory of Michael Lozman
Mr. & Mrs. David Meyers in memory of Richard M. Meyers
Kathleen Meyers in memory of Richard M. Meyers
Steven Ostroff in memory of Bonnie Ostroff
Nancy and Fred Preston in memory of Richard M. Meyers
Cookie Siegel and Family in memory of Pearl Siegel
Harlan and Mary Ann Siegel in memory of Pearl Siegel
Charolotte and Jeffrey Sperber & Family in memory of Abraham "Duke" Kaplan
The Strumpf Family in memory of Doris Eliazon Goldstein
Eleanor Taub, Nancy and Frank Allen in memory of Michael J. Taub

Shabbat of October 23 - 24
Celia Berk in memory of Carl C. Lavine
Phyllis L Berk in memory of Carl C. Lavine
Barry Davis in memory of Rose Pearl Davis
Alice Firsty and Family in memory of Charlotte Burg Fisher
Carolyn and Bruce Ginsburg in memory of Bernard Ginsburg
Cheryl Ginsburg in memory of Bernard Ginsburg
Jay and Gail Hurewitz in memory of Marylin Hurewitz
Allen Kaplan in memory of Abraham Jacob Kaplan
Herbert and Judith Katz in memory of Matthew Margolis
Judy and Stuart Madnick and Family in memory of Abraham Koblintz
Robyn and Ed Marinstein in memory of Joseph Marinstein
Mr. & Mrs. David Meyers in memory of Dr. Albert Yunich
Kathleen Meyers in memory of Dr. Albert Yunich
Linda, Brian, and Andrew Schechter in memory of Bernard L. Bernstein
Susan and David Smith in memory of Bernard L. Bernstein
The Warheit Family in memory of Beverly Gutterman Warheit

Shabbat of October 30 - 31
Nancy and Dwight Boone in memory of May Forman Buchman
Lisa, Max, and William Brown in memory of Gertrude Rosenbaum Freedgood
The Feinman Family in memory of Harry M. Feinman
Jay and Gail Hurewitz in memory of Bernard Hurewitz
Alan and Ellen Kardon in memory of Rose Pearl Davis
Mark Rosen and Family in memory of Henrietta Schechter
Nina Sax in memory of Dr. Leon L. Feltman
Howard and Dale Schechter in memory of Henrietta Schechter
Linda, Brian, and Andrew Schechter in memory of Henrietta Schechter

Beautification

Jeffrey & Phyllis Sperry and Mark & MaryAnn Borlawsky in memory of Rhea Milstein Borlawsky

Shabbat of November 6 - 7
The Stulmaker and Sobol Families in memory of Dona Stulmaker

Shabbat of November 20 - 21
The Burtman Family in memory of Joel Burtman

Shabbat of December 4 - 5
Jodi Lippman in memory of Barry J. Lippman
Lisa, Steve, Molly, and Sarah Stulmaker in memory of Donald Goldslager

REYUT
SHABBAT BUDDIES

Reyut is growing CBE's Shabbat Buddies program! We'll make Shabbat phone calls to those who may be housebound or would enjoy some extra contact. We are looking for volunteers who can pick up the phone and make a difference from the comfort of their own home! Information sessions will be held in early October via Zoom.
If you are interested, please scan the QR code below, and complete the interest form.



Yahrzeits

Shabbat of October 2 - 3

Shirley W. Brand
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Frances Fischer
Ann Sporberg Fishell
Shirley Flasterstein
Mary Brody Fluster
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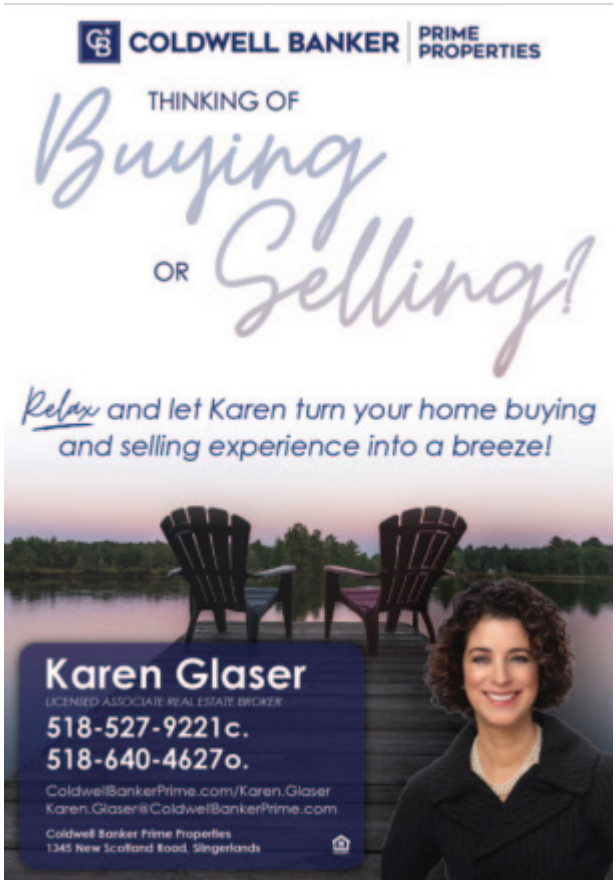
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