

Welcome to our new Assistant Rabbi Spencer Mandell and welcome back Cantor Kohn!



Join Rabbi Spencer Mandell for a learning series Wednesday's in July!

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Who's Who on Staff! Join us for "Get to Know the Team" events on July 27 and July 29!

Can't make the events? Read more about our staff on pages 22-24.

Interested in attending Eisner and Crane Lake Summer Camps next year? Take a tour this July!

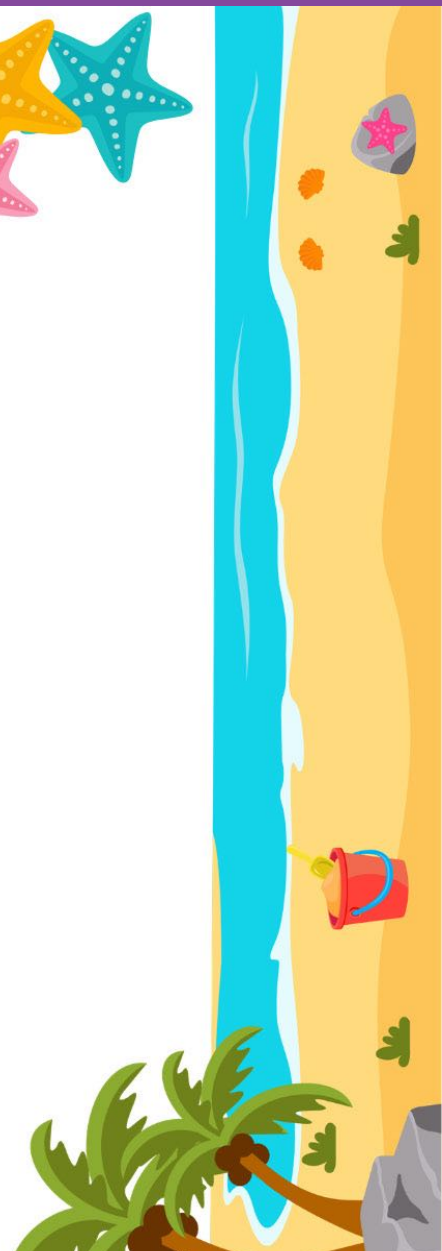


Soup Kitchen Volunteers Needed! Come out and make a difference. Sunday, July 5. Read more on page 21

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SHABBAT OUTDOORS

All Services at 5:30 pm:

Friday, July 17

Friday, August 14

Join our clergy team and community this Summer for Shabbat Outdoors! We will be hosting musical and engaging Shabbat services in the courtyard this summer for the dates above, weather permitting.



The Little Rabbi

Rabbi Mandell



For generations, the Torah has taught our people about the value of sacred moments in time and about spiritual transformation through creative storytelling.

I am so excited and honored to become Congregation Beth Emeth's newest assistant rabbi. It is truly a joy to transition into my full-time clergy role here in Albany. I look forward to being here for you and this historic community for years to come. I have met so many wonderful people during my time as the rabbinic intern, and during my first 100 days as an assistant rabbi, I would love to find time to meet with you, whether in person or online. This July, please join your fellow congregants and me for four educational sessions on some of my favorite scriptural stories. You can find more information on these programs later in our newsletter.

As a new member of the clergy and Beth Emeth, I am eager to partner with you in shaping our community into the most truthful, excellent, and educational place it can be. I am humbled to be on this Jewish journey with you, and I look forward to sharing many meaningful moments of growth and congregational transformation in the years ahead.

Reflecting on my journey toward becoming an ordained Reform rabbi, I have found myself reminiscing on one of my favorite childhood films, a Disney classic, *The Little Mermaid*, entering the

rabbinate, as "The Little Rabbi" here in Albany. For generations, the Torah has taught our people about the value of sacred moments in time and about spiritual transformation through creative storytelling. Our ever-changing Hebrew tradition still carries stories as old as time into our own day. At Beth Emeth, we take time to stand on the sandbanks of history and gaze into the vast, mysterious, and

miraculous universe of God's making. Princess Ariel's passionate, musical pursuit of love has stayed with me on my own journey to the rabbinate. As a child, I was awed that both the television and the Torah could carry tales as old as time to me, whether in the comfort of my home

or from the podium of the bimah. I am part of the clergy world now, and I know that I am still only a little rabbi with much left to learn.

Princess Ariel's naive character learns about the power of her own voice when the evil sea witch Ursula makes her an offer for her mermaid song she can not refuse. Much like Ariel, the voice with which each of us has to pray, sing, question, comfort, and cry is a gift from God. Sacrificing our individual voices can never be the price we pay.

I look forward to sharing many meaningful moments of growth and congregational transformation

The Little Rabbi

Rabbi Mandell

For generations, the Torah has taught our people about the value of sacred moments in time and about spiritual transformation through creative storytelling.



No one should feel a need to be silent in order to feel loved. This is the lesson about love *The Little Mermaid* taught me from a young age. At Beth Emeth, our community is a place for every voice and every soul. I hope you will always feel free to share your voice with me, and I look forward to lovingly exploring the vast and transcendent depths of Torah and Jewish tradition with you.

Classic Disney stories tend to end happily, but real life, as we know, often paints a more complicated picture. As your rabbi, I am honored to be here for you through all of life's ups and downs. I have learned that even when life leaves you feeling as though you are at the bottom of the sea, it is always possible to imagine yourself above the waves, envisioning a brighter future where the sun meets the sea, and the ocean meets the land.

Sebastian the crab spends much of *The Little Mermaid* trying to help Ariel move wisely and safely between the sea and the land. As your new assistant rabbi, I hope to be a little like Sebastian, although a little less crabby, and a bit more kosher. I hope to help you navigate the complex spiritual and practical questions of Jewish life today, as individuals, families, and as a collective, holy congregational community.

***love can push us
to expand our
understanding of
who we are***

Even when Ariel's longing leads her to defy her father's wishes, she and the prince still receive the king's blessing by the story's end. God, too, is present for us in times of darkness and complex moral uncertainty. God is present in human life from the deepest depths of the ocean, all the way to the farthest lights of heaven.

As your new rabbi, I look forward to exploring more beautiful gems of Jewish tradition and human history, as we work together to build an inclusive and welcoming Jewish community. *The Little Mermaid* inspires me because it shows how love can transcend the boundaries of land

and sea, and how love can push us to expand our understanding of who we are. As a child of an interfaith marriage, I have always been moved by love that reaches across worlds. Being born into an interfaith family can sometimes feel like living in two worlds within a single home.

Before any of us ever manages to glimpse God on our own, we should believe that God already sees us. Even before we ever speak words or think thoughts. God hears us, loves us, and is attentive to us exactly as we are, no matter if we are creatures of the land,

sea, or sky. Coming to places of worship, education, and community is how we can each become spiritually transformed and morally justified by all of the vast miracles and mysteries God has given us. Stories from our ancestors, and the ones we tell in this generation, will continue to fill the land, sea, and sky with light, joy, and truth for God's eternal presence in our lives.

As a reform rabbi, I hope to help build a Jewish community where no one ever has to trade away their moral voice to be worthy of God's love. When we let truth in, even though we may sometimes feel like we are beneath the waves, we can each learn to love ourselves with the same unconditional love that has carried generations of Jewish peoplehood before us. Love is as central to our lives today as it was for the generation of our people who left Egypt, or when Ariel's faith took her loving spirit beyond the ocean's edge. Having reached my own lifecycle moment of rabbinic ordination, I have loved serving this congregation. Wherever you find yourself along

your Jewish journey, I look forward to meeting you there, and I am honored to continue serving as Congregation Beth Emeth's newest little (Assistant) Rabbi.

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to love ourselves
with the same
unconditional love***



My Favorite Texts: Rabbi Mandell

Join us for a learning experience with Rabbi Mandell! He will be holding four sessions throughout the month of July where he will go into depth about some of his favorite texts.

Wednesday, July 8, 12:00 pm

“Nag Hammadi Library: Thunder Perfect Mind”

We will begin our month of study by looking at one of the most intriguing poems to survive from the ancient world. “Thunder Perfect Mind” is a famous poem of the Nag Hammadi gnostic library from ancient Egypt. This poem was rediscovered in an Egyptian jar in 1945 after centuries underground. “Thunder Perfect Mind” is a poem spoken in the voice of a divine woman who delights in natural miracles. Come learn how ancient people wrote beautifully about the awe inspiring power of nature.

Wednesday, July 15, 7:00 pm

“The Book of Jonah”

The book of Jonah is a story full of subtle biblical humor and real pointed questions about God's mercy. This book asks whether we can really begrudge God's compassion, even when we feel an obligation to save people we'd rather not forgive. Jonah is the book we read together on Yom Kippur afternoon, and this will be a lovely evening to get to know Jonah's story more closely. Sailing through summer, Jonah's story will give us an opportunity to reflect on our own personal journeys toward destiny.

Wednesday, July 22, 12:00 pm

“The Book of Nehemiah”

Much of this prophet's book is told in his own first-person voice. This makes this sacred Hebrew text feel less like ancient history, and more like a friend's memoir telling you about the hard, hopeful work of rebuilding the city of Jerusalem. Nehemiah's prophecy is a great scriptural story for anyone who has ever tried to repair something broken. The prophet Nehemiah has much to teach us about effective community building, and hope after destruction.

Wednesday, July 29, 7:00 pm

“The Book of Zechariah”

Our final summer text study will examine the prophet Zechariah. This prophet comforts a discouraged Jewish community by telling a series of strange and beautiful night visions. This prophetic book carries readers from a description of God's earthly Temple towards a greater soaring, dream-like world. Zechariah is a prophet filled with hope for a healed and transformed world.

Don't miss out! Register online at CBEAlbany.org!



A Message From Our President

Robin Sobol

“It is good to give thanks to the Eternal and to sing praises to Your name.”

— Psalms



July marks the beginning of a new fiscal year at Congregation Beth Emeth, and with it comes a sense of renewed energy, possibility, and purpose. Summer offers us a chance to reflect on where we have been and to look ahead to the opportunities that await us as individuals and as a congregation.

While many of us have the opportunity during the summer months to unwind and spend extra time with family and friends, the work of planning for the year ahead is already well underway. Our staff and Board of Trustees are busy preparing for another meaningful and exciting year at Beth Emeth. In early August, we will spend a day together studying, learning, and looking toward the future of our congregation.

As I begin my second year as President, I do so with deep gratitude and tremendous optimism. Congregation Beth Emeth has been my spiritual home for my entire life. From my days in religious school and CBEYG, to raising my own family here, this synagogue has shaped me in countless ways.

One of the highlights of each year at Beth Emeth is our Garage Sale, and this year's event was another tremendous success. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and energy to sort, organize, set up, work the sale, and clean up afterward. This truly is a mammoth undertaking, and it would not be possible without the dedication of so many members of our congregation. We are especially grateful to Rob Dorkin and Margie Dorkin for their outstanding leadership.

We also witnessed the power of our volunteers, whose dedication makes Beth Emeth the warm and welcoming community we cherish. Whether serving on committees, helping at events, supporting our clergy and staff, or simply showing up for one another, your commitment is the heart of this congregation.

As we begin this new year, I encourage each of us to consider how we might deepen our connection to Beth Emeth. Perhaps it means attending a Shabbat service more regularly, joining a committee, volunteering at a program or event, participating in an adult education class, or reaching out to someone new at an oneg. Every act of involvement strengthens our sacred community.

Judaism teaches us that each year is a new beginning, an opportunity to grow and to build something meaningful together. The work of sustaining and strengthening our congregation belongs to all of us, and the possibilities before us are exciting.

I am honored to serve as your President and look forward to working alongside our dedicated clergy, staff, Board of Trustees, and each member of our congregation.

Wishing you and your families a joyful summer filled with rest, renewal, and moments of blessing.

Warmly,

Robin Sobol

President, Congregation Beth Emeth

A Message From Our Executive Director

Jill Rafferty-Weinisch

I'm reminded how meaningful it is to be part of a community that gathers to learn, celebrate, reflect, and support one another.

This issue of The Bulletin should be arriving in your mailbox just as the 2026–2027 membership year begins. I'm excited to start a new year with you!

Over the past few months, we've welcomed several exceptional staff members to our team. While I have the pleasure of working with them every day, I know that many of you have yet to meet Irene, Courtney, Siobhan, and Susan. I've heard from several members that with so many new faces, it can sometimes be difficult to know who to contact for what you need. To help make things easier, we've included a section in this issue that describes the responsibilities of each member of our administrative staff. We hope this guide will help you connect with the right person and get the assistance you need more easily.

I'm also pleased to share that we'll be publishing The Bulletin ten times this year, so you can expect more regular communication about what's happening at Beth Emeth and the many ways you can get involved in the life of our community. The August/September edition will also serve as your guide to the High Holy Days, which begin this year on September 11.

If you'd like to "go green" and receive your copy digitally rather than by mail, please call the office and let us know.

Right around the time you receive this issue, you'll also receive communication about Annual Commitment. As we did last year, we are asking you to affirm your commitment level for the coming year. You'll also be able to indicate your preferred



payment method and schedule. The mailing will also contain information about how you can be involved in Sisterhood and Brotherhood in the coming year. This once-a-year process helps us plan responsibly for the year ahead based on an accurate understanding of our membership.

If you have any questions about your commitment, the process, or anything else about Beth Emeth, please don't hesitate to give me a call or send me an email. I'm always happy to connect.

As we begin this new membership year and look ahead toward the High Holy Days, I'm reminded how meaningful it is to be part of a community that gathers to learn, celebrate, reflect, and support one another. Whether you connect through worship, learning, volunteering, or simply sharing space with fellow congregants, your presence helps make Beth Emeth the vibrant community that it is. I look forward to seeing many of you in the months ahead and welcoming the new year together.

With gratitude,
Jill



A Message From Our Principal

Sara Salitan-Thiell



Rocks were made by The Einhorn Center for Jewish Education students this past Mitzvah Day.

As we welcome the arrival of summer, we are reminded that Judaism teaches us to mark time with both gratitude and purpose.

The slower pace of the season offers families a precious opportunity to rest, reconnect, and create meaningful memories together. Whether through travel, camp, outdoor Shabbat dinners on warm evenings, or simple moments spent in nature, summer can become a time to deepen our relationships with one another and with our Jewish values. We encourage our students to carry the lessons of kindness, curiosity, and responsibility beyond the classroom walls and into their daily lives throughout the months ahead.

At the same time, summer invites us to notice the beauty and wonder of the world around us. In Jewish tradition, moments of joy and renewal are never separate from learning and growth. We hope every family finds time for laughter, reflection, acts of *chesed* (kindness), and opportunities to nourish the soul. May this summer bring blessing, safety, renewal, and peace to our entire school community, and may we return in the fall refreshed and inspired for another year of learning together.

And while you've got one toe dipping in the pool, keep an eye on your email for school registration!

MAZAL TOV TO...

The Einhorn Center for Jewish Education's Closing Ceremony Rousing celebration of our school year

Sara Salitan-Thiell on successfully completing her first year as principal at the Einhorn Center for Jewish Education

David Metz for receiving the Cerf Levy Award. The family of Cerf Levy, a past Brotherhood President, created a fund to recognize exceptional levels of service and volunteerism to our community. The Cerf Levy award is given to recognize a graduating senior who has shown such exceptional service and volunteerism to our community, especially through our Religious School.

Jen Steil for receiving The Bertha Brimmer Medal from the UAlbany Alumni Association

David and Lauren Marinstein on the birth of their daughter, Blake Ava on May 9, 2026. Welcoming Blake with love are her proud paternal grandparents, Robyn and Ed Marinstein, and her proud maternal grandparents, Alison and Neil Tarnopol of Cherry Hill, NJ. Blake is also cherished by her paternal great-grandmother, Cynthia Freedman, and her maternal great-grandmother, Judy Platt of Cherry Hill, NJ.

Sandi Zarch on her granddaughter's marriage!

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

Let's Celebrate!

Special Birthdays and Anniversaries

July Special Anniversaries

15
YEARS Caley and Frank Barile

15
YEARS Lisa Babskin and Jeff Rosen

25
YEARS Jessica and Bill Melchior

30
YEARS Jill and Scott Hildreth

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YEARS Anna and Arthur Bray

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YEARS Marcy and Jeff Feinman

45
YEARS Bonnie and Glenn Goldberg

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YEARS Gail and Hal Sokol

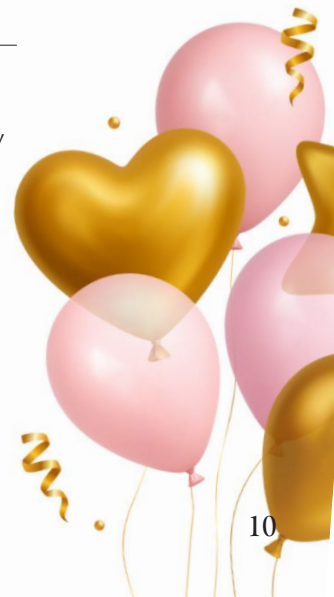
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YEARS Diane and Ira Rubtchinsky

July Special Birthdays

Stephen Boochever
Neil Colman
Ameera Crellin
Robert Dropkin
Eitan Evan

Paul Feigenbaum
Paul Kasselmann
Lawrence Kirsch
Chris Priore
Ellen Reohr

Louie Rizzo
Marilou Rosenthal
Brad Rosenstein
Tamara Tepper



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.

Charles Ehrlich August

Husband of Lois August
Father of Chuck (Michele) August
Father of Bob (Lori Dotterer) August
Father of Jill (Norm Massry) August

Melvyn Cohen

Father of Marcy (Jeffrey) Feinman
Grandfather of Hillary (Dylan) Johnson
Grandfather of Allison Feinman

Howard L. Pressman

Husband of Marlene Pressman
Father of Andrea (Claudia) Pressman-Ochoa
Father of Michael (Floren) Pressman
Grandfather of Marla Pressman
Grandfather of Maxwell Pressman

Harriet S. Spector

Mother of Jeff Spector (Heather McDonald)
Sister of Sara Kurland

Herman Mendel Ungerman

Father of Susan Ungerman (Allan Greenberg)
Father of Michelle (Danny) Sanders

Harriet A. Weintraub

Mother of Allen (Ellen) Weintraub
Mother of Michael (Diane Rosen) Weintraub
Mother of Todd (Kelly) Weintraub
Sister of Nadine R. Aronson
Sister of Geri Schlenker

** as of June 1, 2026*

Graduation

Congratulations to our 2026 Graduates

Below you will find graduates that did not make it into the May/June Bulletin.

Danielle Movitz

graduated from Duke University Law School. Daughter of Louis Movitz and the late Lisa Movitz, grandparents Pat and Bob Friedman. She will be working in Washington D.C. in a law firm.

Ezra Cotton,

son of Katie Yezzi and Dan Cotton, graduated from Bethlehem High School and will be attending Williams College where he will study English, economics, and play ultimate frisbee.

Taylor Steil, daughter of Daniel and Jennifer Steil, graduated from Bethlehem Central High School and will be attending Northeastern University.

CONGREGATION BETH EMETH

High Holy Days 2026/5787

ONE COMMUNITY, MANY VOICES

Building Our Future Through Sacred Conversations

SELICHOT:

Saturday, September 5, 6:30 pm -
Selichot Services

ROSH HASHANAH:

Friday, September 11, 7:30 pm -
Erev Rosh Hashanah Services

Saturday, September 12, 9:00 am -
Rosh Hashanah Family Service

Saturday, September 12, 10:00 am -
Rosh Hashanah Children's Programming

Saturday, September 12, 10:30 am -
Rosh Hashanah Morning Services

Sunday, September 13, 10:00 am -
Cemetery Service in Loudonville

Friday, September 18, 5:30 pm -
Shabbat Shuvah Services

YOM KIPPUR:

Sunday, September 20, 5:00 pm -
Early Kol Nidre Services

Sunday, September 20, 7:30 pm -
Late Kol Nidre Services

Monday, September 21, 9:00 am -
Yom Kippur Family Service

Monday, September 21, 10:00 am -
Yom Kippur Children's Programming

YOM KIPPUR CONTINUED:

Monday, September 21, 10:30 am -
Yom Kippur Morning Services

Monday, September 21, 1:00 pm -
Yom Kippur Text Study, led by Rabbi Mandell

Monday, September 21, 2:00 pm -
Service of Renewal, led by The Ritual Committee

Monday, September 21, 3:00 pm -
Yom Kippur Afternoon Service, led by CBEYG

Monday, September 21, 4:00 pm -
Yom Kippur Yizkor Service

Monday, September 21, 5:00 pm -
Ne'ilah and Havdalah Service, followed by a break
the fast nosh

SUKKOT:

Friday, September 25, 5:30 pm -
Welcome Back Shabbat / Blessing of the Backpacks /
Sukkot Services

Friday, September 25, 6:30 pm -
Sushi in the Sukkah

SIMCHAT TORAH:

Friday, October 2, 5:30 pm -
Simchat Torah and Consecration Service

Saturday, October 3, 10:45 am -
Shimini Atzeret Yizkor Service

Information about reserving your High
Holy Days tickets hitting mailboxes soon!

July Calendar

Blue is Worship

July 02
THUR
10:00 am Eisner Camp / Crane Lake Camp Tour
2:15 pm Eisner Camp / Crane Lake Camp Tour
6:30 pm Brotherhood Card Night

July 03
FRI
Office Closes Early at 2:00 pm
5:30 pm Shabbat Services

July 04
SAT
9:30 am Torah Study

July 05
SUN
10:00 am Eisner Camp / Crane Lake Camp Tour
10:30 am Rookie Day at Crane Lake Camp
11:00 am Soup Kitchen
2:15 pm Eisner Camp / Crane Lake Camp Tour

July 06
MON
Office Closed in observance of Independence Day
7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh - Virtual

July 08
WED
12:00 pm Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Mandell:
"Nag Hammadi Library: Thunder Perfect Mind"
7:00 pm Brotherhood Torah Schmooze Virtual

July 09
THUR
10:00 am Red Cross Blood Drive
10:00 am Eisner Camp / Crane Lake Camp Tour
11:30 am NNORC Birthday Potluck
2:15 pm Eisner Camp / Crane Lake Camp Tour

July 10
FRI
5:30 pm Shabbat Services

July 11
SAT
9:30 am Torah Study
4:45 pm Dinner & Sunset Narrated Cruise on
the Dutch Apple with Brotherhood

July 12
SUN
10:00 am Eisner Camp / Crane Lake Camp Tour
2:15 pm Eisner Camp / Crane Lake Camp Tour

July 13
MON
6:30 pm Mah Jongg Lessons
7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh - Virtual

July 15
WED
7:00 pm Rabbi Mandell Teaches His Favorite Texts:
"The Book of Jonah"

July 16
THUR
9:00 am Sisterhood Mah Jongg Tournament and BBQ
10:00 am Eisner Camp / Crane Lake Camp Tour
2:15 pm Eisner Camp / Crane Lake Camp Tour
6:30 pm Trivia at the Warbler

July 17
FRI
5:30 pm Shabbat Outdoors
7:00 pm Brotherhood Family Shabbat Dinner

July 18
SAT
9:30 am Torah Study

July 19
SUN
8:00 am Bike Ride on Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail
with Brotherhood
10:00 am Eisner Camp / Crane Lake Camp Tour
2:15 pm Eisner Camp / Crane Lake Camp Tour

July 20
MON
6:30 pm Mah Jongg Lessons
7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh - Virtual

July 22
WED
10:00 am Eisner Camp / Crane Lake Camp Tour
2:15 pm Eisner Camp / Crane Lake Camp Tour
7:00 pm Rabbi Mandell Teaches His Favorite Texts:
"The Book of Nehemiah"

July 23
THUR
9:15 am Tour Opus 40 Sculpture Park with Brotherhood
1:00 pm NNORC Ice Cream Social

July 24
FRI
5:30 pm Shabbat Services

July 25
SAT
9:30 am Torah Study
10:00 am Sisterhood Walk

July 26
SUN
8:15 am Walk at Saratoga Battlefield with Brotherhood
4:45 pm Jewish Heritage Night at Joe Bruno Stadium

July 27
MON
2:00 pm Get to Know the Team: Coffee and Cookies
6:30 pm Mah Jongg Lessons

July 28
TUES
7:00 pm *Footloose* at the Cohoes Music Hall
with Brotherhood

July 29
WED
7:00 pm Rabbi Mandell Teaches His Favorite Texts:
"The Book of Zechariah"
12:00 pm Lunch & Learn: Get to Know the Staff

July 30
THUR
10:00 am Eisner Camp / Crane Lake Camp Tour
2:15 pm Eisner Camp / Crane Lake Camp Tour

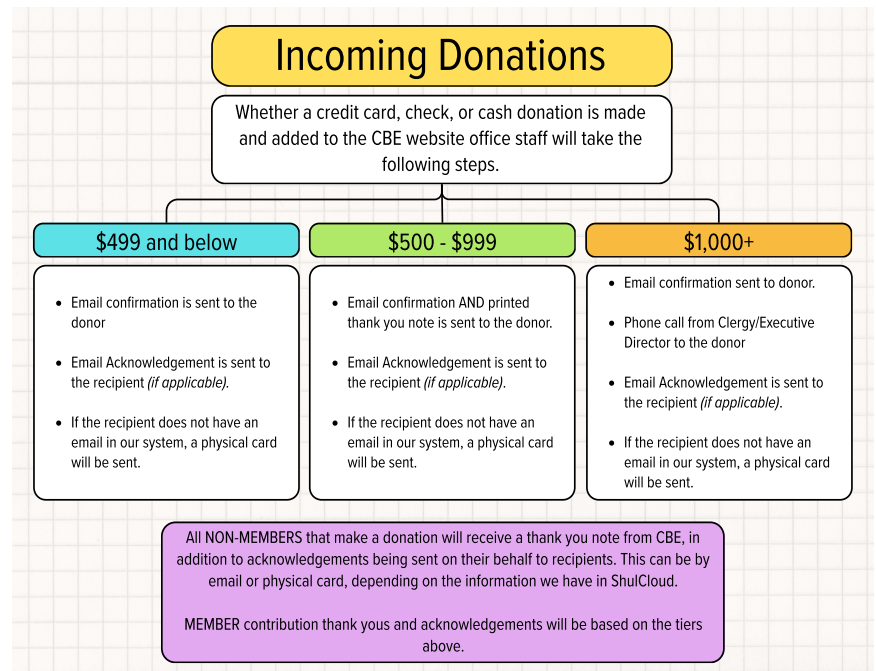
July 31
FRI
5:30 pm Shabbat Services

Donations and Yahrzeit Reminders

Lita Carbone

As Spring gives way to Summer, we are already well underway in planning for 5787! As buds bloom into fully formed flowers, your staff at CBE are looking for ways to continue to improve and grow with the needs of our community.

As I discussed in my January/February article, I have made the donation process a priority and wanted to provide an update. Going forward, all incoming donation thank yous and acknowledgement notes sent to recipients will be done electronically, with some exceptions that I have included in this graphic.



Moving to an electronic format will provide:

- Quicker response times to those who donate.
- Those who have a donation made in their honor or in memory of a loved one will receive recognition in a more timely manner.
- Cutting back on postage and stationery expenses to provide funds for other needs.
- Allowing staff to focus their time on other ways to help serve our community!

In addition to our standard donation process, I have also been investigating ways to speed up the process and cut down on costs for Beautification (Yahrzeit reminders for those that establish a Perpetual Memorial for their loved ones). Did you know that for May and June over 660 letters were mailed? Our March and April Beautification letters generated 784 letters, and at least half of those are to people outside of CBE. Every two months, this project is a huge undertaking for our staff and it became clear that it needed to be revisited. After diving into ShulCloud and testing different formats, I have found a method of using our email to send electronic versions of the Yahrzeit letters. This method will help not only on the expense of generating this mass mailing, but will minimize the errors that have occurred and cut out additional steps that lead to those errors.

In the last round of Beautification letters, we sent a “We’re Going Green” note with our Yahrzeit reminder(s). On this note, there is a link for you to sign up for email Yahrzeit reminders; however, you can always call the office to ask for assistance with signing up. Thank you to those who have already signed up to support this initiative! May we continue the good work of *tikkun olam* and move in a direction of minimizing our impact on this planet we call home.

In Case You Missed It...

On Wednesday, May 27, Rabbi Rick Jacobs, president of the Union for Reform Judaism, came to Beth Emeth for a talk titled: Israel at a Crossroads. The talk was inspiring and informative and we would like to thank everyone who attended! Check out these photos from the event!



Thank you to the Jewish Federation of NENY for organizing this wonderful evening!

It's A Wrap: Confirmation

We had an amazing Confirmation service on Friday, May 22, 2026 honoring our 2026 confirmands and our confirmation anniversaries! Congratulations and mazal tov to our confirmands and their families! We would also like to express our gratitude to Kerensa Rybak for these beautiful photos!



It's A Wrap: Confirmation

Our sincerest apologies for the misprint in the May / June Bulletin regarding our Confirmation Anniversaries. Please find below the corrected list of Confirmation Anniversaries.

25th Anniversary (Class of 2001)

Daniel Swartz
Joshua Alfred
Arielle Dorkin
Benjamin Hager
Ashley Fluster
Adam Shpeen

30th Anniversary (Class of 1996)

Kristin Albert
Lauren Barnet Frantz
Beth Simon Harwood
Andrew Hartman
Rebecca Lozman Oxman

35th Anniversary (Class of 1991)

Michael Lurie
Lisa Danziger Metz
Deborah Rosen Zamer

40th Anniversary (Class of 1986)

Alison Kurzon Johnson

45th Anniversary (Class of 1981)

David Meyers
Michael Rosenblatt
Barbara Warford

50th Anniversary (Class of 1976)

Bruce Goldstein

Jana Bronstein Ostroff
Richard Ostroff
Lee Rosen
Mark Swyer

55th Anniversary (Class of 1971)

Leon Aronowitz II
Nancy Buchman Boone
Susan Rosenstein Caplan
Ruth Ellen Friedlander
Harold Iselin
Nina Feltman Sax
Sidney Stein III
Jan Reiss-Weitzman

60th Anniversary (Class of 1966)

Myra Malmed Nathan
Wendy Dubins Perlmutter
David Siegal
Lois Heflich Suresky

65th Anniversary (Class of 1961)

Paul Feigenbaum
Judy Berinstein Koretz
Marsha Nadell Penrose
Lynn Katzman Shaw
Lori Mendelsohn Strong
Alan Warshaw

70th Anniversary (Class of 1956)

Cynthia Frommer Freedman
Nancy Einhorn Roth

75th Anniversary (Class of 1951)

Lois Abramson August
Bibs Mendelson Pankin
Robert M. Rosenblatt
Gretchen Aronowitz Rubenstein



Sisterhood Had a Fabulous Year — and You are Invited!

Our new membership year is just around the corner, and we hope you will be joining us for all the fun, meaning, and community ahead.

Your Dues Make a Real Difference

When you join Sisterhood, your support goes straight to the heart of Beth Emeth. Our dues fund programming for young members all the way from Consecration to Confirmation — including the Discovery Center, CBE and Me, The Tree of Life religious school, B'nai Mitzvah gifts, new baby gifts, CBEYG programs, Confirmation, and Conversion gifts. We also take on social action programs and respond to whatever the temple needs most each year. This year, we are proud to be contributing to the funds for Beth Emeth's much-needed new HVAC system. Every dollar of your dues is doing something good.

So Much to Look Forward To

Sisterhood's calendar is full of ways to learn, laugh, and connect. Feed your mind at Book Club, get some fresh air on our walks, get cozy at Knit and Nosh, enjoy a night out at group dinners, or catch a show together at Proctor's Theater. Want to give back? Join us at the Soup Kitchen or walk with us at the Making Strides walk. And if Mahjong is your thing — or you have always wanted to learn — our bi-monthly Mahjong Tournaments are not to be missed, with lessons coming soon! We are also starting a movie club this summer – stay tuned!

Join at Whatever Level Feels Right

Whether you want to dive in headfirst or simply pay your dues and know you are doing a mitzvah — both are equally wonderful. There is no wrong way to be part of Sisterhood.

And It Goes Even Further

As a Beth Emeth Sisterhood member, you are also part of the Northeast Region of Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) — a powerful network of Jewish women united by sisterhood, spirituality, and social justice. Visit WRJ.org to discover everything WRJ has to offer.

We hope to see you this year,

Jane Sanders - Membership Vice-President

Sara Bonder - Sisterhood President

As we conclude another Sisterhood year, I extend a heartfelt thanks to our outgoing board members, Karen Fein, Cynthia Freedman, Heather Linsk, and Beverly Vener for their dedicated service and valuable contributions. At the same time, I warmly welcome our incoming board members, Sarah Stulmaker and Harriet Wicks.

Yours in Sisterhood,
Sara Bonder

2026-2027 Sisterhood Board

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Lisa Metz

Sarah Stulmaker

Harriet Wicks

This summer it's all about Mah Jongg!

Sisterhood is continuing to offer Mah Jongg tournaments for cash prizes. During the warmer months, we will be holding them monthly, **always on Thursday, on July 16 and August 20.**

For the July tournament, we will once again be hosting the Jan Rubenstein Memorial BBQ at lunchtime. We decided this was a fitting way to honor Jan z"l, since she spearheaded the Mah Jongg tournaments for more than 20 years. Last year, some MJ players registered for this event specifically to honor Jan's memory, even though they had moved out of the area.

After having been asked numerous times over the last year, we are pleased to announce that we are offering Mah Jongg lessons to our gaming repertoire. These lessons are appropriate for total novices, as well as those who may have played MJ in the past but need a refresher course.

The first series of 3 lessons is scheduled for: **Monday evenings July 13, 20, 27, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.** The fee for the whole set is \$45 for Sisterhood members and \$60 for non-members. Mah Jongg sets and refreshments will be provided. If these lessons are as well-received as we are expecting, we will follow it up with another series of lessons in August. Please spread the word to anyone who may be interested. An informative email will be sent to all members in the upcoming weeks. Registration is online on the Beth Emeth website.

Through word of mouth and scant publicity in the tournament flyers, we were able to raise over \$400 for Sisterhood earlier this year by taking orders for MJ cards and ordering them as a non-profit organization. If you usually order your new MJ card directly from the Mah Jongg League, please let Sisterhood do the ordering for you and earn money at the same time! This fall you will be receiving more information with instructions about this opportunity.

We are looking forward to a summer full of fun and games. Hope you can join us!



TUESDAY DISCOUNT

MOVIE NIGHT

We can't wait to see you there!

Join Us for a Trip to the Movies!

Tuesday, July 14

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Get ready for a fun-filled evening with friends and a great movie!

Movie: To Be Determined

RSVP to Sara at:
saraonder@gmail.com by July 10th.

A graphic of a red and white popcorn bucket with the word 'POPCORN' in a yellow circle. Below it is a red sign with white stars and the word 'CINEMA' in white.

Brotherhood Leadership Update & A Note of Gratitude

By Jay Hurewitz

As we look ahead to the 2026–2028 term, I am pleased to share the results of our recent Brotherhood officer elections and to welcome the leadership team that will guide our community over the next two years.

The following members have been elected to serve as our officers:

President: Theo Carbone

Vice President of Programming: Mark Swyer

Co–Vice Presidents of Membership: Mike Horelick & Mikey O’Neil

Treasurer: Don Basen

Secretary: Carl Ruppert

I want to extend my sincere thanks to **Barry Davis** for chairing the Nominating Committee and leading this year’s election process. His steady leadership, focus, and commitment ensured a thoughtful and simple election and will help provide a smooth transition for our incoming officers.

Please join me in congratulating our new officers and in expressing appreciation to Barry and to all who contributed to this year’s process.

The Brotherhood’s Role in Our Temple Community

As I reflect on my term, I am reminded again and again of how essential the Brotherhood is to the life of our temple. We are more than a committee or a social group — we are a source of connection, service, and continuity. The Brotherhood shows up where it matters: supporting temple programs, strengthening relationships among members, creating opportunities for learning and camaraderie, and stepping in whenever help is needed.

Our work touches nearly every corner of temple life, often quietly and without fanfare, but always with purpose. The strength of our Brotherhood directly strengthens our congregation.

A Personal Note of Thanks

As I conclude my term as President, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who supported me in this role. Serving as President has been an honor, and it has been made truly meaningful by the people who stepped forward time and again — to plan programs, lend a hand, offer advice, or simply show up with enthusiasm and good humor.

Your partnership and encouragement strengthened not only our Brotherhood, but our entire temple community. I am deeply proud of what we have built together.

Thank you for the trust you placed in me, for the camaraderie we shared, and for the countless ways you helped sustain and grow this organization. I look forward to continuing to participate, to support our new leadership, and to remain part of a Brotherhood that plays such an important role in the life of Temple Beth Emeth.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Jay

Congratulations To Our New CBEYG Board!

President: Jordan Bernstein

VP of Programming & Engagement:
Jane O'Neil

VP of Jewish Life: Noah Eisenberg

VP of Social Action: Spencer Kimmelblatt

VP of Membership: Leah Sossner

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Sammy Johnson

VP of Fundraising: Jonah Kent



Are you a teen Grade 8 - Grade 12?
Want to get involved with CBEYG
in the next school year?

Email us at CBEYG@CBEAlbany.org.
We can't wait to hear from you!

CBEYG is a welcoming space for all Beth Emeth teens, don't miss out on a year of amazing programming and opportunities to give back to the community.



Sunday Soup Kitchen

Summer is a season of sunshine and community — and one of the most meaningful ways to embrace that spirit is by giving a few hours of your time at our Sunday soup kitchen. While many families travel and school-year programs pause, the need for meals doesn't take a vacation. In fact, summer is one of the times when our guest numbers rise.

If you've been thinking about getting involved, this is the perfect moment. Whether you're a seasoned volunteer or someone stepping in for the first time, your presence makes a real difference. And you will be surprised by how much joy you take home with you.

Let's make this a summer of service, kindness, and connection. Join us in nourishing our neighbors and building a community where everyone feels seen and supported.

Here are the dates this summer:

Sunday, July 5, 11:00 am

Sunday, August 2, 11:00 am

Sunday, August 23, 11:00 am

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jackie Dupiche at: Socialaction@CBEAlbany.org



Who's Who On Our Staff!

We have some new faces and some old faces in the office that we would like you to get to know! If you're wondering who to call and for what, here's your guide! Our number is: 518.436.9761 and each person's extension is listed below!



Jill Rafferty-Weinisch, Executive Director ext. 225

- Questions about the Annual Commitment process, or to discuss your commitment
- Inquiries for potential new members
- To discuss making a contribution or underwriting a program or initiative
- Questions relating to donor-designated funds
- To share your stories, thoughts, opinions, compliments and suggestions for programs and services offered at CBE

Lita Carbone, Director of Administration ext. 224

- Day-to-day operations of the temple office questions/concerns
- Congregational mailing inquiries/concerns
- Temple policy and procedure inquiries
- B'nai Mitzvah event planning
- Facility rentals / Private events
- Sponsoring a preneg / oneg for Shabbat Services
- Point of contact for the Board of Trustees
- Questions about donation acknowledgements



Courtney Kopa, Director of Engagement ext. 236

- Program-related questions, feedback or to propose a program
- Questions about website content
- Volunteering for the Soup Kitchen or Diane's Farm
- To share a Simcha...
- Questions about the Bulletin or to purchase advertising
- Questions about content in the weekly e-news or to suggest a community event for inclusion.



**Jillian Becker, Educational Administrative Assistant
for the Einhorn Center for Jewish Education ext. 227**

- Einhorn Center Enrollment
- The Hebrew POD program
- Teaching in the Religious School
- Religious school special events
- The weekly Einhorn Enthusiast
- Point of Contact for all Religious School teachers and subs
- Questions about the school program
- To schedule a meeting with the Einhorn Center Principal

Siobhan Shea, Executive Assistant to the Clergy ext. 240

- Pastoral care requests or to schedule a meeting with a member of the clergy
- Questions relating to B'nai Mitzvah tutoring and Lifecycle ceremonies
- Perpetual Memorials, Yizkor services, and adding names to the Kaddish/Yahrzeit list
- Funeral arrangements and In Memoriam notices
- Confirmation classes and services
- Donations to Clergy Discretionary funds
- Approvals for headstone inscriptions
- Requests for special blessings
- Beautification questions





Susan Stein, Administrative Associate ext. 222

- Assistance with Shulcloud (password reset, updating your personal information)
- Questions about times of religious services and events and Zoom links for live-streaming
- Help setting up an ACH payment on your temple account
- Assistance with event / program registration
- Purchasing an engraved paver in the Iselin Memorial Garden
- Switch your subscription to The Bulletin to “digital only”
- Lost and Found
- High Holy Day tickets
- General inquiries

Irene Holsapple, Bookkeeper

(Part-time, in office Mondays & Wednesdays) ext. 223

- To make a payment or inquire about a balance on your account
- To receive information about your charitable contributions to CBE
- To make a gift of stock to CBE



Danielle Simmons, Cemetery Administrator

(Part-time, Please call for an appointment) ext. 221

- Coordinating burial arrangements
- Finding the location of a loved one buried in the Beth Emeth Cemetery
- Purchasing burial plots
- Making arrangements for interments or unveilings
- Requesting a headstone cleaning





Have you ever seen CBE Staff wearing custom shirts and thought, “Hey! I want one of those?!” Well now’s your chance!

The 2026 Congregation Beth Emeth and Einhorn Center for Jewish Education SWAG SALE is now open!

Show your pride in our congregation and religious school by wearing our official SWAG.

Youth and Adult Sizes available.

Scan the QR Code above to place your order, or come into the office for a paper copy. All sales are final and must be pre-paid to submit the order.

Questions? Contact Jillian at School@CBEAlbany.org or 518.432.1392



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Cantor Emily Short Musical Enrichment Fund

Steven Ostroff in celebration of the marriage of the granddaughter of Sandi Zarch

Steven Ostroff in memory of Herm Ungerman

Steven Ostroff in memory of Dr. Howard Pressman

Steven Ostroff in memory of Dr. Jo Schulman

Cantor Jodi Schechtman Music Fund

Robert and Patricia Friedman

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Gene Laks in memory of Ralph Schechtman, father of Cantor Jodi Schechtman (z"l)

Gene Laks and Madison Laks Martell in memory of Stella Laks, mother of Gene Laks, grandmother of Madison Laks

Melissa and Michael Lurie in celebration of Jane and Garry Sanders receiving the JCC Pillars of the Community Award

Rabbi Greg D. Weitzman Discretionary Fund

The August Family with thanks to Rabbi Weitzman for his kindness in this difficult time

Sam and Margaret Feldman for his dedication to teaching this year's Confirmation Class

Jo Anne Milhausen in celebration of Jane and Garry Sanders being honored with the Pillars of the Community award

Elaine Rubenstein

Doreen and Larry Smith in appreciation of Rabbi Weitzman

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Marc and Abby Nash

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Leslie and Barry Feinman in celebration of Ruth Mendel 95th Birthday

Leslie and Barry Feinman in celebration of Herm Ungerman's 95th Birthday

Leslie and Barry Feinman in celebration of Mark Poskanzers 65th Birthday

Leslie and Barry Feinman in celebration of Ilene Sykes being honored at U Albany Hillel

The Frazier Family

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In honor of Jane and Garry Sanders receiving the JCC Pillars of the Community Award:

Leslie and Barry Feinman

Caren and Andrew Kotlow

Steven White and Karen Kaufman-White

In honor of Rob Kivort receiving the JCC Pillars of the Community Award:

Leslie and Barry Feinman

Zak Fluster and Liz Bauer

Caren and Andrew Kotlow

Michael Stulmaker

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David Goodman Reyt/Caring Community Fund

Jackie Itzkow and Carl Ruppert in recognition of Jay Hurewitz for his outstanding service as Brotherhood President

Caren and Andrew Kotlow in celebration of Spencer Mendell's ordination

In honor of Jane and Garry Sanders receiving the JCC Pillars of the Community Award:

Marlene and Howard Pressman

Michael Stulmaker

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The Burack Family in celebration of The Sokoler Grandchildren - Avi, Meera, and James

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David Lieberman

William Mattimore to Michael and Donna Gordon.

Lisa Sidel

Sara Berg and Eric Schumann

Brian and Francine Sinkoff

Robin Sobol

Charlotte and Jeffrey Sperber in celebration of Donna and Michael on the births of their great grandchildren

Elena and Peter Spitalny in memory of Charles August

Mindy and Lori Stein in honor of Garry and Jane Sanders receiving the Pillar of the Community Award

Alyson and Shams Tarek

Susan and David Wollner in celebration of David and Lauren Martinstein on the birth of their daughter Blake Ava

Sandi Zarch in celebration of the birth of great grandchildren Lila Elizabeth Gordon and Ryan

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Mark Rosen

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In honor of Rob Kivort receiving the JCC Pillars of the Community Award:

Cheryl and Scott Burack

Melissa and Michael Lurie

Kiddush Underwriting

The Dupiche Family

George and Nancy Forrest with best wishes to the Cantor and her family. She will be missed but not forgotten

Lurie Wander Fund for Sukkot

Eileen and Greg Lurie in honor of Robert Kivort receiving the Pillars Award

Eileen and Greg Lurie in honor of Jen Steil receiving The Bertha Brimmer Medal from the UAlbany Alumni Association

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Kerryn and Michael Kent

Toby and Nick Landau

Rachel and Adam Mandel

Lorin Meskin

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Sisterhood General Fund

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Charles and Sandra Stern

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Cheryl and Scott Burack

Karen and Steven Fein

Social Action Tzedakah Fund

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Terry Strong in celebration of Anne Rosenfeld's Special Birthday

Herb and Marilyn Weisburgh in memory of Harriet Weintraub

Susan Kushner Torah Study Fund

Jackie Itzkow and Carl Ruppert in celebration of Ruth Mendel's 95th Birthday

Beautification Fund

The August Family in memory of Chuck August

Cynthia Freedman, The Marinstein and The Benoit Families in memory of Maurice J. Frommer

Joan Smith

Louise and Larry Marwill in memory of Gordan Perlmutter

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Benjamin Mendel, Jr. URJ Camp Scholarship Fund

Cynthia Freedman in honor of Ruth Facher Mendel receiving the Joan Dunham Interfaith Award

Kerryn, Michael, Jonah and Gideon Kent in celebration of The 2026 Confirmation Class

Robyn and Ed Marinstein in honor of Ruth Facher Mendel receiving the Joan Dunham Interfaith Award

Ruth Facher Mendel in honor of the birthday of Nan Miller

In celebration of Ruth Mendel's 95th Birthday:

Nancy and Frank Allen

Barry and Beth Davis

Margie and Rob Dorkin

George and Nancy Forrest

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Josie Kivort
Robyn and Ed Marinstein
Nan Miller
Steven Ostroff

Fund For Jewish Education

Karen and Steven Fein in celebration of the birth of Ellen Reohr's grandson.

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Brian and Samantha Acevedo in appreciation of Ms. Sheryl
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Phyllis L Berk
Elaine C. Freedman in memory of Robert L. Freedman
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Phyllis L Berk in honor of Gretchen Aronowitz Rubenstein's 75th Confirmation Anniversary

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* Barry and Marge Hollander were inadvertently omitted from the annual report due to an administrative error. We sincerely apologize for this oversight and extend our gratitude for their support and contributions.

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Shabbat of January 16 - 17

Charlotte and Jeffrey Sperber in memory of Marylyn Kaplan

Shabbat of April 22 - 23

Eric Larner in memory of Esther Bloom

Shabbat of May 1 - 2

Mark and Karen Friedman in memory of Lawrence Friedman

Shabbat of May 8 - 9

Inga Tomson in memory of Louis Tomson
Joan Smith, Alyssa Smith, Joshua, Eric, Benjamin, and Maddy Bars
in memory of Howard Steven Smith
The Hawley and Kotzin Families in memory of Lewis A. Kotzin
Joan Smith in memory of Howard Steven Smith

Shabbat of May 22 - 23

Sara Lee and Barry Larner in memory of Esther Bloom

Shabbat of May 29 - 30

Eric Larner in memory of Benjamin Bloom
David Giller in memory of Elaine Slowe Giller

Shabbat of June 26 - 27

Iris Falk in memory of Blanche Ashkenas
Jason Falk in memory of Blanche Roth Ashkenas

Shabbat of July 3 - 4

Leslie and Roy Auerbach in memory of Michelle Ginsberg
Joanne Davidoff and Family in memory of Harriet Cohen Dembo
Judith Roth and Family in memory of Della Dunn Roth

Shabbat of July 10 - 11

The Strumpf Family in memory of Jerome Strumpf
Steven Ostroff in memory of Thomas Hunt
Cookie Siegel and Family in memory of J. Peter Siegel
Nancy and Barry Simon and Family in memory of
Leona J. Tucker Simon
Muriel Wilson and Family in memory of Harold Wilson
The Family of Catherine Perle in memory of Catherine
"Kitty" L. Perle
Bonnie and Stuart Rosenberg in memory of Milton Rosenberg
Susan and Reid Sperber and family in memory of Edwin H Sperber

Shabbat of July 17 - 18

Leslie and Mark Berlin in memory of Janet Beymann Green
The Spitalny Family in memory of Beth Williamson Spitalny
Muriel Wilson and Family in memory of Richard "Ricky"
Howard Wilson
Lauren and Paul Mancuso in memory of Janet Beymann Green
Karen and Mark Glaser in memory of Shirley Reichman Glaser
Phyllis L Berk in memory of Esther Weisburgh Lavine
Celia Berk in memory of Esther Weisburgh Lavine

Shabbat of July 24 - 25

Lori and Steven Strong in memory of Tinie Hyman Mendelsohn
Steven Kramer in memory of Joanne Kramer
Carol G. Rosenthal and Family in memory of Louis Gingold
Kathleen Meyers in memory of Frances M. Meyers
Mrs. Linda Schechter in memory of Louis Gingold
John and Bill Myers in memory of Myron J. Cohn
Joel Dobris in memory of Rose Lazoroff
Isabel Carmen in memory of Seymour Pearlman
Irene and Alan Richter in memory of Sadie Richter Frumkin

Shabbat of July 31 - August 1

Cathy A. Rosenblatt in memory of Catherine M. Rosenblatt
Leslie F Boyer in memory of Jeanette Perlman Boyer
Carol G. Rosenthal and Family in memory of Estelle A. Jaffe
Nancy and Barry Simon and Family in memory of Fay Goldstein
Mrs. Ellie Safranko in memory of Hon. Stephen A. Safranko
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The Family of Robert C. Lieberman in memory of
David A. Lieberman
Cathy A. Rosenblatt in memory of Marion J. Teitelbaum
Ellen Flasterstein-Reohr and Melissa Reohr in memory of
Maurice Flasterstein
Carl Rosenstock in memory of Irving Rosenstock
Kay Gonzalez in memory of Donald Herkowitz

Shabbat of August 7 - 8

The Hawley/Kotzin Families in memory of Lilyan H. Berman
The Family of Arthur J. Roth in memory of Arthur J. Roth
Carol Tulgan in memory of Dr. Samuel P. Rosenstock
Isabel Carmen in memory of Beverly Goldfarb Pearlman

Shabbat of August 14 - 15

Judith and Herbert Katz in memory of Albert Kaufmann

Beautification

Shabbat of August 21 - 22

Lori and Steven Strong in memory of Nathaniel H. Mendelson
Steven Kramer in memory of Sanford Kramer
Jessica and Alan Richer in memory of Harvey H. Richer
The Ruslander Family in memory of Mollie Rothstein Ruslander
Alan and Elyse Gould in memory of Stephen H. Gould
Mrs. Ellie Safranko in memory of Aaron R. Tinkle

Shabbat of August 28 - 29

Marilyn Greenberg and Family in memory of Daniel Greenberg
Pat and Bob Friedman in memory of Lisa Movitz
Dr. Jeffrey and Nancy Lozman in memory of Laura Lozman Greenberg
Eunice Golderman in memory of Lester M. Golderman
Cookie Siegel and Family in memory of Dr. Robert S. Heller
Cookie Siegel and Family in memory of Aaron Siegel
The Family of Alexander Perle in memory of Alexander J. Perle
Judith and Herbert Katz in memory of Audrey P. Kaufmann
Pat and Bob Friedman in memory of Lisa Movitz
Bonnie and Stuart Rosenberg in memory of Dr. Zvy Pomerantz
Debbie and Rick Sokoler in memory of Rita Sokoler

Shabbat of September 11 - 12

Carl Rosenstock in memory of Annette Rosenstock
Harriet Greenberg in memory of Edith Nuss

Perpetual Memorial

Perpetual Memorials ensure that Kaddish will always be recited for your loved ones. Each year the name is added to the Kaddish list and a plaque is hung in the Chapel or Sanctuary. Notices are sent to remind you of the upcoming yahrzeits and names are listed in the Bulletin.

To learn more about Perpetual Memorials, contact Siobhan Shea 518.436.9761 ext.240
Siobhan@CEBALbany.org

Yahrzeits

Shabbat of July 3 - 4

Harry Abrams
Dorothy S. Arensberg
David Auer
Philip Auerbach
Elliot Berman
Harry Bloch
Katherine S. Caplan
Sadie Motz Crystal
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Minnie Pearlman
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Irving G. Roth
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Robert Schreiber
Sally Goodman Singer
Martin S. Sprung
Howard B. Stark
Max Starkman
Helen H. Stern
Lewis Stern
Mollie Goldstein Symansky
Albert Wirth

Shabbat of July 10 - 11

Sidney Albert
Gertrude Blumberg
J. Harry Boochever
Wayne Steven Coté
Samuel Cuttler
Edward R. Eichenbroner
Florence Skolsky Einhorn
Samuel Englander
Ross Hai Freed
Robert L. Freedman
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Lillian W. Gordon
Thomas John Hunt
Joseph L. Hyman
Marion Patlen Jacobs
Raymond "Sonny" Kaplan
Stella Laks
Grace Stark Marx
Anna F. Metzner
Rachel L. Mossin
Frances Jackofsky Nisoff
Henry L. Oppenheim
Catherine "Kitty" L. Perle
Joseph Preiss
Sadie Berkowitz Press
Milton W. Rosenberg
Dorothy Lee Sanders
Caroline M. Schuster
J. Peter Siegel
Jerry Louis Siegel
Leona J. Tucker Simon
Wolf Simon
Mildred A. Singer
Edwin H. Sperber
Fanny Steinberg
Anne Stroll
Jerome Strumpf
Nathan Swartz
Harold Wilson

Shabbat of July 17 - 18

Elsie Berinstein
Ida Bloomberg
Sanford Alan Bookstein
Oscar C. Brennar
Elaine Frisch Cohn
Belle S. Corbat
Peter Danziger
Pauline Eichenbroner
Gabriel Feltman
Shirley Reichman Glaser
Lena Glick
Harry M. Goldman
Sandra Silverman Gordon
William L. Green
Janet Beymann Green
Abraham Hirschfeld
Lillian Schlesinger Hirshfield
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Email option now available for Yahrzeit Reminders

One way we can help repair our world is by reducing paper waste. One of the largest mailings we do at CBE throughout the year is our yahrzeit reminders. We discovered that there is a way to speed up this process and do good for our world at the same time!

Why switch to email reminders?

- Receive your yahrzeit reminders for loved ones faster
- No more lost or returned mail between CBE and your home
- Save on costs for temple expenses, specifically stationery and postage
- Less occurrences for human error as it pulls directly from our ShulCloud database



What will the Yahrzeit email reminder look like?

The email will look very similar to the current yahrzeit letters. The only difference will be that we are unable to list your loved one's date of death because of limitations in the email format provided by ShulCloud. We will still provide:

- Your loved one's name
- Shabbat date their name will be read
- Bulletin deadline for donations
- A direct link to our website to view our Live Stream
- A direct link to our Donate page to contribute to the Beautification Fund
- The Mourner's Kaddish in Hebrew and in transliteration

What if I have multiple Yahrzeits in the same month?

You will receive an email for **each** loved one. This will make it easy for you to share yahrzeit reminders with specific family members, as well as make it easier to search for a specific yahrzeit in your inbox.

Can I still mail in a check if I receive email reminders?

Absolutely! We know that not everyone wants to pay online as there is a 3% fee for using a card. You can mail your checks to **100 Academy Road, Albany, NY 12208**.

How do I sign up for email reminders?

If you would like to sign up for yahrzeit reminders via email or have questions, please **email Siobhan Shea at Siobhan@CBEAlbany.org or call 518.436.9761 x240**.

If you have a ShulCloud account through the CBE website and want to sign up on your own, go to **<https://CBEAlbany.Shulcloud.com/Form/BeautificationGoGreen>**.

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