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WORSHIP

Friday Evening, May 2

Parashat Tazria-Metzorah

5:30 pm End of School Year Shabbat Service

Saturday Morning, May 3

9:30 am Torah Study with Rabbinic Intern Spencer Mandell

Friday Evening, May 9

Parashat Achrei Mot-Kedoshim

6:00 pm Community Shabbat at Sidney Albert Albany JCC

Saturday Morning, May 10

9:30 am Torah Study with George Forrest

Friday Evening, May 16

Parashat Emor

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Services

Saturday Morning, May 17

9:30 am Torah Study with Andrea McNellis

10:45 am B'nai Mitzvah of Chloe and Zachary Teitel

Friday Evening, May 23

Parashat Behar-Bechukotai

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Services

Saturday Morning, May 24

9:30 am Torah Study with Rabbinic Intern Spencer Mandell

Friday Evening, May 30

Parashat Bamidbar

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Services and Confirmation

Saturday Morning, May 31

9:30 am Torah Study with Andrea McNellis

10:45 am Bat Mitzvah of Ella Bonder

Sunday Evening, June 1

7:00 pm Erev Shavuot and Yizkor Service

Friday Evening, June 6

Parashat Nasso

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Services

Saturday Morning, June 7

9:30 am Torah Study with Andrea McNellis

10:45 am Bat Mitzvah of Alexandra Mirel

Friday Evening, June 13

Parashat B'haalot'cha

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Services and Sisterhood Installation

Saturday Morning, June 14

9:30 am Torah Study with George Forrest

10:45 am Bat Mitzvah of Emily Harding

Friday Evening, June 20

Parashat Sh'lach L'cha

5:30 pm Pride Shabbat Services

Saturday Morning, June 21

9:30 am Torah Study with Andrea McNellis

10:45 am Bat Mitzvah of Charlotte Bishop

Friday Evening, June 27

Parashat Korach

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Services

Saturday Morning, June 28

9:30 am Torah Study with Andrea McNellis

ANNUAL MEETING AND LECH LECHA Monday, June 9 at 7:00 pm

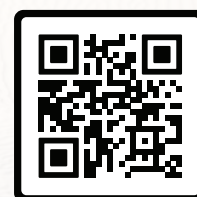
Join us for a moment to shape our community's future and celebrate the incredible journeys within it. We'll honor our dedicated retiring board members, warmly welcome our new leaders, and cast our votes on the budget that empowers our shared vision.

We will celebrate our graduating high school seniors with a "Lech Lecha" sending them forth with blessings and pride.

We will honor Karen Kaufman-White with the President's Award at our 2025 presented by Melissa Greenberg. Karen's dedication to our organization has been truly exceptional, marked by countless hours spent in the office and a tireless commitment

to our financial well-being. As our Treasurer, she has gone above and beyond, spearheading efforts to increase our financial transparency and providing invaluable support during the onboarding of our new bookkeeping staff. Her diligent work and unwavering dedication have been instrumental to our success, and we are deeply grateful for her extraordinary contributions.

Come be a part of this vital moment of connection, gratitude, and forward momentum!



SCAN ME

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR RABBI

Greg D. Weitzman



As we welcome the season of spring, the world around us blooms with new life. The harshness of winter recedes as the warmth of the sun and the vibrancy of nature awaken once again. Spring, in all its beauty, is a season of renewal, growth, and hope — not only in the world of nature but also in the life of our community and our personal journeys. It is a time when we reflect on the past and look toward the future, embracing opportunities for progress.

This spring, as we approach Yom HaZikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut, we find ourselves in a moment of collective reflection — remembering the sacrifices that led to the establishment of the State of Israel and celebrating its independence. These holidays invite us to contemplate the price of freedom, the resilience of our people, and the joy of progress. The themes of change and growth that define the spring season are echoed in these two days, which remind us that while change can be challenging, it can also lead to profound transformation and progress. Israel's journey is a testament to the power of change for the better — a story of resilience and hope, of survival and triumph, much like the path we each walk in our own lives.

As we move from the solemnity of Yom HaZikaron to the joy of Yom Ha'atzmaut, we are reminded that progress does not come without hardship. The sacrifices made for Israel's independence are immeasurable, and yet, Israel's success as a nation is a symbol of what can be achieved through perseverance and vision. We, too, are called to reflect on the sacrifices made in our own lives and to recognize that meaningful change often requires resilience, courage, and the willingness to embrace the unknown.

This is especially poignant as we approach Shavuot, a

holiday that celebrates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai. Shavuot is a time when we reflect on the deep relationship between the Jewish people and God. It is not simply the celebration of a set of rules, but the recognition of a living, breathing tradition that provides us with wisdom and guidance. Torah offers a roadmap for navigating the complexities of life, for choosing paths of justice, compassion, and purpose.

The story of the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai is one of transformation. The Israelites, once slaves in Egypt, were about to receive a set of commandments that would forever alter their lives. They were called to rise to a new level of spiritual consciousness and responsibility, to live as free people united by divine law. This moment of profound change was difficult, yet it marked the beginning of a new chapter for the Jewish people — a chapter of growth, learning, and connection.

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We too experience moments of transformation.

Our journeys, like those of the Israelites, are filled with moments of challenge, but also with opportunities for growth. As individuals, families, and as a community, we are constantly evolving. Our personal and collective histories shape who we are, but they do not define who we will become. Just as the Torah

was given to the Israelites as a tool for spiritual growth, our own lives present opportunities for us to deepen our understanding and commitment to our values, our community, and to living a life of meaning and purpose.

Shavuot also calls to mind the importance of Confirmation, a special tradition in Reform Judaism. For our young adults, Confirmation is not just a rite of passage, but a commitment to continue learning and growing in Jewish life. Just as the Israelites stood at Sinai to receive the Torah, so too do our confirmands stand today to affirm their connection to the Jewish people and the wisdom of our tradition. They are preparing to take on the mantle of Jewish responsibility and to carry the torch of Jewish life into the future.

As we celebrate Shavuot and the season of renewal, we are reminded that each of us has the potential for transformation. Just as our young people affirm their commitment to Jewish learning and discovery, we too are called to engage in this journey. The process of growing, of embracing the wisdom of the past, and applying it in new and meaningful ways, is a lifelong endeavor. Confirmation symbolizes a new chapter for our youth, one that is filled with promise and responsibility — a reminder that our connection to Torah and Jewish tradition is not static, but dynamic.

Change is inevitable. It is a natural part of life. But not all change is the same. Some change is unsettling, even painful, while other change opens new doors and offers us opportunities to evolve, to progress, to grow. This

is the kind of change we seek: change that connects us more deeply to one another, to our faith, and to the world around us. This is the change that, through the teachings of Torah, brings us closer to God and to the better versions of ourselves.

This season is a reminder that while change can be challenging, it also offers incredible opportunities. Opportunities to grow, to learn, to contribute to a better world, and to create a community that reflects the best

of who we are and all that we hope to become. Just as the earth blooms anew each spring, so too can our hearts and minds be renewed through our actions, our commitments, and our relationships.

As your Rabbi, I am here for you, whether you seek guidance, support, or simply someone to talk to. I invite you to reach out, to join me in conversation, and to share with me your hopes, dreams, and challenges. Together, we can explore how to embrace this season of renewal in the most meaningful way possible.

May this season of renewal bring peace, joy, and a sense of hope for the future. May the lessons of these sacred days inspire us all to embrace the change that leads to progress, growth, and understanding. Ashley, Eden, Jonny and I look forward to being with you all soon.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

In April, our Board continued a long tradition of electing officers to guide us into the next chapter of our journey.



I am proud to pass the baton to Robin Sobol, who will serve as President of the Congregation Beth Emeth Board of Trustees for the 2025–2026 year. Robin brings a wealth of leadership experience from both Beth Emeth and the broader Jewish community, and I am deeply excited to support her as she steps into this pivotal role. As I transition from my Presidency, following 11 years of service on the Board, I reflect on the remarkable changes and milestones we have witnessed together.

Over these years, our congregation has navigated profound transformations, celebrating joyous milestones, and persevering through challenging moments. We marked the retirement of our Rabbi Emeritus, Scott Shpeen, mourned the loss of Cantor Jodi Schechtman, and welcomed Cantor Sharon Kohn as our Interim Cantor, bidding her a heartfelt farewell after three years of dedicated service. Through the diligent efforts of our search committees, we were blessed to welcome Rabbi Greg Weitzman as Senior Rabbi and Cantor Emily Short, whose vision and energy have enhanced our community.

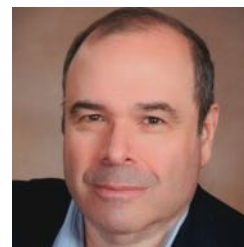
We faced the trials of a global pandemic, adapting with resilience and creativity to foster spiritual connection and mutual support. We have mourned attacks on our broader community, said goodbye to valued staff as they embarked on new paths, and warmly welcomed Gary Fifer as interim Executive Director of Beth Emeth. Yet through all this change, one constant has remained unwavering: our embrace of Reform Jewish values and our commitment to being a spiritual home where all are welcomed, supported, and inspired – to Connect, Belong, and Engage.

This October, I spoke from the bima about challenges ahead, including aging infrastructure—a reality faced by many North American Jewish congregations. But I also celebrated our unique strength: a robust, engaged membership that continues to grow by welcoming people and families of all ages and backgrounds. The rich diversity within our community is our foundation, enabling us not merely to endure change, but to thrive by embracing opportunities for growth, introspection, and collaboration. Together, we have built a congregation where every voice is heard and valued, shaping a future that reflects the needs and aspirations of our members.

As we conclude 2024–2025 and turn toward the coming year, I extend my heartfelt wishes to our future leaders, our Board, and our congregation: may we continue to embrace challenges with courage and vision. Drawing on the deep well of experience, leadership, and tradition at Beth Emeth, and guided by our Reform Jewish values, I am confident we will chart a path forward that ensures our continued vitality as a leading Reform congregation in the United States and beyond. Rabbi Weitzman’s visionary leadership brings great excitement for what lies ahead, and I know that deliberate and thoughtful planning will safeguard the integrity of our physical space for generations to come.

I am profoundly grateful for the unwavering support and partnership of our Board, past leaders, clergy, and each member of our community. Your dedication has inspired and guided me during my tenure, and I thank you all with deep appreciation. Together, we look forward to a future bright with promise, purpose, and connection.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Gary Fifer



We Are COUNTING On You

We will shortly read in Torah that the ancient Israelites conducted a census in the desert within a few months of the Exodus from Egypt. Determining who was in our community is mentioned several more times in Torah. Beth Emeth is about to embark on a similar process, and we are looking forward to your participation.

For years, as a convenience to our members, we have assumed that members would stay members, unless they notified us of other intentions. Our practice was to automatically adjust each member's account in ShulCloud, our membership management software, at the start of our fiscal year in July. Each year, some members inform us of changes. At the same time, many do not. Over time, these assumptions about membership and financial support can easily lead to significant discrepancies. As a result, beginning this year, we are introducing a new practice.

In June of every year, we will provide both an online and postal mail process for you to renew your membership and your Annual Commitment. At the same time, we will provide a process for you to review and update other aspects of your member profile, such as your address or yearzeit information, so we may better serve you.

With your help, we will have a much clearer understanding of our membership. We will use this information to provide members in good standing with High Holiday tickets and other privileges of membership, such as registering children for our fabulous educational programs.

We have a lot of wonderful events unfolding in May and June. I look forward to continuing to meet the Beth Emeth community. Come and say hello!

CONTINUING TO STRENGTHEN OUR BONDS: A DISCUSSION FOR OUR JEWISH ADJACENT MEMBERS

What is Jewish Adjacent?

"Jewish adjacent" refers to non-Jewish individuals who are closely connected to Jewish culture, traditions, or communities, often through family, relationships, or participation in Jewish life.

Did You Know?

- In 2019, the term "Jewish-adjacent" gained prominence, particularly at the Union for Reform Judaism's (URJ) Biennial, where Rabbi Rick Jacobs advocated for the inclusion of non-Jewish individuals with Jewish family connections, emphasizing the importance of expanding the Jewish community.
- Congregation Beth Emeth:
 - ~ prides itself on welcoming, valuing, and supporting all members
 - ~ is committed to strengthening our community to ensure its growth, its culture of belonging, and vibrancy for generations to come.
 - ~ is committed to exploring the topic of expanding the current volunteer and engagement opportunities offered to our Jewish Adjacent members to include leadership positions, such as serving on the temple board.

What is CBE Doing?

Congregation Beth Emeth has formed a Jewish Adjacent Task Force consisting of Jewish Adjacent Members, Jews by Choice and Jews by birth and is chaired by Immediate Past President Robyn Marinstein. Robyn, along with the committee members, are passionate about this topic.

If you are a Jewish Adjacent member, we want to hear from you. Please join us in conversation on Monday, May 12 at 7:00 pm

RSVP to Robyn at RMarinstein@gmail.com by Thursday, May 8.

A MESSAGE FROM LIFELONG LEARNING

It is with bittersweet emotions that I announced my upcoming departure from my position as Director of Lifelong Learning here at Congregation Beth Emeth.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude for all of your support, guidance and trust throughout my time here, having been blessed to work alongside dedicated and passionate individuals who share a common vision for nurturing and strengthening our Jewish community. The experiences and the relationships built will remain with me always.

I am delighted to announce that I will be embarking on two exciting new chapters on my professional journey. First, I am thrilled to share that I will be pursuing doctoral studies in Jewish Education and Communal Leadership in a new program with the American Jewish University.

Study has always been my passion and I am overjoyed to be expanding and deepening my understanding of education and its pivotal role in shaping the future of Judaism.

Simultaneously, I am honored to have accepted the position of Rabbi at Congregation Beth Shalom in Clifton Park. The opportunity to serve as Rabbi in such a hamish and warm Conservative Jewish community is truly the fulfillment of a dream I did not realize I even had. I am excited for the new challenges ahead and look forward to continuing my involvement in the greater Capital Region Jewish community.

With immense gratitude, please accept my thanks for the friendship, support and growth CBE has provided. I will forever treasure the twelve years I have had the pleasure of being a member of the CBE team and look forward to staying connected as we continue to grow and learn together.

With gratitude and love,
Rabbi Shara



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.

Carol Brand

Wife of Harvey Brand
Mother of Alex (Jessica) Brand and Alicia Brand
Sister of Saul Cohen

Bernice Burrick

Mother of Rosalind (Frank) Dolhon and Marcia (Brian) Altman
Sister of Eunice Golderman

Mel Carr

Husband of Sandy Carr
Father of Alan (Beth) Carr, David (Shellie) Carr, and Rob (Rachel) Carr
Brother of Murray Carr

Wisley Dupiche

Husband of Jackie Dupiche
Father of Jonathan Dupiche and Kyra (Stefan) Davis
Brother of Patrick Pierre, Ernest Fleurissaint, Johanne Houghton, Cindy J. Vielle, Fritzner "Junior" Dupiche, and Marie "Fritzie" Dupiche
Son of Fritzner (Marie) Dupiche

Dr. Richard Goldstein

Father of Heather (Anthony) Linsk

Dorothy "Dorry" Kotzin

Mother of Mark (Ellen) Kotzin, Ilissa (Brian) Hawley, Harry (Eileen) Kotzin, and Ross Kotzin

Jane Loeb

Mother of Gary (Denise) Loeb, Marianne Loeb, and Marta (Joshua) Pomerantz

Alan Schnelwar

Husband of Hedy Schnelwar
Father of Sheryl (Michael) Welton, Lisa Mulman, and Neil Schnelwar

Celia "CeCe" Silverbush

Mother of Jeff (Simone) Silverbush, Mark (Kelly) Silverbush, Bradley Silverbush, Paula Silverbush, Bnai Silverbush, and E.R. (Sandy) Silverbush

LET'S CELEBRATE!

Congregants are acknowledged on their special birthdays (from age 35) and anniversaries (from 10th) in multiples of 5 years.

May Special Birthdays

Rosalind Bellin-Winston
Arthur Bray
Gerald Chaifetz
Jami Eisenberg
Lori Feinman
Nancy Friedenthal
Rebecca Harrell
Bernard Kern
Maxine Koblenz
Richard Kotlow
Jerry LeBoyer
Edward Marinstein

David Meyers
Marni Neenos
Seth Newman
Allan M. Rosenberg
Gretchen Rubenstein
Jennifer Siegal
Emily Sopper
Judd Suresky
Sandy Tabor
Melanie Winston
Gail Young

June Special Birthdays

Laura Albright
Taylor Alfred
Myrna Bernstein
Nancy Boone
James Church
Gail Ginsburg
Alan P. Goldberg
Judith Koretz
Nancy Lerner
Cassandra J. Lotker
Michael Lurie
Jenny Malatras
Richard Medved

Lisa Metz
Andrea Oser
Michelle Ramic
Jan Reiss-Weitzman
Paul Riven
Alison Rosenblat
Carl Ruppert III
Leah Sanders
Lynn Shaw
Joan Smith
Samuel Strasser
Rosemary Strumpf
Ilene Sykes

May Special Anniversaries

Molly and Norman Birenbaum ~ 10 years
Molly and Michael Rothschild ~ 10 years
Leah and Abraham Sanders ~ 10 years
Stephanie and Salvatore Schittino ~ 10 years
Emma Steckman and Matthew Vertefeuille ~ 10 years
Shaina Bernardi and Jonathan Gillerman ~ 15 years
Randy Kramer and Michael Pierce ~ 15 years
Erin Casey and Jonah Marshall ~ 20 years
Kristin and Andrew Blick ~ 25 years
Donna and Lee Rosen ~ 35 years

June Special Anniversaries

Sylvia and Harold Sossner ~ 15 years
Patty and Steven Brown ~ 40 years
Donna and Andrew Goldslager ~ 40 years
Karen Kaufman-White and Steven White ~ 40 years
Susan and Joseph Bierman ~ 45 years
Marjorie and Robert Dorkin ~ 45 years
Gail and Barry Ginsburg ~ 45 years
Andrea and Richard Stankus ~ 45 years
Diane and Bernard Kern ~ 50 years
Doreen and Lawrence Smith ~ 50 years
Ellen and Lawrence Kotlow ~ 55 years
Judy and Larry Rosen ~ 55 years
Louise and Lawrence Marwill ~ 65 years
Shirley and Herbert Gordon ~ 70 years

MAZAL TOV TO...

Michelle and Elvis Ramic on welcoming their baby boy, Leo.

Jack Doremus, son of Miriam and John Doremus and grandson of Susan and Dr. Robert Lieberman z"l, on his engagement to Isabella Malfi, the daughter of Renee and Anthony Malfi.

MEET OUR 2025 BOARD NOMINEES...

The 2025 Nominating Committee is pleased to report the nominees below for election to the CBE Board of Trustees at the 187th Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Lech Lecha Blessing on Monday, June 9, 2025. The Nominating Committee is also pleased to share that they nominated Caren Kotlow and Brian Sinkoff for their second 3-year term.

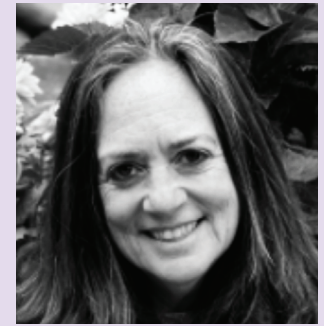


David Frazier

Is proud to have rejoined CBE in 2022 after having grown up as a member of the congregation. David, his wife Madeline, and son Tobias are frequent participants in CBE & Me events and holiday celebrations. David is an active member of the Brotherhood and looks forward to strengthening our CBE community and growing opportunities for young families to participate in the congregation. David has worked in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors and is currently the Senior Director for state and local legislative affairs for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Dr. Cheryl Burack

Originally from Boston, is an Obstetrician Gynecologist in Albany, practicing for almost 3 decades. With husband Scott, and children, Marissa and Harrison, her family has been committed to our local Jewish community. Cheryl has held Board of Trustee positions at the Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center, Hebrew Academy of the Capital District, and Daughters of Sarah Foundation. Interested in becoming more involved at Congregation Beth Emeth, Cheryl became a member of the Sisterhood Board, and enjoyed and respected the efforts of this group of remarkable women. She is honored to serve on the CBE Board of Trustees and hopes to be able to contribute to CBE in a very meaningful way.



Thank you to our Board of Trustees Past, Present, and Future

At its April Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees elected the following Trustees as officers:

Robin Sobol (President) Robert Kivort (1st Vice President) Kerryn Kent (2nd Vice President)

Karen Kaufman-White (Treasurer) Zachary Fluster (Secretary)

The Nominating Committee was chaired by Robert Kivort and the committee included: Caren Kotlow, Barry Feinman, Margie Dorkin, Steve Shrager, Theo Carbone, and Molly Rothschild. Thank you to the committee for their efforts and to all who submitted nominations.

Thank you to Lori Strong and Barry Feinman who are completing their terms and stepping off of the board. Your valuable service and contributions are a tribute to our community and the sacred work that you've done.

A huge thank you to Melissa Greenberg, our current President, for her 10+ years of board service!

DID YOU KNOW?

May and June is not only a time of celebration for graduates and confirmands, but it's a time for the joyous Jewish celebration of **Shavuot!**

Shavuot will begin on Sunday evening, June 1 and end on Monday evening, June 2.

Shavuot, translating literally to “weeks” in English, is a grain festival that celebrates revelation and the giving of the Torah to the Jewish people at Mount Sinai. In some communities, there's a tradition of studying Torah all evening, all the way through the morning! While, for most of us, this is the amazing holiday where we get to eat all the dairy (sorry, lactose intolerant folks!). Let's bring on the cheese blintzes!

What can I do to celebrate Shavuot?

Everyone is invited to our Erev Shabbat & Confirmation Service on Friday, May 30 at 5:30 pm to celebrate our confirmands and their dedication to lifelong learning, a theme of Shavuot.

Children 0-5 and the grown ups that love them are invited to a CBE & Me: Shavuot and Closing on Wednesday, June 4, at 4:00 pm. Join us for some singing, play, and a fun craft!

Light candles at home on Sunday evening, June 1 using the following prayers:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ, בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ
לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל יוֹם טוֹב

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Yom Tov.

Blessed are You, our God, Ruler of the world, who sanctifies us with mitzvot and calls upon us to kindle the lights of the Festival day.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיִּינוּ וְקִיְּמָנוּ וְהַגִּיעָנוּ
לְזִמַּן הַזֶּה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, shehecheyanu, v'kiy'manu, v'higyanu laz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us to this season.

Read the Book of Ruth: Often overlooked, this book represents an amazing story of love, conversion, and loyalty to the Jewish people. This story focuses on the journey of two women, Ruth and Naomi, representing the strength of all kinds of Jewish and Jewish-adjacent women. Not to mention, there are amazing new queer readings of this book focusing on the relationship between Ruth and Naomi! Great timing for Pride Month. You can find this text and more on Sefaria.org. Have questions? Reach out to our clergy team at Clergy@CBEAlbany.org.

Watch a cool video on the Book of Ruth: Don't have time to read the whole book of Ruth? Check out this BimBam video by following the QR code for a musical adaptation of the messages of this important story.



CONGRATULATIONS

TO OUR 2025 GRADUATES

Simon Alpart, son of Andy Alpart and Cindy Chan and grandson of Paula Alpart, is graduating from Guilderland High School and will be attending Boston College.

Jacob Bloom, son of Amie Bloom is Graduating from Bethlehem Central High School and is attending Onondaga Community College to study Culinary Arts.

Jack Colman, son of Jennifer and David Colman, is graduating from Albany High School. He will be attending Connecticut College in New London in the Fall 2025 and plans to play lacrosse.

Kayla Edelheit, granddaughter of Malcolm Sherman, is graduating from Boston University and entering the job market.

Nadia Hawrylchak, daughter of Amy and Mike Hawrylchak and granddaughter of Toby and Fred Wander, is graduating from Guilderland High School. Nadia will attend Ursinus College in the fall and has committed to their women's wrestling team.

Serena Frances Jampel, granddaughter of Louise and Larry Marwill, will be graduating from Harvard University, 3rd generation. She has received a full tuition scholarship to pursue a Masters degree at Cambridge University England.

Elyssa Johnson, daughter of Alison Kurzon Johnson and Mark Johnson, is graduating from Bethlehem Central High School. She was accepted, early decision, to Syracuse University's Newhouse School of Public Communications, where she will be majoring in Public Relations.

Mason Kessler, son of Brett and Jackie Kessler, will be graduating from the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) with a Bachelor's degree in Computing Security.

Mirielle Kivort, daughter of Jocelyn and Robert Kivort and granddaughter of Josie Kivort, is graduating from High Point University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. Mirielle will be using her entrepreneurial skills to pursue her passion for all things horse related.

Hillary Koldin, daughter of Alan and Myrna Koldin of Fayetteville, NY, earned a Doctor of Education degree in Leadership and Learning in Organizations from Vanderbilt University's Peabody College of Education and Human Development. Dr. Koldin is a Senior Manager of Learning and Development at Deloitte.

Shira Linsk, daughter of Heather and Anthony Linsk, is graduating from NYU with bachelor degrees in Biology and Environmental Studies. She has accepted a position in the Biological Sciences Division at the University of Chicago, for a PhD in Ecology and Evolution program beginning September 2025.

Paul Lurie, son of Melissa and Michael Lurie, is graduating from Bethlehem Central High School and will be attending Fairfield University to study business and finance.

Lyra Marshall, daughter of Erin Casey and Jonah Marshall, is graduating from Emma Willard. She will be attending Bates College after spending a gap year traveling abroad.

Alexandra Richer, daughter of Jessica and Alan Richer, is graduating with a Masters in Technology and Leadership from the Gordon Institute of Tufts University. She is the Senior Forecasting Analyst for Simpli Safe.

Zack Sabatino, son of Heidi and Steve Sabatino, is graduating from Utica University with a Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity and a concentration in Cybercrime and Fraud Investigations.

Jemma Siegel, granddaughter of Nancy Siegel, is graduating from Georgia Tech with High Honors with a BA in Industrial Design. She has been accepted into the Master of Arts in the Design Engineering program, which is a joint graduate program of Brown University and the Rhode Island School of Design.

Jesse White, grandson of Karen and Steve White, will be graduating from Fairport High School, Fairport, NY and will be attending Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) for Mechatronics Engineering Technology in the fall. The program Jesse is entering at RIT is a combination of electrical and mechanical engineering with a focus on robotics.

MAZAL TOV TO OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2025!

And their parents!



Jordan Bernstein
Tammy and
Jonathan Bernstein



Kiva Cederbaum
Amy Walbroehl
and
Mark Cederbaum



Noah Eisenberg
Jami and
Peter Eisenberg



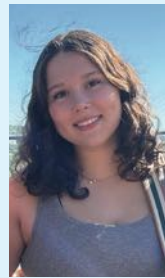
Matthew Favicchio
Joyce and
Michael Favicchio



Samantha Johnson
Alison Johnson and
Mark Johnson



Elijah Ketzner
Heather Cohen and
William Ketzner



Talia Marshall
Erin Casey and
Jonah Marshall



Holden Stein
Jacalyn and
Steven Stein

Join Us on May 30 at 5:30 PM

Confirmation Anniversary Celebration

Join us for a heartwarming tradition at Beth Emeth's 2025 Confirmation Service. We're excited to welcome back members celebrating special Confirmation anniversaries to the bima, beautifully linking our new Confirmands with past generations through the passing of the Torah. Anniversary celebrants listed below will receive invitations to participate in the service, representing their milestone class and connecting the Class of 2025 to our rich history. If your name is missing, please contact Lita Carbone at (518) 436-9761 ext. 224 or Lita@CBEAlbany.org. We hope to see you there!

25th Anniversary (Class of 2000)

Jeffrey Barnet
Lindsay Chura
Peter Cooley
Jennafer Engelstein
Jason Fudin
April Galletly Stackhouse
Jennifer Gerstenzang
Seth Gordon
William Nathan
Adam Penrose
Hilary Shpeen Brownstein
Jennifer Sokoler
Ashley Sperber

30th Anniversary (Class of 1995)

Brad Einhorn
Lisa Campo-Engelstein
Jessica Fein
Benjamin Gold
Lowell Harrison
Alyson Finklestein
Joshua Lozman

35th Anniversary (Class of 1990)

Todd Kletter

40th Anniversary (Class of 1985)

Julie Levin Miller
Janet Nathan Wright

45th Anniversary (Class of 1980)

Amy Roth Hoffman
Laura Scheinbaum Dembling

50th Anniversary (Class of 1975)

David Ardman
Charles August, Jr.
Andrew Goldslager
Lisa Mendel Finkle
Nancy Meyers Preston

60th Anniversary (Class of 1965)

Lisa Parets Aronowitz
& Mark Aronowitz
Barry Simon

65th Anniversary (Class of 1960)

Phyllis Borlawsky Sperry
Carol Gingold Rosenthal
Diane Halpern Rubtchinsky
Marion Kintisch Greenberg
Neil Rosenstrauch

80th Anniversary (Class of 1945)

Fred Paul

SHAVUOT YIZKOR SERVICE

Sunday, June 1, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the Chapel

Listed below are the names of our loved ones who have died since last year and will be recited at this service.* If you would like the name of a loved one who died since last Shavuot (June 11, 2024) included in this service, please contact Lita Carbone at 518.436.9761 x224.

If you would like to honor the memory of a loved one with a contribution to the Beautification Fund, you may do so online or by mailing a check to the temple office.

Dr. Joseph Albert
Marcia Babcock Aronowitz
June Barach
Sorelle Berger
Arthur Bernhardt
Carol Brand
Howard Carr
Mel Carr
Helen Coll
Virginia "Connie" Dubins
Wisley Dupiche
Eugene "Gene" Ginsberg

Elizabeth "Libby" Godfried
Dr. Richard Goldstein
Sandy Hawrylchak
James Herman
Dorry Kotzin
Robert "Bob" Kurzon
Harry Kushner
Leila Lipman
Dr. Betty Lubitz
Elliott Marinstein
Neal Morse
Elizabeth "Betty" Nathan

William "Bill" Nathan
Leonard A. Nussbaum
Dr. Robert "Bobby" Rasken
Shirley Rekoon
Dorothy Lee Sanders
Larry Schechter
David Schnee
Alan Schnellwar
Robin Shapiro
Joyce Shenker
J. Peter Siegel
Celia Silverbush

Joel Simon
Sandra Storfer
Janice Stratcher
Joseph M. Tiberi
David Wallach
Bertold "Bert" Weinberg
Sidney Zamer

* As of April 4.

Flags at the Cemetery Sunday, May 25, 10:00 am

Everyone can make a difference! Join the Brotherhood for a simple yet impactful day at the cemetery, placing flags to honor our veterans. All you need is a willing heart. All ages and genders are invited to participate in this meaningful act of remembrance.



SCAN ME

BETH EMETH AT PILLARS AND MENSCHES & MIMOSAS



Congratulations to Ellen and Larry Kotlow, on receiving the Pillars of the Community award from the Albany JCC! Your lifelong dedication to the Capital Region, deeply rooted in your Albany heritage, shines through your remarkable contributions. From your early days at the JCC to your impactful careers and community leadership, you've consistently enriched Albany. Ellen's work in education and Holocaust remembrance, and Larry's dedication to pediatric dentistry and community service, exemplify your commitment. The entire Beth Emeth community celebrates your well-deserved recognition.



Congratulations to Rabbi Emeritus Scott L. Shpeen, who will receive the prestigious Anshel Weiss Community Builders Award at JFS's Menschies & Mimosas Celebration. This award, established in honor of Anshel Weiss's transformative leadership at Jewish Family Services, recognizes individuals who embody the spirit of "serving humanity with humility." Rabbi Shpeen's dedication to social justice, his compassionate leadership, and his unwavering concern for both his congregants and the wider Albany community make him a truly deserving recipient, as highlighted by Garry Sanders, JFS Vice Chair and former Beth Emeth Board President. JFS will also celebrate 27 community menschies at this event.



Congratulations to Keith and Cecile Kowalski, our esteemed menschies, honored at the JFS Menschies & Mimosas Celebration. Your dedication and service enrich our community immeasurably. Keith, your tireless efforts in managing our technology, ensuring seamless live streams for services and events, connect us all in vital ways. Cecile, your multifaceted contributions – from your passionate teaching in our religious school and active involvement in Sisterhood, to your extraordinary challah creations that blend artistry and culinary delight – are a testament to your unwavering commitment. Your shared spirit of giving and your individual talents make Beth Emeth a more vibrant and connected community. We are truly grateful for both of you!



B'NAI MITZVAH

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



Zachary Teitel - May 17, 2025

Zachary Teitel, son of Hilary and Jeffrey, is a bright, creative, and determined student at Bethlehem Central Middle School. A consistent high honor roll achiever, he is especially passionate about geography, earning placement twice in the National Geography Bee. His intelligence shines through his interests in chess, coding, gaming and computers. Outside of school, Zachary enjoys spending time with friends and family, cares deeply for animals, and generously volunteers his technical support skills at Congregation Beth Emeth. His dedication, kindness, and creativity leave a lasting impression on everyone around him.



Chloe Teitel - May 17, 2025

Chloe Teitel, daughter of Hilary and Jeffrey, is a kind, generous, and enthusiastic student at Bethlehem Central Middle School who enjoys musical theater, dance, and art. She also has a deep love for animals and young children, inspiring her dream of becoming a kindergarten teacher or child therapist. Chloe's compassion and dedication to helping others shine through her volunteer work at the kindergarten religious school at Congregation Beth Emeth and the soup kitchen. Chloe cherishes time with friends and family and is always eager for new adventures and opportunities to make a difference.



Ella Bonder - May 31, 2025

Ella Bonder, daughter of Sara and Moshe, is a high honor roll student at Sand Creek Middle School who shines both academically and personally. An avid traveler, she loves exploring new places and embracing adventure. Ella is also a dedicated athlete, excelling in cross-country, track, and lacrosse. She values time spent with family and friends, cherishing the memories they create together. A lover of the arts, Ella, has appeared in four theatrical productions. This past year, Ella collected books for the Discovery Center at CBE, sharing her joy of reading and giving back to her community. Her kind heart, adventurous spirit, and commitment to growth continue to inspire those around her.



Alexandra Mirel - June 7, 2025

Alexandra Mirel, daughter of Janel and Jeff, is a natural leader and genuinely sweet, thoughtful young woman who enjoys reading, languages, and skincare with friends. Starting seventh grade at Farnsworth Middle School in Guilderland, Alex qualified for accelerated studies. Her strong work ethic led to her election as president of the Community Service Club and co-president of the 7th Grade Band (clarinet). A competitive swimmer for Albany Starfish, she placed second in the 2025 Adirondack Championships and made Guilderland's modified lacrosse team. With preternatural empathy, she's a Red Cross-certified babysitter. Her family is proud of her immersion in Hebraic studies and growing connection to her Jewish heritage in Albany.



Emily Harding - June 14, 2025

Emily Harding, daughter of Hillary and Daniel, is a seventh grader at Farnsworth Middle School in Guilderland. She is a fierce varsity flag football player. A multi-talented student, Emily not only plays the violin but also sings, acts, and dances in various school musicals. She greatly enjoys her summers spent at Crane Lake Camp. Furthermore, Emily likes to help others within the local community. For her mitzvah project, she volunteers at Sidewalk Warriors in Troy to address food insecurities.



Charlotte Ann Bishop - June 21, 2025

Charlotte Bishop, daughter of Marni and Kevin, celebrates her Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, June 21, 2025, in Albany. Charlotte enjoys softball, basketball, and dance at Barbra's School of The Dance, performing in Nutcrackers. A talented flautist, she plays with the Albany Falcons Marching Band. She loves time with family, friends, and Starbucks. Charlotte cherishes family trips to Buffalo, Cape Cod, and Longboat Key, and spends summers making friends at Berkshire Hills Eisenberg Camp. Giving back is important; she helps younger children and volunteers at the Albany JCC. Her family is very proud and invites you to celebrate.

MAY / JUNE CALENDAR

MAY
01
THURS
Yom Ha'atzmaut

MAY
02
FRI
5:00 pm Pre-neg
5:30 pm End of School Ruach Shabbat
6:30 pm Community Shabbat Dinner

MAY
03
SAT
9:30 am Torah Study
with Rabbinic Intern Spencer Mandell
1:00 pm Sisterhood Walk

MAY
04
SUN
9:00 am Brotherhood Monthly Meeting
9:30 am Religious School
9:30 am ARBA for Fours!
9:30 am Sunday Discoveries
9:45 am Teen Leadership Club (TLC)
10:15 am Closing Day Festivities
11:00 am Soup Kitchen

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

MAY
07
WED
12:00 pm Lunch & Learn: Mama Said They'll Be Days
Like This with Rabbi Ami Monson
5:30 pm CBEYG Installation

MAY
08
THURS
6:00 pm CBE Sisterhood's 14th Annual Susan B. Shpeen
z"l Memorial Donor Event (Offsite)

MAY
09
FRI
6:00 pm Community Shabbat
at Sidney Albert Albany JCC

MAY
10
SAT
9:30 am Torah Study
with George Forrest

MAY
11
SUN
Happy Mother's Day!

MAY
12
MON
9:30 am Albany Symphony Tiny Tots Returns!
7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh - Virtual

MAY
13
TUES
9:30 am Albany Symphony Tiny Tots Returns!
6:00 pm Sisterhood Dinner Out

MAY
15
THURS
5:30 pm The Sidney Albert JCC 25th Annual Pillars of
the Community Awards
6:30 pm Brotherhood Card Night

MAY
16
FRI
Lag BaOmer
5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Services

MAY
17
SAT
9:30 am Torah Study with Andrea McNellis
10:45 am B'nai Mitzvah of Chloe and Zachary Teitel

MAY
19
MON
7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh

MAY
20
TUES
6:00 pm Trivia at Swifty's

MAY
23
FRI
5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Services

MAY
24
SAT
9:30 am Torah Study
with Rabbinic Intern Spencer Mandell

MAY
25
SUN
10:00 am Flags at the Cemetery

MAY
26
MON
Memorial Day - Offices Closed
7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh - Virtual

MAY
28
WED
11:30 am NNORC Birthday Potluck

MAY
29
THURS
1:00 pm A RoadMap to Online Security

MAY
30
FRI
5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Services and Confirmation
7:00 pm Oneg Sponsored by Sisterhood

MAY
31
SAT
9:30 am Torah Study with Andrea McNellis
10:45 am Bat Mitzvah of Ella Bonder

JUNE
1
SUN
10:00 am Brotherhood Monthly Meeting (Offsite)
11:00 am Soup Kitchen
3:00 pm Pride Tie-Dye Party!
7:00 pm Erev Shavuot and Yizkor Service

JUNE
2
MON
Shavuot - Offices Closed
7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh - Virtual

JUNE
4
WED
4:00 pm CBE & Me: Shavuot and Closing

- JUNE 5**
THURS 7:00 pm JFS 6th Annual Virtual Mensches and Mimosas

- JUNE 6**
FRI 5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Services

- JUNE 7**
SAT 9:30 am Torah Study with Andrea McNellis
10:45 am Bat Mitzvah of Alexandra Mirel

- JUNE 8**
SUN 11:30 am March with Beth Emeth at the Pride Parade!

- JUNE 9**
MON 7:00 pm Annual Meeting & Lech Lecha for Graduating High School Seniors

- JUNE 12**
THURS 9:00 am Mah Jongg
6:30 pm Brotherhood Card Night

- JUNE 13**
FRI 5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Services and Sisterhood Installation
6:30 pm Oneg Sponsored by Sisterhood

- JUNE 14**
SAT 9:30 am Torah Study with George Forrest
10:45 am Bat Mitzvah of Emily Harding

- JUNE 15**
SUN **Happy Father's Day!**
11:00 am Soup Kitchen

- JUNE 16**
MON 7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh - Virtual

- JUNE 17**
TUES 6:00 pm Trivia at Swifty's

- JUNE 18**
WED 11:30 am NNORC Birthday Potluck

- JUNE 19**
THURS **Juneteenth - Office Closed**

- JUNE 20**
FRI 5:30 pm Pride Shabbat Services

- JUNE 21**
SAT 9:30 am Torah Study with Andrea McNellis
10:45 am Bat Mitzvah of Charlotte Bishop

- JUNE 22**
SUN 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Garage Sale Drop-Off

- JUNE 23**
MON 9:00 am - 8:00 pm Garage Sale Drop-Off

- JUNE 24**
TUES 9:00 am - 8:00 pm Garage Sale Drop-Off

- JUNE 25**
WED 5:30 pm Shabbat Services

- JUNE 28**
SAT 9:30 am Torah Study with Andrea McNellis
6:30 pm Garage Sale Opening Night

- JUNE 29**
SUN 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Garage Sale Main Event
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Garage Sale Bag Sale

- JUNE 30**
MON 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Garage Sale Bag Sale
7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh

- JULY 1**
TUES 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Garage Sale Nonprofit Day



Thursday, May 29 at 1:00 PM

Are you looking to navigate the digital world with confidence? Join Jay Levitt, a seasoned IT executive and CISO from Pursuit in Latham, NY, for an informative and practical cybersecurity workshop designed specifically for you.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn from a trusted expert and safeguard your digital life. Please register if you plan on coming in person, thank you!



GARAGE SALE

THE SALE

Opening Night

Saturday, June 28
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
\$10 Admission

Main Event

Sunday, June 29
9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Free Admission

Bag Sale

Sunday, June 29
2:00 - 3:00 pm
\$5, \$10, and \$15 Bags

Monday, June 30
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
\$1, \$3, and \$5 Bags

DROP OFF DATES AND TIMES

Time to clean out your closets, garage, and attics.

The "Best in the Capital Region"

Garage Sale is set to begin with drop offs on

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

MONDAY, JUNE 23, 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

WE APPRECIATE...

- Separate like items in different boxes e.g. kitchen, bathroom, men's, women's, kid's
- Be sure clothing is washed or dry cleaned
- Be sure clothing and linens are not ripped, have no holes or stains, and do not smell
 - Put items on hangers when practical
- Attach shoes together with a rubber band and mark size with sharpie
 - Wipe the dust and dirt off toys

WE CANNOT ACCEPT...

- TVs other than flat screen TVs
 - Major appliances, Tires
- Computer monitors, keyboards, printers
 - VCRs, fax machines, scanners
 - VCR tapes, cassettes
 - Mattresses or bed pillows
 - Underwear, swimsuits
 - Infant car seats or cribs
- Magazine collections, encyclopedias, or textbooks

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sunday, June 22 - Tuesday, July 1

Volunteering is so much fun!

We are always looking for new faces to help out. The commitment can be for a few hours, or multiple days. It's up to you!

Volunteers needed for clean-up and organizing hangers for storage Tuesday, July 1. Sign up online.

If you have any questions, please contact us at GarageSale@CBEAlbany.org.



Scan me
to sign up
to volunteer

PRIDE MONTH with BETH EMETH

Hello June, Hello Pride!

Beth Emeth is thrilled to celebrate Pride Month, and we're especially proud of our LGBTQ+ representation and allyship.

Get ready for some fun starting with a Pride Tie Dye Party on Sunday, June 1 at 3:00 pm – color, crafts, and good vibes for all!



Next up, we'll be marching in the Pride Parade in Washington Park on Sunday, June 8 at 11:30 am.



And we'll wrap up our special events with Pride Shabbat Services on Friday, June 20 at 5:30 pm.
Join the celebration!

Scan me to register for
our Pride month programming!



SISTERHOOD



Sisterhood Walks

Saturday, May 3 at 1:00 pm, Washington Park
Saturday, June 7 at 10:00 am, Schenectady Rose Garden

Sisterhood Installation

Friday, June 13 at 5:30pm

Join Sisterhood at a special Erev Shabbat Service where our Board for 2025-2026 will receive a special blessing. Following the service, Sisterhood is sponsoring a special Oneg.

CBE Sisterhood Board 2025-2026

Sara Bonder, President
Shari Rosenblum, Co-Programming VP
Lisa Stulmaker, Treasurer
Robin Sobol, Immediate PP

Sara Berg, Co-Programming VP
Jane Sanders, Membership VP
Lisa Proskin, Secretary

Mah Jongg

Sponsored by CBE Sisterhood

When: Thursday, May 15 and June 12

9:00 am Coffee and Bagels
9:30 am Games Begin

RSVP: By the Friday prior to play register online or mail in a check (include name, phone, and email)

Choose From:

Tournament Play - \$25 Inclusive Fee
With timed games and cash prizes

Relaxed Play - \$10 Inclusive Fee

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER AND LEARN MORE ABOUT SISTERHOOD EVENTS



CBE & ME

Join us for our last CBE & Me before the fall! Join us for this lively Shavuot celebration filled with sing-alongs, stories, and crafts. CBE & Me is a great opportunity for young children (newborn to Pre-K) to play, connect with others, and participate in a joyful introduction to Jewish traditions.

For children 0-5 and the grown-ups who love them.

Scan the QR Code to register.



BROTHERHOOD

Hello everyone,

Recently, Brotherhood has been focusing on defining the mission of Brotherhood and what it is we bring to Beth Emeth now, and what we WANT to be doing for CBE in the future. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some of the results of these discussions:



Mission Statement: The mission of Brotherhood at Congregation Beth Emeth is to foster camaraderie, inspire meaningful service, deepen our connection to Judaism, and cultivate a welcoming community. As stewards of one of America’s oldest reform congregations, we are dedicated to actively supporting the congregation, enriching Jewish life, and promoting fellowship within our synagogue and the broader Jewish community.

Our Pillars:

- **Service:** Brotherhood’s efforts are to support CBE and the Jewish goal of Tikkun Olam
- **Connection:** Through its outreach, Brotherhood fosters new connections and creates a support network for its members
- **Community:** Brotherhood is here to support the growth of the Jewish community at Beth Emeth and throughout the Capital Region
- **Camaraderie:** Through our efforts and events Brotherhood works to engage the members of Congregation Beth Emeth and deepen the trust and friendship of its members and community

We are continuing to fine tune our focus, and work to better communicate that to our beloved congregation.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Jay Hurewitz

CBEYG

What a Year for CBEYG! As our 2024-2025 chapter draws to a close, we’re bursting with pride! From the delicious success of our sold-out Apple Pie Bake (and those heartwarming soup kitchen donations!) to the pure joy of our Purim Carnival, it’s been an amazing run!

Get ready to shape the future! Join us for our annual Installation Dinner on Wednesday, May 7. Join us as we welcome our new board for 2025-2026, thank our outgoing leaders, and celebrate our graduating seniors! All CBEYG teens and families are invited to this special evening.

Our incredible youth have shown true dedication and teamwork, making CBEYG a fantastic and welcoming space for everyone. We’re excited for a strong finish to this year and can’t wait for all that’s ahead!

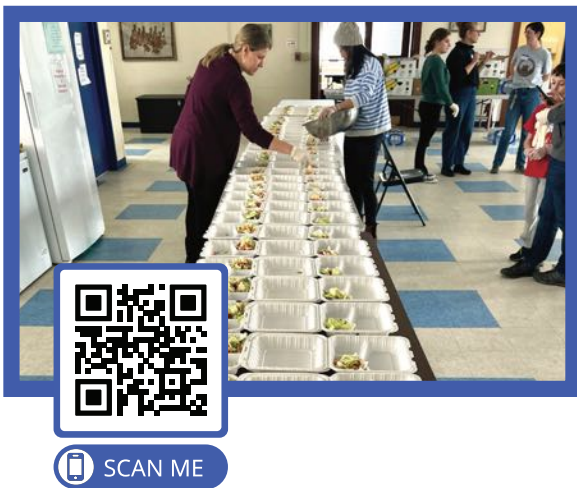


SOCIAL ACTION

There are so many great things happening with Social Action at Beth Emeth! Here's some ways you can get involved:

- Volunteer at the Soup Kitchen on May 4, June 1, or June 15 from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm (children under 16 are welcome with a parent). Scan the QR Code to sign up now!
- Participate in the Annual Hudson Riversweep with B'nai Shalom, Temple Israel, and Ohav Shalom on Sunday, May 4 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Scan the QR Code to sign up and learn more!

Email us at SocialAction@CBEAlbany.org to join our meetings and learn more about what you can do with Beth Emeth to help repair the world, tikkun olam.



REYUT

The Reyut committee delivered wonderful Mishloach Manot to our Seniors leading up to Purim in March! Each bag included a variety of kosher hamantaschen, fruit slices, candy, and a traditional grogger with a handwritten note.



Interested in helping engage our community with our caring community, Reyut? Contact Reyut@CBEAlbany.org

IT'S A WRAP, L'TAKEN 2025

This Winter, Cantor Short and Rabbinic Intern Spencer Mandell, took 8 of our teens to Washington D.C. to participate in L'Taken, a program run by the Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism. Our teens had the opportunity to learn about policies through a Jewish lens and lobby their representatives!



“I think it’s an amazing experience for Jewish teens who are passionate about social justice, especially if they want to pursue a career in that field.”

“L'Taken was such a memorable experience, I really enjoyed meeting new people while also learning about social justice issues in our country and how we can act to change them.”



to learn more about L'Taken
Scan the QR code



SCAN ME

BEAUTIFICATION

*This fund enhances our building with beauty, including flowers for our bimah and in our chapel.
Donations listed were received by April 4.*

Shabbat of February 28 – March 1

Elizabeth and Brian Epstein in memory of Ervin Rosenfeld

Shabbat of March 7 – 8

Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Solomon in memory of
Gertrude Paul Solomon

Dr. and Mrs. Steven Fein in memory of her mother
Renee Pearlman

Shabbat of March 14 – 15

Dorry Kotzin and family in memory of Rosara Kotzin Sundell
Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Solomon in memory of
Dr. Evans H. Nelson

Shabbat of March 21 – 22

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Hollander in memory of Sophie J. Hollander
Dorry Kotzin and family in memory of Dr. Gerald M. Kotzin
Diane and Ira Rubtchinsky in memory of Joseph B. Halpern

Shabbat of March 28 – 29

Dorry Kotzin and family in memory of Cyril B. Kotzin and
Marcia S. Sima

Shabbat of April 4 – 5

Sue Ellen Nohai in memory of Bernice Meyers Karp
Mr. Harris Sitrin in memory of his brother Jerry Sitrin

Shabbat of April 11 – 12

Merna Zinnershine and family in memory of
Jacqueline Crowley Zinnershine
Dr. and Mrs. Steven Fein in memory of his mother Caroline Fein
Jill Hildreth in memory of David Hildreth

Shabbat of April 18 – 19

Susan Raab and Robert Blake in memory of
Samuel Sylvan Raab
Elizabeth and Brian Epstein in memory of Arielle Rosenfeld
Liz Greenberg Friedland in memory of Samuel Sylvan Raab

Shabbat of April 25 – 26

Susan Raab and Robert Blake in memory of
Hon. Sol Greenberg
Liz Greenberg Friedland in memory of Hon. Sol Greenberg
Eileen and Greg Lurie and Toby and Fred Wander and families
in memory of Howard Wander

Shabbat of May 2 – 3

Judy and Tom Clement in memory of Minna Caplan Levy
Mr. and Mrs. Steven Fischer in memory of
Martin Bennet Fischer

Marcia Greenberg and family in memory of Lee Greenberg
Her loving family in memory of Janice Rubenstein
Zalie and Bob Linn in memory of Ruth Sherman Linn
Ellie Safranko in memory of Betty N. Tinkle
Deborah and Rick Sokoler in memory of Stanley Sokoler
Barbara Edlund, Gail Hormats, and Carol Gubeyn in memory of
their father Ellis Irving Hormats
Steven Kramer in memory of Morris Kramer

Shabbat of May 9 - 10

The Davidoff Family in memory of Donald D. Davidoff
The Friedlander Family in memory of Leonard E. Friedlander
The Norman Shapiro Family in memory of Norman S. Shapiro
Sandi Zarch in memory of her mother, Anne Cohen Zarch
Dr. Lawrence and Mrs. Wendy Perlmutter in memory of
Dr. Henry B. Dubins
Terry Strong and Family in memory of Shirley Burgin Brenner
Dorry Kotzin and Family in memory of Lewis A. Kotzin
Mr. and Mrs. Anders Tomson in memory of Louis Tomson

Shabbat of May 16-17

Pati and Steve Boochever in memory of Sarah Rosenthal Riber
and Samuel Riber
Ms. Ellen Clark Ratliff in memory of her father, Howard Clark
Joel and Jan Dobris in memory of Dorothy Lazoroff
Carolyn, Bruce, Emily, and Evan Ginsburg in memory of
Elaine Ginsburg
Jodi Boyle and Matthew Kohn in memory of her father
Robert M. Boyle
Ms. Laura Cohen in memory of her husband Melvin Wilcove

Shabbat of May 23-24

Eleanor Taub and Nancy and Frank Allen in memory of
Arthur Taub
Ms. Lynn Aronowitz in memory of her father,
Lewis A Aronowitz
Cynthia Freedman, The Marinstein and Benoit Families in
memory of Marvin Freedman
The Friedlander Family in memory of Richard Alan Friedlander
Leslie and Mark Laven in memory of Ruth L. Laven and
William B. Laven
Reid and Marc Lifset in memory of their father,
Hon Harvey Lifset
Cookie Siegel and family in memory of Sydney Heller
Bonnie and Stuart Rosenberg in memory of Eva Rosenberg
Judith Roth and family in memory of Paul Soroken
Mollie and David Shulan in memory of Helen Shulan
Ilene and Chip Stein in memory of Sidney J. Stein, Jr.
Lynda Freedman and Kazimierez and Barbara Freedman in
memory of William B. Freedman

Lynda Freedman and Kazimierz and Barbara Freedman in memory of Ruth Laven
Ellen and John Tomlinson and family in memory of Sidney J. Stein, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gordon in memory of his mother Ida Gordon

Shabbat of May 30-31

Joel and Jan Dobris in memory of Frances Dobris
The Family of Frances Dobris in memory of Frances Dobris
Lauren and Paul Mancuso in memory of Irving Green
Nancy and Barry Simon and Family in memory of Harold H. Greenstein
The Herkowitz Family in memory of Eleanor R. Metzner
Terry Strong and Family in memory of Abraham Brenner
David J Giller in memory of Elaine Slowe Giller

Shabbat of June 6 – 7

Celia Berk in memory of Brian D. Berk
The Davidoff Family in memory of Harry Allen Raab II
The Sommers Family in memory of Donald H. Sommers
Phyllis L Berk in memory of Brian D. Berk
Stephanie Wacholder, Ira Mendleson and families in memory of her mother, Nadine Kaufman
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Shabbat of June 13 - 14

Celia Berk in memory of Sally Ann Lavine
Eileen Fluster and family in memory of Mollie Ostroff Blacker
Carolyn, Bruce, Emily, and Evan Ginsburg in memory of Scott Ginsburg
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Ruth Facher Mendel and Family in memory of her aunt, Betty Zolzensky Colin

Shabbat of June 20 – 21

Lisa, Max, and William Brown in memory of Frieda Rosenbaum
The Bush Family in memory of Dr. Robert C. Lieberman
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Shabbat of June 27 – 28

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Family of Michelle Ginsberg in memory of Michelle Ginsberg
Linda Schechter and family in memory of Pauline Bernstein
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Gussie Gertzberg
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Shirley Weinberg Sheber
Patricia Snyder
Stanley Sokoler
Jack Spitzer
Adolph Steinberg
Betty N. Tinkle
Louise Schlesinger Wenger
Nellie Wirth

Shabbat of May 9-10

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Edith Popkin Bass
Isadore Bookstein
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Walter J. Cohen
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Dr. Henry B. Dubins
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Jacob H. Stern
Clara Stern
Ruth Mann Sumberg
Louis Tomson
Solomon M. Valkenburgh
Anne Cohen Zarch

Shabbat of May 16-17

Florence M. Auer
Esther Berinsein
Anna Berney
Robert M. Boyle
Claire Brandt
Isaac Brilleman
Howard Clark
Isaac Cohn
Amalia Cohn
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Maurice Fine
Arthur Fink
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Shabbat of May 30-31

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Susan L. Baker
Ben Becker
Benjamin Bloom
Herbert Champagne
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Sarah Brindel Cuttler
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Helen Rosen Scherzer
Joseph N. Silverman
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Shabbat of June 6-7

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Brian D. Berk
Rosalia Blatner
Eva Goldstein Brandao
Harry Brickman
Wilma Cadan
Edward Cohn
Rosa Danzinger
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Shabbat of June 13-14

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Sarah K. Clonick
Julia Coleman
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Marvin Eisen
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Scott Ginsburg
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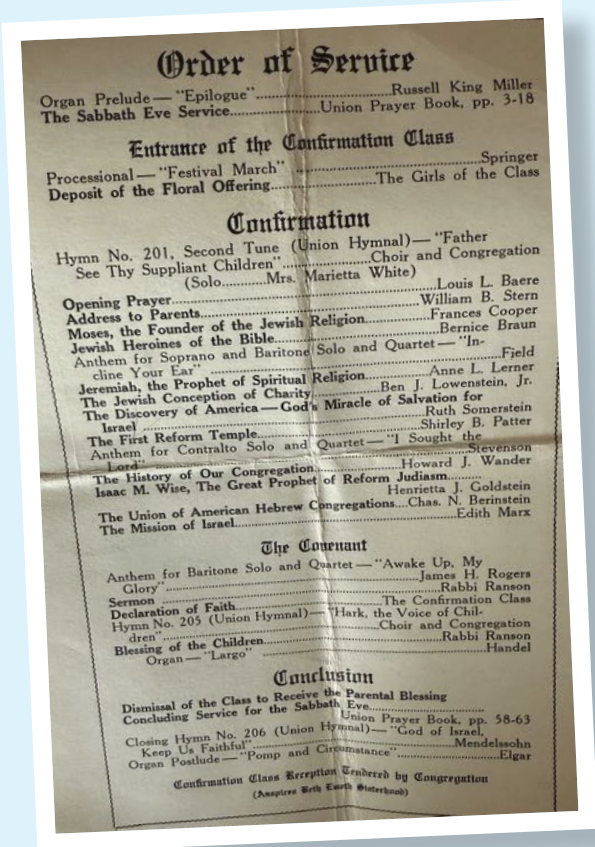
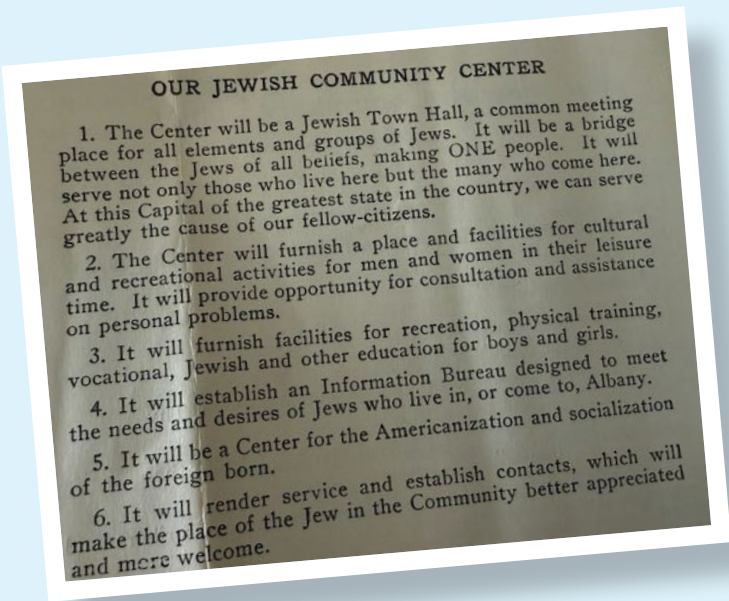
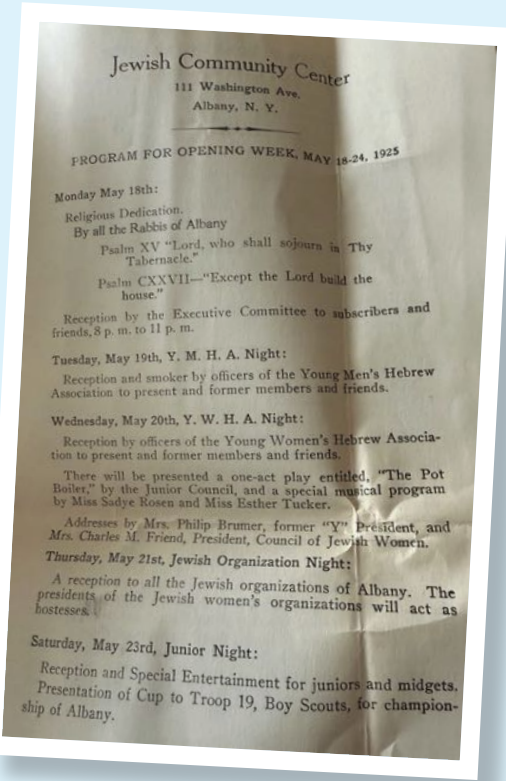
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The week of May 18-24, 1925 marked the opening celebration of the new Jewish Community Center on Washington Avenue.

Since first coming to serve Congregation Beth Emeth forty years ago (June 1985), I have heard countless stories from our congregants about their association with the JCC how the JCC on Washington Avenue played an integral role in their teenage and young adult years. In fact, MANY have shared with me that it was at the "old" JCC on Washington Avenue that they met their life partner. It is interesting to note the six points advertised as to the mission of the new JCC and the role it hoped to play in the community.

Confirmation has always been a cornerstone ceremony each year at Congregation Beth Emeth introduced by our first Rabbi, Isaac Mayer Wise, and one of the oldest (if not the oldest) congregation in the United States that has continually held Confirmation Services since its inception. (I believe the first Confirmation service took place in 1848 under Rabbi Wise's leadership as Rabbi of Temple Beth El... the precursor to Beth Emeth). What is interesting to note in the 1925 CONFIRMATION ORDER OF SERVICE are the names of individuals from a number of families that still have strong ties/connection to Beth Emeth.... William B. Stern/Howard J. Wander/Charles Berinstein/Edith Marx (Hellman) are four that stand out for sure. Another Beth Emeth L'dor Va Dor connection!

It is also interesting to note that the OPENING HYMN (#201 in the Union Hymnal), "FATHER SEE THY SUPPLIANT CHILDREN" which was a Beth Emeth "classic" and associated with Confirmation, was a fond reminiscence over the years of many of our longstanding members reflecting upon their own Confirmation Service experience.





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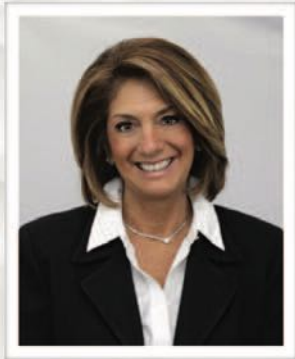
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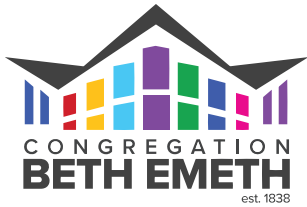
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