

The Bulletin

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GARAGE SALE

Thank you to our amazing Garage Sale Volunteers! See the wrap up on pages 18-19.

**Save the Date!
Family Fun Fest
with The Einhorn
Center for Jewish
Education.**

**Sunday, September 27
11:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**Mah Jongg lessons
are back this
August. Three more
sessions available,
read more on page
21.**

**Soup Kitchen has
two dates this
August and one in
September! Read
more on how you
can get involved on
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Congregation Beth Emeth

HIGH HOLY DAYS 5787

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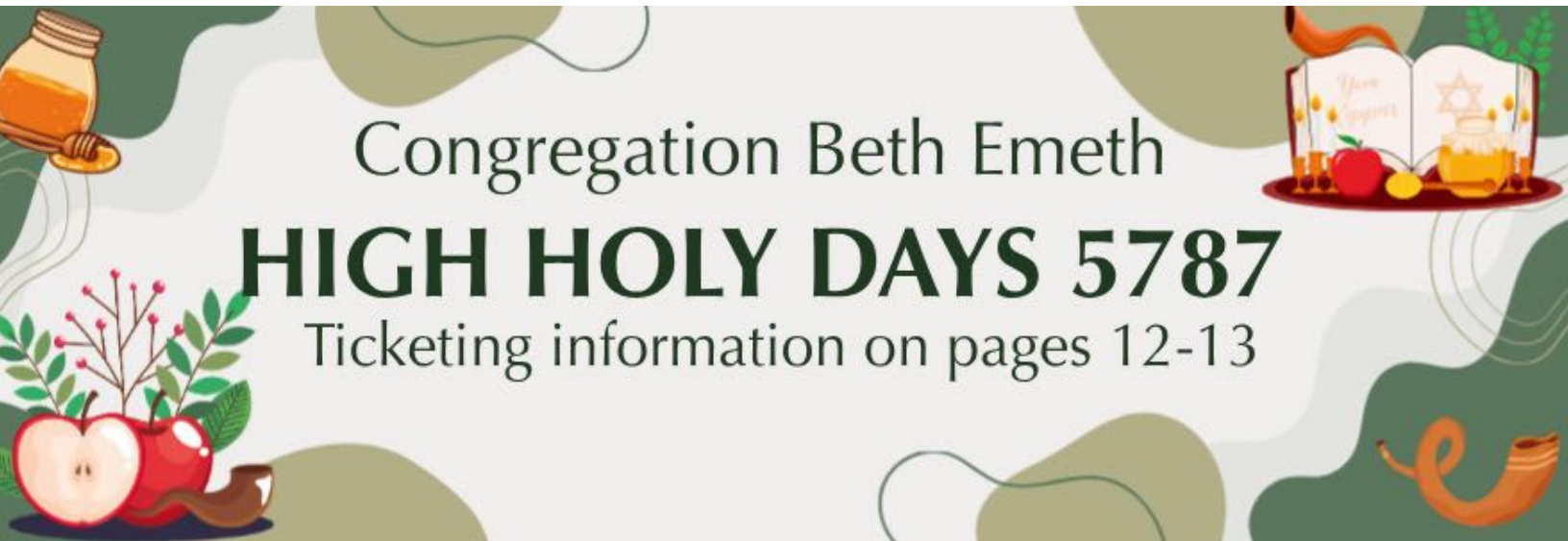


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A Message From Our Rabbi

Rabbi Greg Weitzman

As I have listened to the many voices of Beth Emeth, one thing has become clear: our congregation is filled with people who care deeply about Jewish learning, worship, Israel, social justice, tradition, innovation, and the future of Jewish life.



August has always felt like a bridge month. Summer is winding down. Families are squeezing in final vacations, students are preparing to return to school, and before long the familiar rhythms of congregational life will fill our building again. The sounds of children learning, worshippers gathering, volunteers serving, and friends reconnecting will return to our hallways and classrooms.

This year feels especially significant. As we gather once again, we will welcome back familiar faces and beloved traditions while embracing exciting new beginnings. We are thrilled to welcome Cantor Sharon Kohn back to Beth Emeth after three years of dedicated service as our Interim Cantor. We will also officially welcome Rabbi Spencer Mandell as our new Assistant Rabbi. Our religious school will soon come alive with nearly 200 students learning and growing together. In so many ways, this is a year of building - building relationships, building community, and building toward the future we hope to create together.

As we approach the High Holy Days, I am excited to share this year's theme: **One Community, Many Voices**. The inspiration comes from a beautiful

phrase in our High Holy Day liturgy: *"V'ya'asu kulam agudah achat*: May all become bound together as one." Those words feel particularly meaningful this year.

Over the past year, Beth Emeth has been engaged in an important process of reflection and discovery. Through conversations with congregants, staff,

clergy, board members, and community partners, we have begun asking the fundamental questions that will shape our next chapter:

Who are we? What do we stand for? What kind of congregation do we hope to become?

As I have listened to the many voices of Beth Emeth, one thing has become clear: our congregation is filled with people who care deeply about Jewish learning, worship, Israel, social justice, tradition, innovation, and the future of Jewish life. We do not always see every issue the same way. We bring different experiences, different perspectives, and different hopes to our community. Yet again and again, I have witnessed a shared commitment to Beth Emeth and a sincere desire to help our congregation flourish.

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A Message From Our Rabbi Continued

Rabbi Greg Weitzman



The future of Beth Emeth will be shaped by all of us. One community, many voices, building a sacred future together.

That is what ***One Community, Many Voices*** is all about. Jewish tradition has never demanded uniformity. The pages of the Talmud preserve centuries of debate and disagreement. Some of our greatest teachers argued passionately with one another while remaining committed to the same sacred enterprise. What bound them together was not unanimity. It was a shared sense of purpose, responsibility, and covenant.

That is my hope for Beth Emeth as well. I envision a congregation where every person feels welcomed and valued. Where relationships matter as much as programs, where people can ask difficult questions and listen to one another with curiosity and respect, where worship inspires us, learning challenges us, and acts of caring and service strengthen us. Most importantly, I envision a congregation where people know they belong, even when they disagree.

The mission, vision, and values work currently underway is helping us articulate these aspirations more clearly, defining not only what we do, but why we do it. I am grateful to our Board of Trustees, Mission and Vision Task Force, staff, and congregants who have devoted so many hours to imagining Beth

Emeth's next chapter. But that future cannot be created by clergy, staff, or board members alone. It will be shaped by all of us.

Every voice matters. Every perspective matters. Every story matters.

The High Holy Days invite us to reflect on our lives, renew our commitments, and imagine the future we wish to create together. So as summer comes

to an end and a new congregational year begins, I invite you to be part of what comes next. Come reconnect with old friends and meet new ones. Come hear familiar melodies and fresh perspectives. Come add your voice to the

conversation.

The future of Beth Emeth will be shaped by all of us. One community, many voices, building a sacred future together.

Ashley, Eden, Jonathan, and I wish you and your loved ones a wonderful end to the summer. We look forward to welcoming you home.

L'Shanah Tovah,

Rabbi Greg Weitzman

***Every voice matters.
Every perspective
matters. Every story
matters.***

A Message From Our President

Robin Sobol

“Hayom Harat Olam” — Today the world is born anew.



These beautiful words from our High Holy Day liturgy remind us that each New Year offers the gift of a fresh beginning. As summer gives way to autumn, we are presented with an opportunity to reflect on where we have been, celebrate all we have accomplished together, and look ahead with hope and purpose to the year that lies before us.

While many of us have enjoyed time with family and friends over the summer, the work of Congregation Beth Emeth has continued. At the beginning of August, our Board of Trustees and Mission, Vision, and Values Task Force will gather for our annual Board Retreat. Guided by our consultants, we will spend the afternoon working together to refine our goals and priorities for the future of our congregation. This important process has been strengthened by the ideas and participation of so many members of our Beth Emeth family, and I am grateful to everyone who has shared their time, insights, and commitment. Together, we are creating a roadmap that will guide our congregation for years to come.

This High Holy Day season also brings another exciting milestone. We anticipate the completion of our new HVAC system, making our sanctuary and building more comfortable for worship and celebration. This important improvement is one more example of our commitment to caring for our congregation and ensuring that our sacred spaces continue to serve our community for generations to come.

As we gather for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we will once again experience the power of praying together, hearing the sound of the shofar, and reconnecting with friends old and new. Whether you are a familiar face each week or returning after some time away, know that you are an important part of

our Congregation Beth Emeth family. The High Holy Days remind us that we are strongest when we come together—in prayer, in learning, in acts of kindness, and in service to one another.

The strength of Beth Emeth has always been found in its people. Every volunteer, every committee member, every teacher, every usher, every choir member, every donor, and every congregant who extends a warm welcome helps create the caring and vibrant community we cherish. If you've been thinking about becoming more involved, I encourage you to take that first step this year. There are countless ways to share your talents and make a difference, and together we will continue building a congregation that is welcoming, compassionate, and engaged.

As I begin my second year serving as your president, I remain deeply grateful for the trust you have placed in me and inspired by the dedication of our clergy, staff, volunteers, Board of Trustees, and each member of our congregation. It is truly an honor to serve alongside all of you as we continue writing the next chapter in the story of Congregation Beth Emeth.

As we welcome 5787, may it be a year of peace, good health, hope, and blessing for each of us, for our congregation, for the Jewish people, and for all who seek a more compassionate and peaceful world. May we continue to grow in faith, strengthen the bonds of our Beth Emeth family, and embrace the opportunities before us with open hearts and renewed purpose.

On behalf of my family and me, I wish each of you and your loved ones a sweet, healthy, and joyful New Year. May you be inscribed and sealed for a year filled with happiness, meaning, and countless blessings.

L'Shanah Tovah U'Metukah!

A Message From Our Executive Director

Jill Rafferty-Weinisch

One Community, Many Voices

We are strengthened by gathering in community and by sharing our voices—and our hearts—with one another.

As this issue of the Bulletin arrives in your mailbox, we will already be well underway with our planning for the High Holy Days. There is something energizing about this season as staff, clergy, lay leaders, volunteers, and congregants all come together to prepare for the moments that will inspire, comfort, and connect us.

Our theme this year—One Community, Many Voices: Building Our Future Through Sacred Conversation—feels especially meaningful to me.

This time last year, I arrived at Congregation Beth Emeth as a candidate for the Executive Director position. I had the privilege of joining the Sobol family as their guest for services. It was my first opportunity to meet many of you, and I still remember the beauty of the music, the grandeur of the sanctuary, the poignancy of the readings, and, perhaps most of all, the warmth of the welcome I received. It was immediately apparent that this was a special kind of community—one I hoped would become my own.

A year later, I have the privilege of experiencing this meaningful season not as a visitor, but as a member of the Beth Emeth family. Over the past year, I've had the opportunity to learn our traditions, celebrate joyful moments, support one another through challenges, and witness the generosity, kindness, and commitment that make this congregation such a vibrant place.

I've also come to appreciate that what makes Beth Emeth so special is that no two people experience

it in exactly the same way. We each bring our own stories, perspectives, questions, and hopes. When we truly listen to one another—with curiosity, respect, and compassion—we strengthen not only our relationships but also our community. That is the promise of sacred conversation, and it is how we continue building the future of this place together.

The High Holy Days invite us to reflect on where we've been, express gratitude for our blessings, seek forgiveness, and embrace the possibilities of a new year. They remind us that we are not meant to do this work alone. We are strengthened by gathering in community and by sharing our voices—and our hearts—with one another.

Whether you'll be returning to your generational home or joining us for the very first time, I look forward to welcoming you, just as so many of you welcomed me last year.

On behalf of our entire staff, I wish you and your loved ones a sweet, healthy, peaceful, and meaningful New Year.

With gratitude,
Jill



A Message From Our Principal

Sara Salitan-Thiell



As summer draws to a close and a new year of learning begins, we are excited to welcome our students and families back to The Einhorn Center for Jewish Education. The beginning of both the Jewish year and school year reminds us that each student, family, teacher, and teen volunteer brings unique gifts, perspectives, and experiences that enrich our school and our congregation.

The Einhorn Center is a place where young people can explore Jewish traditions, values, history, and spirituality while building meaningful friendships with a strong emphasis on a sense of belonging. Together, we create a vibrant learning community where every voice matters and every learner is valued.

We look forward to a year filled with discovery, celebration, and connection as we learn from one another and strengthen the bonds that unite us. Whether you are returning or joining us for the first time, we are delighted to welcome you into our sacred learning community.

Wishing all our students and families a joyful, inspiring, and successful year ahead. Welcome back! And wishing everyone a happy and healthy New Year!

The Einhorn Center Opens on Sunday, September 27, 2026 at 9:30am for all registered students. Families are invited to our official Religious School Year Kickoff at that time.

Hebrew School begins on Wednesday, September 30, 2026 at 4:30pm for students in Grade Three through Grade Six.

SAVE THE DATE: FAMILY FUN FEST

Join Us!

Sunday, September 27

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Food ♦ Games ♦ Fun

And meet your teachers!

Religious School kicks off the same day at 9:30 am—we look forward to welcoming everyone back for a wonderful year of learning and community!



* Family Fun Fest is for children enrolled in the Religious School and their families!

Registration is now OPEN for 2026-2027

Arba for FOURS! meets Sundays twice a month

K - 7 meet on Sundays from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

Grades 3 - 6 meet on Wednesdays from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

Grades 8 and 9 meet on Sundays at least once a month

Grade 10 / Confirmation meets once a month

Grades 8 - 12 interested in becoming a part of the Mod Squad, registration is now open to sign up!

Register in 3 Easy Steps

Step 1:

- ✓ Log into your CBE Account on the website with your email and password.

If you need assistance with logging in, please contact
Jillian at:
School@CBEAlbany.org or
518.432.1392

Step 2:

- * On the welcome page, click **My Account** and select **My Enrollments**, then **Enroll Now** and it will walk you through the registration process.

- * If you need help or do not see your child's name, please contact us.

Step 3:

Once your registration is submitted, check your email for a confirmation.
Once your enrollment is approved, you will receive a second email confirming the enrollment.

EISNER AND CRANE LAKE SUMMER CAMPS

URJ Eisner and Crane Lake Camps, the Reform Movement's camps in Massachusetts, offer a unique environment for campers entering Grades 2-10. They create a vibrant, fun, and caring camp community which enriches and strengthens Reform Jewish identity and values while cultivating lifelong friendships. Do you have a child interested in attending a URJ Summer Camp? Take a tour this August! Below are all tour dates and times coming up.



EISNER & CRANE LAKE
UNION FOR REFORM JUDAISM CAMPS

Eisner Camp Tours:

Thursday, August 6:

10:00 am and 2:15 pm

Sunday, August 9

10:00 am and 2:15 pm

Wednesday, August 12

10:00 am and 2:15 pm



CRANE LAKE CAMP
A URJ SUMMER CAMP

Crane Lake Camp Tours

Sunday, August 2 **ROOKIE DAY!**

10:00 am and 2:15 pm

Thursday, August 6:

10:00 am and 2:15 pm

Sunday, August 9

10:00 am and 2:15 pm

Wednesday, August 12

10:00 am and 2:15 pm

CBE FOR OUR KIDS!

Check out our programming geared towards our kids. To register for our kids programs, visit CBEAlbany.org. Questions? Contact Jillian at: School@CBEAlbany.org or 518.432.1392

High Holy Day Children's Programming Registration is REQUIRED.

These programs are for children age three through grade five.

Registration is first come first serve so reserve your spot quickly!

The deadline to register for Children's Programming is Friday, September 4.

Saturday, September 12

9:00 am - Rosh Hashanah
Family Service

10:00 am - Rosh Hashanah
Children's
Programming

Monday, September 21

9:00 am - Yom Kippur
Family Service

10:00 am - Yom Kippur
Children's
Programming

Friday, September 25

5:30 pm - Welcome Back
Shabbat / Blessing of
the Backpacks /
Sukkot Services

Sunday, September 27

9:30 am - Religious School
First Day Kick-off!

11:00 am - Family Fun Fest at
The Einhorn Center
for Jewish Education

Friday, October 2

5:30 pm - Simchat Torah and
Consecration
Service

Saturday, October 3

9:00 am - CBE & Me: High
Holy Days Edition
For families with
children age 0-5 and
the adults who love
them.

Let's Celebrate!

Special Birthdays and Anniversaries

August Special Anniversaries

15
YEARS Kasy and Peter
Hoffman

25
YEARS Katie Yezzi and
Dan Cotton

35
YEARS Liz and Jerry
Goldstein

40
YEARS Joy Davidoff
and Jim Finale

50
YEARS Stephen and
Diane Weitzman

60
YEARS Phyllis and Jeff
Sperry

Our Sincerest apologies for the misprint in the July Bulletin regarding a Special July Anniversary. Please find below the correction.

15
YEARS Lisa Babiskin and
Jeffrey Rosen



August Special Birthdays

Paul Abrams

Susan Backer

Jay M. Bernstein

Elliot Feinman

Sam Feldman

Terry Freedland

Gail Hurewitz

Bret Kauffman

Susan D. Lipman

Andrea McNellis

Dianne Meckler

Michael Neff

Steven Ostroff

Jeffrey Pohl

Jeffrey Silver

Shirley Simon

Harold L. Solomon

Andrea Stankus

Beth Swartz

Debra Swyer

Hilary Teitel

Angela Wattenberg

September Special Anniversaries

20
YEARS Ally and David
Meyers

20
YEARS Danielle and
David Brown

35
YEARS Nancy and
Dwight Boone

35
YEARS Nancy Hoffman
and Tom
Spagnoletti

40
YEARS Lucia and Steve
Fischer

40
YEARS Madie and Bret
Kauffman

40
YEARS Ruth and Michael
Staff

45
YEARS Susan and
Al Volo



September Special Birthdays

Patty Brown

Mark Cederbaum

Daniel Chura

Brian D. Cohen

Mary Ann Cooper

Ash Davis

Judd Feinman

Lisa A. Freedman

Richard Friedenthal

Karen Friedman

Madeline Kauffman

William Kellert

Margery Kirsch

Nicholas Landau

Gregory Lurie

Bradley Morris

Burton Segel

Robin Sobol

Susan Sperber

Tracy Tress

Susan Ungerman

Jane Waldman

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.

Mim Shutzer

Sister of Carl Bloomberg

Lawrence R. Marwill

Husband of Louise Marwill
Father of Sandra L. Marwill, M.D. (James M. Jampel)
Father of Alan L. Marwill
Father of Philip S. (Jennifer) Marwill

** as of July 1, 2026*

MAZAL TOV TO...

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

Sandi Zarch on her granddaughter's marriage.

Nat and Josh Bray on the birth of their baby boy.

Shirley Simon upon the graduation of her grandson Avery Simon, son of Ruthie and Joel Simon, of Riverdale, NY, from the SAR High School, Bronx, NY. Avery will be learning for the year at Yeshivat Torat Shraga in Jerusalem, and then attend Binghamton University.

Doreen and Larry Smith on the joyful arrival of their grandson, Joshua Robert Smith born to Diane and Leonard Smith on 7/14/26. Wishing Joshua Robert a lifetime of health, happiness, love, and countless blessings as your family celebrates this wonderful simcha.

Yizkor Services

Annual Cemetery Service (1)

Beth Emeth Cemetery
Sunday, September 13 at 10:00 am

Yom Kippur Yizkor Memorial Service (2)

Congregation Beth Emeth Sanctuary
Monday, September 21 at 4:00 pm

Sh'mini Atzeret Yizkor Memorial Service (3)

Congregation Beth Emeth Chapel
Saturday, October 3 at 10:45 am

Listed below are the names of our loved ones who have died since last year and will be recited at these services. *

If you would like the name of a loved one who has died since last Yom Kippur (October 2, 2025) or Sh'mini Atzeret (October 14, 2025) included in one or more of the Memorial Services, please call Siobhan at 518.436.9761 x240.

The names read at the Cemetery Service are of those who were interred at the Beth Emeth Cemetery since last year's Cemetery Service (September 28, 2025).

Charles August 1, 2, 3

Francine Berg 1, 2, 3

Harvey Brand 2, 3

Marilyn Brass 1

Melvyn Cohen 2, 3

Pamela Feltman 1

Michelle Rosenblatt Heroux 1, 2, 3

Marilyn Kaplan 2, 3

Roz Kaplan 2, 3

Elaine Krouner 1, 2, 3

Robert Krouner 1, 2, 3

Charlotte Lefton 2, 3

Robert Madison 1, 2, 3

Avraham Mandel 2, 3

Caryl Newhof 1, 2, 3

Janice Oser 2, 3

Howard L. Pressman 2, 3

Jason Rice 1, 2, 3

Mim Shutzer 2, 3

Fredrick I. Simon 2, 3

Ted Sobol 1, 2, 3

Harriet Spector 1, 2, 3

Samuel Strasser 1, 2, 3

Karen Sukloff 2, 3

Dr. James Thalmann 1

Herman Ungerman 2, 3

Harriet Weintraub 1, 2, 3

Celia Wellman 1



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 Service

Featuring a speaker from our congregation

Rosh Hashanah:

Friday, September 11

7:30 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

Saturday, September 12

9:00 am Rosh Hashanah Family Service

10:00 am Rosh Hashanah Children's Programming

10:30 am Rosh Hashanah Services
Dessert reception to follow

Sunday, September 13

10:00 am Cemetery Service in Loudonville at Beth Emeth Cemetery

Friday, September 18

5:30 pm Shabbat Shuvah Services

Yom Kippur:

Sunday, September 20

5:00 pm Early Kol Nidre Service

7:30 pm Late Kol Nidre Service

Monday, September 21

9:00 am Yom Kippur Family Service

10:00 am Yom Kippur Children's Programming

10:30 am Yom Kippur Morning Service

1:00 pm Yom Kippur Text Study,
Led by Rabbi Mandell

2:00 pm Service of Renewal

3:00 pm Afternoon Service,
Led by CBEYG

4:00 pm Yizkor Memorial Service

5:00 pm Ne'ilah and Havdalah

Followed by a break the fast nosh

Sukkot:

Friday, September 25

5:30 pm Sukkot Services / Welcome

Back Shabbat / Blessing of the Backpacks

6:30 pm Sushi in the Sukkah

Simchat Torah:

Friday, October 2

5:30 pm Simchat Torah and Consecration Service

Saturday, October 3

9:00 am CBE & Me: High Holy Day Edition

10:45 am Sh'mini Atzeret Yizkor Service

Ticketing Information

We look forward to being together on the Days of Awe, and experiencing moments of prayer, reflection, and togetherness.

For security reasons, tickets are required for entry into the Temple. All tickets this year are in the form of a name badge we hope you will wear. If you choose not to wear it, the name badge is still required to be shown for entry. Children under 10 do not require a name badge ticket. On the next page, you will find information on how to request your tickets.



Ticketing Information



Scan this QR Code to go to our High Holy Day Webpage with all ticketing information.



MEMBER TICKET
REQUEST



PATRON, SPONSOR,
BENEFACTOR, AND
GUARDIAN TICKET REQUEST



CHILDREN'S
PROGRAMMING



VOLUNTEER TO BRING A
DESSERT FOR ROSH
HASHANAH DESSERT
RECEPTION



REQUEST TO
BORROW PRAYER
BOOKS FOR HOME



NOT JOINING US

Registration for High Holy Days tickets will close on **Wednesday, September 9**. If you would like your ticket mailed to you, please reserve your ticket before **Friday, August 14**. Children's Programming registration closes on **Friday, September 4**.

Members who have renewed this year may request tickets for all individuals living at their address. All members may purchase tickets for guests at \$54.00 per ticket.

Patrons, Sponsors, Benefactors, and Guardians who have renewed this year may request their own tickets and additional complimentary tickets for out of town guests.

Registration is mandatory for Children's Programming for Rosh Hashanah and / or Yom Kippur. These programs are for children age three through grade five. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accommodate same day registration.

If you are interested in bringing a dessert to our Rosh Hashanah Dessert Reception, please fill out the form on the High Holy Days page.

If you are attending services virtually and would like to request a High Holy Day Prayer Book for home, please fill out the form online or contact Susan Stein for assistance.

If you are not joining us this year, please complete the online form or contact our office for assistance.

The general public may request tickets through a link on the home page of our website. If you wish to attend services at an out of town congregation that asks for proof of your membership at Beth Emeth, please contact Susan Stein at FrontDesk@CBEAlbany.org or 518.436.9761 x222. We are happy to provide a reciprocity form.

August Calendar

Blue is Worship

AUG 01 SAT 9:30 am Torah at Tanglewood with TRG 2.0 with Cantor Kohn
9:30 am Torah Study with Rabbi Mandell

AUG 02 SUN 9:00 am Board Retreat
10:00 am Rookie Day at Eisner Camp
11:00 am Soup Kitchen

AUG 03 MON 7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh - Virtual

AUG 06 THURS 10:00 am Eisner Camp / Crane Lake Camp Tour
2:15 pm Eisner Camp / Crane Lake Camp Tour

AUG 07 FRI 5:30 pm Shabbat Services

AUG 08 SAT 9:30 am Torah Study with Andrea McNellis

AUG 09 SUN 10:00 am Eisner Camp / Crane Lake Camp Tour
2:15 pm Eisner Camp / Crane Lake Camp Tour

AUG 10 MON 6:30 pm Mah Jongg Lessons
7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh - Virtual

AUG 12 WED 10:00 am Eisner Camp / Crane Lake Camp Tour
2:15 pm Eisner Camp / Crane Lake Camp Tour
7:00 pm Brotherhood Torah Schmooze - Virtual

AUG 13 THURS 11:00 am NNORC Birthday Potluck

AUG 14 FRI 5:30 pm Shabbat Outdoors

AUG 15 SAT 9:30 am Torah Study with Stephen Weitzman

AUG 16 SUN 11:00 am Saratoga Race Course with Brotherhood

AUG 17 MON 6:30 pm Mah Jongg Lessons
7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh - Virtual

AUG 20 THURS 9:00 am Sisterhood Mah Jongg Tournament

AUG 21 FRI 5:30 pm Shabbat Services

AUG 22 SAT 9:30 am Torah Study with George Forrest

AUG 23 SUN 11:00 am Soup Kitchen

AUG 24 MON 6:30 pm Mah Jongg Lessons
7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh - Virtual

AUG 28 FRI 5:30 pm Shabbat Services

AUG 29 SAT 9:30 am Torah Study with Rabbi Weitzman

AUG 30 SUN 5:00 pm ValleyCats Game with Brotherhood

AUG 31 MON 6:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting
7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh - Virtual

Brotherhood Torah Schmooze CONNECT. DEBATE. SCHMOOZE.

Looking for a relaxed way to dive into Jewish wisdom without the pressure of a formal classroom? Join us for our monthly Brotherhood Torah Schmooze, an evening dedicated to exchanging ideas, sharing perspectives, and building community.

Each month, we'll tackle a new topic rooted in Jewish wisdom. No prior Torah study experience or advanced Jewish knowledge is necessary—just a willingness to listen and learn from one another.

"Come for the Torah, stay for the brotherhood."

Wednesday, August 12, 7:00 pm
Wednesday, September 9, 7:00 pm

September Calendar

Blue is Worship

SEPT
04
FRI

5:30 pm Shabbat Services

SEPT
05
SAT

9:30 am Torah Study with Stephen Weitzman
6:30 pm Selichot Services

SEPT
06
SUN

11:00 am Soup Kitchen

SEPT
07
MON

Office Closed in observance of Labor Day
7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh

SEPT
09
WED

7:00 pm Brotherhood Torah Schmooze - Virtual

SEPT
11
FRI

Erev Rosh Hashanah, Office Closes at 2:00 pm
7:30 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Services

SEPT
12
SAT

Rosh Hashanah

9:00 am Rosh Hashanah Family Service
10:00 am Rosh Hashanah Children's Programming
10:30 am Rosh Hashanah Morning Service
Followed by Rosh Hashanah Dessert Reception

SEPT
13
SUN

10:00 am Cemetery Service

SEPT
14
MON

7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh - Virtual

SEPT
18
FRI

5:30 pm Shabbat Shuvah Service

SEPT
19
SAT

Shabbat Shuvah

9:30 am Torah Study with Andrea McNellis

SEPT
20
SUN

Erev Yom Kippur

5:00 pm Early Kol Nidre Service
7:30 pm Late Kol Nidre Service

SEPT
21
MON

Yom Kippur, Office Closed

9:00 am Yom Kippur Family Service
10:00 am Yom Kippur Children's Programming
10:30 am Yom Kippur Morning Service
1:00 pm Text Study with Rabbi Mandell
2:00 pm Service of Renewal
3:00 pm Yom Kippur Afternoon Service,
led by CBEYG
4:00 pm Yom Kippur Yizkor Service
5:00 pm Ne'ilah and Havdalah Service,
followed by break the fast

SEPT
23
WED

6:00 pm Confirmation Info Session

SEPT
25
FRI

Erev Sukkot

5:30 pm Welcome Back Shabbat / Blessing of the
Backpacks / Sukkot Services
6:30 pm Sushi in the Sukkah

SEPT
26
SAT

Sukkot

9:30 am Torah Study with George Forrest

SEPT
27
SUN

9:30 am Religious School Opening Day
11:00 am Family Fun Fest at The Einhorn Center for
Jewish Education

SEPT
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MON

7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh - Virtual

SEPT
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WED

12:00 pm Lunch & Learn: Author, Joel Dinerstein, on
Jewish Americans and the Diaspora
4:30 pm Wednesday Religious School Classes Begin!



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. Stay tuned for more information on CBEYG programs!



Cantorial Search Committee Update

Julie Safranko

In the slow days of summer, I thought that it would be a great time to update you on the new Cantor search.

Our committee continues to be formed with congregants from many different demographics, backgrounds, and interests. They are thoughtful, kind, and informed individuals who take this task seriously. Our committee worked diligently and collectively during the last search and although our efforts did not result in finding a new Cantor, we are starting the application process over with optimism and enthusiasm. The search process is not easy, but we are in position to have success as we are starting this search at the recommended starting point.

Our application will be submitted to the American Conference of Cantors by August 1, 2026. This is the first date that Cantorial candidates will see our application. We will spend the early fall narrowing down the applicants and begin our committee interviews. We have met many times as a committee to review the wants and needs of this congregation for the next Cantor. These attributes will guide us during this process.

It will be a very busy fall and early winter for the committee. Our finalists will then come to Albany for an in-person interview, (hopefully) resulting with the offering of the position to our new Cantor.

In the end, it is my and the committee's goal to find the best possible Cantor to welcome to the Beth Emeth family beginning on July 1, 2027.

If you have any questions about the process, please do not hesitate to contact me at juliesafanko@gmail.com. Thank you for your continued support and trust. It is my honor to lead this committee and to be a part of this important role.

ITS BACK! Our Religious Action Center's EVERY VOICE EVERY VOTE

Join Reform Jews across our country who are protecting democracy and ensuring every voice is heard. Take action to postcard eligible voters, advance ballot initiatives relevant to Reform Jewish values, and promote election integrity.

To participate in this important effort please scan the QR Code on this page and indicate how many postcards you want to write; they come in groups of 30. The congregation will order the kits and distribute them to you to write and mail this summer.

QUESTIONS: REACH OUT TO DEB LIEBMAN
Deb.liebman@gmail.com



EVERY BRICK TELLS A STORY...

New pricing
structure!

ADD YOURS TO THE ISELIN FAMILY GARDEN TERRACE

The Iselin Family Garden Terrace is a place to gather and reflect, and to celebrate the connection of this generation to the ones that have passed, and to those that will follow. Everyone is invited to participate by purchasing a brick engraved with your special message. Not only will you be helping build Beth Emeth's endowment, but your gift will be a place for future generations to witness your commitment.

Bricks can be engraved to honor a loved one, commemorate a special occasion, or send a special message to the future. Your contribution will serve as a permanent reminder of your devotion to Beth Emeth for years to come!

In Loving Memory of
Arthur Ardman
Your Son, David

20 Chai - 4" x 8"
\$360.00

IN HONOR
OF
RABBI SCOTT SHPEEN
FROM
JOAN AND HARVEY
FRIEDMAN

40 Chai - 8" x 8"
\$720.00

THE BETH EMETH FAMILY
BOTH PAST AND FUTURE,
REMEMBERED WITH LOVE, LIVES
IN OUR HEARTS FOREVER

MORTON & ELLIE HESS

100 Chai - 12" x 12"
\$1,800.00

Yeladim Paver - 4" x 8", \$234.00. Available to commemorate milestones in a child's life up to age 18 (birth, B'nai Mitzvah, consecration, confirmation, graduations, etc.)

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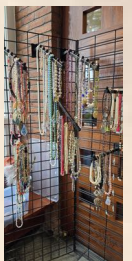
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It's A Wrap: Garage Sale

GARAGE SALE



Special thanks to Rob Kivort and Kivort Steel for donating a truck to help move donations! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

WITH GREAT GRATITUDE TO THE GARAGE SALE TEAM!

To those who planned for months — thank you. To those who lifted a box, priced a sweater, greeted a shopper, baked a treat, organized a room, or helped clean up — thank you. To those who donated items, shared their resources, and helped spread the word - thank you. To those who donated funds - thank you. You made something holy happen.

Frank Allen
Nancy Allen
Reba Architzel
Susan Backer
Sheila Baker
Tom Baker
Billy Baranowski
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Linda Barnas
Brea Barthel
Don Basen
Joni Lieberman Basen
Jillian Becker
Ella Beisler
Jordan Beisler
Joseph Bierman
David Bloom
Ella Bonder
Sara Bonder
Sorelle Brauth
Anna Bray
Arthur Bray
Jim Campbell
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Mary Lee Cohen
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Laurie Geller
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Carol Godman
Harold Goldman
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Special thank you to James Campbell, Joni Lieberman Basen, Rob Dorkin, Gene Laks, and Nancy Lerner for providing the many amazing photos of the Garage Sale!



Sisterhood Celebrates 15 Years of Generosity at Annual Donor Dinner

The Congregation Beth Emeth Sisterhood marked a special milestone this year with the 15th Annual Susan B. Shpeen Donor Dinner — and by every measure, it was an evening to remember.

More than 150 guests came together to celebrate the Sisterhood's ongoing commitment to our congregation and community, filling the room with warmth, laughter, and a true sense of togetherness. The evening featured outstanding entertainment by The Memales that had guests delighted from start to finish, complemented by a beautifully prepared dinner, a fine selection of wines, and a delicious dessert spread.

Beyond the wonderful food and festivities, the evening was a heartfelt tribute to fifteen years of generosity, friendship, and dedication. The Susan B. Shpeen Donor Dinner has become a cherished tradition, and this milestone celebration honored the legacy of giving that has sustained and strengthened our Sisterhood for over a decade and a half.

A sincere thank you goes out to everyone who attended, supported, and helped make this year's dinner such a resounding success — from the planning committee to the volunteers to every guest who showed up to celebrate.

In Sisterhood,
Sara Bonder



Something Special Is Waiting For You

A New Year. A New Chapter.

There's a place where friendships deepen, laughter fills the room, and every woman belongs. That place is **Congregation Beth Emeth Sisterhood** — and we're saving a spot just for you.

As we begin our exciting new membership year, we warmly invite you to become part of something truly meaningful. Whether you've been with us before or you're discovering Sisterhood for the first time, now is the perfect moment to say yes.

Why Join Sisterhood?

- **Connect.** Build lasting friendships with women who share your values, your heritage, and your heart.
- **Celebrate.** From holiday events to social gatherings, every moment together is one worth remembering.
- **Give Back.** Your membership supports Congregation Beth Emeth and makes a real difference in our community.
- **Grow.** Explore programs, speakers, and experiences that enrich your Jewish life and your everyday one.

Ready to Be Part of It?

We are beginning our new membership year and hope that once again you are planning to sign up to support **Congregation Beth Emeth Sisterhood!**

Joining is easy. The rewards are endless. And the friendships? Priceless.

Hope to meet you soon!

Jane Sanders – Membership VP

Sara Bonder – President



Scan the QR Code to
become a member of
Sisterhood!

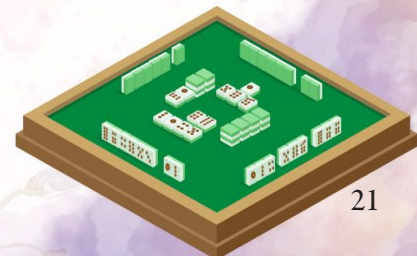
August Mah Jongg Lessons!

Capitalizing on last month's successful Mah Jongg lessons, we are again offering a series of three lessons on consecutive Monday evenings: August 10, 17, and 24, from 6:30-8:30 PM.

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 fee for the set of three is \$45 for Sisterhood members and \$60 for non-members. Mah Jongg sets and refreshments will be provided.

When Religious School resumes in the fall, we are hoping to offer Mah Jongg lessons on Sunday mornings to make it convenient for those parents whose children are already here.

Please spread the word to anyone who may be interested. Registration is online on the Beth Emeth website or scan the QR code below!



Brotherhood: New Beginnings

Theo Carbone

Dear Congregation Beth Emeth,

As we reluctantly say goodbye to summer and look to the beginning of fall, I'm reminded that this time of the year is all about new beginnings. Children begin a new year at school (or are starting their educational journey), we welcome the new year with Rosh Hashanah, and personally, it's the start of my tenure as CBE's Brotherhood president.

As your new Brotherhood president, I understand the level of responsibility and care that is required with this role. Over the last two years of getting to know the members of Brotherhood better, it has deepened my commitment to ensuring that it continues to grow and be a pillar of support for our community. Whether that's cooking for you on Ruach Shabbat, guiding you to your seats at Yom Kippur, or being a resource to those in need.

New beginnings can sometimes be scary, challenging, and uncertain, but they can also be wonderful, joyful, and insightful. We each have our own new beginnings to look forward to in the upcoming year, and, as always, Brotherhood will be here to support you along with our entire CBE family.

I look forward to seeing you all at High Holy Day services and working with you and the rest of our amazing community in the year ahead.

If you're interested in joining Brotherhood or learning more about us, stop by for a bagel and schmooze with us at one of our monthly meetings, or you can reach out to me at: Brotherhood@CBEAlbany.org.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Theo Carbone

Join Brotherhood!

Why Join CBE Brotherhood?

For over 100 years, the Brotherhood at Congregation Beth Emeth has supported the congregation and enhanced the experience of its members. By joining Brotherhood, you'll become part of a group that is always working towards its mission to foster camaraderie, inspire meaningful service, deepen our connection to Judaism, and cultivate a welcoming community. As stewards of America's fourth oldest reform congregation, Brotherhood is dedicated to actively supporting the congregation, enriching Jewish life, and promoting fellowship within our synagogue and the broader Jewish community.

Scan the QR Code to become a member of Brotherhood!



What does CBE Brotherhood do?

Brotherhood tackles everything from building the Congregation Beth Emeth Sukkah to cooking for religious school and temple events; including our very popular Chanukah dinner, as well as dinners for our monthly Ruach Shabbat. Think of us as the helping hands at Beth Emeth. Not only that, we also strive to focus on the goal of *Tikkun Olam* by giving back to our community in meaningful ways including:

- Organizing the distribution and delivery of Yom HaShoah candles with partnered synagogues.
- Volunteering at the Soup Kitchen.
- Raising money for the Shalom Food Pantry in Delmar by participating in the Battle of the BBQs.
- Placing flags for our veterans who have passed on Memorial Day.



Social Action: Meaningful Ways to Make a Difference

As we get ready for the High Holy Days and the busy fall season ahead, the Social Action Committee is excited to share opportunities to support our wider community. This is a time when many of us naturally refocus and look for meaningful ways to make a difference — and we have plenty of ways to jump in.

Our **Sunday Soup Kitchen** continues to be one of the most impactful programs we run. Every Sunday, volunteers cook, serve, and organize supplies, providing healthy nutritious meals to folks in our community struggling with food insecurity. Those that volunteer know how much our neighbors rely on us. The energy in the kitchen each Sunday is incredible, and new volunteers always bring fresh momentum. We also pick up fresh food for Sunday service on Thursday and Friday mornings. Whether you can help once a month or once in a while, we'd love to have you join us.

Volunteer at the soup kitchen on one of our upcoming dates: **Sunday, August 2, August 23, or September 6.**



We are also gearing up for a fall coat drive, responding to increased need as colder weather approaches. If you have gently used coats, hats, gloves, or scarves, now is a great time to start setting them aside. The coat drive will run from **November 21 through December 18.** We'll share volunteer roles soon — and we're aiming for a strong turnout.



In addition, we're exploring **new social action projects** for the coming months. If you have ideas — whether it's a hands-on volunteer effort, a community partnership, or a resource-gathering initiative — we want to hear them. Your creativity and insight help shape the work we do. As we move into this season of reflection and renewal, we're grateful for the enthusiasm and commitment of our congregation. Together, we can make a real difference in the lives of those around us.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to Jackie Dupiche at SocialAction@CBEAlbany.org.



Scan the QR Code for Social Action Events!



Reyut: The Mitzvah Meals Project

The Reyut Committee is excited to announce an expansion of our **Mitzvah Meals program!** We believe that a hot meal is a powerful way to show care, and we want to ensure no one in our community goes unsupported.

The Mitzvah Meals:

- **Who are these meals for?** Everyone! We are expanding our outreach to include busy parents who might not have time to cook a meal, those dealing with illness, families facing financial hardship, or anyone who could use the gift of a meal during a stressful time.
- **How can you help?** We are looking for volunteers to join our “on-call” list to provide meals.
- **Do I have to cook?** Not at all! While home-cooked meals are lovely, ordering takeout or catering is a perfectly wonderful way to support a neighbor.



If you'd like to be added to our volunteer list or if you (or someone you know) could benefit from a meal, please reach out to Caren Kotlow at Reyut@CBEAlbany.org or (518) 505-2052.

Stock Our Freezer, Support Our Community

If you enjoy cooking and would like to help support members of our community during times of need, we invite you to prepare a meal for our Mitzvah Meal program. Congregation Beth Emeth will safely store your prepared meal in our freezer, ready to be provided when a Mitzvah Meal request is received. Having meals available in advance allows us to respond quickly and offer comfort and care to individuals and families when they need it most. Your kindness and generosity can make a meaningful difference.

If you would like to cook a meal and have it stored in our freezer, email: Reyut@CBEAlbany.org.



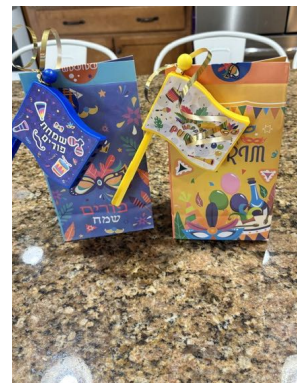
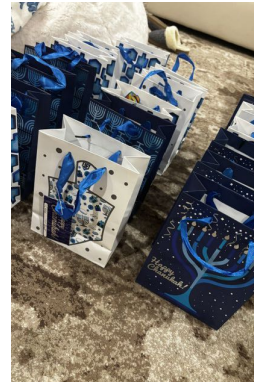
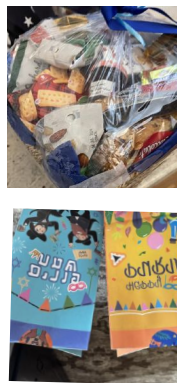
Reyut

Reyut, is a Hebrew noun that means **friendship, companionship, or affection**. CBE's Reyut Committee is all about spreading warmth and support throughout our Beth Emeth family.

Last fall we delivered beautiful goodie bags filled with sweet treats for the New Year to celebrate Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot. This past spring we delivered *mishloach manot* to the community for Purim.

An area of support we are growing this fall is our Shabbat Buddies program. Shabbat Buddies will make Friday phone calls to those who may be housebound or would enjoy some extra contact. We are looking for volunteers who can pick up the phone and make a difference from the comfort of their own home! Reyut needs your help to grow the CBE Shabbat Buddies program. Please keep an eye out for an upcoming Zoom meeting in August.

Reyut is always looking for new volunteers. If anyone wants to give their volunteer time to Reyut projects, please reach out to Caren and Diane at Reyut@CBEAlbany.org



LUNCH AND LEARN WITH AUTHOR JOEL DINERSTEIN

Wednesday, September 30, 12:00 pm

Jewish Americans and The Diaspora:

We are living through a moment of disruption and discord in Jewish identity. There is a deepening political and cultural chasm between the perspectives of Israeli and American Jews, with some writers arguing for the renewal of diasporic identity. Joel Dinerstein grew up with a diasporic identity in Flatbush, Brooklyn, one of the most urban Jewish neighborhoods in America in the mid-20th Century – Barbra Streisand, Neil Diamond, and Bobby Fischer all went to his high school. Combining autobiography and scholarship, Joel will make a case for a diasporic identity for American Jews, as illuminated by reading excerpts from his forthcoming family memoir, *The Last of the Ellis Island Jews*.

Bring your lunch, CBE provides beverages and dessert.
Scan the QR Code to register!



Mission, Vision, and Values FAQ

As we start this new program year, take a moment to review some of the most frequently asked questions we receive about work the Mission, Vision, and Values Task Force has been leading.

What is the purpose of the Mission, Vision, and Values Task Force?

The Mission, Vision, and Values task force was created to examine where we stand as a congregation today in relation to where we hope to be in the future. The task force's work is designed to help clarify and articulate our congregation's core purpose, shared values and vision, in alignment with the principles of Reform Judaism.

What has the MVV task force completed so far?

We meet monthly under the guidance and support of our external consultants: Elana Paru from Elana Paru Consulting and Evie Rotstein from Hebrew Union College. They help facilitate and lead our discussions to make sure we stay on track with our purpose and goals. Here are the highlights of the work the MVV Task Force has completed through Summer 2026:

- Formation of the Task Force: October 2025
- Built foundation for the work being done: November and December 2025
- Designed Listening Campaign for CBE Members and Staff: January and February 2026
- Launched Listening Campaign (Survey and Listening Groups): March 2026
- Reviewed and analyzed data from the campaign: April - May 2026
- Identified emerging themes and defining strategic priorities: June - July 2026
- Collaborated with CBE Board of Trustees at Annual Retreat on MVV work: Summer 2026

What was the result of the Listening Campaign (survey and listening groups)?

We had strong participation in the Listening Campaign: 102 responses to the survey were received; 65 congregants participated in our 10 listening group sessions that were held during March.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS IMPORTANT PHASE OF OUR WORK!

What themes have emerged from the collected data?

The consistent themes we have identified include: how well CBE creates a welcoming community, our community's desire for connection with each other and our programs, desire to offer more programs for each phase of life (i.e. - programming similar to the former Renaissance Group [TRG], events for our post CBE & Me age children and families), a need for more continuity and stability with our staff (this is already happening with the addition of our wonderful new team!), and a desire for more regular, timely communication and transparency around decisions being made at the board level.

What is up next for the Mission Vision Values Task Force?

We are reviewing and contextualizing all information shared during the campaign with care and consideration as we begin the process to draft the Mission, Vision, and Values statement. We will continue to share periodic updates and solicit feedback from our CBE community because each member's voice matters.

Mission, Vision, and Values Continued

Is it too late to help with this important work for CBE's future?

Absolutely not! There will be several opportunities to help with this work. We expect that by late Fall 2026, we will begin putting together small working groups to help with the implementation phase of our work. If this is something you would be interested in, we want to hear from you!

Lastly, an enormous THANK YOU to the members of the MVV Task Force over the last year, who have given their time, their energy and dedication and have represented the multi-facets of our beloved CBE community. Please share your thanks with our members when you see them!

MVV Task Force Members:

- Liz Bauer
- Steve Einhorn
- Cheryl Gelder-Kogan
- Karen Glaser
- Kerry Kent, *chair*
- Jarah Moesch
- Jill Rafferty-Weinisch
- Andy Safranko
- Robin Sobol
- Hal Sokol
- Ilene Stein
- Rabbi Greg Weitzman



If you are interested in joining the implementation phase of our Mission, Vision, and Values work, scan the QR code on this page and fill out the form.



Israel Symphony Orchestra Trio Concert

Thursday, October 22, 7:30 pm

Founded by the Municipality of Rishon LeZion, the Israel Symphony Orchestra Rishon LeZion is deeply committed to community engagement—offering music education to children and youth, nurturing the next generation of Israeli musicians, integrating immigrant artists, and supporting communities affected by October 7th.

The Israel Rishon LeZion Symphony Orchestra is honored to be on a special fundraising tour across Jewish communities in the United States. We warmly invite you to support the orchestra's mission by becoming a friend and patron of this inspiring cultural force.

Together, let's ensure the music continues to uplift, heal, and unite.



Donations

Thank you to all of our generous donors! This list includes gifts received by July 1.

Cantor Emily Short Discretionary Fund

Kiki Bourneuf

Cantor Jodi Schechtman Music Fund

Elizabeth Greenberg Friedland and Caroline Friedland in memory of Dennis Alan Friedland

Cookie Siegel in honor of the marriage of Christine and Douglas Spink, grandson of Pat and Bob Friedman

Rabbi Greg D. Weitzman Discretionary Fund

Mrs. Susan Benjamin

Sylvia and Hal Sossner in appreciation of Rabbi Weitzman for leading the wonderful bar mitzvah of Ari Sossner

Michael Weintraub

Rabbi Martin I. Silverman Interreligious Fund

Paula Alpart in memory of Carl Bloomberg's sister, Miriam Shutzer

Rabbi Scott L. Shpeen Rabbinic Chair Endowment Fund

Lisa and Steven Stulmaker

Rabbi Scott Shpeen Discretionary Fund

Sandra Lusky in memory of Howard Pressman

Rabbi Spencer Mandell Discretionary Fund

Gary Fifer and Hope Trachtenberg-Fifer in honor of Rabbi Mandell, and with respect for all that he will contribute to Beth Emeth, and to the Jewish community!

Sandi Zarch in memory of Kathy Gertzberg

Shenker / Campbell Clergy Development Fund

Brotherhood of Congregation Beth Emeth in honor of Rabbi Mandell becoming the Assistant Rabbi

Jim Campbell and Family in memory of Nanette Shechter Matlick

HELPING OUR SYNAGOGUE AND OUR WORLD

Capital Improvements Fund

Liz Bauer and Zak Fluster

Gail and Jay Hurewitz

David Goodman Reyt/Caring Community Fund

In memory of Howard Pressman:

Susan and Brian Debronsky

Karen and Steven Fein

Dr. Robert Shoss and Ms. Denise Pensky

Garage Sale

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Arleen Stein

Social Action Tzedakah Fund

Susan and Brian Debronsky in memory of Herm Ungerman

SAVE THE DATE:

*The Installation
of Rabbi Mandell*

Friday, October 30, 5:30 pm

Followed by a Festive Oneg



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HELPING OUR CHILDREN

Benjamin Mendel, Jr. URJ Camp Scholarship Fund

Donna and Lee Rosen

In celebration of Ruth Mendel's special birthday:

Amy D'Aprix

Karen and Steven Fein

Fund For Jewish Education

Ruthie and Norm Ellenbogen in honor of Jen Steil's SUNY Award

Ruthie and Norm Ellenbogen in memory of Ted Sobol

Ruthie and Norm Ellenbogen in memory of Caryl Newhof

George and Nancy Forrest in celebration of the marriage of Mia Sager

Larner Family Tree of Life Fund

Liz and Laura Albright in appreciation of CBE Religious School Teachers

Beth and Barry Davis in support of educating all

SAVE THE DATE!

The Einhorn Center for Jewish Education Noah's Ark Petting Zoo

Sunday, October 18, 10:00 am

This Shabbat we read from *Parsha Noach*, and in celebration, we're having a petting zoo and pony rides during Sunday School. Families are welcome to come and enjoy the petting zoo with their children during their scheduled time at the petting zoo.

This event is open to religious school families only.



SAVE THE DATE!

CBE & Me: Friday Night Service with Rabbi Weitzman

Friday, November 6, 4:30 pm

Join us for a joyful, family-friendly Friday night service designed especially for children ages 0–5 and the grown-ups who love them. More details coming soon—we can't wait to celebrate Shabbat together!

Beautification

Shabbat of July 10 - 11

Jane and Garry Sanders in memory of Dorothy Lee Sanders
Harlan and Mary Ann Siegel in memory of J. Peter Siegel

Shabbat of July 24 - 25

Jane and Garry Sanders in memory of Joseph Figarsky
Linda, Brian, and Andrew Schechter in memory of Louis Gingold

Shabbat of August 7 - 8

Cathy and Erik Cooley in memory of Harold Switkes
Hope Nathan in memory of Thomas Martin Nathan
Marian Schwager and Roman Hedges in memory of Beatrice Bloom Schwager

Shabbat of August 21 - 22

Jane and Garry Sanders in memory of Gordon H. Sanders

Shabbat of August 28 - 29

Jane and Garry Sanders in memory of Jean Figarsky Reiner
Harlan and Mary Ann Siegel in memory of Aaron Siegel

Shabbat of September 4 - 5

David Auerbach in memory of Norma Tick Auerbach
Celia Berk in memory of Abraham Berk
Phyllis L Berk in memory of Abraham Berk
Patti and Steve Boochever in memory of William Boochever
The Davidoff Family in memory of Herman Davidoff
The Fischer Family in memory of David Fischer

Shabbat of September 11 - 12

Leslie and Roy Auerbach in memory of Edith Nuss
Judy Clement and Joe Levy Jr. in memory of Laura Caplan Woodroe
Karen and Steven Fein in memory of Archie Pearlman
Margie and Larry Kirsch in memory of Alvin Kirsch
The Levy Family in memory of Joseph H Levy
Robyn and Ed Marinstein in memory of Elliott Marinstein
Rabbi Paul and Rita Menitoff in memory of Lillian Menitoff
Jessica, Alan, and Alexandra Richer in memory of Evelyn Tower Locke
Harris Sitrin in memory of Lynn Madison Sitrin
Susan Weiss and Family in memory of David L. Weiss

Shabbat of September 18 - 19

Kelly and Rick Alfred in memory of Gloria Maskin Alfred
Anonymous in memory of Luzie Hatch
Ronna Berman in memory of Mildred Berman Binder

Nancy M. Cummins in memory of Richard J. Cummins
Kevin, Cara, Aaron, and Sydney Graham in memory of Sandra D. Graham

Marianne Loeb in memory of David Loeb

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Kenneth Etkin
Maurice Flasterstein
Judith Solomon Freedman
Fay Goldstein
Ina Gonick
Donald Herkowitz
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Rabbi Eli Mayer
Norman Mendleson
Eleanor Lerner Moses
James Carroll Myers
Charles Sidney Nidetch
Lawrence Nidetch
Jeannette Rheingold
Catherine M. Rosenblatt
Nicole Plisson Rosenbloom
Irving Rosenstock
Dolores "Dolly" Sachs
Hon. Stephen A. Safranko
George M. Simon
Minna Meckler Slowe
Pauline Adler Strouse
Marian Judith Teitelbaum
Rae Horwitz Tischler
Rose Vener
Tilda Richman Warsh

Shabbat of August 7 - 8

Risa Kaplan Alfred
Saralyn S. Balan
Sidney D. Beck
Lilyan H. Berman
Samuel Boochever
Dr. William H. Chait
Emma Drooz
Samuel Einhorn
Herbert Farber
Henry Finks
Edward Gelbin
Louis Goldberg
Alvin Goldblatt

Milton S. Goldsmith
Edith Marx Hellman
Emma Holzer
Avram Horovitz
Morris Hyman
Benjamin Klassner
Dr. Donald S. Koretz
Jonathan Michael Krakat
Milton S. Lidman
Solomon Livingston
Benjamin Mendel, Jr.
Isaac Merin
Ethel Sirota Motlin
Lillian Levy Muhlfelder
Rose Alexander Myers
Thomas Martin Nathan
George Michael Opal
Beverly Goldfarb Pearlman
M. Fred Rosenblatt
Dr. Samuel P. Rosenstock
Arthur J. Roth
Beatrice Bloom Schwager
Dorothy Yaguda Schwartz
Harold Switkes
Irving Weinstock

Shabbat of August 14 - 15

Nannette E. Auer
Henry B. Barnet, Jr.
Seligman Bondy
Edward Isidore Chudnovsky
Jean Alexander Cohen
Stuart Phillip Doling
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Fay Carlin Blackoff
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Sandra Melnick Dembo
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Max Facher
Rita Figarsky Feigenbaum
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Dr. Abraham Schaffer
Dina Bachrach Schlesinger
Dr. Harold Shpeen
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Sylvia Bernstein Wald
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Yahrzeits

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Marie Ulrich
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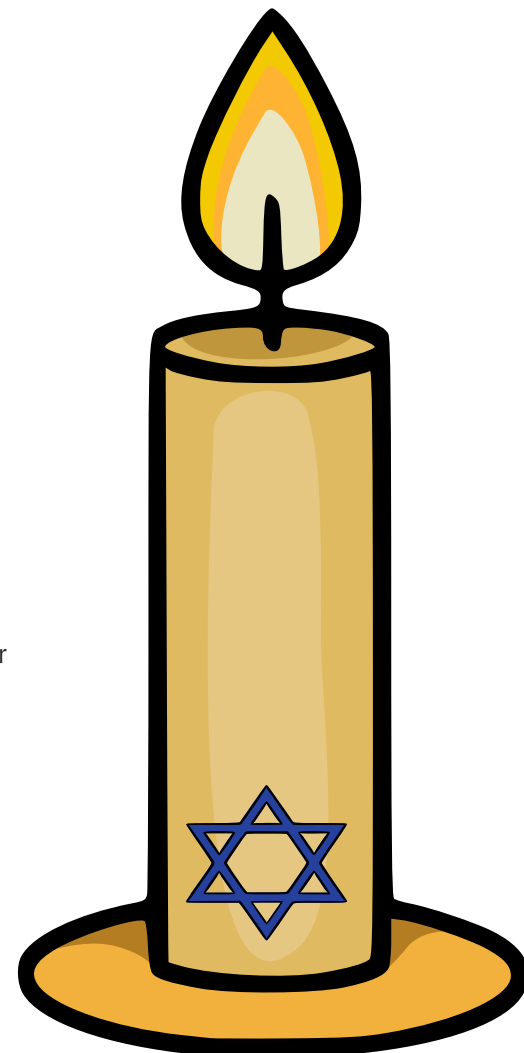
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Oscar Bohnen
Marilyn Perry Brass
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Carol Eisen
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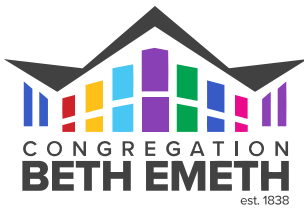
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