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From Purim To Passover

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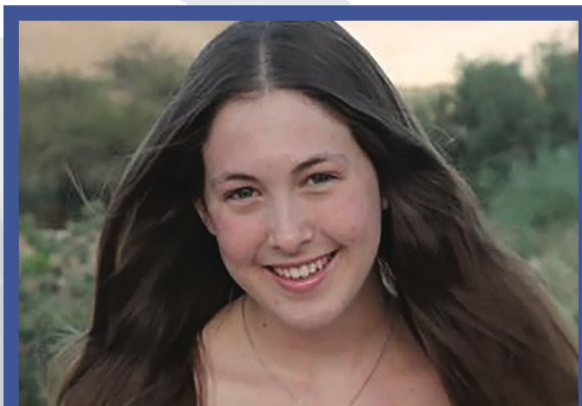
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**CONGREGATION
BETH EMETH**

WELCOMES YOU HOME!



A MESSAGE FROM OUR RABBINIC INTERN

Spencer Mandell



Every day is an opportunity to begin again. Each morning we wake up with the chance to renew ourselves and transform the world. Jewish tradition teaches that every sunrise is a blessing. A traditional section of Jewish liturgy, *Nissim B'chol Yom* (נסים בכל יום), consists of fifteen blessings that praise God for daily miracles.

The first of these blessings thanks God for distinguishing day from night. The blessings that follow acknowledge miracles such as opening the eyes of the blind, freeing the captive, and clothing the naked. These prayers, meant to be recited at home, have taught generations of Jews how to begin each day with gratitude. By remembering and reciting God's blessings, we honor both the grand and subtle miracles of daily life.

As Reform Jews, we are encouraged to cultivate gratitude in ways that resonate personally. Blessings come in many forms and it is up to each of us to recognize and appreciate the goodness in our lives. Thankfully, there are endless ways to express gratitude. For some, traditional Hebrew blessings offer meaning. For others, a morning cup of coffee or completing *the New York Times Wordle* or crossword puzzle serves as a daily ritual for cultivating deeper mindfulness. Whatever grounds you in gratitude, I hope it provides a moment to reflect on the blessings in your life.

Another powerful Jewish prayer for gratitude is *Modeh Ani* (מודה אני), which thanks God for returning our souls to our bodies after sleep. The Hebrew root for gratitude, יד-ה (yud-dalet-heh), appears in *Modeh Ani* and also in the name

of our ancestor, Yehuda (יהודה), leader of one of the twelve tribes of Israel. Transliterating Yehuda's name into English, dropping the "h," and adding "-ism" forms the familiar name of our religion and of our people—Judaism. In many ways, Jewish tradition is about helping Jews cultivate a deeper sense of gratitude.

“THESE PRAYERS, ORIGINALLY MEANT TO BE RECITED AT HOME, HAVE TAUGHT GENERATIONS OF JEWS HOW TO BEGIN EACH DAY WITH GRATITUDE.”

Our personal, communal, and social rituals help us grow in gratefulness for all the blessings in our lives. As Jews, particularly as Reform Jews, we are given the freedom and responsibility to choose how we engage with meaningful moments. Each day we are renewed and we begin each day by acknowledging God's presence in our lives—through words of blessing and meaningful rituals. By embracing gratitude in our Jewish lives, we can be a blessing to others, deepen our connection with sacred tradition, and transform our personal and our collective worlds.

MARCH 28, 2025 AT 7:00PM

FOUNDERS DAY AT
CONGREGATION
GATES OF HEAVEN

Presenting

Rabbi David Lyon

Rabbi David Lyon is the Senior Rabbi at Temple Beth Israel
in Houston Texas and also the current President of the
Central Conference of American Rabbis

852 ASHMORE AVENUE, SCHENECTADY, NY 12309



WORSHIP

Saturday Morning, March 1

9:30 am Torah Study with Andrea McNellis

Friday Evening, March 7

Shabbat Zachor/Parashat Tetzaveh

5:30 pm Ruach Shabbat Service Featuring the Jr. Choir

Saturday Morning, March 8

9:30 am Torah Study with Andrea McNellis

Friday Evening, March 14

Parashat Ki Tisa

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Services

Saturday Morning, March 15

9:30 am Torah Study with Spencer Mandell

Friday Evening, March 21

Shabbat Parah/Parashat Vayakhei

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Services

Saturday Morning, March 22

9:30 am Torah Study with Spencer Mandell

10:45 am Bat Mitzvah of Jordan Beisler

Sunday Morning, March 23

11:25 am School-Wide Tefillah - Families Welcome

Friday Evening, March 28

Shabbat HaChodesh/Parashat Pekudei

7:00 pm Founders Day Shabbat at Gates of Heaven

Saturday Morning, March 29

9:30 am Torah Study with Andrea McNellis

10:45 am Bar Mitzvah of Gideon Kent

Friday Evening, April 4

Parashat Vayikra

5:30 pm Ruach Shabbat Featuring Grades 4 & 5

Saturday Morning, April 5

9:30 am Torah Study with

Rabbinic Intern Spencer Mandell

Friday Evening, April 11

Shabbat HaGadol/Parashat Tzav

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Services

Saturday Morning, April 12

9:30 am Torah Study with George Forrest

Sunday Afternoon, April 13

4:00 pm 2nd Night Seder

Friday Evening, April 18

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Services

Saturday Morning, April 19

No Torah Study

10:15 am Passover Yizkor Service

Friday Evening, April 25

Parashat Sh'mini

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Services

Saturday Morning, April 26

9:30 am Torah Study with Rabbi Weitzman

Sunday Morning, April 27

11:25 am School-Wide Tefillah - Families Welcome

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

In accordance with the Congregation's By-Laws, a committee of the Board of Trustees will nominate members for Trustee positions to be filled at the next Annual Meeting. Robert Kivort will serve as Committee Chair. Members are Caren Kotlow, Barry Feinman, Marjorie Dorkin, Steve Shrager, Theo Carbone, and Molly Rothschild. If there are members of the Congregation whom you would like to recommend for Board service, please contact Robert at Robert@KivortSteel.com or 518-461-0806.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE



The Search Committee has been formed to recruit Congregation Beth Emeth's next permanent Executive Director. Co-chaired by Samantha Acevedo and Robin Sobol, the committee also includes Erik Cooley, Ellie Safranko, and Jeffrey Sperber. Each committee member brings their years of experience and involvement at CBE to this work, serving as ambassadors for the congregation in hiring our next Executive Director. The Committee is additionally leveraging resources of the National Association of Temple Administrators (NATA), the professional association for executives and administrators for Jewish synagogues. It is anticipated that a permanent Executive Director will be hired later this year, with more specific timeframes to be provided as the Committee continues its work. Stay tuned for updates!

DID YOU KNOW?

If you have an IRA or appreciated securities, or are required to take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from retirement funds, you could enjoy significant tax advantages for directly donating those funds to the synagogue. If you cash them in, you are responsible for a taxable gain. If you directly donate them to Beth Emeth, you are typically spared the taxable consequences. In short, your money will go further.* Beth Emeth will gratefully apply these funds to your annual commitment or donation of your choice.

If you would like more information after consulting with your own tax advisor, please contact the Temple office. We will provide you with routing information you will need to supply to your fund advisor or broker. This is an important step to ensure we can acknowledge your contribution and apply it as you would like.

You can contact Gary Fifer, Interim Executive Director, at:
Gary@CBEAlbany.org or (518) 436-9761 ext. 225.

*As always, consult your own financial and tax advisors.



**Donating appreciated
stocks can save you tax
consequences while
supporting your
Beth Emeth
Community.**

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Get Involved: Our Congregation's Committees and Board Service

A recent conversation with one of our congregants about the rich diversity of our committees inspired me to share the vital work they undertake and the numerous opportunities available for you to get involved in our community. Our committees play an essential role in the life of Beth Emeth, ensuring that we continue to thrive, grow, and serve the needs of our members, each focusing on different aspects of our community life. Here is an overview of our committees and their work:



Caring Community – Reyut (chair: Caren Kotlow) works in cooperation with our Clergy to provide support and care to congregants in need of assistance in dealing with life issues. Some recent work of Reyut includes coordination of Shabbat at Avila services and dinner, and the Junior Choir performance at Avila.

Cemetery Committee (chair: Jill Hildreth) oversees maintenance of and recommends policies for Beth Emeth's cemeteries, working together with our Interim Executive Director Gary Fifer and Todd Van Wormer, Cemetery Maintenance. We have also recently onboarded a new Cemetery Administrator, Danielle Simmons (Danielle@CBEAlbany.org), who supports plot sales and arrangements in addition to working with our Cemetery Committee.

Endowment Committee (chair: Chad Bernstein) is responsible for the oversight and management of the Congregation's endowment and trust funds. You may be familiar with the report on the Endowment's performance given at our Annual Meeting each year – if not, you can join us for the update at this year's Annual Meeting on June 9!

Education Committee (co-chairs: Liz Albright, Alyson Tarek) works in cooperation with Rabbi Shara Siegfeld, Director of Lifelong Learning, to provide oversight to the Einhorn Center for Jewish Education and other

educational programs offered to our youth and all members of Beth Emeth. The Education Committee supports notable events like the Family Fun Fest held during opening day of religious school, and the annual mum sale.

Finance Committee (chair: Karen Kaufman-White, CBE Board Treasurer) and works to prepare the budget advanced each year to the congregation for vote at our annual meeting. The committee also monitors financial status of the congregations and makes recommendations about financial policy and considerations to the Board.

House Committee (co-chairs: Barry Feinman, Brian Sinkoff) works closely with Steve Squires, Director of Maintenance, to review the physical status of our buildings and grounds and make recommendations about capital improvements, maintenance, and repairs. The Security Subcommittee is a subcommittee of the House Committee, focusing on risk assessment and planning activities to ensure the safety of our congregants and physical spaces.

Membership Committee (co-chairs: Taylor Alfred, Diane Lerner) is integrally involved in welcoming our new members, performing outreach to congregants who have recently joined Beth Emeth to ensure connections with our community. Membership

also develops initiatives and activities including new member Shabbat services and recognizing membership milestones.

Philanthropy Team (co-chairs: Samantha Acevedo, Jenny Malatras) focuses on relationship building and establishing a connection to Beth Emeth to sustain our congregation's operations and continue serving our members and the broader community through support. The Team identifies funding needs and fundraising mechanisms; past campaigns include our 180th campaign and the establishment of the Rabbi Scott L. Shpeen Rabbinic Chair Endowment Fund.

Ritual Committee (Robin Sobol, First Vice President) works with our clergy to consider recommendations regarding our worship practices and ritual, ensuring they are meaningful and inclusive, including meeting each year following our High Holy Day services.

Social Action Committee (chair: Jacqueline Dupiche) embodies the values of Tikkun Olam, striving to repair the world through acts of kindness and social justice through social action, issue advocacy, and sponsorship of and participation in various programs and activities. Social Action coordinates our involvement with the Soup Kitchen – check out opportunities to be part of this important and rewarding work each month!

I encourage everyone to become active participants in our congregational community by learning more about our committees, engaging in the work they do and activities they plan, and perhaps even joining one of our committees. Your unique skills, talents, and perspectives can greatly contribute to the success of Beth Emeth. Whether you have a passion for education, a commitment to social justice, or a knack for financial planning, there is a place for you within our committees.

In addition to committee involvement, serving on our board is another way to make a significant impact. Board members play a crucial role in guiding the strategic direction and governance of our synagogue. If you are interested in board service, please indicate your interest by contacting Rob Kivort, Second Vice President (Robert@KivortSteel.com) and Nominating Committee Chair. He can provide you with more information about the responsibilities and selection process.

To express your interest in joining a committee or becoming a board member, please reach out to Gary Fifer, Interim Executive Director (Gary@CBEAlbany.org) or any current board member. We are always eager to welcome new voices and ideas, and we look forward to your active participation in Beth Emeth.

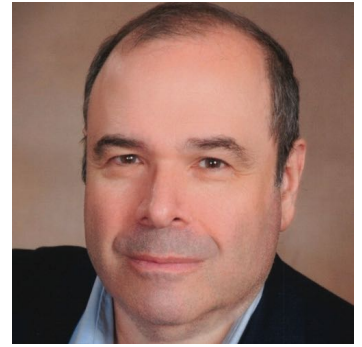
Thank you for your continued dedication and support. Together, we can continue to build a vibrant, inclusive, and dynamic community.

Melissa Greenberg, President
President@CBEAlbany.org

WELCOME GARY FIFER!

Our Interim Executive Director

Gary Fifer comes to Congregation Beth Emeth after having served as both an Executive Director and an Interim Executive Director for diverse congregations in 5 states. Prior to that, while raising a family in Roanoke, Virginia, Gary served in numerous volunteer leadership roles in the Jewish community, including Board President, Secretary, Building Committee Chair, Ritual Committee member, and Chevra Kadisha member. Previously, Gary held senior leadership roles in the direct marketing industry, with responsibilities that included operations, personnel management and training, strategic development, customer service, and change management.



Gary's passion for building Jewish community and his belief that synagogues are essential to helping our Jewish communities flourish prompted his career change. He believes that his contributions as an Executive Director draw on a combination of lessons learned from business, and lessons learned from Torah.

Gary has earned certification from the Jewish Leaders Program at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management, and from the National Association of Temple Administrators as a Senior Executive Director. Gary and his wife, Hope Trachtenberg-Fifer, met in New York City, and started their family there. They have four adult children and three grandchildren. They are proud that their children all contribute both professional and volunteer time to bettering the communities in which they live.

"I feel blessed to have an opportunity to join the Beth Emeth community in your ongoing holy work (avodah). What an impressive congregation you have grown! Avodah also means service. We are taught that work is a form of service not just to our immediate community, but also to the rest of humanity. I look forward to our work together making a contribution to the ongoing creation of the world.

I hope you will make it a point to introduce yourself to me (probably a few times!) and share your own Beth Emeth story with me. I look forward to meeting you."

We are excited to welcome Gary to Beth Emeth and look forward to working with him to strengthen our congregation and deepen our connection to Jewish life. Gary can be reached at Gary@CBEAlbany.org.

SIDNEY ALBERT ALBANY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER'S

25th Annual Pillars of the Community Awards

MAY 15th, 2025

5:30-8:30 P.M.

ALBANY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
340 WHITEHALL ROAD
ALBANY, NY 12208



HONORING:

HANK GREENBERG
DR. LARRY AND ELLEN KOTLOW
DR. GAVIN AND KAREN SETZEN

WHY SHOULD I CARE ABOUT THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS AT THE WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS?

The World Zionist Congress (WZC), sometimes called the “Parliament of the Jewish People,” was established by Theodor Herzl in 1897 to create a Jewish state. Even after Israel’s founding, the WZC remained crucial, providing a voice for diaspora Jews to influence Israeli policy and feel ownership in the Jewish State.

Meeting every five years in Jerusalem, the WZC allocates billions to Israeli organizations and impacts the leadership of key national institutions. Reform delegates use their influence to direct resources towards organizations promoting democracy, pluralism, security, and combating antisemitism. For example, they’ve secured millions for the Reform movement in Israel, expanding its reach and influence within national institutions.

The number of votes a movement receives determines its delegate count, which in turn affects funding and influence. These policies impact the status of Reform Jews in Israel and millions of other Israelis.

Voting for the WZC takes place from March 10 to May 4, 2025. Any US resident, 18 or older, who self-identifies as Jewish can vote online or by mail for a \$5 administrative fee.

Learn more by contacting committee members listed below or attending temple programs. Your vote directly impacts the strength of Reform values in Israel.



Not sure what to do? Vote in person!

Sunday, March 16 in the lobby at Congregation Beth Emeth from **9:30 am - 12:00 pm**

Sunday, March 23 in the lobby at Congregation Beth Emeth from **9:30 am - 12:00 pm**

Sunday, March 30 in the lobby at Congregation Beth Emeth from **9:30 am - 12:00 pm**

Thursday, April 3 starting at **10:00 am** at the Beverwyk (residents only)

Sunday, April 6 in the lobby at Congregation Beth Emeth from **9:30 am - 12:00 pm**

Thursday, April 24 starting at **10:00 am** at Avila Retirement Community (residents only)

Meet members of our committee, learn about how to vote and why, and vote!

Debbie Sokoler – Debbie.sokoler@gmail.com

Ariel Klein – arielpklein@gmail.com

Cheryl Gelder-Kogan – cherylgk@gmail.com

Steve Stulmaker – stevenstulmaker@aol.com

David Liebman – dilieber12@gmail.com

Josie Kivort – jkivort@aol.com

Scan the QR code to register
and vote starting
March 10, 2025.



OUR TEMPLE FAMILY

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jennifer Nisoff & Scott Peterson
and their child Madelyn Peterson

Tamar & Jonathan Reiner
and their children Asher and Hudson Reiner

Josephine Tse & Nathan Whitchurch
and their child Avigail Whitchurch

Toby Sabian

IN MEMORIAM

Beth Emeth recognizes with profound sorrow the death of our members.

Lawrence "Larry" Schechter
Husband of Linda Schechter
Father of Brian Schechter
and Andrew Schechter
Brother of Howard (Dale) Schechter
and Martin (Marjorie) Schechter

Arthur "Art" Bernhardt
Husband of Margot Bernhardt
Father of Richard (Becky) Bernhardt
and Jana (Patrick) Porter
Brother of Jerry (Irene) Bernhardt

June T. Barach
Mother of Bruce (Irene) Barach,
Lori (Richard Strunk) Barach,
Marc (Heather Jones) Barach,
and Scott (Regina) Barach

Harry Kushner
Husband of Helene Kushner
Father of Laurie Kushner,
Shari (Usher Winslett) Kushner,
and Bret Kushner
Brother of Philip Kushner

Sandra "Sandi" Storfer
Sister of Edward Herbst
Mother of Andrew Storfer
and Amy Storfer-Isser

Dr. Betty Lubitz
Mother of Faith Lubitz,
Martha Lubitz,
and Benjamin (Margaret) Lubitz

Beth Emeth extends sympathy to those in our congregation who have lost a loved one.

Donna Bookstein
Wife of Paul Bookstein
Daughter-in-law of Joyce Bookstein

Sandy Hawrylchak
Mother of Michael (Amy) Hawrylchak

Joel Simon
Father of Lauren (David Friedfel) Simon-Friedfel

Sidney Zamer
Father of Josh (Deborah) Zamer

LET'S CELEBRATE!

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

March Special Birthdays

Liz Albright	Howard Pressman
David Cooper	Jacki Rosenthal
Lucia Fischer	Diane Rubtchinsky
Julie Knox	Nina Sax
Jason Metz	Chip Stein
Scott Osur	Alexandra Stover
Renea Pollack	Brion Winston
Adam Poskanzer	

March Special Anniversaries

Alyson & Shams Tarek	10 Years
Susan & David Weiss	55 Years
Davidine & Jerry LeBoyer	65 Years

April Special Birthdays

Joe Bierman	Marla Kellert
Shellie Carr	Gail Kendall
Nancy Cummins	Debbie Liebman
Natalie Feigenbaum	Rick Ostroff
Ron Gerrol	Denise Pensky
Beth Harwood	Jon Pierce
Scott Hildreth	Molly Stulmaker
Alison Johnson	

April Special Anniversaries

Myra Nathan & William Cohen	15 Years
Jackie & Aaron Lieberman	30 Years

LET'S CELEBRATE!

MAZAL TOV TO...

Lisa and Malcolm Roth on becoming the proud grandparents of Wesley Milo Behrmann as of December 2025.

Lisa Saidel for recently receiving the New York State Office of General Services Commissioner's Award for Outstanding Performance in Administration. The Commissioner herself presented Lisa the award!

Jim Campbell on the birth of his granddaughter, Blair Ivy King, daughter of Alexandra and Kasey King, on August 11, 2024. Blair is the sister of Collins Rose King.

A MESSAGE FROM LIFELONG LEARNING

As Director of Lifelong Learning, the education of everyone from preschool through adulthood has been my responsibility within our synagogue community. Since the surge of antisemitism, I now embrace a broader mission, as a community educator and resource on all topics related to Judaism.

One of the most meaningful and impactful areas of this work has been fostering positive Jewish support and connection with local school districts. Most recently, the Bethlehem District Equity Committee invited me to present a session on understanding Judaism. This committee included a

mix of 30 or so educators, administrators, and district employees committed to supporting diversity, equity, and sense of belonging for all students. Their goal is to be a truly inclusive learning community. Following that session, I have received communications from several educators seeking guidance on how to present Judaism in a way that is both respectful and authentic. Having the opportunity to share information on Jewish traditions, holidays, and contemporary Jewish life, I am helping to ensure that all students receive an accurate understanding of Judaism. My hope is that this will combat misinformation and antisemitism.

“WITH EVERY LESSON TAUGHT AND EVERY RELATIONSHIP BUILT, WE MOVE TOWARD A FUTURE WHERE JEWISH IDENTITY IS EMBRACED, AND LEARNING SERVES AS A BRIDGE TOWARD A BRIGHTER, MORE UNIFIED COMMUNITY.”

As a direct result of this relationship built with the Bethlehem School District, I was contacted to assist with the handling of a recent antisemitic incident. Always prepared to step in for support and guidance when antisemitic incidents occur, I appreciated this important teaching opportunity.



By strengthening connections between the Jewish community and the broader educational landscape, we are planting seeds of understanding and inclusion that will flourish for generations to come. With every lesson taught and every relationship built, we move toward a future where Jewish identity is embraced, and learning serves as a bridge toward a brighter, more unified community.

With Love,
Rabbi Shara Siegfeld
Director of Lifelong Learning
RabbiShara@CBEAlbany.org

B'NAI MITZVAH

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



Jordan Beisler - March 22, 2025

Jordan Beisler, daughter of Andrew and Heleen Beisler, is an intelligent young woman who loves to play music, read constantly, and spend time with friends. She plays viola and piano and loves to make up her own music. Jordan enjoys getting to know people who have different experiences than her. She is a great student and has received high honors since starting middle school and enjoys learning.

Jordan is usually very quiet and shy, but around her friends and family she is full of energy and loves to spend time with them. She loves animals, especially our cats, and wants to be a veterinarian. We are so proud of her and all the hard work she's done for her Bat Mitzvah.

Gideon Kent - March 29, 2025

Gideon Kent, son of Kerry and Michael Kent, is excited to become a Bar Mitzvah at Congregation Beth Emeth, the 4th oldest Reform congregation in America. Gideon is a seventh grader at Bethlehem Middle School who enjoys studying English, math, and history. When not studying, Gideon loves being with friends and family, as well as playing soccer and skiing. In the summer, you will find him having fun with friends at Crane Lake Camp in the Berkshires. He is curious minded and an adventurer at heart - always up for exploring new places and activities. Most of all, Gideon has a great sense of humor and is often known to bring the fun wherever he goes.



OHAV SHALOM CONGREGATION BETH EMETH | **TEMPLE ISRAEL** | **YAD**

Purim Palooza

March 8 SATURDAY NIGHT Purim Party @ Ohav Shalom 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM

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FOR ADULTS | **COSTUMES ENCOURAGED BUT NOT REQUIRED**

PURIM Spiel & Carnival

SUNDAY, MARCH 16 FROM 10:15 AM - 12:00 PM

A WICKED WICKED SPIEL

PASSOVER YIZKOR SERVICE

Saturday Morning, April 19, 2025 at 10:10 am

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 Passover (April 29, 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
Claire Brandt
Jon "Jack" Burgasser
Howard Carr
Helen Coll
Eugene "Gene" Ginsberg
Elizabeth "Libby" Godfried
Sandy Hawrylchak
James Herman

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
Robin Shapiro

J. Peter Siegel
Joel Simon
Sandra "Sandi" Storfer
Janice Stratcher
Marni Zee Tesser
Joseph M. Tiberi
David Wallach
Bertold "Bert" Weinberg
Melvin Wilcove
Sidney Zamer

**As of February 4.*

2nd Night Seder, Sunday, April 13 at 4:00 pm At Congregation Beth Emeth

Led by Andrea McNellis, Director of Program Operations, our Seder blends traditional readings, rituals, and songs with contemporary insights into our unique Haggadah. While geared towards adults, we'll have coloring activities for children. Space is limited, so registration is required.

The Kosher-style meal, catered by 518 Kosher and heated in the Beth Emeth kitchen, will feature chicken soup with matzah balls, roast chicken, vegetable kugel, and more! Go to our website at CBEAlbany.org or follow the QR code for more detailed menu information and registration. Come experience your favorite Passover traditions with contemporary twists!

If the cost poses a financial hardship for you, please reach out to Andrea McNellis at Andrea@CBEAlbany.org. We believe that each and every person should have a seder to go to.

\$30/per person (age 13 and older)
\$18/per child (age 4-12) Under 4 is free



MARCH / APRIL CALENDAR

MAR 01
SAT
All Day Teens at L'taken with Cantor Short & Rabbinic Intern Spencer Mandell
9:30 am Torah Study with Andrea McNellis
1:00 pm Sisterhood Walk

MAR 02
SUN
All Day Teens at L'taken with Cantor Short & Rabbinic Intern Spencer Mandell
9:30 am ARBA for Fours!
9:30 am Sunday Discoveries
9:30 am Religious School
10:00 am Brotherhood Monthly Meeting
10:45 am Jewish Adjacent Workgroup
11:00 am Soup Kitchen

MAR 03
MON
All Day Teens at L'taken with Cantor Short & Rabbinic Intern Spencer Mandell
6:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting
7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh - Virtual

MAR 05
WED
12:00 pm Lunch & Learn
4:30 pm Religious School
5:30 pm CBEYG
7:00 pm Sisterhood Book Club

MAR 06
THURS
6:30 pm Challah Baking with Sisterhood

MAR 07
FRI
5:00 pm Pre-neg
5:30 pm Ruach Shabbat Service Featuring the Jr. Choir
6:30 pm Ruach Shabbat Dinner

MAR 08
SAT
9:30 am Torah Study with Andrea McNellis
8:00 pm Purim Palooza at Ohav Shalom

MAR 09
SUN
9:30 am Sunday Discoveries
9:30 am Religious School
12:15 pm CBEYG Jr. Club 56: Hero Couture & Gaga Galore

MAR 10
MON
7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh - Virtual

MAR 12
WED
4:30 pm Religious School
5:30 pm CBEYG
7:00 pm Evening Learning

MAR 13
THURS
Erev Purim
6:30 pm Brotherhood Card Night

MAR 14
FRI
Purim
5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Services

MAR 15
SAT
9:00 am CBE & Me: Purim
9:30 am Torah Study with Rabbinic Intern Spencer Mandell

MAR 16
SUN
9:30 am ARBA for Fours!
9:30 am Sunday Discoveries
9:30 am Religious School
10:15 am Purim Spiel and Carnival

MAR 17
MON
7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh

MAR 19
WED
4:30 pm Religious School
5:30 pm CBEYG

MAR 20
THURS
9:00 am Mah Jongg
6:00 pm Trivia at the Warbler

MAR 21
FRI
5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Services

MAR 22
SAT
9:30 am Torah Study with Rabbinic Intern Spencer Mandell
10:45 am Bat Mitzvah of Jordan Beisler

MAR 23
SUN
9:30 am Sunday Discoveries
9:30 am Religious School
9:45 am TLC (Teen Leadership Club)
11:25 am School-Wide Tefillah - Families Welcome
12:15 pm CBEYG Jr. Club 34: Mini Golf & Trivia

MAR 24
MON
7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh - Virtual

MAR 25
TUES
9:00 am Skiing with Beth Emeth

MAR 26
WED
4:30 pm Religious School
5:00 pm Rabbi's Discussion Panel: Antisemitism 101
5:30 pm CBEYG

MAR 27
THURS
11:30 am NNORC Birthday Potluck
6:00 pm Sisterhood Dinner Out

MAR 28
FRI
7:00 pm Founders Day Shabbat at Gates of Heaven

MAR 29
SAT
9:30 am Torah Study with Andrea McNellis
10:45 am Bar Mitzvah of Gideon Kent

MAR 30
SUN
9:30 am ARBA for Fours!
9:30 am Mini Mitzvah Day
9:30 am Sunday Discoveries
9:30 am Religious School

MAR 31 MON	7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh - Virtual	APR 16 WED	No Religious School No CBEYG
APR 02 WED	12:00 pm Lunch & Learn: Jewish Catholic Dialogue 4:30 pm Religious School 5:30 pm CBEYG	APR 17 THURS	6:00 pm Trivia at the Warbler
APR 03 THURS	7:00 pm Sisterhood Book Club	APR 18 FRI	5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Services
APR 04 FRI	5:00 pm Pre-neg 5:30 pm Ruach Shabbat Featuring Grades 4 & 5 6:30 pm Ruach Shabbat Dinner	APR 19 SAT	No Torah Study 10:15 am Passover Yizkor Service
APR 05 SAT	9:30 am Torah Study with Rabbinic Intern Spencer Mandell 1:00 pm Sisterhood Walk	APR 20 SUN	No Sunday Discoveries No Sunday Religious School 11:00 am Soup Kitchen
APR 06 SUN	9:30 am ARBA for Fours! 9:30 am Sunday Discoveries 9:30 am Religious School 9:45 am TLC 10:00 am Brotherhood Monthly Meeting 11:00 am Soup Kitchen 12:15 pm CBEYG Jr. Club 78: Chocolate Seder 2:00 pm Funny Girl at Proctors	APR 21 MON	7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh - Virtual
APR 07 MON	6:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh - Virtual	APR 23 WED	4:30 pm Religious School 5:30 pm CBEYG
APR 09 WED	4:30 pm Religious School 5:30 pm CBEYG 7:00 pm Evening Learning	APR 24 THURS	Yom HaShoa
APR 10 THURS	6:30 pm Brotherhood Card Night	APR 25 FRI	5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Services 7:00 pm Friday Dinner and Discussion
APR 11 FRI	5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Services	APR 26 SAT	9:30 am Torah Study with Rabbi Weitzman
APR 12 SAT	Erev Passover 9:00 am CBE & Me: Passover Edition 9:30 am Torah Study with George Forrest	APR 27 SUN	9:00 am Healthcare Speaker Series: Jewish End of Life Preparation 9:30 am ARBA for Fours! 9:30 am Sunday Discoveries 9:30 am Religious School 11:25 am School-Wide Tefillah - Families Welcome
APR 13 SUN	No Sunday Discoveries No Sunday Religious School 4:00 pm 2nd Night Seder	APR 28 MON	7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh - Virtual
APR 14 MON	7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh - Virtual	APR 30 WED	Yom HaZikaron 11:30 am NNORC Birthday Potluck 4:30 pm Religious School 5:00 pm Rabbi's Discussion Panel: Challenging Conversations 5:30 pm CBEYG

SISTERHOOD



Save The Date!

Sisterhood Susan B. Shpeen z"l Memorial Donor Dinner: Are you smarter than a Sister?

Thursday, May 8 at 6:00 pm

Join us for an evening of trivia and fun to support the wonderful work of Sisterhood!

At the Normanside Country Club - Business Casual
More information and invitation to follow.

Challah Baking

Thursday, March 6

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Learn to bake beautiful challah! Join Sisterhood for an evening of braiding (no experience needed!), exploring challah traditions, and sharing stories. Take home your freshly baked challah and the skills to continue this tradition.

Space is limited to 20 participants (including children), so register early on our website!



Dinner Out

Thursday, March 27 at 6:00 pm

Sisterhood Dinner Out at Outback Steakhouse (Colonie) on Thursday, March 27 at 6:00 pm! Join us for food, fun, and sisterhood. Separate checks requested. Space limited to 15, register by March 23!

BROTHERHOOD

Thank you to those Brotherhood members who volunteered to usher at the Rev. Dr. MLK Jr. Celebration and Scholarship Program in January!

Brotherhood and Sisterhood have presented two seminars in our Healthcare Speaker Series. The first one was a discussion about Judaism and Medical Ethics with Rabbi Weitzman and two bioethicists. Our second seminar focused on information and resources for those in the Sandwich Generation. I want to thank Jewish Family Services (JFS), NYS Office for Aging, and our own Rabbi Shara Siegfeld and Barry Davis, LCSW for all of their efforts!

On April 27, we will be presenting our final seminar in the Healthcare Speaker Series on Jewish end-of-life preparation, discussing ways that individuals and families navigate the spiritual, cultural, and logistical aspects of this sensitive topic. You can follow the QR code to register today!

Coming soon is our Yom Hashoah Candle distribution. Beth Emeth will lead a group of volunteers from multiple congregations in bagging and delivering candles to members of seven Capital Region Temples. We need volunteers to deliver candles on individual routes. If you are interested in volunteering to do this important mitzvah, please contact us at Brotherhood@CBEAlbany.org!

Yours in Brotherhood,
Jay Hurewitz



YOUTH GROUP

CBEYG: Looking for a crew of awesome teens to connect with?

Looking for a crew of awesome teens? Join CBEYG (Congregation Beth Emeth Youth Group)! Make lifelong friends, explore your Jewish identity, and even become a leader. Enjoy movie nights, social justice projects, delicious food, and unforgettable retreats. CBEYG connects to NFTY-NE and the new Capital Region BBYO, expanding your network of Jewish teens. Ready to join the CBEYG family? Contact CBEYG@CBEAlbany.org. Parents, CBEYG offers a safe and supportive environment for teens to grow.



CBEYG Jr: Club 34 and Club 56

Save the dates for the following events!

Club 56: Sunday, March 9, 12:15 pm - 2:00 pm, Hero Couture & Gaga Galore

Club 34: Sunday, March 23, 12:15 pm - 2:00 pm, Mini Golf & Trivia

Club 78: Sunday, April 6, 12:15 pm - 2:00 pm, Chocolate Seder

More details will be added to our website calendar soon! These are fun social events geared towards connecting our youth to one another planned by our amazing professional staff and teens!



Make a real difference in the lives of our neighbors experiencing homelessness! We're partnering with the Joseph's House to collect essential items that provide warmth, hygiene, and comfort during challenging times. Your generosity can bring hope and support to those in need.

Here's how you can help:

Essential Items Needed:

New Toiletries: Deodorant, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, shaving cream, hand sanitizer, and feminine hygiene products.

Winter Wear: Hats, gloves, hand warmers, and gently used heavy winter coats and sweaters (all sizes welcome).

Linens: New towels and washcloths.

Other Essentials: Reusable bags, and bottled water or reusable water bottles.

Every contribution, big or small, makes a difference. Join us in helping our community members stay safe and warm this winter. **You can drop off donations in the collection bin in our lobby. Donations will be accepted until March 12, 2025.**

For more information,
please scan the QR Code.



BEAUTIFICATION

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

Shabbat of December 27 – 28

Joyce Bookstein in memory of Nettie Hellman
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Shabbat of January 24 – 25

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Shabbat of January 31 – February 1

Eric Poskanzer in memory of Charles J. Poskanzer
Leslie and Mark Laven in memory of Alfred Laven

Shabbat of February 7 – 8

Cynthia Freedman in memory of Dorothy Teichner Frommer
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Marian Schwager in memory of Edward Ernst Schwager

Shabbat of February 14 – 15

The Friedlander Family in memory of Florence Kayle
Bruce Stuart and Bill Ho in memory of Suellen Stuart

Shabbat of February 28 – March 1

Joyce Bookstein in memory of Gertrude Bookstein
Kathie Kaplan, Jill and Wayne Katz, Lynn and Brian Gutner,
Jaden, Marli and Joshua in memory of Arnold M. Kaplan

Shabbat of March 7 – 8

Louis W. Bookheim III in memory of Dora (Doris)
Schlesinger Bookheim
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Shabbat of March 14 – 15

Leslie and Mark Laven in memory of Janice Cramer
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Jill Kapner Leamon and Willie Leamon in memory of
Eva Segall
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Harvey Stulmanker
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The Family of Sumner Shapiro in memory of Sumner Shapiro

Shabbat of March 21 – 22

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Lois A. Dembo Rice
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Dorothy Aufmesser Saidel
Linda and Larry Schechter in memory of
Marvin Harris Gingold
Cookie Siegel and family in memory of Lillian E. Siegel
Lori Strong and family in memory of Herman S. Mendelson

Shabbat of March 28 – 29

Jim Campbell in memory of Cynthia Dee Shenker
Lynn Aronowitz in memory of Rosalyn Weinberg Coleman
The families of Hank and Tom Barnet in memory of Eleanor
Gunst Barnet Oppenheimer
Celia Berk in memory of Howard Berk
Phyllis Berk in memory of Howard Berk
Barbara and Ralph Cohn in memory of Sidney Gothelf
Joanne Davidoff and family in memory of David Dembo

Shabbat of March 28-29 cont.

Susan and Brian Debronsky in memory of Lillian K. Ruzow
Marion Kintisch Greenberg and family in memory of
Merrill A. Greenberg
Newman / Rosen family in memory of Leslie Joan Newman
Ellie Safranko in memory of Anne Kaplan Safranko
Lynn Shaw and Paul Katzman in memory of Evelyn Katzman
Robyn and Edward Marinstein in memory of Leita Marinstein
The family of Ruth Facher Mendel in memory of Alan Mendel

Shabbat of April 4 – 5

Hazel, Les, and Brian Boyer in memory of Eric H. Boyer
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Genie and Gary Greenhouse in memory of Kristin
Greenhouse Brown
Gloria Herkowitz and family in memory of Ellen Sue
Herkowitz
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Donald A. Goldstein
Harris Sitrin in memory of Jerry Sitrin
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Shabbat of April 11 – 12

The Friedlander family in memory of Betty Friedlander
Rockford
Grandchildren in memory of Mollie Rosen Levy
Jodi Boyle and Matthew Kohn in memory of Rita S. Boyle
Steven Kramer in memory of Esther Rabineau Kramer
Hope Nathan in memory of Betty Green Nathan
Katherine and Michael Rosenblatt in memory of
Mary-Jo Tout Rosenblatt
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Lori Strong and family in memory of Juliet Rubin Mendelsohn
The Yaffee and Marmulstein families in memory of
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Mrs. Merna Zinnershine in memory of Jacqueline Zinnershine

Shabbat of April 18 – 19

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The family of Marc Friedenthal in memory of Marc Friedenthal
Gloria Herkowitz and family in memory of Samuel A.
Herkowitz

Steven Kramer in memory of Sayde Marcus Frisch
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Rosalind Ginsburg Itzkow
Rabbi Scott Shpeen and family in memory of
Dr. Stephen Shpeen
Marilyn and Herb Weisburgh in memory of Casper Weisburgh

Shabbat of April 25 – 26

Joyce Bookstein in memory of Neil Hellman
The family of Ruth Facher Mendel in memory of
Ruth Mendleson Mendel
Pat and Bob Friedman in memory of Harriet Friedman
Miriam Grode and family in memory of Marvin Grode
Steven Kramer in memory of Samuel Frisch
Jeff Shapiro and family in memory of Mona Kasselmann Shapiro
Natalie Winne in memory of Roberta Fox

Perpetual Memorial

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

The following families have established Perpetual Memorials in memory of loved ones:

Ed and Robyn Marinstein have established a Perpetual Memorial in memory of **Elliott Marinstein.**

The family of **Dorothy L. Sanders** has established a Perpetual Memorial in her memory.

The family of **Sandi Storfer** has established a Perpetual Memorial in her memory.

To learn more about Perpetual Memorials, contact Lita Carbone at 518.436.9761 x224 or email Lita@CBEAlbany.org.

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YAHARZEIT

March and April Yahrzeits

*If you wish to have a name included on our Shabbat Kaddish list, please contact Lita at 518.436.9761 x224 or
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Shabbat of March 7-8

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Bookheim
Lillian Joseph Braun
Gertrude M. Cadan
Samuel Caplan
Shirley Lewis Cohen
Fannie Cohn
Amelia Cohn
Alex Zolzensky Colin
May Dachs
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Lewis Muhlfelder
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Louis Pearlman
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Valerie Rosenberg
Joseph Rosengarden
Samuel Rubin
John J. Sandler
Bertha Shapiro
Gertrude Paul Solomon
Rae Heitner Turko
Rose H. Urbach
James B. Wennar
Mary Aronson Yunich

Shabbat of March 14-15

Carole K. Balick
Selma E. Barnet
Henry Bischof
Isadore R. Blatner
Morris Jacob Bloomberg
Eva Braun
Mae Hai Brecher
Elias Brody
Donald Bronstein
Ruth Ratner Cowan
Janice Cramer
Sadie Finks Fogel
Ellis O. Friedman
Leah Meyerson Gertskin

Israel William Goldfarb
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Gertrude M. Goodman
Doris "Duch" Groper
Jacob Handler
Carrie Hessberg
Ruth Weil Joseph
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Amalie Miller
Moses Naumoff
Dr. Evans H. Nelson
Leo H. Neuman
Stanley Nevett
Arthur Newell
Albert Newell
Ella Rosenberg Piel
John Ritz
Harriet Adler Rosenberg
Sarah Feltman Rudof
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Dr. Joseph Schleifstein
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Shabbat of March 21-22

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Shabbat of March 28-29

Bessie S. Aker
Spencer Jay Andre
Leon Aronowitz
Howard Berk
Samuel Berman
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Bernhard
Judah Bettman
Henry L. Bloch
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Shabbat of April 4-5

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Rose Blatner Barnett
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Ida Atkin
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Lena Brickman
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Billie Sumberg Daffner
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Shabbat of April 18-19

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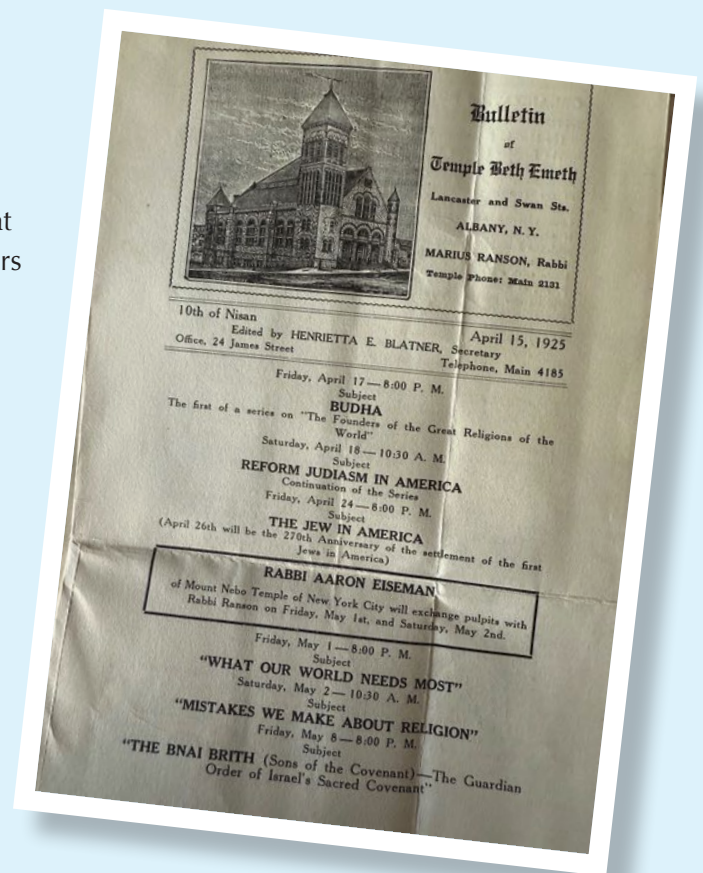
FROM THE ARCHIVES...

100 Years Ago This Month
 From Rabbi Emeritus Scott Shpeen

Some things never change! In perusing the archives as to what was happening at Congregation Beth Emeth one hundred years ago, two items stood out with particular interest.

The first is the April 15th, 1925 BULLETIN cover. Please note the misspelling of JUDAISM in the sermon topic for Saturday, April 18th. Even today, with SO many different people “proofing” The BULLETIN, inevitably and invariably there are always small mistakes that still are not noticed. Even one hundred years ago, small mistakes get by after The BULLETIN goes to press. “Nothing is new under the sun!”

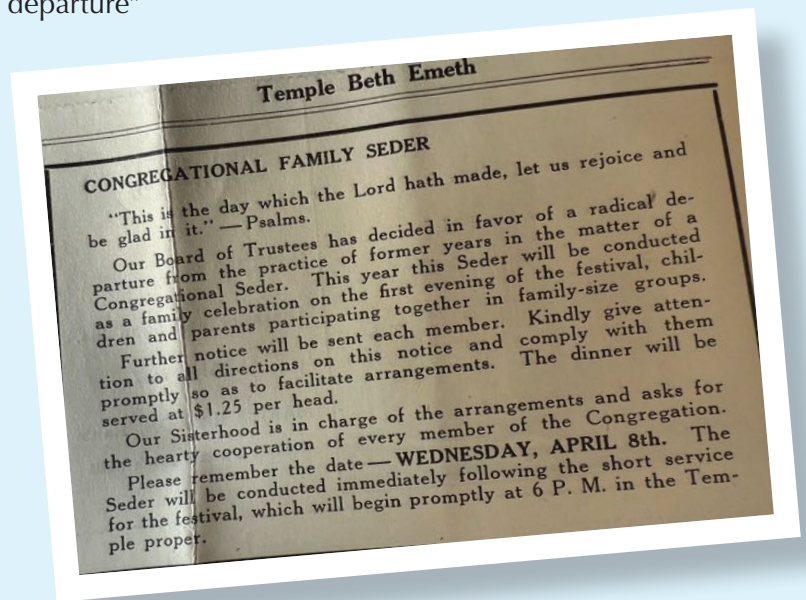
The second item is notice to the congregation of the “radical change” that took place in 1925 relative to the congregational Passover Seder. Historically, Beth Emeth



has always been known for our congregational seders. For generations, it always was held on the first night of Passover. In recent years, a “second night” Seder was found to be more receptive amongst our congregants, enabling them to share the first seder at home with family or friends and then coming together with the community for the second night. In the last decade or so, especially around COVID, we had suspended a congregational Seder for a variety of reasons, some of which were logistical in trying to find a caterer.

In 1925, the Board decided in favor of a “radical departure” and, instead, conducting a congregational Seder that would focus on being a “family” celebration. In other words, there was an attempt to be more inclusive AND to incorporate young children/families in the festival observance. Also, note that the price per person was \$1.25, or the equivalent value today would be \$22.54. Again, one hundred years ago and now in our generation as well, there has always been a desire within our congregation to be innovative and creative in including the “next generation” in so much of what we do.

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