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A Message From Our Rabbi



Rabbi Greg Weitzman

The Season of Gratitude

Before we say anything else in the morning, before coffee, before the news, before the list of what the day will demand of us, Jewish tradition asks us to say two words: *Modeh ani*. I am grateful.

Rabbi Reuven Hammer observed that the first word of prayer may be the most important one, because the essence of prayer is acknowledging the gifts we have been given. To wake up at all is to be reborn. Nothing is to be taken for granted, least of all life itself.

Our national holiday invites us to pause once a year, around a table, and name what we are thankful for. Judaism asks us to do it every morning, before every meal, and after every meal too.

> ***"Gratitude is not a step toward something else. It is where a faithful life arrives."***

How many blessings are showered on us each day of our lives? We eat food we did not grow, use products we did not make, exercise natural talents we did not earn. The intelligent person takes pride in intelligence, the beautiful one in beauty, though both intelligence and beauty are gifts.

Our tradition continually reminds us that gratitude is the proper disposition of a soul. The rabbis taught that in the time to come, every offering will cease except the offering of thanksgiving, and every prayer will cease except the prayer of thanks (*Vayikra Rabbah 9:7*). Even when the whole world has been redeemed, we will still say thank you. Gratitude is not a step toward something else. It is where a faithful life arrives.

Some among us stagger beneath great burdens of sadness, and this season can make an empty chair feel emptier. But for most of us, how can we be alive, feeling the plenitude of favors we have been given, and not be grateful? What God gives us hour by hour generously exceeds what any of us deserves. A life lived in gratitude is the only reasonable response to such astonishing benevolence.

The Talmud makes a startling claim. Rabbi Hanina bar Papa taught that anyone who enjoys something from this world without first saying a blessing is like someone who has stolen from God and from the community of Israel (*Brakhot 35b*). The Tosefta grounds the idea in the words of the Psalmist: "The earth, and all it contains, is God's."

Stolen is a strong word, but it fits. When we bite into an apple without acknowledging where it came from, we act as though it belongs to us by right. The blessing corrects the record. We are recipients before we are owners.

Ben Zoma once stood on the Temple Mount looking out at an enormous crowd and blessed God for creating all these people to serve him (*Brakhot 58a*). That sounds arrogant until you hear his explanation.

Think, he said, of how much work the first human being had to do before he could eat a piece of bread. He plowed, planted, and harvested. He threshed, winnowed, ground, and sifted. He kneaded and baked, and only then did he eat. The same went for clothing: shearing, combing, spinning, weaving. "And I wake up," Ben Zoma said, "and find all of this already done for me."

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Food we did not grow. Clothing we did not make. Ben Zoma's gratitude points in two directions at once. He thanks God, and he sees people. This Thanksgiving, try his practice. When the food comes to the table, trace it back. Who grew it? Who drove the truck? Who stood at the stove? Gratitude that never reaches the people around us is incomplete. Gratitude that never reaches God misses the source of it all.

After we eat, *Birkat Hamazon* thanks God for the land, for freedom, for Torah, for life and for the food before us, and then for the nourishment God provides "all of our days, whatever the season, whatever the time." Not only in years of plenty. Not only when the table is full.

That is my blessing for each of you this Thanksgiving. May you find something to name with gratitude, whatever this season holds. May you notice the many hands that sustain you, and thank them. And when you wake the next morning, may your first words be the oldest and simplest ones we have: *Modeh ani.* I am grateful.

Ashley, Eden, Jonny, and I wish you a wonderful thanksgiving season of gratitude.

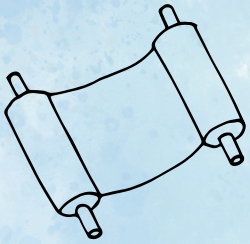
Join Us at CBE & Me!

CBE & Me is our home for young children and the grown-ups who love them. With opportunities to celebrate holidays, experience Shabbat, and connect with other parents, we pride ourselves on being a warm, safe, and inviting place to bring your children to play, learn, and find community. We'd love to see you and your little ones at one of our upcoming CBE & Me programs!

We have two upcoming dates!

CBE & Me: Friday Night Service with Rabbi Weitzman
Friday, November 6, 4:30 pm

CBE & Me: Chanukah Edition
Saturday, December 5, 9:30 am







A Message From Our First Vice President

Robert Kivort



An Update on our HVAC Project

I am delighted to share an important milestone for our congregation: the replacement of our Temple's HVAC system is nearly complete. Thanks to the careful planning of our board, clergy, and staff, and the amazing oversight of congregant David Hollander, who lent his expertise to this complex project, our entire building is now comfortably climate-controlled year-round. We are deeply grateful to everyone who supported this effort, whether through a contribution, a word of encouragement, or simple patience as we navigated the disruptions of construction.

This milestone reflects who we are as a community. Caring for our building is never just about brick, mortar, and ductwork; it is an act of *l'dor vador,* ensuring that the space we gather in today will welcome our children and grandchildren tomorrow. The successful completion of the HVAC project is a testament to what we can accomplish together.

It also reminds us that responsible stewardship requires looking ahead to the next critical needs of our building. Our roof, like the HVAC system before it, has reached the point where continued patchwork repairs are no longer a responsible long-term solution. Consistent with the multi-year plan outlined by Huston Engineering, our goal is to begin the roof replacement in the spring of 2027. Starting work in the spring allows us to take advantage of favorable weather, while minimizing disruption to our High Holiday season and other congregational gatherings.

Delaying this work would only increase the risk of leaks, interior damage, and higher costs down the road. By acting now, while the roof is still serviceable, we protect the investment we have already made in our building and avoid the far greater expense of emergency repairs. The foresight and stewardship that made the HVAC project possible will continue to guide us as we address future needs, including the parking lot and windows.

As planning progresses, we will share additional information about the project's scope, timeline, and budget. As always, we are committed to keeping the congregation informed every step of the way, and we will let you know well in advance about any temporary changes to how we use our building.

We are grateful for the trust and generosity this community has shown throughout the HVAC project, and we hope you will continue to hold this next phase of work in mind and in spirit. Those who wish to help make this next chapter possible are invited to contribute to the Capital Improvements Fund at CBEAlbany.org. Every gift, large or small, helps ensure that our building remains safe, welcoming, and vibrant for generations to come.

Together, we are investing not only in a building, but in the future of our congregation. With care, foresight, and faith, we are ensuring that our sacred home remains a place of welcome, connection, and holiness for all who enter, today and for many years to come.

A Message From Our Executive Director

Jill Rafferty-Weinisch



A Year of Finding Gratitude and Light

"For me, this season feels especially meaningful as my first year at Congregation Beth Emeth comes to a close."

As November and December arrive, we enter a season of contrasts. The days get shorter, the temperatures get colder, and somehow we find ourselves looking for—and creating—more light. We light candles, gather around tables, celebrate, give thanks, and find more reasons to be together.

It is a season that invites us to pause and think about what sustains us, what brings us joy, and how we can bring a little more warmth and kindness into the lives of others.

For me, this season feels especially meaningful as my first year at Congregation Beth Emeth comes to a close. And what a year it has been!

> ***"It is the relationships we build, the traditions we carry forward, the new ideas we embrace, and the way we show up for one another"***

Like any new job, there has been a lot to learn. I have learned how the congregation works, discovered things I think might work a little differently, met an awful lot of new people, and tried to understand a history and community culture that has been taking shape since 1838. That is a lot of history to absorb!

One of the things I have come to understand very quickly is that the greatest strength of this congregation is not its building, its programs, or even its history. It is its people. It is the relationships we build, the traditions we carry forward, the new ideas we embrace, and the way we show up for one another.

And I have been incredibly fortunate to have so many people show up for me this year.

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to work alongside our staff. I treasure the partnership I have built with Rabbi Weitzman and the ways we work together to make sure that the business of the congregation supports our mission and our shared values. I'm grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with Cantor Kohn and Rabbi Mandell, who are both so generous with their knowledge and good humor.

And then there is our office.

I love the way this group works together. We anticipate each other's needs. We pitch in without being asked. We solve problems. We laugh. We care. There are days when there is way too much to accomplish in way too little time, and somehow we get it done. And we share snacks. Lots of snacks.

The things that have been possible this past year could not have happened without Lita, Courtney, Sara, Jillian, Siobhan, Danielle, Irene, and Iyal. Each brings many assets to our team, and I am grateful for their talent, dedication, flexibility, and willingness to jump in wherever they are needed.

I am grateful for Steve and Billy, and Todd and Larry, who make sure that the places and spaces that support our congregation are in good working order—which is no small feat—and who accomplish it with great skill and care.

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I am also grateful for the light of the incredible network of volunteers and members who support all that we do: the people who stuff envelopes, cook meals, deliver goodwill bags, make phone calls, lend a helping hand, or simply notice that something needs to be done and do it.

I am grateful for the members who share their concerns with us, but also for those who stop to say, "Thank you," or "That was wonderful," or simply offer a word of encouragement. Those moments matter more than you may realize.

And then there is our Board, which provides steady support and encouragement. I am particularly grateful for our Executive Committee—Robin, Rob, Kerryn, Karen, and Zak—who have been there for me and for our staff every step of the way. They take my calls and texts, and answer my questions at a moment's notice. They drop by to sign checks, give advice, talk through a challenge, or help me think through a decision.

The week before the High Holy Days, they showed up with lunch for an exhausted staff. We are truly an army that runs on its stomach.

On a more personal note, this season of gratitude also has me thinking about my own family. My three siblings and I are working together to plan a celebration in November for my parents' 60th wedding anniversary. Sixty years! I feel incredibly fortunate that my family is healthy and that we are able to come together to celebrate this milestone.

Thank you for welcoming me this year. Thank you for your patience as I learn, for your willingness to share your ideas, for your support, your humor, your honesty, and your trust. I am grateful to be part of this community and excited about all that we can accomplish together.

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As we enter this season of gratitude and light, I hope we will each take a moment to notice the light around us—and perhaps think about how we can add a little more of our own.

May the coming months bring each of us opportunities for gratitude, generosity, joy, and connection. May our homes be filled with warmth, our tables with good food and good company, and our congregation with the light that comes from people caring for one another.

With gratitude and light,

Jill Rafferty-Weinisch
Executive Director
Congregation Beth Emeth

A Message From Our Principal

Sara Salitan-Thiell



A Season of Gratitude and Light

In our school community, we encourage our students to find their own pathways into Jewish life.

As we enter this season of gratitude and light, the Einhorn Center for Jewish Education school community is filled with moments that remind us how much there is to celebrate. Each week, our students bring curiosity, energy, and joy into our classrooms as they explore Jewish traditions, values, stories, and practices. Their questions and discoveries are a beautiful reminder that Jewish learning is not simply about passing traditions from one generation to the next, though these are all important. Equally important is to create meaningful connections that can continue to grow throughout our lives. That is our goal at the Einhorn Center, and those connections are encouraged in classrooms, making art and music, having discussions, and having loads of fun during special events like our 2nd annual Chanukah Color War!

In our school community, we encourage our students to find their own pathways into Jewish life. Whether they are learning a new prayer, wrestling with a Jewish value, creating something with their hands, singing together, or discovering the many ways Judaism calls us to care for others, our students are building a relationship with Judaism that is personal, relevant, and rooted in community. The light they bring to our school each week comes not only from what they learn, but from the friendships they form, the connections to teachers that are nurtured, and the sense of belonging they experience.

This season also invites us to consider how we share our own light with others. Gratitude can be found in the many people who make the Einhorn Center possible: our dedicated teachers, supportive families, clergy, congregational leaders, generous benefactors and, most of all, our students. We are grateful for every person who helps create a place where children and young people can ask questions, celebrate Jewish life, explore their identities, and feel that they have a home in our congregation.

May the coming season remind all of us that even small acts of kindness, learning, and connection can bring light into the lives of others. We are grateful to share this journey together and grateful for the light our students bring to our congregational community each and every week.









Mission, Vision, and Values

As we are winding down the first phase of our MVV work, we have taken your feedback and comments to identify a few strategic priorities that we, as a Congregation, want to focus our energy.

Those three areas include:

- Membership Engagement
- Internal and External Communication
- Leadership and Growth

We hope that many more of our CBE community will get involved as we start to implement ideas towards these priorities. If this next phase resonates with you, **scan the QR code** and we'll be in touch.

At our Chanukah Service, we will recognize the completion of the first phase of this important work and honor the members of our MVV Task Force. We thank the Task Force for the amount of effort, dedication, and hard work they have contributed over the past 15 months. We are grateful for their commitment to helping shape the future of our CBE community and look forward to celebrating this milestone together!

MVV Task Force Members:

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

MAZAL TOV TO...

Have a simcha? Contact Courtney at Courtney@CBEAlbany.

Sheila and Tom Baker on the birth of their grandson.

Douglas Berinstein, son of Ronald Berinstein, on his promotion to Lieutenant Colonel in the New York State National Guard.

We are thrilled to welcome new baby **Sylvie Dropkin,** who was named on September 4. Warmest congratulations to her proud mother, Emmalie Dropkin, and to grandparents **Robert Dropkin and Sheril Cohen-Dropkin** on this wonderful addition to the family.

Lauren and Harold Iselin on the birth of their new grandaughter, Maya Blake Iselin. Parents are Alex and Emily Iselin. Wishing their growing family a lifetime of health, love, and sweet moments together.

On October 30, Congregation Beth Emeth gathered for the meaningful installation of **Rabbi Spencer Mandell.** It was an inspiring and joyful occasion as we officially welcomed Rabbi Mandell into his new role within our congregational family.

Sophie Panzer on her debut novel *Son of Sasha*, Sophie's book will be featured in our Sisterhood Book Club in the 2027-2028 year, stay tuned for more information on how you can join!

Mazal Tov **Leo Spector** on your B'nai Mitzvah on October 10!

Mazal Tov **Alex & Julia Rasizer** on your B'nai Mitzvah on October 24!

Lisa Saidel on being recognized for her outstanding customer service and exceptional performance at the New York State Office of General Services, where she has dedicated more than 10 years of service.

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.

Lisa Levy (née Sokol)
Sister of Hal (Gail) Sokol
Aunt of Rebekah Sokol
Aunt of Drue Sokol

** as of October 1, 2026*

Welcome New and Returning Members!

From September 1, 2026 to October 1, 2026

Welcome New Members!

Herb Dembo and Margaret DiGuilio
Josh Elfman
Myles and Sara Fisher
Ben and Sally Hallow
Amy Horburg Heilveil and Jeff Heilveil
Anita Olender



Let's Celebrate!

Special Birthdays and Anniversaries

November Special Anniversaries

15 YEARS — Jennifer and Andrew Arbeit

30 YEARS — Amy and Darin Price

35 YEARS — Sue and Art Katz

40 YEARS — Tracy and Herschel Tress

November Special Birthdays

Adrien Bernstein
Jim Finale
Jed Goldberg
Denise Gonick
Dave Goodman
Leslie Laven
Jay Rosenblum
Heidi Sabatino
Andy Sommers
Laurie Stein

December Special Anniversaries

10 YEARS — Janna and David Ross

December Special Birthdays

Jill August
Sorelle Brauth
Cheryl Burack
Michelle Davidoff
Karen Martin
Anita Olender
Ellie Safranko
Bob Schnee
Joe Schwartz
Lauren Simon-Friedfel
Nancy Yaffee

High Holy Days 5787 / 2026

As the High Holy Days come to a close, we pause to reflect with gratitude on the many meaningful moments we shared together. From the small, quiet moments to the big celebrations—and everything in between—we are incredibly lucky to have such a strong, warm, and beautiful community with whom to celebrate this important time of year. We invite you to enjoy these snapshots of some of the special moments we were able to capture throughout the season. Thank you to **Kerensa Rybak and Courtney Kopa** for beautifully capturing these memories and helping us preserve the spirit of the High Holy Days.
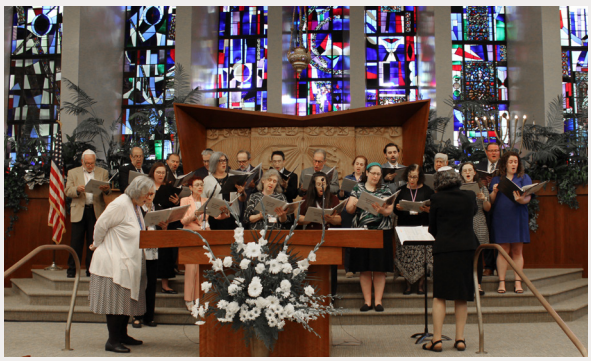




















Thank You!









A special thank you to **The Einhorn Center for Jewish Education** for facilitating our High Holy Days Children's Programming and creating such a magnificent experience for our youngest members. Through engaging activities, meaningful learning, and opportunities to celebrate together, our children were able to connect with the traditions, values, and spirit of the High Holy Days in ways that were fun, welcoming, and age-appropriate. Your hard work, creativity, and dedication to making these programs so special truly make a difference in helping our children build meaningful Jewish connections and create lasting memories.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the volunteers, teachers, and everyone else involved for their time, support, and contributions to our High Holy Days Children's Programming.



Thank you to Mark Rosen for sponsoring the High Holy Day experience at CBE this year.

Finally, we would like to express our gratitude to everyone listed below who helped make this year's High Holy Day season such a meaningful and successful one. From helping behind the scenes to supporting our services, programs, and events, every contribution played an important role in bringing our community together. We truly could not have done it without you, and we are so fortunate to have you all as a part of our community! A special thank you to the following:

Brotherhood for ushering and sponsoring our Break the Fast Reception as well as Sushi in the Sukkah; Sisterhood for ushering and sponsoring our Barechu Bags; all of our check-in volunteers: Alessandra Buccella, Jay Hurewitz, Kerryn Kent, Caren Kotlow, Diane Lerner; all of our Torah readers and chanters; our Past CBE Presidents; our Board members; our teachers and classroom helpers; our Ritual Committee for their work on the Service of Renewal; CBEYG for leading the Yom Kippur afternoon service; our Accompanist, Trevor Kahlbaugh; our professional choir octet: Sarah Dworjan, Kali Hicks, Alec Hicks, Jacob James, Jean Leonard, Jilian Reilly, Eugene Sit, and Chris Trombley; Jameson Platte our cellist; Zechariah Allen and Stan Denis from the Denis Entertainment Group; Yes! Apples and the Harwood family for apple donations; Rose Golden and Heather Higgins for facilitating and organizing our Rosh Hashanah Dessert Reception, as well as all of our bakers who contributed to the reception; Albany County Sheriff's Department, Albany County and NYS Counter Terrorism Unit, The Albany Police Department; and finally, our clergy and staff here at CBE: Rabbi Greg Weitzman, Rabbi Spencer Mandell, Cantor Sharon Kohn, Jill Rafferty-Weinisch, Lita Carbone, Sara Salitan-Thiell, Steve Squires, Billy Baranowski, Courtney Kopa, Siobhan Shea, Jillian Becker, Danielle Simmons, Irene Holsapple, Iyal Basen, Todd Van Wormer, and Larry Whiting.

November Calendar

Blue is Worship

NOV 01 SUN
9:30 am Religious School
9:30 am Brotherhood Board Meeting
11:00 am Soup Kitchen

NOV 02 MON
6:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting
7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh - Virtual

NOV 03 TUES
11:00 am Albany Area Senior Orchestra Concert

NOV 04 WED
4:30 pm Wednesday Religious School
7:00 pm Sisterhood Book Club

NOV 05 THURS
6:0 pm Brotherhood Card Night

NOV 06 FRI
4:30 pm CBE & Me: Friday Night Service with Rabbi Weitzman
5:30 pm Shabbat Services

NOV 07 SAT
9:30 am Torah Study with Stephen Weitzman
10:45 am Bar Mitzvah of Harrison Arbeit

NOV 08 SUN
9:30 am Religious School
6:00 pm CBEYG Board Meeting - Virtual

NOV 09 MON
7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh - Virtual

NOV 10 TUES
6:00 pm Sisterhood Dinner In

NOV 11 WED
Office Closed in Observance of Veteran's Day
No Religious School
7:00 pm Brotherhood Torah Schmooze - Virtual

NOV 12 THURS
11:30 am NNORC Birthday Potluck

NOV 13 FRI
5:00 pm Preneg
5:30 pm Veterans Ruach Shabbat Services
6:30 pm Shabbat Table: Veterans Congregational Dinner

NOV 14 SAT
9:00 am Torah Study with Andrea McNellis
10:45 am Bar Mitzvah of Asher Sinclair
1:00 pm Sisterhood Walk

NOV 15 SUN
9:30 am Religious School
9:30 am Chanukah Bazaar Opens
10:00 am Brotherhood / Sisterhood Brunch
11:00 am The Annual Wisley Dupiche Turkey Giveaway

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

NOV 18 WED
4:00 pm Chanukah Bazaar
4:30 pm Wednesday Religious School
6:00 pm CBEYG Chapter Meeting
7:00 pm Morocco Learning Session

NOV 19 THURS
9:00 am Sisterhood Mah Jongg Tournament

NOV 20 FRI
5:30 pm Shabbat Services

NOV 21 SAT
9:30 am Torah Study with Rabbi Mandell
6:00 pm CBEYG Apple Pie Bake

NOV 22 SUN
9:30 am Religious School
9:30 am CBEYG Apple Pie Sale Pick Up
9:30 am Chanukah Bazaar
11:00 am Soup Kitchen
12:30 pm Sisterhood Can Can Bingo
6:00 pm CBEYG Board Meeting - Virtual

NOV 23 MON
7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh - Virtual

NOV 25 WED
No Religious School

NOV 26 THURS
Office Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving

NOV 27 FRI
Office Closed
Mitzvah Menorah Begins: November 27 - December 18
5:30 pm Shabbat Services

NOV 28 SAT
9:30 am Torah Study with George Forrest

NOV 29 SUN
No Religious School

NOV 30 MON
7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh - Virtual

December Calendar

Blue is Worship

DEC 02 WED
4:00 pm Chanukah Bazaar
4:30 pm Wednesday Religious School
6:30 pm Sisterhood Board Meeting - Virtual

DEC 03 THURS
6:30 pm Brotherhood Card Night

DEC 04 FRI
First Night of Chanukah
5:30 pm Chanukah Ruach Shabbat Services
6:30 pm Shabbat Table: Chanukah Dinner

DEC 05 SAT
Second Night of Chanukah
9:00 am CBE & Me: Chanukah Edition
9:30 am Torah Study with Stephen Weitzman

DEC 06 SUN
Third Night of Chanukah
9:30 am Religious School
10:00 am The Einhorn Center's Second Annual Color War: Open only to The Einhorn Center Students
11:00 am Soup Kitchen
3:30 pm Chanukah on Jay
6:00 pm CBEYG Board Meeting - Virtual

DEC 07 MON
Fourth Night of Chanukah
6:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting
7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh - Virtual

DEC 08 TUES
Fifth Night of Chanukah

DEC 09 WED
Sixth Night of Chanukah
4:30 pm Religious School
7:00 pm Brotherhood Torah Schmooze - Virtual

DEC 10 THURS
Seventh Night of Chanukah
URJ Biennial Begins
11:30 am NNORC Birthday Potluck

DEC 11 FRI
Eighth Night of Chanukah
5:30 pm Shabbat Services

DEC 12 SAT
Last Day of Chanukah
9:30 am Torah Study with Andrea McNellis

DEC 13 SUN
9:30 am Religious School
9:30 am Brotherhood Board Meeting

DEC 14 MON
6:30 pm Sound Bowl Healing with Sisterhood
7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh - Virtual

DEC 15 TUES
6:00 pm Sisterhood Dinner Out

DEC 16 WED
4:30 pm Religious School
6:00 pm CBEYG Chapter Meeting

DEC 18 FRI
5:30 pm Shabbat Services
Last Day of Mitzvah Menorah!

DEC 19 SAT
9:30 am Torah Study with Cantor Kohn

DEC 20 SUN
9:30 am Religious School
6:00 pm CBEYG Board Meeting - Virtual

DEC 21 MON
7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh - Virtual

DEC 23 WED
No Religious School

DEC 24 THURS
Office Closed at 2:00 pm

DEC 25 FRI
Office Closed in Observance of Christmas
5:30 pm Shabbat Services

DEC 26 SAT
9:30 am Torah Study with George Forrest
1:00 pm Sisterhood Walk
CBEYG Social or Service Program: Details to come!

DEC 27 SUN
No Religious School

DEC 28 MON
7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh - Virtual

DEC 30 WED
No Religious School

DEC 31 THURS
Office Closes at 2:00 pm

B'nai Mitzvah

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



Harrison Arbeit - Saturday, November 7

Harrison Arbeit, son of Andrew and Jennifer Arbeit, is an 8th grader at Bethlehem Middle School. A multi-sport athlete, he plays baseball, basketball, and football, and is a fan of the NY Mets, Golden State Warriors, and Dallas Cowboys. In his free time, Harrison enjoys playing with his dog, Murray, and spending time with his sister, Madeleine, and his friends and family. He also likes playing ping pong, pool, and air hockey.

Asher Sinclair - Saturday, November 14

Asher Sinclair, son of Allegra Edelman and Peter Sinclair, lives in Loudonville, NY with his parents, sister (Alex), cats (Starry and Katy), and dog (Mimi). He is a student at Shaker Middle School, where he plays percussion in the school band and has been on the high honor roll. When Asher is not asking questions or discussing history and politics, he likes to read, play the New York Times Spelling Bee, watch Looney Tunes and Star Wars, explore nature, and play D&D.



Mitzvah Menorah is Back!



Join us starting **Friday, November 27,** as we light up the holiday season for those in need. Stop by the lobby to choose a "candle" from our large menorah that represents a special gift or essential item needed by someone in our community. Return the gift, unwrapped, by **December 18.** It's the perfect way to spread the light of Chanukah to others!







CHANUKAH BAZAAR

The Sisterhood Chanukah Bazaar begins **November 15**, and this year's bazaar promises to be bigger and better than ever! With lots of wonderful items to choose from, you'll want to arrive early to enjoy the best selection. Your purchases also support a great cause, helping Sisterhood continue its important work in our community. Payments are accepted by cash, check, and credit card (credit card payments are subject to a fee). We can't wait to see you there!

Dates and Times:
Sunday, November 15, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Wednesday, November 18, 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
Sunday, November 22, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Wednesday, December 2, 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Here's a sneak peek at some of the amazing items you'll find for sale!









Sisterhood

Sisterhood Is Keeping Busy—Will We See You at Our Upcoming Events?

Sunday, November 15 10:00 am

Join us for our annual Sisterhood and Brotherhood Membership Brunch!



This program is free for Sisterhood and Brotherhood members and $12 per person for guests. Guests may apply the $12 fee toward a new membership for just $36!

The Brotherhood Crew is preparing a delicious brunch featuring French toast, bagels with cream cheese and lox, tuna salad, herring in sour cream, and fresh fruit. Sisterhood will be adding their own delicious contributions of kugel and quiche.



And the entertainment? Get ready for a Shakespearean experience with Will Kempe's Players, featuring our very own Lita Carbone! Brush up on your sonnets, ponder whether it is to be or not to be, and prepare for plenty of fun surprises—including Shakespeareoke!

Come enjoy great food, good company, and a morning of Shakespearean fun!

CONGREGATION BETH EMETH
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BROTHERHOOD







Can Can Bingo!

Sunday, November 22, 12:30 - 2:30 pm

Join CBE Sisterhood for a family-friendly, fun-filled afternoon because we "can can can"! Let's come together for a good cause where we CAN enjoy a pizza lunch provided by Sisterhood starting at 12:30 pm, with bingo to follow.

Everybody wins at least once!



Admission:

One CAN of food (or other non-perishable item) for donation to a local food pantry in time for Thanksgiving, plus a full-size CANdy bar, box, or bag to be used as game prizes.

No time to shop? A $3 registration fee per person will cover your set of two cans.



Registration Deadline: November 18!



A Jewish Journey

Where Reflection Becomes Discovery

A sound bath experience facilitated by Good Vibes using Tibetan sound bowls creating an incredible spirtual experience and connection.

December 14, 2026
6:00 pm

Congregation Beth Emeth

Chanukah & Your Inner Light

$30.00 for Sisterhood Members
$36.00 for Non-Sisterhood Members
Registration Deadline: December 11

From Celebration to the Embodiment of Light

Bulletin Submission Deadlines & Guidelines:

We want to share a friendly reminder about how our CBE Bulletin is prepared and to help ensure your announcements, celebrations, and tributes appear in the issue you are hoping for.
Our Bulletin is finalized and sent to print approximately **one month** before it is distributed. Because of this, all submissions must be received well in advance of the month in which you receive the Bulletin.

Donations & Beautifications

Donations and Beautifications for each Bulletin must be submitted by the 1st of the month prior to the Bulletin's release date. For example, if you would like a Beautification or donation to appear in the January Bulletin, it must be received by December 1. Submissions received after December 1 will be included in the following issue, in this case, the February Bulletin.

Mazal Tovs & Yahrzeits

Mazal Tovs and Yahrzeit notices also need to be submitted one month prior to the Bulletin's publication date. Please keep the advance printing schedule in mind when submitting these notices so we can ensure they appear in the appropriate issue. Please check the website for specific dates.

We appreciate your help in meeting these deadlines! Planning ahead allows our staff to organize the Bulletin, finalize content, and send everything to print on time. If you are unsure of a deadline or which issue your submission will appear in, all deadlines are listed on our website. Navigate to "Latest News" and Filter by Category "Bulletin". If you have any questions, please reach out to Courtney at:
Courtney@CBEAlbany.org or 518.436.9761 x236

Brotherhood

Theo Carbone



A Season Full of Gratitude and Light

Dear Congregation Beth Emeth,

As the days grow shorter and the weather turns colder, I can't help but reflect on why this time of year is one of my favorites.

Like yours, my family has its own rituals for the season. Every year, the middle brother and his family hosts our family Chanukah dinner, and it's one of the things I look forward to every year. My mom takes over the kitchen, frying latkes. The oldest brother and I help our brother prep dinner, mostly trying to be an extra set of hands and not get in the way (with varying degrees of success). And at some point in the evening, amid a lot of laughter, we find out who had whom in our "Mystical Maccabee" gift exchange.

> ***Because we're meant to grow in holiness, not all at once, but one light at a time.***

The lead-up is hectic: who's bringing what, the gift lists, the rush to get everything ready. But it leads to the quiet moments I remember most. The candles. The sizzle of latkes. The pause after the meal when nobody wants to move.

But not everyone has a brother's table to go to. For some of us, this is the first holiday season after a loss. Some are far from family, or spending the eight nights alone. The same darkness that makes our candles glow can make an empty table feel emptier.

The menorah has something to say about this, though. Beside the eight lights stands the shamash, the helper candle. Its only job is to light the others. It isn't even counted among the eight. And it loses nothing by sharing its flame; it burns just as brightly after the last candle as it did before the first.

Then there's the way we light. Adding one candle each night rather than starting with all eight, because we're meant to grow in holiness, not all at once, but one light at a time.

Looking at it now, I realize that's what my brother and I try to do in that kitchen every year: being an extra set of hands. That's all a shamash is.

So this year, I have a request. Each night of Chanukah add one more person to your circle of light. Call someone who's alone this year. Make room at your table. Offer a hand to someone who's hosting. Spend a few minutes with the person at services you've never quite talked to. It doesn't have to be big, and nobody needs to know it came from you. Think of it as your own Mystical Maccabee.

By the eighth night, you'll have eight.

Be the shamash.

Wishing you and your families a season full of gratitude and light,

Theo Carbone

Chanukah Dinner QR Code

Shabbat Table: Chanukah Dinner

In Memory of Mark Shuket

Friday, December 4, Following Chanukah Services

Join us for the premiere Brotherhood dinner of the year. Homemade brisket you can cut with a fork, candied carrots, latkes with all the sides, homemade applesauce, and tossed salad with balsamic dressing.
Make your reservations early as this event often sells out.
Scan the QR Code on this page to register!







SHABBAT TZEDEK

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere"







Shabbat Tzedek this year falls on January 15, 2027, aligning directly with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s actual birthday. This convergence invites us to reflect on the shared moral vision between Jewish tradition and Dr. King's legacy — a vision rooted in justice, dignity, and the courage to confront hatred in all its forms. At a time when antisemitism continues to rise across the country, his reminder that "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere" feels especially urgent.

The following weekend, beginning Friday evening, January 22, we will also mark Tu B'Shevat as a Social Justice Weekend. Tu B'Shevat carries its own call to justice: caring for the earth, sharing its fruits, and taking responsibility for the generations who come after us. Its themes fit beautifully with Shabbat Tzedek and with Dr. King's legacy — especially with the holiday falling so close to MLK Day. Together, these two Shabbatot invite us to consider how environmental justice, racial justice, and Jewish values intersect in our community and beyond.

The Social Action Committee encourages everyone to join us for **Shabbat Tzedek on January 15** and for **Tu B'Shevat Social Justice Weekend on January 22**, as we honor Dr. King's birthday, uplift Jewish commitments to justice, and recommit ourselves to building a more equitable world. We also encourage you to get involved in social justice efforts throughout the Capital Region — whether by volunteering your time, supporting local organizations, or contributing to initiatives that strengthen our broader community. Stay tuned for more specific CBE programming details as we get closer.

Let's stand up together as a congregation, as Jews, and as a community to help build a more just and compassionate New York State.

CBEYG

Congregation Beth Emeth Youth Group (CBEYG) meets in two complementary ways. The CBEYG Board meets virtually on Sundays at 6:00 pm to set direction, assign roles, and keep the year's programs on track. Chapter Meetings are held in person once a month on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm, after Religious School, and welcome teens to brainstorm and plan Capital Region teen programming together.

From Board and Chapter Meetings, teens organize weekend community service or social action programs for teens across the capital region to help our community. Weekend programs are teen-led and subject to change.

CBEYG includes an annual membership fee of $150 to join.
For questions or to register, email CBEYG@CBEAlbany.org.

CBEYG Calendar:

November 2026

- Sunday, November 8, 6:00 pm — CBEYG Board Meeting (Virtual)
- Wednesday, November 18, 6:00 pm — CBEYG Chapter Meeting (In Person)
- Saturday, November 21, 6:00 pm — Apple Pie Bake
- Sunday, November 22, 9:30 am — Apple Pie Sale Pick Up
- Sunday, November 22, 6:00 pm — CBEYG Board Meeting (Virtual)

December 2026

- Sunday, December 6, 6:00 pm — CBEYG Board Meeting (Virtual)
- Wednesday, December 16, 6:00 pm — CBEYG Chapter Meeting (In Person)
- Sunday, December 20, 6:00 pm — CBEYG Board Meeting (Virtual)
- Saturday, December 26 OR Sunday, December 27, 6:00 pm — Teen-Led Social or Service Program (tentative; subject to change)

CBEYG APPLE PIE BAKE

We're hosting the ultimate Apple Pie Bake-Off on **Saturday, November 21, from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm**! Come hang with the coolest teens in town, make some new friends, and show off your baking skills. Whether you're a pastry pro or just want to taste-test, this is the place to be.

The Sale: Scan the QR Code to place your order!
$20.00 for one or $35.00 for two
Pies will be available for pickup:
Sunday, November 22 from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Thank you to **Mike Harwood** and **Yes! Apples** for donating apples used in the bake!

VETERANS SHABBAT & SHABBAT TABLE: VETERANS DINNER

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Join us for a special Veterans Shabbat, as we honor and recognize the veterans in our CBE community and express our gratitude for their service and sacrifice. Following services, stay for **Shabbat Table: Veterans Dinner** and enjoy a wonderful evening of good food, friendship, and community.
Gather with friends, family, and fellow congregants for a delicious dinner featuring short ribs, baked potatoes, seasonal vegetables, tossed salad, and apple pie for dessert.
Thank you to Beth Emeth Brotherhood for preparing and serving this delicious meal.

Dinner is free for veterans and children under 12.
We can't wait to celebrate Shabbat and honor our veterans together!

Registration is required, scan the QR Code to register. Please register by November 11.

SAVE THE DATE:

You and your family are cordially invited to
join Rabbi Weitzman and Rabbi Shpeen for a

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FEBRUARY

Sunday 07 11:00 am

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Aloft Hotel
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Stay tuned for more details coming soon!

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Thank you to all of our generous donors! This list includes gifts received by October 10.

As we enter 5787, Congregation Beth Emeth continues to grow while honoring the traditions that have sustained our community for more than 188 years. This year, we are investing in our future through our mission and vision process, building improvements, and enhanced security.

The 5787 Annual Appeal: $72,000, Quadruple Chai is an opportunity for every member to help strengthen our community for generations to come. Please make a gift today at an amount that is meaningful to your family. Every dollar brings us closer to our goal.

Thank you for being an important partner in building a vibrant Jewish future at Beth Emeth!

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Shabbat of October 9 - 10
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Shabbat of October 16 - 17
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Shabbat of October 23 - 24
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Shabbat of November 13 - 14
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Eleanor Breinan in memory of Natalie Dorkin
Karen and Mark Glaser in memory of Larry Glaser
Lauren Mancuso in memory of Samuel Green
Cheryl Amy in memory of Sandra Cohen Patack

Shabbat of November 20 - 21
Bob and Pat Friedman in memory of Bernard Friedman
Eunice Golderman in memory of Shirley Basch
Nancy Hodes in appreciation of Emma Kulerman
Linda, Brian, and Andrew Schechter in memory of Albert Bernstein
Gail, Hal, Rebekah and Drue Sokol, Kenneth Deitcher in memory of Carole Koblantz Deitcher
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Shabbat of November 27 - 28
Joanne Davidoff and Family in memory of Ethel Friedman Davidoff
Joanne Davidoff and Family in memory of Shirley Dembo Raab
Joanne Davidoff and Family in memory of Gary S. Rice
Adele Einhorn and James Slover in memory of Dr. Marcus B. Einhorn
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Shabbat of December 4 - 5
Bob and Pat Friedman in memory of Lena Myers
The Gersowitz and Levin Families in memory of Morris Gersowitz
Carol G Rosenthal in memory of Lillian Gingold
Linda, Brian, and Andrew Schechter in memory of Lillian Gingold
Larry and Michele Sloman in memory of Albert Sloman
Lisa, Steve, Molly, and Sarah Stulmaker in memory of Donald Goldslager
Samuel Wechsler in memory of Jay Wechsler
Harriet Wicks in memory of Michael J Wicks

Shabbat of December 11 -12
Arthur, Anna, and Nate Bray in memory of David Bray
Robyn Easton & Ethan and Emily Kurlander in memory of Roslyn Hendler Cohen
Robyn Easton and Jodi and Sandra Lippman in memory of Ileen A. Cohen Duffy
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Jean, Jodie, and Mark Freedman in memory of Frances Freedman
The Hormats Family in memory of Arlene Goldberg

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The Yaffee Family in memory of Mildred Yaffee Strosberg

Shabbat of December 18 -19

Judith Halpern in memory of Estelle Halpern
Nancy and Barry Simon and Family in memory of
Harold R. Simon
April Galletly Stackhouse in memory of Micki Nevett

Shabbat of December 25 -26

Murray, Chad, and Zack Caplan in memory of
Gail Robin Caplan
The Colman Family in memory of Dr. Gerald B. Colman
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Dona Stulmaker
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Dr. Lothar Wirth
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Bertram M. Aufsesser
Ferdinand M Aufsesser
Robert Avrach
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Karl E. Nisoff
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Anna Rubin
Dora Levine Shacter
Anna D. Silverman
Harold R. Simon
Caroline Sonnenfeld
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Shabbat of December 25 - 26

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