



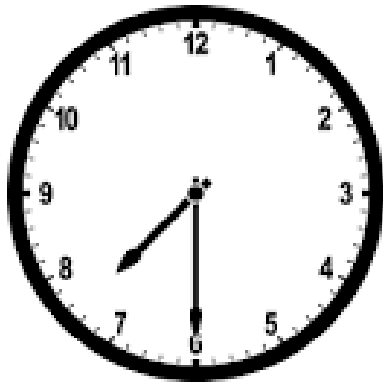
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Tevet/Shevat/Adar 5780 - January/February 2020

BETH SHALOM CONGREGATION

The Center for Conservative Jewish Life In Howard County

*Affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism
Caring, Creative, Conservative*



FRIDAY NIGHT SHABBAT
SERVICES ARE MOVING TO
7:30 PM JANUARY 3

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BINGO, BARTER + BREW

GREAT PRIZES, SILENT AUCTION, SNACKS, SOFT DRINKS + BEER

FEBRUARY 29TH @ 8:00 PM

BINGO TICKETS

\$20 Members

\$25 Non-Members

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

7:00 pm: Havdalah & family games

8:00 pm: Parents play Bingo! Movie & snacks
for the kiddos.

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A Message from Rabbi Grossman

Contact Rabbi at Rabbi.Grossman@beth-shalom.net
or call (410) 531-5115 x306



Changing the World One Conversation
at a Time

By Rabbi Susan Grossman

I was on my computer when this title caught my eye: "*Changing the world, one conversation at a time.*" It was a TED talk by author and British social media guru Euan Semple. He reminded his listeners

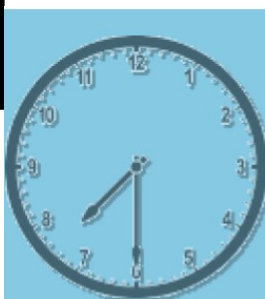
that organizations don't tweet, people do and if we can change the way people speak with each other we can change the world.

That is exactly what we will be doing here at Beth Shalom and several other congregations over the next two months, learning how to talk with others in a way that can help change our community, and the world, one conversation at a time, through HOCO Courageous Conversations. (Check it out on Facebook and the web.)

We began two years ago (2017-18) with six congregations across different race and faith identities. After the overwhelming support Beth Shalom and the Jewish community received in response to the shooting at Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh last year, our interfaith participation grew to include individuals from 52 congregations. In our second year (2018-19), conversation circles became more diverse, discussions more meaningful, facilitators received more training and questions went deeper. The result was incredible. Almost half the conversation circles continue to meet in some way, with group walks, book clubs, ethnic food sharing, visits to different faith communities and a series of classes about different faiths. (My Beyond Judaism for Dummies this past fall followed a class on Islam at Dar al Taqwa.)

United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism just honored us with its top award for Innovation and Impact for Courageous Conversations, recognizing Courageous Conversations as one best practice for building an ever-expanding circle of individuals trained and committed to changing the way we talk with each other and relate to each other across our racial, religious, ethnic, economic and political differences.

Yes, we can change the world one conversation at a time. Each of us can learn how (or share how) to speak courageously, effectively, thoughtfully and respectfully with others. Now is the time to learn how. Facilitator training begins Jan. 7. Conversation Circles begin Feb 4. (See inside the pages 4 and 5 for more information and details.)



Friday Night Shabbat Services Are On The Move

**Beginning Friday, January 3
Services will begin at 7:30 p.m.**

SPONSOR FOOD!

Onegs and Kiddushes can be more fulfilling with your help! Sponsor an oneg Friday night or a Kiddush Saturday morning in honor of a simcha, in memory of a loved one or just because!

VOLUNTEER!

Enjoy having nosh at services? Help keep that a part of Friday night and Saturday morning tradition by joining the Hospitality Committee.

Call the office for information food
options or to volunteer





410.531.5115

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Worship With Us - Fridays**Main Service Starts at 7:30 pm** *(except as noted below)*

Date	Candle Lighting	
Jan. 3 7:30 pm: <i>Shabbat Unplugged Service</i>	4:38 pm	
Jan. 10 5:30 pm: <i>Vatikim Dinner</i> 7:30 pm: <i>Shabbat Service</i>	4:45 pm	
Jan. 17 7:30 pm: <i>Shabbat Service</i>	4:52 pm	
Jan. 24 7:30 pm: <i>Kolenu Shabbat Service</i>	5:00 pm	
Jan. 31 7:30 pm: <i>Shabbat Service</i>	5:08 pm	
Feb. 7 7:30 pm: <i>Shabbat Unplugged Service</i>	5:17 pm	
Feb. 14 5:30 pm: <i>Vatikim Dinner</i> 7:30 pm: <i>Shabbat Service</i>	5:25 pm	
Feb. 21 7:30 pm: <i>7th Grade Shabbaton & Kolenu Shabbat Service</i>	5:33 pm	
Feb. 28 7:30 pm: <i>Shabbat Service</i>	5:40 pm	

Worship With Us - Saturdays**Main Service starts at 9:30 am**

Date	Shabbat Ends
Jan. 4 9:30 am: <i>Shabbat Services</i>	5:41 pm
Jan. 11 9:30 am: <i>Shabbat Service & Torah Talks with Rabbi Scheinerman</i> 10:30 am: <i>Junior Congregation</i>	5:48 pm
Jan. 18 9:30 am: <i>Shabbat Services</i> 6:30 pm: <i>Paint & Sip Night</i>	5:54 pm
Jan. 25 9:30 am: <i>Shabbat Service & Sermon in Song with Cantor Apt</i> 10:30 am: <i>Junior Congregation</i> 12:30 pm: <i>The Chosen Meeple</i>	6:02 pm
Feb. 1 9:30 am: <i>The Bar Mitzvah of Ilan Tracton</i> 7:00 pm: <i>"New Empty Nesters" Dinner</i>	6:09 pm
Feb. 8 9:30 am: <i>Shabbat Service & Torah Talks with Rabbi Scheinerman</i> 10:30 am: <i>Junior Congregation</i> 6:15 pm: <i>PJ Library Family Havdallah - open to all</i>	6:17 pm
Feb. 15 9:30 am: <i>Shabbat Service</i> 10:30 am: <i>Junior Congregation</i>	6:24 pm
Feb. 22 9:30 am: <i>7th Grade Shabbaton Shabbat Service & Ask the Rabbi</i> 10:30 am: <i>Junior Congregation</i> 12:30 pm: <i>The Chosen Meeple</i>	6:32 pm
Feb. 29 9:30 am: <i>The Bat Mitzvah of Emily Zagnit</i> 7:00 pm: <i>Havdallah and Family Game Night</i> 8:00 pm: <i>Bingo, Barter & Brew</i>	6:39 pm

Did you know?

Shabbat Unplugged: fills the sanctuary with piano music and contemporary tunes by our Spirited Choir. Services with instrumentation marked by musical note image.

Shabbat Kolenu: traditional prayers with contemporary tunes by our Youth Choir

Shorashim Tot Shabbat: For tots & their families.

Vatikim Shabbat: brings empty nesters and mature singles and couples together for a pot-luck dinner. RSVP required to rabbi.assistant@beth-shalom.net



Saturday afternoons in the Beth Shalom Social Hall following Shabbat service and Kiddush January 25 & February 22

If you would like to be added to the email list, please send an email with the subject "Add me" to:
chosen-meeple-admin@googlegroups.com

Organized by Bernie Gabin
Sponsored by the Social Events Committee

"New Empty Nesters"

Calling all new or relatively new empty nesters with college age children – a new group is forming!

- Are all of your children living outside of the house?
- Would you like to socialize with others who do not have children living at home?

We are happy to announce that due to requests we have just started a new group. We may plan to get together for Shabbat dinners, wine and cheese, brunch, paint or pottery nights, theater events, or other social activities. All events will be open to Beth Shalom Congregation family members only.

The first event will be a pot-luck dinner on Saturday February 1st, 2020 at the home of Alan and Sandy Spiegel. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to the office at rabbi.assistnat@beth-shalom.net.

For more information, you may e-mail Tammy Lawrence at tamlawr@comcast.net.

This group is separate from the long-standing Vatikim group. The Vatikim group continues for less recent empty nesters & singles.

A Message from the President

Tammy Lawrence *Contact Tammy at*
Tamlawr@comcast.net

Perhaps you have seen the inspirational words inscribed on the wall near our classrooms to *Learn, Live and Love our Jewish values*. Jewish values guide how we treat each other as well as how we make decisions as a congregation. In 2014, the Congregational President, with the help of the Board of Trustees, developed a document called a Brit Avodah, or Covenant of Service, which all board members sign at the beginning of each fiscal year. The Brit Avodah outlines principles and expectations not only in our roles as board members, but also as congregants and community members. It contains our mission statement (which we may revise as part of our 50th celebration) as well as reminders about being ethical in everything we do, guided by *kedushah* (holiness), while keeping in mind the best interests of the Congregation and our congregants.

The 33 expectations in the Brit Avodah fall into the five categories of Congregational Expectations, Personal Expectations, Accountability, Communication and Confidentiality, and Respect for Others. Some of these expectations are obvious such as setting the synagogue's mission and purpose, goals and strategic direction. However, the Brit Avodah also includes items such as setting an example through personal commitment and actions, embracing *tzedakah* by financially supporting the synagogue to the best of our ability; decision making based upon Jewish values such as fairness, *derech eretz*, mutual respect, sensitivity, and openness; acting with honesty and avoiding personal gain; creating a safe and welcoming environment built on trust; upholding to the highest standards of the laws of *la'shon hara*; and ensuring that everyone involved in synagogue life is treated with respect. Although developed five years ago, we still use the Brit Avodah today, and we have it available at every board meeting.

Why am I writing about this? Because, I believe it is important. It is important for you, as congregants, to know that the board members take their responsibilities seriously not only in our own roles as committee chairs, but also in the way we act when we are not formally in our roles. We expect a lot from each other. And, we also hope and expect that all our congregants, and especially our numerous volunteers, will embrace many of these expectations in their own lives within and outside of the Congregation while at meetings, events, and community activities. We are a warm and friendly congregation and we care about our members. These are values all of us should believe in, embrace, and emulate. If you would like to see the full Brit Avodah, please let me know and I will be happy to share it with you.

L'hitraot, Tammy Lawrence, President

Courageous Conversations III about Race and Religious Bias

In Courageous Conversations, we will learn from one another and hear each other's perspectives about how we are living together in our experiences of race and religious bias. The purpose of these conversations is not to persuade, debate, or convince one another of our positions, but to make space for each of us to be heard and to learn about one another, including areas in which we might disagree or hold different views.

All are welcome, regardless of whether you participated last year, and regardless of faith affiliation (including no faith affiliation at all). Participants will be assigned to one of the following 4 locations:

**St John Baptist Church, Beth Shalom Congregation
Dar Al-Taqwa Islamic Center, Jesus Christ of Latter
Day Saints**

Conversation Circles meet at 7 pm for four Tuesdays in February: **4, 11, 18, and 25, 2020, with a culminating event on March 16 at St. John Baptist.**

Facilitators needed. Training will be held Jan. 7, 14, 21 and will be geared both for first time and returning facilitators.

Please contact Rabbi Grossman ASAP if interested
rabbi.grossman@beth-shalom.net



Paint & Sip
Saturday
January 18, 2020
6:30pm

\$25 Per Member; \$35 Per Non-Member
Snacks, Refreshments & Art Supplies Provided
~BYOB Kosher Adult Beverages~

Paint your own chamsa on canvas.
No experience necessary.

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Adult Education News by Steve Seliger - Adult Education Co-Chair

Beth Shalom 20120 Winter-Spring Adult Education Curriculum Continues with a Wide Range of Exciting and Stimulating Classes and Activities!

Our exciting Shabbat programming:

- Saturdays Jan 11th, Feb 8th - *Torah Talks*: Join Rabbi Amy Scheinerman, author of the 2-volume work, *The Talmud of Relationships*, for an engaging discussion on the how the weekly Torah reading can inform how we live our lives. Discussions take place during Sabbath services that begin at 9:30 am.
- Saturday January 25th: *Sermon in Song* with Cantor Rebecca Apt. This in-depth exploration of the meaning and music of a particular prayer occurs during regular Sabbath morning services.
- Saturday February 22nd: *Ask the Rabbi*. Bring your questions about questions about Jewish belief, history, tradition, observance, and culture for this engaging conversation with Rabbi Grossman.
- *Friday Vatikim Dinner*: Mature empty nesters, singles and couples join together for a pot luck dinner at members' homes every second Friday night of the month through June (except April) before services. RSVP to the office. Rabbi.assistant@beth-shalom.net
- *Shabbat Unplugged*: First Friday of the Month. Modern and traditional melodies accompanied on piano by Cantor Apt and commentary of the prayer service with Rabbi Grossman move the spirit every first Friday of the month through June. Interested in joining the Adult Choir? Contact Cantor Apt at Cantor.Apt@beth-shalom.net. Services begin at 7:30 pm followed by refreshments.
- *Kolenu Shabbat*: Fourth Friday in Jan. & Feb. Student Choir members add ruach (spirit) in this enthusiastic service the that includes a special treat for attending students. Services begin 7:30 PM followed by refreshments.
- *Jewish God Talk (Part 2)* with Rabbi Amy Scheinerman: In every age, Jews have enlarged our lexicon for talking about God, adding to traditional God-language as they conceived God in new and widely varying ways. Jewish ideas about the nature of God, whether and how God interacts with the material universe, and how we might relate to God have evolved with time and now offer us a long and exciting menu of possibilities for our own thinking and spirituality. We'll examine three distinctly different modern views. There is no need for you to have joined us for Part 1; Part 2 stands on its own. Thursdays, Jan. 30. Feb. 6 & 13 at 7:45 pm. Registration required.
- *Conversational Hebrew* continues on Wednesdays at 7:45, This class, with emphasis on grammar, conversational Hebrew, and vocabulary acquisition, is led by master teacher and native Israeli Ora Fisch. This class continues

previous classes, but newcomers are welcome.

Registration Required.

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A Voice for Diversity in Israel

Mercaz is the Zionist arm of the worldwide Masorti movement whose aim is to defend religious pluralism, democratic values and minority rights in Israel. Mercaz also works to secure vital funding for Masorti Judaism's educational work in Israel and around the world.

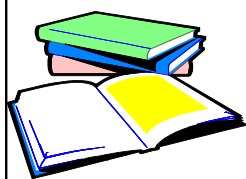
We can have an impact on the diversity in Israel with our coordinated efforts. **Take a few moments to register and vote for Mercaz in the World Zionist Organization.** It's all about the number of votes Mercaz gets that then determines the number of delegates they have in the World Zionist Congress. Turning out the vote means we elect more delegates, get more funds for our communities, and strengthens the voice of Masorti Judaism. Please pass on this information to family and friends. Encourage them to vote too.

To register to vote in the US election for the 38th World Zionist Congress go to zionistelection.org. Follow these simple steps:

- Click the Voter Registration button on the bottom left of the page.
- Fill in your information and submit the form.
- Check your email or SMS to receive your verification number and enter the number you received.
- Proceed to payment of \$7.50 to cover the processing costs and hit submit. **YOU ARE NOW REGISTERED TO VOTE!** In a few moments you will receive a "PIN Code" by email or SMS.

Voting opens on January 21, 2020 and you will use this PIN Code to vote. You will receive a reminder notice with your PIN Code before then.

Committee and Community News



The book club gets together once a month to chat about our selected book, socialize, and enjoy some munchies. Each book we read has something Jewish about it, whether it's the characters, the subject, or the author.

Most are novels or memoirs, plus other occasional nonfiction. Our get-togethers are generally on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m., in congregants' homes. Come for one meeting or become a regular. Newcomers are always welcome. Contact Sharon Schreiber (sharonschreiber@comcast.net) to find out whose home we are meeting in that month.

Here are the books we will be discussing over the next few months:

- January 8: *The Power*, Naomi Alderman
- February 12: *The German Girl*, by Armando Lucas Correa
- March 11: *Strangers and Cousins*, by Leah Hager Cohen
- April 13 (Monday): *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*, by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

Shul Lady



Share all of your good news with Beth Shalom! Your congregational family would love to bask in the glow of your simchas. Please contact Sherri Kersey with any joyful announcements: sak0526@gmail.com.

Mazel tov to Barry & Lois Hollander who are now first time grandparents. Their granddaughter Sophie Louise Derby was born on Sunday December 8 at 3:25pm. She weighed 8lb 3 oz and was 20.75 inches long. Mazel tov to Lisa and Kyle Derby

Hamantaschen Baking!

Baking help needed!
Join Sisterhood bakers on
February 16 & 23
(Snow date: March 1)
for Hamantaschen baking!

Order form on page 10!

Social Action News by Abby Glassberg - Social Action Co-Chair

Thank you to all the Cold Weather Shelter Volunteers:

Beverli Goldberg	Sam Sapp
Janet Fishbein	Sophie Sapp
Robert Chasnow	Abby Snyder
Nadia Wasserman	Adrienne Goldstein
Roger Gabin	Frank Staines
Michael Weinstein	Isabelle Staines
Lenore Weinstein	Abby Glassberg
Irva Nachlas Gabin	Joseph & Debra Saul
Becky Lessey	William & Arlene Fox
Sharon Shoemaker	Alan Rubinstein
Charles Shoemaker	Andrea LeWinter & Stephen
Miriam Laufer	Seliger
Linda Nachenberg	Reginald & Debra Counts
Michelle Sapp	Sylvie Staines
Mike Sapp	

Please join us for our on going projects:

- Jewish Women's Prison Project at MD Correctional Institution for women: for more information please contact Abby Glassberg aglassberg@klnb.com or Becky Lessey blessey1@gmail.com First Thursday of every month
- PATH: People Acting Together in Howard projects include: Get out the vote, Transportation issues, repealing the mobile home tax and immigration. For more information please contact Becca Niburg rniburg@gmail.com and Nancy Schweiss bobschweiss@verizon.net
- Elizabeth House: Serving dinner at the soup kitchen our next nights is Oct 31, 2019 for more information please contact Phyllis Bloom prsbloom1228@gmail.com
- Road Clean Up: Harriet Tubman road cleanup Spring 2020 for more information please contact Abby Glassberg aglassberg@klnb.com
- Courageous Conversations Circles: Learn how to talk about racial and religious bias across our differences. For more information contact Nancy Schweiss bobschweiss@verizon.net or Roger Gabin gabinr1@gmail.com

Please reach out, we'd love to hear from you and see you at our next action! We look forward to working with you to create a more just and equitable world!

Abby Glassberg and Alan Seidman

Education by Dr. Louis Nagel

Contact Dr. Nagel at Louis.Nagel@beth-shalom.net or call (410) 531-5115 x322



“On the ____ day of the ____ month you will...” is a phrase that appears many times in the Torah to ordain a holiday observance. Our Jewish calendar is filled with special days that have been celebrated for thousands of years. New holidays were also instituted by the Talmudic rabbis, for example, Hanukkah. In the last century, Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day), Yom HaZikaron (Israel’s Memorial Day) and Yom HaAtzmaut (Israel Independence Day) have been added to the calendar.

What Jewish holiday is most meaningful to you? What holiday might you find challenging to explain? Coming up soon is an ancient holiday that has taken on new meaning since the Jewish National Fund and the State of Israel came into being. In antiquity, Tu B’Shevat, meaning the 15th of Shevat, was a form of Tax Day. One measure of wealth was the number of fruit bearing trees a person owned. Tu B’Shevat was a day to count trees and assess wealth. Imagine if we celebrated April 15th with a special blessing as

we sent in our W-4 forms.

In March we celebrate Purim, which has its own Biblical book, called Megillat Esther (Scroll of Esther). Purim only became an officially recognized, “Rabbinic” holiday, in the second century of the Common Era. Like many of our own narratives, we find similar stories within other cultures. Across the globe we hear about new moon festivals, harvest holidays, new year celebrations, and commemorations of people who rose up and took control of their own destinies. The story of Esther, Mordechai, Haman, and Ahasuerus is an inspiring retelling of events that happened to our ancient ancestors in Persia. As the song goes, “Oh today we’ll merry merry be,” on Monday, March 8th as we celebrate Purim. We begin with Tots Purim at 6:30 pm followed by the Congregation’s Megillah reading (7:00 pm) retold to the music from the Broadway show Oklahoma. Joining the festivities will be the musicians of the Silly Symphony, and an appearance of the Koleinu Choir. It promises to be a joyful, not to be missed celebration.

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GREAT PRIZES, SILENT AUCTION, SNACKS, SOFT DRINKS + BEER

FEBRUARY 29TH @ 8:00 PM

TICKETS

\$20 Members

\$25 Non-Members

Free kidsnugg! Drop the kids off for a movie and snacks!

B	I	N	G	O
Raffle		Bring your friends	Schmoozing	B-I-N-G-O
GREAT PRIZES	Join Us		Chips and pretzels	Meet new people
Soft drinks and beer	Bingo cards	FUN!	Make a difference	
	Snacks	Back by popular demand	Baskets	You won!
Community	SILENT AUCTION	Saturday evening		See you there

SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS

Do you have an item or service you would like to donate for the auction? Contact Jessica or Sari in the office.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

7:00 pm: Havdalah & family games (donation requested)

8:00 pm: Parents play Bingo! Movie & snacks for the kiddos (FREE)

\$5 donation per family requested.

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GOOD AND WELFARE

Mazel Tov To:

Michael Tracton and Sara Benjamin on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Ilan

Jason Zagnit on the Bat Mitzvah of his daughter, Emily

Our Condolences to:

Rebecca Marcus on the passing of her father, Charles Henry Marcus

Charles Caplan on the passing of his father, Ronald Caplan

Jeff Komrower on the passing of his mother, Beverly Ringel

General Fund Donations:

In honor of Alan Zeman on the 50th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah

Alan and Karen Rubinstein

Stephen and Lisa Paul

Tammy and Danny Lawrence

Ronni Cooper Levin

Ruth and Todd Celi

Walter and Diana Okada

In memory of Lloyd Eisenberg's mother, Estelle Rose Eisenberg:

Sharon Schreiber

Irva and Roger Gabin

Jan and Russ Schub

In memory of Jill Oletsky's father, Stephen Shapiro:

Sharon Schreiber

In memory of Alan Zeman's father, Joseph Zeman:

Jill and Tyler Foulkes

Irva and Roger Gabin

Reva Joan K and Myer Berman

George and Edna Nacht

Joe and Debbie Saul

In memory of Joseph Lieber, beloved father of Michelle Lurie:

Irva and Roger Gabin

Jan and Russ Schub

Laurie Perlstein

In honor of Rabbi Grossman completing her tractate in memory of her father:

Irva and Roger Gabin

In memory of Arthur Podolsky, beloved father Tammy Colton:

Irva and Roger Gabin

A speedy recovery to Becky Lessey:

Irva and Roger Gabin

In memory of Hope Corrigan's father, Alvin Bober:

Jan and Russ Schub

A speedy recovery to Lenore Weinstein:

Irva and Roger Gabin

Mazel Tov to Randy and Mary Dalnekoff on the engagement of their daughter Lauren:

Irva and Roger Gabin

Happy 1st birthday to Colton, son of Heather and Evan Potler:

Irva and Roger Gabin

In memory of Martin Lurie, father of Howard Lurie:

Irva and Roger Gabin

Laurie Perlstein

In memory of Harvey Poltilove on his yahrzeit:

Ann and Dave Poltilove

In memory of Edith Arnheim on her yahrzeit:

Bobbie and Dan Arnheim

In memory of our beloved parents, Helen Greenberg and Benjamin Nacht on the occasion of their yahrzeit:

George and Edna Nacht

Building Fund Donations:

In memory of Yvonne Edelstein, mother of Karen Kaufman:

Jan and Russ Schub

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund Donations:

In memory of Albert Goldweit:

Mindy and Jon Sperling

In memory of Howard Lurie's father, Marty:

Sandra Germain

In memory of Sidney Z. Greenfeld on his yahrzeit:

The Greenfeld Family

In honor of Alan Zeman on the auspicious occasion of the 50th anniversary of his becoming a Bar Mitzvah:

Robin Regaspi and her parents Machi Regaspi and Brad Friedman

Hesed Fund Donations:

Mazel Tov to Eva Levine, daughter of Todd and Lisa Levine, on her Bat Mitzvah:

Alan and Karen Rubinstein

In honor of Becky Lessey and with wishes for a healthy New Year

Nicki and Yale Stenzler

In honor of our dear friends Margie Steiner and Howard Lessey being chosen as Beth Shalom Volunteers of the Year:

Lenore and Michael Weinstein

In memory of Lloyd Eisenberg's beloved mother, Estelle Rose Eisenberg:

Joe and Debbie Saul

In memory of Alan Zeman's father, Joseph Zeman:

Margie and David Steiner

In memory of Jill Olesky's father, Stephen Shapiro:

Stephanie Caplan and Family

Dara Burstein and Family

Melissa Susseles

The Richardson Family

In memory of Irwin Floam on his yahrzeit;

Michele Floam and Sandra Jaffe

Cantor's Discretionary Fund Donations:

In memory of Roslyn Rubinstein on her yahrzeit:

Alan, Karen, Elana and Michael Rubinstein

In memory of Lloyd Eisenberg's mother, Estelle Rose Eisenberg:

Ann and Dave Poltilove

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Robin Regaspi and her parents Machi Regaspi and Brad Friedman

In memory of Albert Goldweit on his yahrzeit:

Mindy and Jonathan Sperling

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Bereavement Fund Donations:

In memory of Sharon's Schreiber's father, Louis Schreiber:
Alan and Karen Rubinstein

In memory of Alan Zeman's father, Joseph Zeman:
Abe and Pauline Balak

Lenore and Michael Weinstein
Harold and Helene Tyler

In memory of Edith Arnheim on her yahrzeit:
Bobbie and Dan Arnheim

In memory of Jill Oletsky's father, Stephen Shapiro:
Harold and Helene Tyler

In memory of Lloyd Eisenberg's mother, Estelle Rose Eisenberg:
Harold and Helene Tyler

In memory of Irwin Floam on his yahrzeit:
Michele Floam and Sandra Jaffe

Religious Books Fund Donations:

In honor of Stacey Keen's induction as a Fellow in the American
College of Radiology:
Andrew Alpert

Joint Library Fund Donations:

In honor of Alan Zeman's 50th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah:
Marc Mozansky

Religious School Fund Donations:

Mazel Tov to Elana Rubinstein, our daughter, on her first
published book, "Once Upon an Apple Cake":

The Rubinstein/Miller Family

In memory of Joseph Zeman, father of Alan Zeman:

The Caplan and Burstein Families

In memory of my father, Harry Saul on his yahrzeit:
Joe and Debbie Saul

Alan Reid Youth Fund Donations:

In memory of Estelle Eisenberg, mother of Lloyd Eisenberg:
Alan, Karen, Elana and Michael Rubinstein

A donation was made by Joslyn Kravitz

A donation was made to the cold weather shelter by:

Beverli Goldberg

Joe and Debbie Saul

Arlene and Bill Fox

Andrea LeWinter and Steve Seliger

Debbie and Reggie Counts



BETH SHALOM PRESENTS

MISHPACHA BOWLING

\$12 + SHOE RENTAL

SUN. 12TH JANUARY 12PM

LOCATION: MAIN EVENT @ COLUMBIA MALL

ADDITIONAL INFO

- For students ALL students & their families
- Shoe rental: \$4.25 for adults / \$3.25 for children
- Snacks and refreshments included

Register online at beth-shalom.net
For more information call 410.531.5115



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OKLAHOMA!

A PURIM SILLY SYMPHONY

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020

6:30pm: Tot Purim

6:45pm: Ma'ariv Service

7:00pm: Megillah Reading & Silly Symphony

Candy moshpit for the kids!

8070 Harriet Tubman Lane
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beth-shalom.net 410.531.5115
Caring, Creative, Conservative; Interfaith Families Welcome

Instrumentalists and Vocalists Needed!**Join the Silly Symphony!**

Open to all 6th Graders & older
(younger students by audition)

***Rehearsal dates:**

Sundays, February 23 & March 1 at 12:00 pm

Sunday, March 8 at 4:00 pm

Contact the office if you would like to participate 410.531.5115

*Musicians are NOT required to attend every rehearsal.

PURIM IS COMING...

... AND SO ARE THE HAMANTASCHEN!

BETH SHALOM SISTERHOODoffers 5 ways to join in the mitzvah of giving gifts on Purim.**1. Send PURIM GREETINGS to the entire congregation.**

\$54.00 donation - For the low price of \$54.00, you can fulfill the mitzvah of Purim by adding your name to our Congregational Shalach Manot packages - Delivered to every family in Beth Shalom, Congregational college students and active-duty military members, and to Jewish residents of Harmony Hall.

2. Share HAMANTASCHEN with Family and Friends

\$6.00/dozen. - Purchase extra hamantaschen for yourself or to give personally to your friends

3. Sponsor HAMANTASCHEN for our Religious School students.

\$108 per class. - Get together a group of friends/parents and share the mitzvah, or let your family be a Class Sponsor! Your name goes on the card, and the School's announcements.

4. Join our team of HAMANTASCHEN bakers

To provide hamantaschen to our congregants, classrooms, and communities, we bake and package nearly 2,000 of these tasty treats. Folders, fillers, and packers are always welcome. We provide training and tastings.

5. Assemble and/or deliver Shalach Manot packages

is at Beth Shalom the evening of **Thursday, March 5, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

IF you want to help with delivery (a perfect way to meet your Beth Shalom neighbors!), pick up Shalach Manot for delivery on **Thursday, March 5 (7:30pm - 8:30pm) or Saturday, March 7 (7pm - 8:30pm)**

DEADLINE TO ORDER: FEBRUARY 9, 2020

_____ \$54: **Send** Shalach Manot to the entire Congregation:
Please print your name as you wish it to appear on the Shalach Manot card:

_____ \$108 **Sponsor** Hamantaschen for Religious School class. Grade: _____
Please print how we should acknowledge this sponsorship:

_____ x \$6 per dozen - Order extra hamantashen to share with family

_____ **Bake** hamantaschen on _____ **Sunday, February 16** and _____ **February 23** (noon to 6:00 p.m.) (b'nai mitzvah-age children and older welcome with a parent) (snow date, March 1.)

_____ **Deliver** baskets in your neighborhood between **March 5 & March 7**

Pick up your deliveries at Beth Shalom on Thursday, March 5 (7:30pm - 8:30pm) or Saturday, March 7 (7pm - 8:30pm)

_____ Sorry! I won't be home that week. Please do not deliver Shalach Manot to my home.

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____**Make checks payable to:** Beth Shalom Sisterhood**Send this form and payment to:** Eve Klein, 5262 Five Fingers Way, Columbia, MD 21045

Your name: _____ Evening phone #: _____

DONATION FORM

Please complete this form and mail with your check,
payable to Beth Shalom Congregation, to:

Lois Hollander
5238 Farm Pond Lane
Columbia, MD 21045

*(Contact the synagogue office to purchase Memorial Plaques
and Tree of Life Leaves)*

Donor's Name (s) _____

Address _____

Donor's Phone _____

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Address: _____

In Honor /Memory/Yahrzeit of (please circle): _____

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- ☐ Alan Reid Youth
☐ Bereavement
☐ Building Maintenance
☐ Cantor's Discretionary
☐ Hesed (Caring Committee)
☐ General Operating
☐ Gillian Cohen Scholar-In-Residence
☐ Joint Library Fund *
☐ Rabbi's Discretionary
☐ Religious Book Fund (min. donation \$54)
☐ Religious School
☐ Rich Kavalsky Special Education

** With the support of the families involved, the Myer & Phyllis Kuritzky Library Fund, Steven Chilton Memorial Library Fund, and Harriet Chaitovitz Fund have been combined into a new Beth Shalom Joint Library Fund. The Joint Library fund provides support for Beth Shalom's library collections, which are located in the portable classroom dedicated to Harriet Chaitovitz, and include the Steven Chilton Memorial Children's Library and the Myer & Phyllis Kurtitzky Memorial Library. The Levinson & Sons Bereavement Library is located in the Sanctuary.*

It's a mitzvah to make a Minyan for those reciting the Mourner's Kaddish. If you cannot attend on the dates assigned below, we ask that you please sign up for at least 4 other days by visiting

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C044AAEA82AA3FF2-minyan/22346034

MINYAN SCHEDULE

Please support the daily minyan

Everyone is asked to attend; in particular, families with a last name that falls in the ranges listed below should attend during the assigned week. Please bring your children.

Minyan Times*:

Sunday at 7:15 pm

Monday - Thursday at 7:30 pm

*Unless otherwise noted in the weekly e-scroll or other special Congregation-wide messages

JANUARY

Last names begin with:

Week 1: Jan. 5 - Jan. 9

TR - Z

Week 2: Jan. 12 - Jan. 16

A - B

Week 3: Jan. 19 - Jan. 23

C - DA

Week 4: Jan. 26 - Jan. 30

DR - GAB

FEBRUARY

Week 1: Feb. 2. - Feb. 6

GAN - GRI

Week 2: Feb. 9 - Feb. 13

GRO - JO

Week 3: Feb. 16 - Feb. 20

K

Week 4: Feb. 23 - Feb. 27

L - MAM

MARCH

Week 1: Mar. 1 - Mar. 5

MAN - N

Week 2: Mar. 8 - Mar. 12

O - RO

Week 3: Mar. 15 - Mar. 19

RU - SE

Week 4: Mar. 22 - Mar. 26

SH - TO

Week 5: Mar. 29 - Apr. 2

TR - Z

In Memory of a Loved One

4 Tevet/Jan 1	16 Tevet/Jan 13	29 Tevet/Jan 26	22 Shevat/Feb 17
Jean Smith	Martin Deitz	Kathryn Bullock	Jill Bater
5 Tevet/Jan 2	17 Tevet/Jan 14	Arnold Feig	Bicky Larrabee
Sarah Kaplan	Helen Blume	Shirley Friedman	Lillian Saunders
Joan Kerbel	Helaine Schwartz	5 Shevat/Jan 31	23 Shevat/Feb 18
William Press	18 Tevet/Jan 14	Samuel Goldberg	Joice Alkalai
6 Tevet/Jan 3	Charlotte Greenfeld	Avner Mishan	Leslie Glassberg
Martin Mellinger	Harriet Michaels	Abraham Schwartz	David Rosenbaum
7 Tevet/Jan 4	Henry Sandler	7 Shevat/Feb 2	Nathan Rosenberg
Gussie Rothman	19 Tevet/Jan 16	Ryna Ferretti	24 Shevat/Feb 19
8 Tevet/Jan 5	Edward Lustbader	Flora Zeman	Louis Grossman
Marvin Hork	Lillie Sexton	8 Shevat/Feb 3	Sara Jewel
Milton Rosenzweig	Robert Sheers	Michael Estrin	Roslyn Marcus
Irving Schwartz	20 Tevet/Jan 17	Leonard Winter	Theresa Siegel
9 Tevet/Jan 6	Martin Chaitovitz	12 Shevat/Feb 7	Beatrice Steiner
Lena Mishan	Dov Pluznik	Shirley Friedman	26 Shevat/Feb 21
Emanuel Rothman	21 Tevet/Jan 18	Ruth Hochberg	Louis Safren
10 Tevet/Jan 7	Carol Risin	Jennifer Kiel	Joseph Troft
Robert Folkart	22 Tevet/Jan 19	13 Shevat/Feb 8	27 Shevat/Feb 22
11 Tevet/Jan 8	Mollie Berkowitz	Elaine Getz	Ray Schwartz
William Berman	Bess Kiel	14 Shevat/Feb 9	Francine Stettner
Monroe Chilton	23 Tevet/Jan 20	Geraldine Margulies	28 Shevat/Feb 23
Morris Gorinson	Michael Boder	15 Shevat/Feb 10	Minin Jacobs
12 Tevet/Jan 9	Hilda Reisman	Jacob Cohen	Robert Nathanson
Vivian Novikoff	24 Tevet/Jan 21	Mrs. Elaine Frankle	Gertrude Sinay
13 Tevet/Jan 10	Manuel Blume	Stephen Pine	29 Shevat/Feb 24
Mina Weiler	Donald Jacobs	16 Shevat/Feb 11	Hyman Bizinsky
14 Tevet/Jan 11	Leonard Turk	Renee Chilton	30 Shevat/Feb 25
Ruth Feig	25 Tevet/Jan 22	Solomon Zeldin	Mary Golubsky
Khaya Gronas	Alter Shulman	17 Shevat/Feb 12	Louis Hantman
Maurice Hatwell	Nathan Torop	Herman Fox	Rivian Hartman
Mina Kofman	26 Tevet/Jan 23	Minnie Fox	1 Adar/Feb 26
Martha Kohn	Barbara Heisler	18 Shevat/Feb 13	Frank Chwieroht
Alfred Sokol	27 Tevet/Jan 24	Stanley Clark	Naomi Frank-Dannick
Mark Tyler	Devorah Golinkin	19 Shevat/Feb 14	2 Adar/Feb 27
15 Tevet/Jan 12	Sarah Greengrass	Eve Hantman	Benjamin Goldberg
Nathan Gabin	Joseph Laric	Addie Levy	3 Adar/Feb 28
Bernard Grill	Arlene Schachter	20 Shevat/Feb 15	Nathan Balakirsky
Olly Lehman	28 Tevet/Jan 25	Arthur Kerbel	Paul Baskis
Bernard "Bud" Schwartz	Claire Mathason	Lillian Rosenzweig	Jeanne Hornstine
	Lillian Denn Newman		4 Adar\Feb 29
			Steven Chilton

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BETH SHALOM CONGREGATION

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<u>1 Jan</u> New Year's Day Beth Shalom's Offices are Closed	<u>2 Jan</u>	<u>3 Jan</u> 7:30pm: Shabbat Unplugged Service	<u>4 Jan</u> 9:30am: Shabbat Services
<u>5 Jan</u> 9:00am: Religious School 9:00am: Munchies with Munchkins 6:00pm: Hebrew High 7:15pm: Minyan	<u>6 Jan</u> 7:30pm: Minyan	<u>7 Jan</u> 2:15pm: Daytime Study Group (off site) 7:00pm: Courageous Conversations facilitator (off site) 7:30pm: Minyan	<u>8 Jan</u> 4:30pm: Religious School 7:30pm: Minyan 7:45pm: Conversational Hebrew	<u>9 Jan</u> 7:30pm: Minyan 7:30pm: Men's Club Meeting	<u>10 Jan</u> 5:30pm: Vatikim Dinner 7:30pm: Shabbat Service	<u>11 Jan</u> 9:30am: Shabbat Services & Torah Talks with Rabbi Scheinerman 10:30am: Junior Congregation
<u>12 Jan</u> 9:00am: Religious School and Preschool 12:00pm: Mishpacha Bowling 6:00pm: Hebrew High 7:15pm: Minyan	<u>13 Jan</u> 7:30pm: Minyan	<u>14 Jan</u> 2:15pm: Daytime Study Group (off site) 7:00pm: Courageous Conversations facilitator training at BSC 7:30pm: Minyan	<u>15 Jan</u> 4:30pm: Religious School 7:30pm: Minyan 7:30pm: Book Club (off site) 7:45pm: Conversational Hebrew	<u>16 Jan</u> 7:30pm: Minyan	<u>17 Jan</u> 7:30pm: Shabbat Service	<u>18 Jan</u> 9:30am: Shabbat Services 6:30pm: Paint & Sip Night
<u>19 Jan</u> No Religious School No Hebrew High	<u>20 Jan</u> MLK Day Beth Shalom's Offices are Closed 7:30pm: Minyan	<u>21 Jan</u> 2:15pm: Daytime Study Group (off site) 7:00pm: Courageous Conversations facilitator (off site) 7:30pm: Minyan	<u>22 Jan</u> 4:30pm: Religious School 7:30pm: Minyan 7:45pm: Conversational Hebrew	<u>23 Jan</u> 7:30pm: Minyan	<u>24 Jan</u> 7:30pm: Kolenu Shabbat Service	<u>25 Jan</u> 9:30am: Shabbat Services & Sermon in Song with Cantor Apt 10:30am: Junior Congregation 12:30pm: The Chosen Meeples 7:00pm: Breakout Room Experience
<u>26 Jan</u> 9:00am: Religious School 6:00pm: Hebrew High 7:15pm: Minyan	<u>27 Jan</u> 7:30pm: Minyan 7:30pm: Sisterhood Steering Meeting	<u>28 Jan</u> 2:15pm: Daytime Study Group (off site) 7:30pm: Minyan	<u>29 Jan</u> 4:30pm: Religious School 7:30pm: Minyan 7:45pm: Conversational Hebrew	<u>30 Jan</u> 7:30pm: Minyan 7:45pm: Jewish God Talk II	<u>31 Jan</u> 7:30pm: Shabbat Service	
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						<u>1 Feb</u> 9:30am: The Bar Mitzvah of Ilan Tracton
<u>2 Feb</u> Superbowl Sunday No Hebrew High 9:00am: Religious School 9:15am: 6th Grade Tallit and Tefillin 9:15am: World Wide Wrap	<u>3 Feb</u> 7:30pm: Minyan	<u>4 Feb</u> 2:15pm: Daytime Study Group (off site) 7:30pm: Minyan 7:45pm: Courageous Conversations	<u>5 Feb</u> 4:30pm: Religious School 7:30pm: Minyan 7:45pm: Conversational Hebrew	<u>6 Feb</u> 7:30pm: Minyan 7:45pm: Jewish God Talk II	<u>7 Feb</u> 7:30pm: Shabbat Unplugged Service	<u>8 Feb</u> 9:30am: Shabbat Service & Torah Talks with Rabbi Scheinerman 10:30am: Junior Congregation 6:15pm: PJ Library Pajama Havdallah
<u>9 Feb</u> 9:00am: Religious School and Preschool 11:00am: 7th grade Torah on Trial Intro 12:00pm: Youth Tu B'Shevat Seder 6:00pm: Hebrew High 7:15pm: Minyan	<u>10 Feb</u> 7:30pm: Minyan	<u>11 Feb</u> 2:15pm: Daytime Study Group (off site) 7:30pm: Minyan 7:45pm: Courageous Conversations	<u>12 Feb</u> 4:30pm: Religious School 7:30pm: Minyan 7:45pm: Conversational Hebrew	<u>13 Feb</u> 7:30pm: Minyan 7:30pm: Men's Club Meeting 7:45pm: Jewish God Talk II	<u>14 Feb</u> 5:30pm: Vatikim Dinner 7:30pm: Shabbat Service	<u>15 Feb</u> 9:30am: Shabbat Service
<u>16 Feb</u> No Religious School No Hebrew High 12:00pm: Sisterhood Hamantaschen baking	<u>17 Feb</u> Presidents' Day 7:30pm: Minyan	<u>18 Feb</u> 2:15pm: Daytime Study Group (off site) 7:30pm: Minyan 7:45pm: Courageous Conversations	<u>19 Feb</u> 4:30pm: Religious School 7:30pm: Minyan 7:45pm: Conversational Hebrew	<u>20 Feb</u> 7:30pm: Minyan	<u>21 Feb</u> 7th Grade Shabbaton 7:30pm: Kolenu Shabbat Service	<u>22 Feb</u> 7th Grade Shabbaton 9:30am: Shabbat Service & Ask the Rabbi 10:30am: Junior Congregation 12:30pm: The Chosen Meeples
<u>23 Feb</u> 9:00am: Religious School and Preschool 9:15am: 6th Grade Torah etiquette 12:00pm: Purim Rehearsal 12:00pm: Sisterhood Hamantaschen baking 6:00pm: Hebrew High 7:15pm: Minyan	<u>24 Feb</u> 7:30pm: Minyan 7:30pm: Sisterhood Steering Meeting	<u>25 Feb</u> 2:15pm: Daytime Study Group (off site) 7:30pm: Minyan 7:45pm: Courageous Conversations	<u>26 Feb</u> 4:30pm: Religious School 7:30pm: Minyan 7:45pm: Conversational Hebrew	<u>27 Feb</u> 7:30pm: Minyan	<u>28 Feb</u> 7:30pm: Shabbat Service	<u>29 Feb</u> 9:30am: The Bat Mitzvah of Emily Zagnit 7:00pm: 3rd-5th Grade Havdallah and Family Game Night 8:00pm: Bingo, Barter & Brew 8:00pm: Kids' Movie Night

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Winter Highlights

Sunday, January 5: Munchies with Munchkins

Friday, January 10: Vatikim Dinner

Sunday, January 12: Mishpacha Bowling

Saturday, January 18: Paint & Sip Night

Saturday, January 25: Breakout Room Experience

Tuesday, February 4: Courageous Conversations

Saturday, February 8: PJ Library Pajama

Havdallah

Tuesday, February 11: Courageous Conversations

Friday, February 14: Vatikim Dinner

Tuesday, February 18: Courageous Conversations

Sunday, February 23: Purim Rehearsal

Tuesday, February 25: Courageous

Conversations

Saturday, February 29: 3rd-5th Grade Havdallah

and Family Game Night

Saturday, February 29: Bingo, Barter & Brew and

Kids' Movie Night



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