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Our Mission at Congregation Beth Sholom:

We remain committed to providing inspirational and vibrant contemporary services and programs for all regardless of personal Jewish education and personal levels of observance. We conduct traditional egalitarian services every Friday evening and Saturday services twice monthly. We embrace musical and rhythmical accompaniments. With strong rabbinical guidance and support, our priorities and philosophy are to maintain opportunities for Jewish education and spiritual growth within a friendly environment fostering Jewish community. We treat everyone with warmth and respect. We are very enthusiastic about our traditions and the opportunities Judaism offers to make life more spiritual and meaningful. We also recognize that our way is not the only path to a godly life. We reflect very warm accepting, personalized, and intimate bonds among the members of our Beth Sholom family.

RABBI'S COLUMN:



Last May at this time, we were celebrating the miracle of Israel's 75 years of existence. A people that had lost one-third of its members — 6 million men, women, and children — had been granted a state after an exile lasting 1,878 years. And they made of it a success – democratic government, the greening of the desert, advances in medicine, science, and technology, as well as the ability to absorb Jews from vastly different backgrounds and with different life experiences. However, Israel, like all countries, is not perfect. There are problems in Israeli society and its relations with its neighbors.

This year we fear for Israel and we fear for ourselves as Jews since anti-Israel sentiment is becoming more and more associated with anti-Semitism. It is not just Israel that is in trouble. I write this as a growing number of US colleges and universities are dealing with tent encampments to demonstrate support for Gazans. Many Jewish students no longer feel safe on campus. It is difficult to counter knee-jerk expressions of opinion and hate that come from historical ignorance. Universities, places normally dedicated to learning and open-minded discussion, are failing both in their mission to educate and to keep students safe.

We cannot be silent. We must demand that our leaders express publicly their strong opposition to anti-Semitism. And we must speak up for ourselves. "From the river to the sea," actually or metaphorically, Jews everywhere have the right to exist in peace and safety and with the respect, tolerance, and even admiration that one should have for a worthy minority community,

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Study with the Rabbi

**MOSES class for 5784 CBS Dover,
Sunday mornings at 10:30 am General Outline**

Moses in the Hebrew Bible

There are approximately **650** mentions of Moses in the torah; **79** in the Prophets; and **41** in the Writings. And writings about Moses do not stop there.

Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy
In Neviim (Prophets) and Ketuvim (Writings)

Suggested discussions
Birth story—Compare Moses and Sargon
Family
The females in his life
Priest v. Prophet, Aaron and Moses
Leadership
Relationship to God

Did Moses really exist?
Did Moses write the Torah?

Moses in the Talmud

Moses in the Midrash

What questions does it answer?
Moses in Ethiopia
Moses in Midian

Moses and Kabbalah

Moses in other religions; Moses and Mohammed; Moses and Jesus

Moses is considered the most important prophet in Judaism and one of the most important prophets in Christianity, Islam, the Druze faith, the Bahá'í Faith.

Moses in the Christian Bible

Moses in the Koran

Moses in the Arts—movies, paintings, sculpture, music.

Schoenberg, Moses and Aaron, unfinished opera

Max Bruch, Moses' oratorio

Michelangelo, sculpture, Moses with horns

Rembrandt, painting, Moses breaking the tablets

Charlton Heston, movie, the Ten Commandments

Freud: *Moses and Monotheism*

Famous Men named Moses (pre-modern)

Moses Cordovero

Moses ibn Ezra 1070-1138

Moses Maimonides 1135-1204

Moses de Leon 1250-1305

Moses ben Jacob Cordovero 1522-1570

Moses Mendelssohn 1729-1786

Moses Montefiore 1784-1885

Anything else?

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, CBS family,

I hope all of you had a lovely Passover festival and enjoyed spending time with friends and family. The themes of Passover seemed especially relevant this year for many of us.

Join us this Friday evening at 7p.m. for a special Shabbat service led by the incomparable duo, Cantor George, and Carole Mason. They will be holding a special Yom HaShoah service, honoring the memory of the 6 million who perished in the Holocaust. Following services, we have the opportunity to celebrate life after sorrow by enjoying our simchas for the month with cake and fellowship.

Steve will be leading Saturday morning Shabbat services on May 4th at 9:45 a.m. We welcome you to join us.

We will mark the arrival of Spring and rebirth with a Planting and Pruning party on Sunday, May 5th at 2pm. We will be planting potted flowers and beautifying the Synagogue grounds. Please bring your gardening gloves, planting pot, and any other gardening supplies you may have.

On May 6th we will be holding our monthly Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. All CBS members are welcome to attend.

Our Rosh Chodesh (new month) Shabbat Women's service will be held on Friday, May 10th. The next rehearsal will be May 7th at 5pm before Choir practice. Please feel free to join in. Both English and Hebrew readers are needed. Contact Janet Rennie if you wish to participate. It is a great way to become comfortable with the service.

The Rabbi returns on May 17th to lead Friday evening services. Morning services begin at 9:45 on Saturday followed by a festive Oneg. Sunday minyan will be held on the Rabbi's Zoom beginning at 9:30 a.m. followed by her class. Make a point of joining us.

Help share the message of Peace while enjoying a relaxing afternoon with your CBS friends on Sunday May 19. At 2pm we will begin working on our Shalom bulletin board. Supplies will be provided but feel free to bring your ideas and any pictures, poems etc., that expresses Peace to you.

Barry will be leading Friday evening Shabbat services on May 24 followed by an Oneg Shabbat. Come on out and make a minyan.

The month comes to a close on May 31st with a very special Friday evening service. The Rennie's will be leading services and will be joined by Erin and the Beth Sholom Choir. The choir has added some beautiful new songs to their repertoire that we can't wait to hear. This will be their last performance until after the High Holidays. You don't want to miss it!

I would like to offer Congratulations to Chris Redwood who has been a familiar face at Beth Sholom for many months. On Thursday April 25th, Chris graduated from his Introduction to Judaism class. Several CBS members had the pleasure of joining him and his wife at Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington where the ceremony took place. Mazel Tov to Chris!

I will end with a Prayer

Prayer for Peace: Siddur Lev Shalem p. 178

May we see the day when war and bloodshed cease, when a great peace will embrace the whole world.

Then nation will not threaten nation, and the human family will not again know war.

For all who live on earth shall realize we have not come into being to hate or to destroy. We have come into being to praise, to labor and to love.

Compassionate God, bless the leaders of all nations with the power of compassion.

Fulfill the promise conveyed in Scripture: *I will bring peace to the land, and you shall lie down and no one shall terrify you. I will rid the land of vicious beasts and it shall not be ravaged by war.*

Let justice and righteousness flow like a mighty stream.

Let God's peace fill the earth as the waters fill the sea.

And let us say: Amen

Prayers for Peace.

Sholom,

**Gwen D. Stubbolo, President
Congregation Beth Sholom**

TREASURER'S MESSAGE

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I want to thank everyone that has fulfilled their membership commitments and also to those that continue to do so to sustain the day-to-day operations of our synagogue. If there are any concerns or questions, please contact me.

Continue to bring your Redner's receipts into the synagogue. There is a basket at the window in the office. We receive a percentage of the total amount of purchases. Remember we need the entire receipt, don't tear any section off. Only by using your Redner's membership card will it register the save-a-tape amount. If not, then your receipt and all your efforts are invalid for this program. This has been a terrific fundraiser for the Congregation. These dollars make a wonderful addition to our income and support our charity donations.

Also, if you have any old eyeglasses, remember to bring them to the synagogue and put them in the box near the office. These will be collected by Clyde Bragg for the Lions Club. A great way to repurpose your old glasses for a great cause.

Stu Handler
Treasurer

Stu Handler

New Misheberach List

Each Shabbat at Beth Sholom we sing the Misheberach song and pray for healing for those who are ill in our Congregation, families, and community.

We have started a new Misheberach list beginning on **April 1, 2024**. If you or a loved one is ill, please call or email the office this month to be included on the new list. Of course, names can still be shared by those present at Services as well.

A Message from the Vice President for Religious Education

Newton Rennie

VP of Adult Education

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With Passover behind us we push on to Shavuot (in June) and the receiving of the Torah. However, I just wanted to briefly look back at April and make mention of the trip to the Tabernacle (Mishkan) in Lancaster County. The tour provided us with a visual perspective of the Tabernacle and allowed us to gain an appreciation of the skill, work, and organization necessary to erect and breakdown this portable meeting place where Hashem resided with His people over the forty years in the wilderness. We were able to see full sized models of the Menorah, Shulchan (the table) with the Showbread, the High Priest in full regalia at the Altar and the interior of the Holy of Holies with the Ark of the Covenant.

We were also able to learn about the Mennonites, their origins, and their beliefs. We all gratefully thank Barry Brill for not only acquiring the van, but also being our driver for the trip. All in all, it was great fun and we hope to have more events of this kind in the future.

The Parasha reading group continues to meet on Wednesdays at 6pm on the synagogue zoom. This month of May we will read the parashot of: *Achare*, *Kedoshim*, *Emor*, and *Behar*, along with their accompanying *haftorot*.

Thank you
Newton Rennie

Pictures to share from our Delightful Trip



Left to right: Chris Redwood, Joan Redwood, Newton Rennie, Janet Rennie, Barbara White, Ellen Zaback, Rabbi White, Debbie Weiner, Steve Weiner, Gwen Stubbolo (President), and Barry Brill.

(April 4, 2024)



The High Priest at the Altar, and the Shulcan with the Showbread.

AN EVENING OF EDUCATION AND PRAYER FOR THE PEACE OF ISRAEL

On Thursday, May 16, Milford Church of God will be hosting a time of learning and prayer for Israel and our Jewish friends in the USA (and around the world) that are experiencing antisemitism in ways that we likely can't imagine. We will learn firsthand what it's like to be Jewish in the USA and in Israel right now. PLUS, we will have a time of questions and answers with Rabbi Larry Kaplan (our special guest) and our Host Pastor, Andy Stevens. Please plan to attend this very important event.

An Evening of Education & Prayer

- What is it like being Jewish in the USA today?
- What are Jews experiencing in Israel right now?
- Q & A time with Rabbi Kaplan & Pastor Stevens

Thursday, May 16
7:00pm at

P R A Y
FOR THE PEACE OF
ISRAEL

MCOG
Milford Church of God
500 N. Walnut Street, Milford DE 19963

Pastor Andy Stevens
Host Pastor, MCOG

Rabbi Larry Kaplan
Temple Israel, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Rosh Chodesh Crafting Group News

*****April Craft Project*****

By Linda Robert Mensh

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Events around Town

To honor Holocaust Remembrance Day, Modern Maturity is presenting a documentary film, *The Liberators*, featuring first-person interviews with Delaware members of the US Army, who liberated Nazi Camps at the end of WWII.

- Wednesday May 15 at 12:15 in the Longwood Dining Room.
- Meet Steve Gonzer, a Middletown resident who created and produced this film.
- For more information, please call the Modern Maturity office.
- Membership is required to attend.

Gwen Stubbolo

Keep Delaware Jewish History Alive

The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware's (JHSD), mission is to acquire, preserve, and publish material pertaining to the history of Jewish settlement and Jewish life in the state of Delaware.

Kent County has a rich history of Jewish settlement. Jewish farmers and local business owners moved to our area over 150 years ago and established a vibrant community in Dover and Kent County. Many of them were early members of Congregation Beth Shalom.

Long-time member Chazz Salkin, a member of the JHSD board, contacted us about an exciting project being undertaken by the JHSD. They are working on a statewide oral history project and want to be sure to interview long-time residents and families from our community.

Although many of you are new to the Dover area you can still be an integral part of this important project. JHSD is looking for interviewers. Many of those being interviewed are people you already know from the shul. The interviews will be recorded and will become part of the archives of our Jewish history in Delaware. The time commitment is minimal. Instruction and training will be provided. If you would like to learn more, be an interviewer or have a family story to share, please contact Gwen and she will forward your contact information to the project leaders at JHSD.

Our history is too important to be forgotten. Help us keep it alive for our children and generations to come.



JUST – A BOOK CLUB

HOSTED BY LARRY KOCH

This is an effort to provide a “Book Club” for Congregation Beth Sholom in Dover. It will meet at regular intervals, usually once a month, on a schedule that is convenient to its members. Like most book clubs affiliated with a Synagogue, it will naturally target Jewish themes. That is of course the norm for Jewish book clubs. But the “JUST- A Book Club” is marginally different. To wit:

- 1) It will not address one book at a time, but rather 2 short stories
- 2) Usually participants either buy or borrow “the book;” In this club, they will be given printed stories. In traditional book clubs, participants meet and discuss the story itself, its characters and plot. All of this can be done in the 2 short story book club PLUS comparing the insights of two different authors.

Explanations I have belonged to different Jewish book clubs over the years, and I wanted to try something a bit different. My rationale is as follows:

1. I like reading Jewish stories and discussing them with others, but that’s not all I read- and sometimes club selections are too much massive 400-500-page books!
2. Similarly, I don’t always have time to read the book club selection but feel kind of guilty over not keeping up with the group. Two short stories, in general, take far less time to finish. And even if I only manage to read one, I can go and enjoy the give and take discussion.
3. Let’s talk about cost: Buying a book for a book club is a hassle. Books are often really expensive these days, and it can take time to order it.
4. Let’s talk convenience: The alternative is to take the book out of the library. Of course they have few copies of each title. Also, you have to get the book back in 3 weeks- and you can’t write in it or underline s library book.
5. Participants in the group will receive a printed copy of both stories. The estimated cost of making the copies is \$5.00, maybe less if the stories can be scanned. If we have to print it & it costs less, you’ll get a refund. We are not in this to make a profit.
6. A copy answers both cost and convenience, and you can underline and write comments- and share it with friends.
7. I would do my best to find two stories selected that will be an enjoyable read but would have for that month a common Jewish theme- maybe it would be, for example, “assimilation” or “Jewish Science Fiction.”
8. “Zoom” is a possible vehicle for this book club, but then no cookies at a meeting!

So, it’s different, but not terribly different. I hope I piqued your interest, and if so,

- 1) When should it meet? 2) Zoom or in person? You tell me....

Please contact me (Contact information appears in the body of the email.)

- 2) 1) if you are at least initially interested and 2) times or days which will or will not work for you.

A Milestone in our CBS Family

**Mazel Tou to Ernesto Rivera Pardo
on completion
The Aleph Institute's
2024 Jewish Chaplain and Lay Leader
Course and Symposium**



**We are so proud of you!!
Well Done !!!!!**

**Mazel Tou to Chris Redwood
who graduated from his Introduction
to Judaism class
on April 25th.
Here he is holding his diploma
along with two of his Rabbinical instructors,
Rabbi Beals and Rabbi Grumbacher
at
Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington**



Well Done !

This Month's Simchas

Please join us every month for a special Friday service as we celebrate our simchas!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

May 2	Joel Chodos;	May 17	Barbara White
May 4	Fred Sheinblum;	May 20	Tom Mehl
May 6	Larry Klepner;	May 20	Rita Morris
May 9	Jerry Hubbard;	May 25	Steve Weiner
May 10	Phyllis Handler	May 28	Rabbi H.R. White
May 10	Penny Kessler	May 29	Connie Fazio
May 16	Eileen Knox	May 31	Myna German

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

May 2	Fred and Diana Sheinblum
May 23	Linda Roberts and Michael Mensh
May 26	Nanci and Leon Schenkein

Mazel Tov and Simon Tov

*****If you have a special simcha to share please let us know and we will post it in our Bulletin.... Pictures are welcome! *****

May 2024
23 Nisan – 23 Iyar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Calendar meeting 10 am-Hybrid Newton's Parsha Study 6 pm ZOOM 23 Nisan	2 24 Nisan	3 Canter George & Carole Mason 7 pm - Hybrid 25 Nisan	4 <i>Achare</i> Steve Morning serv. 9:45 am-Hybrid 26 Nisan
5 Gardening at Shul To be rescheduled in case of rain 27 Nisan	6 Board Mtg 6 pm -ZOOM 28 Nisan	7 Choir 6 pm – Hybrid Rehearsal for Women's Service changed to 7 pm – Hybrid 29 Nisan	8 Newton's Parsha Study 6 pm ZOOM 30 Nisan	9 <i>Rosh Chodesh</i> 1 Iyar	10 Women's Service 7 pm - Hybrid 2 Iyar	11 <i>Kedushim</i> 3 Iyar
12 4 Iyar	13 5 Iyar	14 Choir 6 pm –Hybrid 6 Iyar	15 Newton's Parsha Study 6 pm ZOOM 7 Iyar	16 8 Iyar	17 Rabbi 7 pm - Hybrid 9 Iyar	18 <i>Emor</i> Rabbi Morning Serv. 9:45 am-Hybrid 10 Iyar
19 Prayer and study with Rabbi 9:30 am – ZOOM Study 10:30 am Shalom Collage art board 2 pm 11 Iyar	20 12 Iyar	21 Choir 6 pm - Hybrid 13 Iyar	22 Newton's Parsha Study 6 pm ZOOM 14 Iyar	23 15 Iyar	24 Barry 16 Iyar	25 <i>Behar</i> 17 Iyar
26 18 Iyar	27 19 Iyar	28 Choir 6 pm - Hybrid 20 Iyar	29 Lunch Rancho Azteca 12 noon Newton's Parsha Study 6 pm ZOOM 21 Iyar	30 22 Iyar	31 Newton & Janet Choir 7 pm 23 Iyar	

Yahrzeits *May 2024*

23 Nisan	Phyllis Barros	Bd 2 R1
25 Nisan	Sam Auerbach	Bd 3 R3
26 Nisan	Abraham Albert Golden	No Pl
26 Nisan	Rebecca Szechtman	No Pl
27 Nisan	Sadie Golden	Bd 3 R4
28 Nisan	Rae Brill Ambrose	No Pl
28 Nisan	Sally Lipmanson	No Pl
28 Nisan	William Lippman	No Pl
28 Nisan	Rebecca Hanovice	Bd 3 R2
29 Nisan	Jacob H. Schiff	Bd 2 R2
29 Nisan	James Krauss	No Pl
29 Nisan	Morris L. Sheinblum	No Pl
30 Nisan	David Eskenazi	No Pl
1 Iyar	Jane Rosenfeld	No Pl
1 Iyar	Evelyn Dubin	No Pl
2 Iyar	Lena Rigberg Axel	Bd 2 R4
3 Iyar	Dora Markowitz	Bd 3 R1
4 Iyar	Arthur Schenkein	No Pl
6 Iyar	Sheila Kratenstein	No Pl
7 Iyar	Rose Koch	No Pl
8 Iyar	Joseph Vogel	No Pl
8 Iyar	Michael Brown	No Pl
9 Iyar	Barbara Sparks	Bd 5 R2
9 Iyar	Selda Mersky	No Pl
10 Iyar	Lenore Newman	No Pl
10 Iyar	Rose Glass	No Pl
11 Iyar	Robert Samuel	Pl pending
12 Iyar	Harriet Herbin	No Pl
13 Iyar	Isidore Gelof	Bd 1 R5
13 Iyar	Joseph Dubin	No Pl
13 Iyar	Wendy Claxton	No Pl
14 Iyar	Leslie Schleifer	No Pl
15 Iyar	Emre Krauss	No Pl
15 Iyar	Joseph Tonick	Bd 2 R5
15 Iyar	Meyer Weiner	No Pl
17 Iyar	Emanuel Barros	Bd 3 R1
18 Iyar	Rayzella Spector	No Pl
19 Iyar	Aaron Jacob Rosenberg	Bd 4 R3
19 Iyar	Blanche Bialow	Bd 2 R5
19 Iyar	Harry Bialow	Bd 2 R5
20 Iyar	W. David Borish	No Pl

20 Iyar	Pauline Marcus	Bd 2 R2
20 Iyar	Gerald Kramer	No Pl
20 Iyar	Mary Lou Gorkin Smith	New Plaque
20 Iyar	Barry Bortnick	No Pl
21 Iyar	Lily Levin	No Pl
23 Iyar	Marylyn Gordon	Bd2 R4
23 Iyar	William Bryant	No Pl
24 Iyar	Kevin Dougherty	No Pl
24 Iyar	Pauline Faber	No Pl
24 Iyar	Ida Greenberg	Bd 3 R1

Memorial Plaques

Our Memorial Wall is the rear wall of the main sanctuary. If you would like to remember a loved one with a permanent memorial plaque, please contact Religious Vice President Steve Schwartz. These take a few weeks to arrive. The cost is \$450.00. If you wish, Steve will arrange with you to conduct an unveiling and pay homage to your relative at a subsequent Friday evening service. You may also choose to host the oneg in conjunction with the unveiling. In case you are unaware of the Yahrzeit list within the bulletin, if there is a plaque in memory of a relative, the board (**Bd**) and row (**R**) number has been listed for your convenience. **No pl** means there is no plaque.

Chesed and Misheberah information

If you hear or have knowledge of anyone who is in need of **r'fuah sh'leyma**, please contact the office and leave a message. We are trying to do more outreach and can only act when we are aware of the need. Names for the Misheberah list will be placed and read at services until we are notified differently. Please let us know when to remove the person from the list.

Donations to Congregation Beth Sholom

When donating to Congregation Beth Sholom, your generosity will be acknowledged with letters sent to the honorees. Schedule now to host an oneg for your important date(s) for the coming year. Reminders are published in the bulletin each month. It is customary to make a donation in memory of a relative listed in the Yahrzeit list. If we have missed any names of close family members, please let us know. Please contact the office and leave a message. Also, Rabbi Peggy maintains a confidential Rabbi's Discretionary Fund for special needs of members or charitable causes within our Jewish and secular community. You can specify your donation be applied to her fund and if you wish to direct that money, please contact Rabbi to discuss it with her.

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