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Passover Information

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES...

DATES AND TIMES



Monday, April 22	Erev Pesach	First Seder Night
Tuesday, April 23	First Day Pesach	9:30AM Yom Tov Service (First Day) Second Seder Night
Wednesday, April 24	Second Day Pesach	9:30 AM (Second Day) Yom Tov Service
<u>Concluding Days of Passover</u>		
Monday, April 29	Seventh Day Pesach	9:30 AM Yom Tov Service
Tuesday, April 30	Last Day Pesach	9:30 AM Yom Tov Service – YIZKOR



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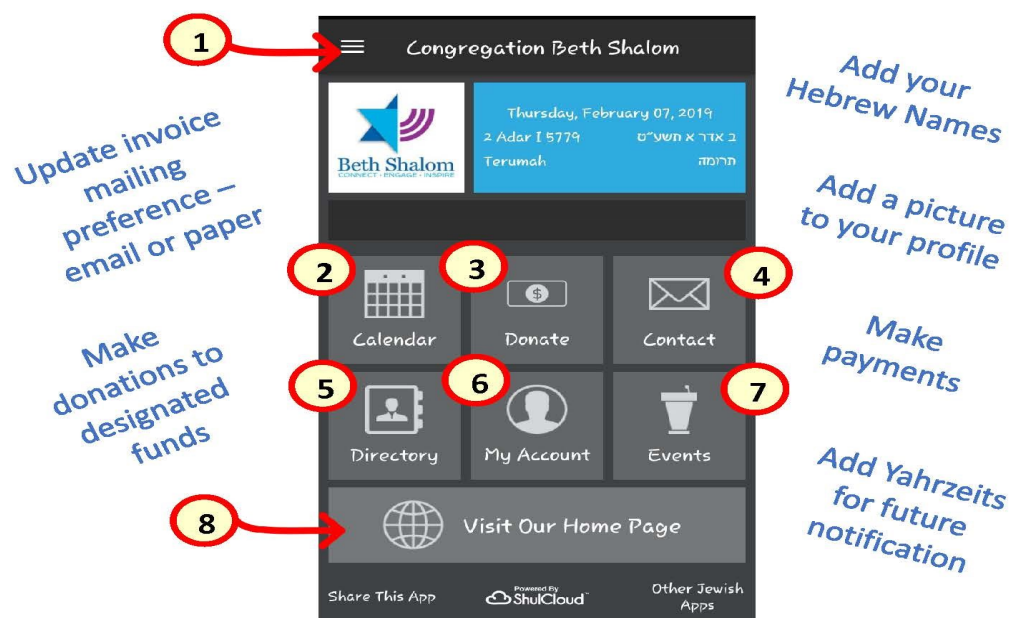
**Beth Shalom is turning 50!!
Stay tuned for a year full of celebrations
leading up to our
50th Anniversary Gala
March 1, 2025**

BETH SHALOM APP

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Our Shabbat luncheons are a wonderful opportunity for all of us to relax and spend time with friends and family. With a \$495 contribution to the Kiddush fund, you can co-sponsor one of our non B'nai Mitzvah kiddushim with Sisterhood & Beth Shalom. Sponsor in celebration of a birthday, wedding anniversary, in memory of a loved one or any special occasion. Another way to support our Kiddush Lunch is to join the Kiddush Club for \$180.

Co-sponsors & Kiddush Club members will be recognized in our weekly e-blast, from the bimah and in our Friday flyer.

To reserve your date, contact the Beth Shalom Office at 770-399-5300 or email us at office@bethshalom.net

Do a Mitzvah for the shul and let's all celebrate your special simcha!

FROM OUR RABBI

Beth Shalom at 50 Years

This year Beth Shalom will be celebrating its 50th anniversary since our shul's founding back in 1975. The world has changed quite a bit since those days, but the connections we have to our synagogue and our community have remained as strong as ever.

So what is that special something that keeps us connected to our shul, our community and for that matter, our Jewish heritage?

According to legend, the great Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis in his senior year of law school was invited to join the exclusive Honor Society. "On the evening of the official induction, the atmosphere was thick. All eyes were on him as he walked to the lectern. Slowly, he looked around the room, as he said: "I'm sorry I was born a Jew,". The room erupted in applause. They thought that had finally prevailed in their efforts to convince him to convert to Christianity. Brandeis waited. When silence was regained, he began again. "I am sorry I was born a Jew, but only because I wish I had the privilege of choosing Judaism on my own." This time there was no shouting, no cheers; this time there was respectful silence. The members of the society were awed by his conviction and strength of character. And when he finished, they gave him a standing ovation.

"I am sorry I was born a Jew, but only because I wish I had the privilege of choosing Judaism on my own." Whether we are born Jewish or have converted to Judaism, each of us is a Jew-by-Choice today. Our grandparents could not have imagined not being part of a shul community.

At our Passover seder we will read in our Haggadah that "... in every generation someone rises up against us to try and destroy us...". Well, the fact that there are some people in this world who continue to hate us is painfully self-evident. But ultimately, that's not what is important. The important thing is that we love who we are, our history, our values and one another. If we can't love our own community nobody else will, or perhaps even should.

Today each one of us is a synagogue member-by-choice. In this world where missionaries target us for conversion, where anti-Semitism is growing, where Israel-bashing is an exploding phenomenon, and where the draws of assimilation often prove irresistible – we know that being Jewish and being part of a synagogue is a deliberate choice.

So again, we need to ask ourselves why do WE personally choose Judaism? Why do we choose to be connected to a synagogue or to the Jewish people?



If we go on a short journey through recent Jewish history with the values of Jewish life as our guide, we won't get very far before realizing how our amazing tradition gives definition to our struggles, adds meaning to our experiences, and helps to make sense of our world. And the synagogue is that institution that brings us together to live a Jewish life, explore our teachings, and even debate our perspectives of what it means to be a part of the Jewish world today.

Rabbi David Wolpe in his book "Why be Jewish?" asserts that it is our great gift that God asks of us to maintain a posture of what he refers to as, "moral mindfulness." We are called upon to be present in the moment and to be always aware of the moral dimensions of our actions. We are also called upon to maintain a "spiritual mindfulness, an awareness of the presence of God behind all beings and things in the world." This "moral and spiritual mindfulness" is what keeps us connected to God, our history, freedom, humility and to the high ideals that Judaism demands of us.

So why should we remain Jewish? Because the Jewish experience calls upon us through our rituals, our traditions, and our teachings to live with high ideals for ourselves, and to strive to choose that which is good for our own betterment and that of our larger community. By looking inward to our tradition and practices we discover how we can become better human beings ourselves, and then work to translate that vision to *tikkun olam* as we strive to repair our fractured world.

In our age where we are greeted by a growing number of unprecedented choices, we cannot afford to take our wonderful Jewish community for granted, or the precious legacy that has been passed down to all of us. The same thing must be said for the special bonds of warmth and friendship that we have shared with each other in our congregation over these past 50 years.

Beth Shalom is indeed a very special place. And so let us work together to ensure that our synagogue remains a strong and vibrant community for the next 50 years!

L'Shalom,
Rabbi Mark Zimmerman



FROM OUR ASSISTANT RABBI

Toward the beginning of the Passover seder is the easily overlooked *yachatz* section—the breaking of the middle matzah. This ordinary gesture has great symbolic weight. As subtle as it is, *yachatz* is a critical moment when we embody both brokenness and wholeness, oppression and freedom. To me, this is the essence of the Passover seder.

As a refresher, during the *yachatz* portion, the leader takes the middle matzah and breaks it into two pieces. One piece stays on the table with the maror and charoset. The other piece becomes the *afikomen*, which is traditionally the last piece of food that we eat at the end of the seder.

Within the Torah, matzah is associated with both freedom and brokenness. In one verse, the Torah reads: “You shall observe the [Feast of] Unleavened Bread, because on this day I brought your ranks out of the land of Egypt” (Exod. 12:17). Put another way, we eat matzah on Passover as a way of acknowledging gratitude for our freedom. Later on in the Torah, matzah is given another name: *lechem oni*—the bread of distress. Conversely to matzah as the bread of freedom, we also eat matzah as a reminder that our ancestors had to leave Egypt quickly (Deut. 12:3).

I see a striking parallel between breaking the middle *matzah* in two during *yachatz* at the seder and another important symbol of the Exodus: the two tablets containing the Ten Commandments.

As the narrative in the Torah goes, God wrote the commandments on stone tablets and gave them to Moses. When Moses witnessed the people worshipping the golden calf, he became incensed and smashed the tablets to the ground. Moses then returned to God, who dictated the commandments to Moses while he carved a new set of tablets.

According to our tradition, the golden Ark, which the Israelites carried throughout the wilderness, contained both the broken fragments from the first tablets, as well as the second whole set enabled by God’s forgiveness.

Thinking about the broken matzah like the stone tablets, the *yachatz* section becomes a physical representation of our learning. The ark containing both the broken and the mended tablets is an important symbol of our relationship with God. It suggests that the broken parts of ourselves that we bring in our relationship with God are every bit as important as the parts of our lives that feel whole. So, too, is the case with eating matzah as we bring together the painful distress of subjugation with the joy of liberation.

Later in the seder, the leader says *ha-motzi* to bless the matzah leading up to the meal. Upon blessing the matzah, it is common practice at the seder table for the leader to hold both the broken half of the middle matzah and the whole pieces together. What a beautiful symbol it is to bless God’s name while simultaneously lifting up the brokenness and the wholeness together! It is a powerful reminder that God is present with us in both our shortcomings and our triumphs, yet it is up to us to bring God’s presence into consciousness.

This year at the seder table as we break the middle matzah during *yachatz* and then consume both the fragmented and the whole parts, may we remember that God is with us and cares about us throughout all of our brokenness and our joy.

Chag kasher vesame'ach,
Rabbi Eric Feld




Got Passover Questions?

Wondering if something needs to be marked Kosher for Passover? Unsure of how to clean part of your kitchen?

We are here to help you to prepare for Passover!

Go online to www.bethshalom.net to submit your questions!
We will publish questions and responses to the website to help everyone at Beth Shalom as we prepare for Passover this year!

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Shalom Mishpacha Beth Shalom,

Hello to my favorite shul family. I can't believe it has been almost a year since last Pesach.

So much has changed in the last year. I hate to start this email on a sad note, but what the heck is going on? The war in Ukraine is still raging on, however you don't hear much about it in the news. Israel is still at war with Hamas, there are hostages that still haven't been released, and it looks like Hezbollah is ramping up. Anti-Semitism is at an all-time high. Our own country's own politics are in turmoil and our country is more divided than ever. Twitter turned into "X", AI is taking the internet by storm, and tiktok is on its way out, again. The 24-hour news cycle gives us the opportunity to be more informed about what "they" want us to hear/know rather than what is real or all that is happening. "They" from the left and the right. Sadly, instead of investigative reporting, we now have lots of commentary and echo chamber information. Finding out what is really going on requires rooting out very trusted/informed advisors, however many will consider their updates suspect and slanted. Most of us are trying to keep up to date with 15 minute or less news segments on social media. It seems facts don't matter...just the herd's mentality. It is all troubling...but life goes on. Same s#@! different day. Rant over.

As you may remember from my article last year, Pesach is my favorite holiday, and I can't wait. Well, actually, I wish I could wait a little longer. I've recently started thinking about shopping...oy the shopping. It's time to dust off my spreadsheet and figure out what we need this year. Really, my main concern is getting to my Passover dishes, pots, and pans. All are currently neatly stacked in their tubs, but blocked in my garage behind layers of things we've brought home from our storage unit (OK Jodi, I'll start getting rid of stuff) and my daughter's things (anyone want a roommate?). Yes, we have lost our "empty nester" status, again.

All kidding aside, Pesach really is my favorite holiday. Even with all the work, it brings me back to my childhood. Sometime soon we'll start our deep spring cleaning in preparation for the holiday. Then, I'll start making and freezing our big batches of chicken soup and sweet and sour meatballs. That starts the special smells of the holiday. Sunday, we'll be very busy doing the final touches of switching over the house to Peach food and dishes. Sunday night I'll make more of our favorite dishes for the yom tov (chopped liver, charoset, matzoh apple cake, hard boiled eggs etc, etc) and at some point will break to do our search for Chametz. Monday I'll make our turkey, burn our chametz, set the table, and start warming everything up for our first seder. Whew, I just got hungry and tired all at the same time. We'll have our seder Monday night and retell/study the story of the Exodus, sing, laugh, get slap happy, throw plastic plague figurines at each other, and end way-too-late.



We'll finish cleaning up by around 1am, sleep for a few hours and then head to shul by 9:30 (ok, maybe 10) in the morning. As the saying goes, "wash, rinse, dry, and repeat"...

Tuesday-Wednesday morning will look a lot like Monday-Tuesday in my house. We'll rest Tuesday after shul. That is the start of our Pesach and I can't wait.

So, what is your favorite Pesach memory? I'd love to know.

I have three or four from my childhood that stand out. At my parents sedarim, Dad would invite everyone to take part in the readings. This included chanting the paragraphs to our special Pesach niggun (melody) in Hebrew...each of us (me and my brothers) vying for the longest paragraphs. The same thing with songs like Echad Mi Yodea (in Hebrew and/or Yiddish), Ki Lo Naeh, and Chag Gadya. We'd each have turns soloing. I can still hear the echos of this in my head. It was tremendous fun. Another memory is of seeing my mother's content exhaustion whenever she stopped to sit down with us at the table. She kvelled (and still does) over her family. She loved hearing her boys and her husband singing and seeing us enjoy everything that she prepared. While most of the preparation for the holiday and the smells of Pesach were my mother's Pesach, leading the Seder and getting us up in the morning for shul was my father's Pesach. The final memory that I will share with you was when we as kids would get too silly and slap happy at the seder table. My father had a great sense of humor and would play along with us until he had enough. He would smile and laugh enjoying his kids silliness. At some point however, when he had enough and was ready to continue the seder, he'd give us a firm "Nu!" and if we were not listening a firmer "Nu!" and slap his hand on the table. That would snap us all out of it. I do miss those days at my parents sedarim.

I love the whole holiday, including everything from unpacking to repacking and everything in between. I try to recreate the sedarim of my youth every year. It is a lot of work, but worth it. I hope this leaves the same lasting impression on my family and friends as it has on me. That is the Pesach that I look forward to.

Chag Kasher V'sameach (in advance),

Dan Frankel

P.S. Mazel tov to all of our shul's graduates. I wish you happiness in all of your future endeavors.



Beth Shalom

WE MOURN THE LOSS

Gerald Rosen, father of Michael Rosen,
February 7, 2024

Stephen Mainzer, father of Hugh Mainzer,
February 22, 2024

Jerome Smith, husband of Bella Smith & Beth
Shalom member, March 10, 2024



"MAY THEIR MEMORY BE A BLESSING"

FROM THE VP OF RITUAL

Friday Night and Shabbat morning services are in person. We are continuing to stream for those who are not comfortable coming in person.

We would like to thank our Torah readers, Gabbais, and Ushers/Greeters for their support during Shabbat during the month of January & February:

Torah Readers:

Ellen Doft, Ariel Lempel, Rebecca Cheskes, Shai Robkin, Andy Gothard, Gail Foorman, David Kleber, Dan Frankel, Meryl Romeu, Robin Kramarow, Janet Lane, Jodi Beck, Tina Wood, Kathye Schattner, David Schattner, Dodie Sachs, Ilana Weeks, Jeremy Sachs, Ed Heller, Michael Cohen, Ed Ross, Ken Schwager, Jeff Budd, Rabbi Eric Feld and Rabbi Mark Zimmerman

Gabbais:

Dan Frankel, Marsha Fish, Jeff Budd, David Kleber, Robin Kramarow, Sarah Chodrow, Stuart Levin and Lee Newman

Bimah Buddies:

Alan Kaplan, Mike Trinker, Jodi Beck, Ellen Levy, Stan Shapiro, Marsha Fish and Bill Mahle

Ushers / Greeters:

Marsha Fish, Rene Montaigne, David Bauman, Stan Shapiro, Meryl Romeu, Sherri Green, Jodi Frankel, Tina Wood, Julie Horowitz, Lucy Moses, Penny Rosenfield, Terrie Bryan and Marci Schulman

Yasher Koach, The Ritual Committee

Anyone who would like to read regularly at a service or would like to celebrate an anniversary of an event such as your Bar/Bat Mitzvah by reading the Torah or Haftorah for that Shabbat, please go to www.bethshalom.net and click on forms and then click on Torah readers or contact our Torah Reader Organizer, Michael Cohen at mikecohen27@gmail.com or bethshalomritual@gmail.com.



NEW MEMBERS

Isabel Bernhardt

Lee & Beth Albee & their children,

Danny, Evan & Rivka

Ilana Weeks & daughters, Georgia & Maya



***"We are so happy you are a part of
our family"***

CATERING

JOIN US FOR SHABBAT KIDDUSH LUNCH!

Chef Jan Adler and I thank all our volunteers who helped prepare and serve the food for our Shabbat kiddushes in January & February:

Anna Shakhnovsky, Marcy Liberty, Miriam Gentin, Phyllis Abrams, Jennie Kaufman, Ed Strumlauf, Stan Shapiro, Alex Schulman, Ed Heller, Lisa Sturt, Donna Salus, Susan Grossman, Deborah Shapiro and Julie Horowitz.

Lisa Sturt, Kitchen liaison & volunteer coordinator for Sisterhood

Volunteers are needed! Help us with our Shabbat Kiddush Lunches. We need help in the kitchen on Thursdays for preparing the food and on Shabbat morning for preparing and serving the food. Do a Mitzvash & sign up today on Signup genius. Watch your email for the schedule that comes out 1-2 times per month.



TODAH RABAH

SHABBAT CO-SPONSORED KIDDUSH & KIDDUSH CLUB

Thank you to the following who graciously co-sponsored a Kiddush or contributed to the Kiddush Club during the months of January & February:

Co-Sponsor Kiddush:

Beth Shalom Sisterhood in honor of Sisterhood Shabbat & their members, Alexander Katz & Ellen Doft in loving memory of their daughter, Rebecca Madelaine Katz-Doft, Beth Shalom Men's Club in honor of Men's Club Shabbat & their members, Hibby & Betty Ann Margol in honor of Hibby's 100th Birthday, Fran Bay & Dale Joiner in loving memory of Fran's mother, Ruth Bay, and to the Youth Department parents, Richard & Jana Blum, Miki & Kendra Fabry, Matthew & Michele Harvey, Dan & Aliza Meertens & Alex & Anna Shakhnovsky in honor of Youth Shabbat & their children.

Kiddush Club:

Marsha Fish in loving memory of her husband, Marvin Fish, Hagai & Edye Nechmad in loving memory of Hagai's brother, Yoav Nechmad and Jill Vugin in honor of her daughter, Katie Vugin, celebrating her 13th Birthday.

We so appreciate your support!



CHILDREN READS

It's Spring Cleaning time again and Children Read would love to have your children's outgrown, but gently loved books. We are always looking for books for children six years of age and under, but also welcome those for their slightly older siblings. We will clean them and repair if needed, and then distribute them to Pre-K classrooms in Title I schools. Please drop your books off in the bin near the elevator, downstairs in the preschool area.

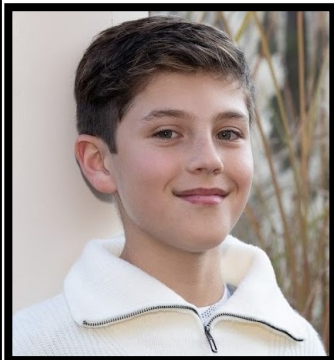


If you have questions about this program, please contact me at reggie629@gmail.com or Cindy Jaret (President, Children Read, Inc.) at childrenreadatlanta.org or childrenread13@gmail.com

Regina Newman

Children Read liaison

B'NAI MITZVAHS



Alan (AJ) Shakhnovsky

March 9, 2024
Son of Alex & Anna
Shakhnovsky

AJ's hobbies include Chess, Soccer, Ballroom Dancing. For his Mitzvah project, he organized a chess tournament and raised over \$1200 for the Down Syndrome Association of Atlanta. AJ will be attending 8th grade at Autrey Mill Middle School in the fall. His proud grandparents are Ella and Lazer Shakhnovsky; Gina Martynova.



Simon Fabry

March 16, 2024
Son of Miki & Kendra Fabry

Simon enjoys cooking and gardening. For his Mitzvah project, he worked and helped the Backpack Buddies Program. He will be attending the 8th grade at Pinckneyville Middle School in the fall. Simon's proud grandparents are Tomas and Kathy Fabry and Michael McDade and Eveylyn McDade.



Nathaniel Gentin

April 13, 2024
Son of Et & Miriam Gentin

Nathaniel enjoys playing travel baseball and playing rummikub with extended family. For his Mitzvah project, Nathaniel volunteered with Backpack Buddies. He also organized a sandwich making session for himself and a friend for the Sandwich Project. His grandparents are Benjamin and Adele Gentin and Avraham Peled and the late Deborah Peled. Nathaniel is currently a 7th grader at Autrey Mill Middle School and will continue at same school for the 8th grade in the fall.



Max Harvey

May 18, 2024
Son of Matthew & Michele
Harvey

Max's hobbies include baseball, wrestling, football, track & hunting. For his Mitzvah project, he collected used baseball gear to donate to under privileged kids. Max will be attending the 8th grade at Wesleyan School in the fall. His proud grandparents are Danny and Gina Alexander, Alan and Kathy Harvey, Sheila Harvey, Bob and Shelia Olander.



Katie Vogin

May 25, 2024
Daughter of Jill Vogin

Katie enjoys art, eSports and rock climbing. For her Mitzvah project, she volunteered at Fur Kids helping to socialize abandoned cats for adoption. Katie will be in the 8th grade at Davis Academy in the fall. Proud brothers are Daniel Die and Joseph Die.

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Nathan Isaiah and Talia Lily Mintz

Son & daughter of Benjamin & Emily Mintz
Born July 26, 2023

At birth, Nathan was 5 lbs 12 oz and 19.5 inches long and Talia was 5 lbs. 4 oz. and 17.5 inches long. They are so much bigger now! Proud grandparents are Beth Shalom members, Robin Kramarow & Jonathan Mintz and Harvey & Janey Beker.



Chai Lites highlights members of our congregation, so others can get to know them better. If you'd like to be featured in an upcoming issue, please let Wendy Kalman know at wendybkalman@gmail.com. In this issue, we are getting to better know Jessica & Kenny Buckles and Zhenia & Alan Kaplan (next page).



An Interview with Jessica & Kenny Buckles. their children, Micah & Mackenzie

Where are you originally from?

Jessica: I am a third generation native Atlantan. Kenny: Homestead, Florida.

How did you end up settling in Atlanta?

Jessica: I have always been here. Kenny: My dad got a new job in Atlanta, so we moved here in the '90s.

How did you meet?

Jessica: We met at a local bowling alley. Kenny: We met at a bowling alley.

What do/did you do for a living?

Jessica: My dad and I own a chauffeured transportation company. Kenny: I am a special needs school bus driver for Fulton County Schools.

What attracted you to Beth Shalom?

Jessica: I have been a Beth Shalom member since I was about five. My dad was actually on the Rabbi finding committee that brought Rabbi Zimmerman to us. I was raised at Beth Shalom and Bat Mitzvah here as well. There was no question when I had my own family where we would belong.

Kenny: I started going to Beth Shalom when I met my girlfriend at the time, who is now my wife.

How long have you been a member?

Jessica: Since 1986, as a five-year-old. Kenny: Since 2009.

What activities do you enjoy at Beth Shalom?

Jessica: All the activities through the youth department that my children are involved in & Purim carnivals.

Kenny: I enjoyed playing softball, poker nights and the CBS bowling league.

What do you enjoy about living in Atlanta?

Jessica: My entire family is here. So, I am staying, for now. Kenny: Atlanta is where I met Jess and her family.

What is your favorite restaurant in Atlanta?

Jessica: Bones. I love a great steak. Kenny: The Varsity.

What is your favorite activity to do in Atlanta?

Jessica: Exploring outside the city. We love to camp in our motorhome. Kenny: Going to Falcons and Braves games.

Where have your favorite trips been?

Jessica: In our motorhome exploring the entire country. We go on long summer road trips and they are amazing family adventures. Kenny: Trips to Montana and Canada.

Where would you go on your dream vacation?

Jessica: Italy for sure! Or maybe Greece. Kenny: Alaska to see the Northern Lights.

What is one thing on your bucket list that you would like to achieve?

Jessica: Following the Nascar racing circuit. Kenny: I would love to ride in a Nascar car with the Nascar experience.

Please tell the Beth Shalom community one thing we may not know about you.

Jessica: I do not like staying put. We travel as often as we can. Any school break, we hit the road.

Kenny: I was a volunteer firefighter for three years. I absolutely loved it.



**The Buckles family on a cruise in 2023, (l to r):
Jessica, Micah, Mackenzie
and Kenny**



An Interview with Alan & Zhenia Kaplan and their sons, David & Michael

Where are you originally from?

Zhenia: Kiev, Ukraine Alan: Born in South Dakota - my father was in the Air Force, so we lived in many places growing up.

How did you end up settling in Atlanta?

Zhenia: I moved to Atlanta to marry Alan. Alan: After graduating the University of Georgia for a job in Law Enforcement.

How did you meet?

Zhenia and Alan: We met on an Atlanta Jewish Federation-sponsored Passover trip to Minsk, Belarus.

What do/did you do for a living?

Zhenia: I am a lawyer by degree. Worked as program coordinator at JCC, ran an Estate Sale Company with Alan, and now I'm a stay-at-home mom.

Alan: I was a Special Agent with the George Bureau of investigation (GBI), started a family business and found real estate as my passion and have now been a realtor with Atlanta Fine Homes Sothebys International Realty

What attracted you to Beth Shalom?

Zhenia: We heard great things about Beth Shalom from our family and friends & for our boys to start religious school,

Alan: The rabbi, the congregation, and the proximity to our home.

How long have you been a member?

Zhenia and Alan: About 10 years

What activities do you enjoy at Beth Shalom?

Zhenia: Shabbat services, Holiday Parties, movie nights, speaker brunches.

Alan: Shabbat services & Kiddush, movie nights, and men's club poker.

What do you enjoy about living in Atlanta?

Zhenia: Beautiful fall and spring and how easy it is to get anywhere in the world.

Alan: The variety of people, food, and activities, the trees, and our close proximity to many other enjoyable destinations.

What is your favorite restaurant in Atlanta?

Zhenia: I love trying new places, Alan: I love seafood and a variety of foods from around the world.

What is your favorite activity to do in Atlanta?

Zhenia: Local Theater productions, visiting the zoo and aquarium. Alan: Theater with my wife, TV & film Industry with my boys.

Where have your favorite trips been?

Zhenia: Israel. Alan: Israel, Ukraine.

Where would you go on your dream vacation?

Zhenia: Italy. Alan: Bali, Thailand or Italy.

What is one thing on your bucket list that you would like to achieve?

Zhenia: Travel the world and see other countries through the eyes of locals. Alan: Same as Zhenia's answer, 100%.

Please tell the Beth Shalom community one thing we may not know about you.

Zhenia: Alan proposed to me in Cinderella's Castle at Disney, because I love fairytales.

Alan: With GBI, I had a different identity and worked undercover, deputized as a US Marshall, detached to the FBI to investigate the Olympic Park bombing, worked with the Secret Service & State Department to protect numerous dignitaries, including US Presidents, Shimon Peres, and Natan Sharansky.



The Kaplans at Universal Studios in February 2024,
(l to r): Alan, Zhenia, David and Michael

MAZEL TOV TO OUR GRADUATES

HIGHER LEARNING



Julia Bergman

Julia is graduating with a Masters of Arts Degree in Child Study and Human Development with a concentration in Clinical-Developmental Health and Psychology from Eliot-Pearson at Tufts University. She plans on working for a year in a research lab in a hospital and then plans on pursuing a PhD in clinical psychology. Julia is the daughter of Kenneth & Michelle Bergman.



Danielle Bergman

Danielle is graduating with a Master's Degree in Stage and Production Management from Carnegie Mellon University School of Drama. Danielle also completed the Future Faculty Program at the CMU Eberly Center. Danielle was a Production Assistant on Trading Places at the Alliance Theatre and was the Assistant Production Manager for Maine State Music Theatre. Danielle is one of eight people in the country to be selected by USITT (United States Institute for Technical Theatre) to do stage management training with Cirque Du Soleil in Las Vegas this summer. Danielle looks forward to a career in stage and production management. She is the daughter of Kenneth & Michelle Bergman.



Mallory Harris

Mallory is graduating from Stanford University with a PhD in Biology with a Disease Ecology concentration. Her Thesis is Social Division, Misinformation, and Climate Change: Human Activity and Infectious Diseases. She will be attending University of Maryland in the fall as a post-doctoral fellow in Dr. Weitz's lab. Mallory is the daughter of Stephen & Roz Harris.

COLLEGE



Julie Budd

Julie graduated in December, 2023 from Georgia State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and Management. Julie started in January as an Account Coordinator at OTR Solutions, a finance company serving the transportation industry. She is the daughter of Jeff & Carrie Budd.



Elaine Berger

Elaine Berger is graduating from the University of Maryland earning two degrees: BA, Jewish Studies, College of Arts and Humanities - Cum Laude and BS, Management, Robert H. Smith School of Business - Magna Cum Laude. Elaine was selected to the national leadership honorary, Omicron Delta Kappa and is active in Hillel leading egalitarian services. Elaine works at Resident Life and is the artistic director of UMD's Israeli dance troupe, Avirah. She will be attending Brandeis University's Hornstein program for an MA in Jewish Professional Leadership and an EdM in Jewish Educational Leadership. She is the daughter of Dan Berger & Bethann Johnston.



Jillian Gerson

Jillian graduated in December from University of West Georgia. She is working in the film and lens based media. Jillian is the Daughter of Shelley Gerson & Scott Kenith.

MAZEL TOV TO OUR GRADUATES

COLLEGE



Gabriel Green

Gabriel is graduating with highest honors from Georgia Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. He has accepted a job in Seattle, Washington working for Boeing. Gabriel is the son of Sherie Green.



Seth Schulman

Seth will be graduating from the University of Georgia in December 2024 with a double major (Cognitive Science & Philosophy). He will be working at Camp Barney Medintz this summer as head of Nature Crafts and then will pursue career opportunities after graduation. He is the son of Alex & Marci Schulman.



Sammy Weinberg

Sammy will be graduating Cum Laude from Georgia State University with a major in Computer Information Systems. He will be seeking roles in business & technology management consulting. Sammy is the son of Mike & Diane Weinberg.

HIGH SCHOOL



Joshua Friedman

Josh is graduating from The Cottage School. He was the STEM student of the year. Josh will attend Kennesaw State University to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering and minor in aerospace engineering. He is the son of Nancy Averbach.



Naomi Kleber

Naomi is graduating from Dunwoody High School. Her academic honors include class salutatorian, Phi Beta Kappa Book Award and National Merit Commended Student. In college, she plans to major in art history, with a minor in dance. She is the daughter of Dori and David Kleber.



Yael Mainzer

Yael is graduating from the Atlanta Jewish Academy. She will spend next year in Israel at the Shalom Hartman Institute in the Hevrutah Gap-Year Program. Upon her return from Israel, Yael will attend Boston University. Yael is the daughter of Hugh & Jill Mainzer.



Ethan Levine

Ethan is graduating from Duluth High School with honors. He will pursue a Bachelor's degree in landscape architecture at the University of Georgia in the fall. Ethan is the son of Brett Levine & Deborah Shapiro.

MAZEL TOV TO OUR GRADUATES

HIGH SCHOOL



Shayna Robins

Shayna will be graduating from The Weber School and will be receiving an Honors distinction from the Daniel Zalik Academy of Science, Technology, Engineering and Design. She will be attending college in the fall and majoring in Business Administration. Shayna is the daughter of Jay & Rachel Robins



Ellie Widis

Ellie will be graduating from Centennial High School in May with an IB (International Baccalaureate) Diploma. She was awarded the Hadassah Award on behalf of her involvement with the Alefbet Preschool and her Hebrew tutoring for the Abe and Anita Gilner Religious school. She has traveled to Spain as an exchange student and is looking to major in research and sociology when she gets to college. She is the daughter of Wendy Widis.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

David Alexander Kaplan

David is graduating from the Pickneyville Middle School with honors and will be going to Paul Duke Steam High school in the fall. He is the son of Alan & Zhenia Kaplan.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mackenzie Buckles

Mackenzie will be graduating from 5th grade at Northwood Elementary school. She is very excited to go to Haynes Bridge middle school. She is the daughter of Kenny & Jessica Buckles.



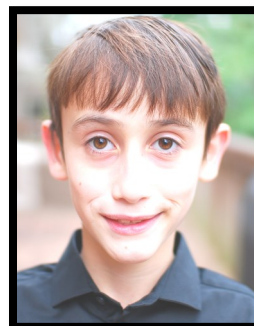
Aiden Shakhnovsky

Aiden is graduating from State Bridge Elementary School and will be attending Autrey Mill Middle School in the fall. He is the son of Alex & Anna Shakhnovsky.



Ari Sofsky

Ari is graduating from 5th grade at Vanderlyn Elementary School. He will be starting middle school in the fall. He is the son of Allison & Josh Sofsky.



PRESCHOOL

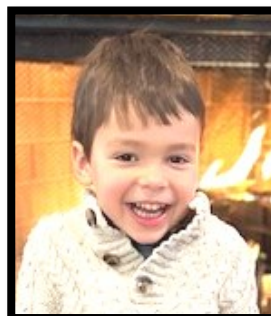
Levi Mynatt

Levi will graduate from Alefbet Preschool - PreK program. He will attend kindergarten at Woodward Academy in the fall. Levi is the son of Nicole & Grant Mynatt.



Ari Saltzman

Ari is graduating from the Alefbet Preschool - Pre K program. He will attend kindergarten at Chestnut Elementary in the fall. Ari is the son of Ally & Eric Saltzman.



Talia Sofsky

Talia is graduating from the Alefbet Preschool-Pre K program. She will attend Kindergarten at Vanderlyn Elementary School in the fall. Talia is the daughter of Allison & Josh Sofsky.



Zoey Strauss

Zoey is graduating from The Alefbet Preschool and plans to attend Kindergarten at The Davis Academy in the fall! Zoey started at Alefbet when she was 2 years old and has grown and thrived these past 3 years at the preschool. Our entire family is forever grateful for the love, learning, and strong Jewish foundation Alefbet has provided to Zoey and her big brother Michael. She is the daughter of Elaine & Benjamin Strauss.



GRS 7TH GRADE TRIP & GRADUATES

GRS GRADUATES...Simon Fabry, Max Harvey, Zahava Meertens, Joshua Schiff, Kayla Schroeder, Lydia Schroeder and AJ Shakhnovsky

Seventh Grade Class Trip to National Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC, February 25, 2024

WHAT A GREAT TRIP!



Arrival at Washington Reagan Airport

THANK YOU TO THE SEVENTH GRADE TEACHER, FRED RICH



Waiting to go into the museum



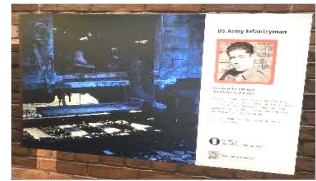
Going thru the boxcar



Wooden bunk beds



The Eternal Flame and Lighting Memorial Candles in Hall of Remembrance



Hibby Margol Exhibit

BUZZING AROUND WASHINGTON, DC AFTER LEAVING THE MUSEUM



The White House



The United States Capital Building



Jefferson Memorial



Lincoln Memorial



MLK Memorial



FDR Memorial



Over 18,000 Steps!

BETH SHALOM NEWS

BRICK ISRAELI GARDEN—MARBLE STAR INSTALLATION



After waiting for almost a year for delivery, the new marble Magen David was finally delivered and installed in our new Israeli garden. Donating the star in memory of their parents, Shirley and Maurice Rich, Fred and Dianne and the whole Rich family feel this will be a lasting tribute that everyone at Beth Shalom can be proud of. It is a symbol of our beautiful religion. Am Yisrael Chai



PASSOVER 2024/5784

THE RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY PESACH GUIDE ח"עשתו

The Committee on Jewish Law & Standards (CJLS) Kashrut
Subcommittee2 Introduction by Rabbi Elliot N. Dorff, Chair Emeritus,
CJLS



The Rabbinical Assembly has an updated Passover Guide. To view or download this guide, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/passguide2024>. The Beth Shalom office will be happy to print a copy for you which can be faxed or sent in the mail. Just call the Office at 770-399-5300 or email office@bethshalom.net.

As you know, it is forbidden to either consume or be in possession of any *hametz* (leavening) during the Passover Holiday. Traditionally, we sell any *hametz* that cannot be disposed of through the agency of the Rabbi. For your convenience, the following contract for the sale of *hametz* may be executed and mailed. You can also go online to make this transaction at <http://tinyurl.com/24hametz>.

It is also customary, though not required, to make a small contribution at the time of sale. Proceeds collected from the sale of *hametz* will go towards MA'OT CHITIM – Passover assistance for needy Jewish families.

POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR SALE OF HAMETZ

I, the undersigned, hereby empower and authorize Rabbi Mark Zimmerman to act in my behalf to sell, relinquish ownership or give as a gift, all *hametz* which is in my possession, whether knowingly or unknowingly, at present, or which may come into my possession up to the **14th day of Nisan in the year 5784, corresponding to April 22, 2024** until such hour that *hametz* is permitted to be sold: i.e. *hametz*, doubtful *hametz*, and all types of *hametz* mixtures, as well as all flour, cereals, alcoholic drinks, utensils, and all *hametz* imbedded in them, whether inside or outside my house, and all other places of mine, whether owned or rented, where *hametz* may be found, irrespective of whether the *hametz* belongs to me or is in my possession or responsibility.



NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

SIGNATURE _____



Every year at Passover, we affirm our obligation to care for one another by proclaiming **“Let all who are hungry come and eat.”** Please join MAZON in making this call to action a reality.

Inspired by Jewish values and ideals, A Jewish Response to Hunger—Mazon: is a national organization fighting to end hunger among people of all faiths and backgrounds in the United States and Israel.

To donate online, go to www.mazon.org or call or mail check payable to **MAZON, 1990 South Bundy Drive, No. 260, Los Angeles, CA 90025**
Tel 310.442.0020 / 800.813.0557



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PASSOVER 2024/5784



PESACH נֶסֶח

Each year we launch our Spring fundraiser, "Pesach-Appeal". Your donation allows us to be there for you, to provide meaningful Jewish experiences throughout the year. The generosity and commitment of each and every one of you helps us to meet our budgetary obligations.

Please fill in the form below with your payment option and return it to the Office. You may also go on line to make your donation at <https://tinyurl.com/pesachapp24>

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our kehillah.

SUPPORT BETH SHALOM... Count Me In! CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS OUR 2024 PESACH APPEAL

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Email _____ Payment Method _____

\$18 _____ \$40 _____ \$85 _____ \$126 _____ \$148 _____ \$182 _____

\$256 _____ \$357 _____ \$1000 _____ \$1818 _____



Share Pesach With Another Member of our Kehillah



April 22nd or 23rd

Do you have an extra seat or two at your Passover Seder, do you need a seat, or would you like to be matched with another family also looking?

Go Online to Register:
<https://www.bethshalom.net/form/share-pesach-2024.html>
As a Host Family or Guest

BETH SHALOM HAPPENINGS

Shabbat B'Yachad

Pre-Pesach Dinner

Take a break from Pesach cleaning and cooking and join us on

April 19th

at 6:00 pm for Kabbalat Shabbat followed by dinner prepared by our Men's Club.

Ma'ariv service will take place after dinner.

Cost: \$15 adults

\$8 children 5 - 8 years

4 & under free

(meat meal with vegetarian option)

RSVP [Here](#) or use the QR code



BETH SHALOM HAPPENINGS

JOIN US TO MAKE A HAVDALAH CANDLE & SPICE BOX

WITH ALISA FELDMAN

Sunday, April 14th

3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Fee: \$25 per person

must RSVP by April 10th

RSVP ON LINE

Or use QR code



VOLUNTEER SHABBAT

**Saturday, April 6, 2024
9:30am**



Join us for this special Shabbat when we will be honoring our wonderful volunteers who have given their time and energy to Beth Shalom this past year.

We will be presenting the 2024 Harry Chorp Award to a very deserving volunteer, Terrie Bryan.

Stay for a special Kiddush Lunch in their honor prepared and served by our Beth Shalom Sisterhood.

BETH SHALOM HAPPENINGS



SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, June 9, 2024
10:30am
In person at Beth Shalom

Join us to hear about our accomplishments and future goals for 2024-2025. We will be electing a new Executive Board of Directors. Watch your email for the Annual Meeting details coming soon.

We hope you can attend and participate in the Annual Meeting.

Refreshments will be served.

BETH SHALOM HAPPENING



Beth Shalom
CONNECT • ENGAGE • INSPIRE

Beth Shalom is turning 50!

Join us as we celebrate this milestone with special programming throughout the year. Here are just a few dates to mark in your calendar.

More to come

Special Shabbat Kiddushim honoring our families who joined during each decade.

May 11th 1975 - 1985 Aug. 17th 1986 - 1995
Nov. 16th 1996 - 2005 Jan. 18th 2006 - 2015
Feb. 8th 2016 - 2025



50th Anniversary Gala
Saturday night, March 1, 2025



During our 50th Celebration year we would like to honor everything "50".

To do this we need your help!!

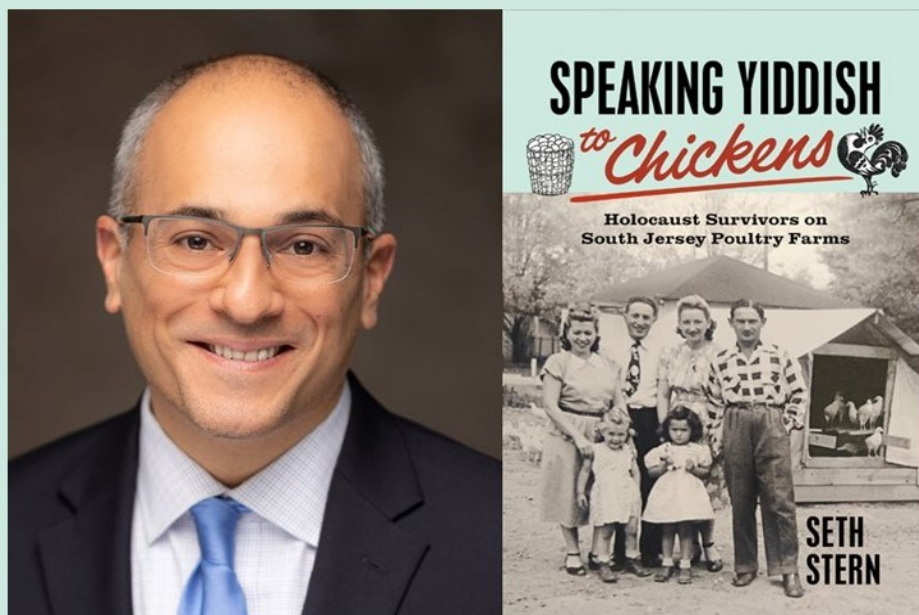
We would like to honor all your special simchas that occurred during the decades above as well. Whether you got married, had a child, graduated school, visited Israel for the first time, etc., etc., etc.

Please send Marsha Fish an email:
marshakfish@gmail.com

With your special simcha!

SISTERHOOD LAG B'OMER PROGRAM

SISTERHOOD LAG B'OMER PROGRAM "SPEAKING YIDDISH TO CHICKENS"



Sunday, May 19, 2024
Beth Shalom's Katz Social Hall
2:00pm

Join us for an most interesting discussion with Seth Stern, author of **"Speaking Yiddish to Chickens"** about the many Eastern European immigrants who came to America and ended up on a farm. Seth will be speaking to us via zoom. Most of the roughly 140,000 Holocaust survivors who came to the United States in the first decade after World War II settled in big cities such as New York. But a few thousand chose an alternative way of life on American farms. More of these accidental farmers wound up raising chickens in southern New Jersey than anywhere else. *Speaking Yiddish to Chickens* is the first book to chronicle this little-known chapter in American Jewish history when these mostly Eastern European refugees – including the author's grandparents - found an unlikely refuge and gateway to new lives in the US on poultry farms. They gravitated to a section of south Jersey anchored by Vineland, a small rural city where previous waves of Jewish immigrants had built a rich network of cultural and religious institutions.

Refreshments will be served. This program is free and open to the public. [Click Here](#) to read more about Seth & his book.

Please RSVP to let us know you are coming.



ON GOING AT BETH SHALOM

STITCH & KVETCH Is Ongoing!

When there is Religious School, you can find us! Come hang out with our tight knit group on Sunday mornings from 10:00am to Noon



Beth Shalom Lobby

Bring your needles and yarn and work on your own project or use our yarn and make hats and scarves for those in need

Questions? Contact Ellen Levy
at ellen@sandelevy.com

MAH JONGG NIGHTS



Every Thursday 6:00pm
Sponsored by Beth Shalom Sisterhood

Join us each week in the Beth Shalom Lobby for a fun night of games with your Mah Jongg friends!

There are tables for all levels—Money or No Money. Sisterhood membership is required in order to participate. (first night is free). You must register to get a seat at one of the tables

Go Online to Register!

Sisterhood Food Drive



Time to fill the Barrel!

Simple classics for the kosher Jewish Food Pantry:

By April 22nd ... Matzos & Kosher Grape Juice

By May 20th...Healthy Snacks (raisins, dried fruit, and other Kosher snacks)

Please leave donations in the barrel in the synagogue's front hallway

Backpack Buddies **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**

A Community action program to feed hungry children each week.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped pack on Sunday and to those who delivered on Wednesday to the school. This program is a much needed one in our community Looking forward to working with y'all for the next school year. Please contact me if you would like to participate this coming year I appreciate all of the help.

Terrie Bryan, Backpack Coordinator
404-402-9555

You can make a donation of \$180 to support a child for one whole year! Visit www.bethshalom.net/social-action#, scroll down to Backpack Buddies for more details.

SISTERHOOD NEWS



Happy Passover! Spring is here and the supermarkets set a record for putting out Passover foods way too early, guilt-tripping all of us into feeling panic that we aren't ready yet.

In February, we held our Annual Mah Jongg Tournament. It was a fantastic success, with the largest attendance we've had, and this year even had a room set aside for people who wanted to play for fun. Congratulations and many thanks to Helene Urbaitel, Carol Millman, Cheryl Garfinkel, Janet Lane, Roberta London, Rene Montaigne, Renee Berg, Tina Wood and all the volunteers who stepped up to make the Tournament so successful. Speaking of Mah Jongg, there's a weekly game here at CBS! Come join us each Thursday at 6:00pm and enjoy the games and mingling with old & new friends. We have games for all levels – money or no money. Just come and have fun. 1st time is free. Sisterhood dues is your entrance to all the weekly games. Please register at <https://www.bethshalom.net/form/weekly-mah-jongg.html>.

Before Passover comes Purim. And this year, Sisterhood hosted a fun Purim Masquerade Ball following the Megillah reading. A great time was had by all, dancing to the music of the 60s and 70s and dressed in their Hippie and Disco finery.

From April 7-9, the Southern Region of Women's League will be holding our Conference in Atlanta at Ahavath Achim Synagogue, co-hosted by Etz Chaim Sisterhood. It's possible to register for the whole conference, or just selected events, such as the Installation dinner on Sunday, the Phyllis Grusin Weinstein Awards dinner on Monday or the Keynote Luncheon with GA State Representative Esther Panitch. Contact Rene Montaigne for more information at rmontaigne@gmail.com. Sisterhood has some funds available to help make the registration fees more affordable.

On May 19th Sisterhood will present the film **"The Land was Theirs"** about Jewish farmers in New Jersey in the early 20th century. More details will follow.

Participation in Sisterhood isn't always a big commitment. You can attend a single meeting that sounds interesting to you, you can volunteer to help with a one-time event, or join a committee. You can work in the kitchen once, or once-a-month. We always need ideas for programs so if you have a suggestion, don't hesitate to contact our Program Vice Presidents, Janet Lane (janetruset@gmail.com) or Jody Kassel (jodykassel5@gmail.com). And, even better, if your job or your hobby is something you'd like to share, tell us about it and we might be able to build a program around it. Volunteering is a great way to meet new people and feel a greater connection with our Kehillah.

Other opportunities exist for you to get involved, Sisterhood volunteers work one Sunday a month at Backpack Buddies. You can contact Kathy Heller (kwheller6@gmail.com) to find out more. We also collect food for the Kosher Food Pantry at JF&CS. Check your emails for a list of what we're collecting each month, and contribute to that. It's a small thing to do that makes a big difference in the lives of people in need. You can participate in our Book Group, which is monthly via Zoom. The book is announced each month in Sisterhood emails, and you can contact Eileen Cohn for the link (eileensc6@gmail.com). Other events are and in in the Sisterhood emails and the Synagogue Shabbat weekly flyer. Come and join us – we have lots of fun!

Again, Happy Passover from

Laurie Besmertnick, Ellen Levy and Tanya Cohen

Sisterhood Management Team

SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB

"DO YOU LOVE TO READ?"

Join us virtually at 7:30pm via Zoom for our monthly Book Club meetings when we read the newest books by popular authors.

The books for discussion for April and May :

April 17th—**Demon Copperhead** by Barbara Kingsolver

May 15th—**Signal Fires** by Dani Shapiro

Questions and to RSVP, contact Eileen Cohn at eileensc6@gmail.com.

Zoom Link—Go to <https://tinyurl.com/cbsbook>



SISTERHOOD NEWS

SISTERHOOD'S ATLANTA MAH JONGG MADNESS

FEBRUARY 18,
2024

ONE OF OUR
STRONGEST
EVENTS!

Thank you to all the
volunteers who
help make this
event so
successful!

SEE YOU ALL NEXT
YEAR...
FEBRUARY 16,
2025



WHAT'S NEW AT YOUR GIFT SHOP?

This year, make your Passover preparation a breeze! Our synagogue gift shop is brimming with everything you need to observe this upcoming holiday or gifts to take to a hosting family's home.

From beautiful Seder plates to ceremonial items, we have a vast selection at exceptional prices. Browse our collection of:

Seder plates in a variety of styles and materials, Matzah covers and afikomen bags, Wine Glasses, Miriam's Wine Glass and Haggadahs

Shop and discover everything you need to create a meaningful and joyous Passover celebration! Support your synagogue and celebrate Passover with ease! Shop our Passover selection today!

**Open Sunday when there is school or else
To make a appointment to shop, .**

**CALL SHEILA 770-671-1667 OR
ROBERTA 770-399-5300
REMEMBER OUR MOTTO:
"CALL US AND WE WILL COME"**



FROM OUR MEN'S CLUB



This year has been flying by. In the past two months the Men's Club participated in the World-Wide Wrap, Men's Club Shabbat, the FJMC Southeast Regional Retreat and a Sunday Brunch featuring Gary Deutsch speaking about Jewish Genealogy. I would like to thank Jeremy and Rafi Sachs for their help working with the Gilner Religious School in preparation for the Wrap. By the time of this printing, Purim will have passed, and we will have prepared the Sunday Morning Purim Seudah (Brunch).

A special shout out of "**SAFE TRAVELS**" to Ed Heller as he has started his trek to walk the entire length of the Appalachian Trail this year. Ed plans to be home for Pesach, and then gone again until November.

Looking ahead to the spring we are looking into holding additional Sunday morning brunches and will have Yom Hashoah yellow candles available. More details will follow once dates are determined.

Ongoing monthly events include:

Backpack Buddies: April 7th and May 5th.
Texas Hold-em Poker: April 7th, May 5th, and June 2nd.

As Passover approaches, I want to wish everyone Chag Pesach Samech.

All Men's Club sponsored events are open to the entire congregation. If you are not a member of Men's Club, consider joining. Whether you are a member or not, please attend or volunteer at one of our upcoming events. I can be reached at mtrinker60@yahoo.com or 770-633-0200 if you have any comments or suggestions, or just want some general information about our Men's Club.

Mike Trinker

President / Beth Shalom Men's Club



BETH SHALOM MEN'S CLUB MONTHLY TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER

Beth Shalom Chapel at 7:00pm

April and May dates:

April 7, 2024 and May 5, 2024

Come one. Come all. Texas Hold Em Poker is NOW ONCE A MONTH!! Men and Ladies are invited to join us for an evening of Texas Hold Em poker. Anyone can enter with a \$20 donation. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes will be awarded. Come and have fun with old and new friends! Complimentary snacks & drinks

To make your reservation contact Steve Kaufman at 770-597-2066

ALEFBET PRESCHOOL NEWS



FRIDAY FAMILY KABBALAT SERVICE ON THE PLAYGROUND!

Friday, April 12, 2024

Friday, May 17, 2024

5:00 pm to 6:00 pm



Join us On the Alefbet Preschool playground for Pre-Shabbat snacks, drinks, schmoozing and playing with friends and a Tot friendly family Shabbat service with Rabbi Mark and his famous Shabbat guitar.

Camp Alefbet SUMMER FUN

2024

Toddlers thru Pre-K

Each week, your child will explore classic children's literature in a hands-on, sensory, creative way.

Campers will enjoy water play, art, sports, music and movement, Shabbat celebrations, and more!

TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD – www.alefbetpreschool.com

-----Flexible Hours-----

Toddlers – Pre-K children

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Visit www.alefbetpreschool.com for more information

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

KUSY Chocolate Seder

Sunday, April 21, 2024
12:30pm - 2:00pm

Join us in our annual Chocolate Seder
celebrating Passover. This event is open to all
3rd - 12th graders.

Please RSVP by: Thursday, April 18, 2024
<http://bit.ly/KUSY-chocolate>



See FAQs below



USY
HaNegev

Calling all 5th-12th graders HaNegev Presents... Regional Convention

BROADWAY VERSION!

April 12th-14th

Doubletree Hotel Roswell, GA

tinyurl.com/hanegev24

FAQS

USY
HaNegev

WHAT TIME DOES CONVENTION START AND END?

ARRIVE TO THE HOTEL BETWEEN 2:30 AND 3:30PM ON FRIDAY,
AND THE CONVENTION WILL END SUNDAY AT 1:00.

HOW DO I GET THERE?

BASED ON WHERE YOU LIVE YOU CAN REACH OUT TO YOUR
CHAPTER IN ORDER TO FIGURE OUT TRANSPORTATION
DETAILS.

WHAT IF I AM FLYING IN?

WE WILL PROVIDE SHUTTLE BUS TRANSPORTATION FROM ATL
AIRPORT. PLEASE BOOK A FLIGHT THAT LANDS BY 1:30PM ON
FRIDAY AND DEPARTS AFTER 4PM ON SUNDAY

WHAT WILL WE DO AT CONVENTION?

JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND FULL OF FUN PROGRAMMING, FOOD,
FRIENDS, AND A SHOW YOU WILL NEVER FORGET!

WHAT ABOUT COVID?

EVERYONE MUST TAKE A COVID TEST IN THE 24 HOURS
LEADING UP TO CONVENTION, ONCE TAKEN YOU WILL EMAIL
IT TO USYHEALTH@USCJ.ORG.

WHAT ABOUT COST?

USY IS COMMITTED TO MAKING PROGRAMS ACCESSIBLE FOR
ALL TEENS REGARDLESS OF FINANCIAL MEANS. THE COST OF
CONVENTION IS ALREADY SUBSIDIZED AND ADDITIONAL
FINANCIAL AID CAN BE REQUESTED AS PART OF THE
REGISTRATION PROCESS

HOW DOES ROOMING WORK?

PARTICIPANTS CAN REQUEST UP TO 3 PEOPLE TO ROOM WITH.
WE TRY OUR BEST TO HONOR MUTUAL REQUESTS BUT CANNOT
GUARANTEE. PARTICIPANTS ALL STAY IN HOTEL ROOMS WITH
UP TO 4 TEENS PER ROOM IN A ROOM WITH 2 DOUBLE BEDS

REGISTRATION TROUBLE?

PARTICIPANTS JUST EMAIL REGPACKSUPPORT@USY.ORG AND
SOMEBODY WILL HELP YOU OUT

QUESTIONS? EMAIL HANEGEVUSY@USCJ.ORG

Yahrzeits**April / May
2024 / 5784*****Yahrzeit observance begin the
evening prior to the day of the
Yahrzeit & ends at sundown on the
day of the Yahrzeit*****April 02 / 23 Adar II**Jerome Charen
Bootsie Perling**April 05 / 26 Adar II**

Anne Lefkoff

April 06 / 27 Adar II

Beatrice Rappaport

April 08 / 29 Adar IIWillie Wancket
Alvin Wittlin**April 09 / 1 Nissan**Herman Gross
Henry Skolnick**April 10 / 2 Nissan**

Pauline Krowitz

April 11 / 3 NissanFranklin Resnick
Shirley Rose
Murray Shubin
Haskell Wideltz**April 12 / 4 Nissan**Bert Horwitz
Marilyn Kaufman
Ed Nemeth**April 13 / 5 Nissan**Mikhail Chertin
Frances Cohen**April 14 / 6 Nissan**

Rose Schwartz

April 15 / 7 Nissan

Marcia Grace Regent

April 16 / 8 NissanBruce Sampson
David Strasberg**April 17 / 9 Nissan**Solomon Fineberg
Frieda Nitkin Hurwitz
Charlotte Newman**April 18 / 10 Nissan**Lillian Alpert
Roberta Halpern
Ethel Nanes
Loren Pollack
Solomon Saltzman
Sidney Schwager**April 19 / 11 Nissan**Paul Rosenzweig
Arnold Stoumen**April 21 / 13 Nissan**Sheila Baruch
Sheldon Little
Bertha Little**April 22 / 14 Nissan**Sheila Ann Brown
Yolanda Gaynes
Vivian Greene**April 23 / 15 Nissan**Ros Hirshman
Eleanor Kasow**April 24 / 16 Nissan**Rhona Hack
Bonnie Lane Morer**April 25 / 17 Nissan**

Samuel Miller

April 27 / 19 NissanZalman Angster
Bruce H. Feinberg
Marian Jorgensen
Bernard Kessler
Allen Trinker**April 28 / 20 Nissan**Gertrude Breitkopf
Ruth Yermovsky**April 29 / 21 Nissan**Gerson Aronovitz
Abraham Cohen
Kate Saks
Jerome Syen**April 30 / 22 Nissan**

Beatrice Faber

May 01 / 23 Nissan

Maryetta Aronow

May 02 / 24 NissanHenry Bimbrey
Seymour Weiner**May 03 / 25 Nissan**Sharon Goldhar
Arnold Wacker**May 05 / 26 Nissan**Stella Judith Bergman
Louis Goldenberg**May 06 / 28 Nissan**Shirley Lerner
Lena Pritikin
Manfred Werbel**May 08 / 30 Nissan**Beni Berger
Max Bergman
Rose Hirsch
Phil Lachterman**May 09 / 1 Iyyar**Donald Danneman
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Esther Kovalsky

May 11 / 3 IyyarJoseph Horesh
Joyce Maddox**May 12 / 4 Iyyar**

Steven Allen Litzky

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Thomas Merle Chesler
Mitchell H. Drucker**May 15 / 7 Iyyar**Sarah Kraar
Benjamin Levine**May 17 / 9 Iyyar**Myron Cohen
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Rose Liberty**May 19 / 11 Iyyar**Emil Horesh
Rivka Safra
Riva Silver**May 20 / 12 Iyyar**

Lynette Newman Cohen

May 21 / 13 Iyyar

Harriet Walter

May 22 / 14 IyyarAbe Besser
Irene Lane
Arleen Taffel**May 23 / 15 Iyyar**

Ida Raymon

May 24 / 16 IyyarJames Bachner
Clara Kaplan
Jared Scott Levy**May 25 / 17 Iyyar**Theodore Fineberg
Nathan Jonas Kraar**May 26 / 18 Iyyar**

Bobette Gordon Miller

May 27 / 19 Iyyar

Laura Paikin

May 28 / 20 Iyyar

Samuel David Richter

May 29 / 21 IyyarIsidore Merbaum
Barbara Topper**May 30 / 22 Iyyar**Faye P. Cohen
Benjamin Jacobson
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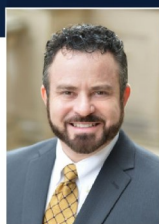
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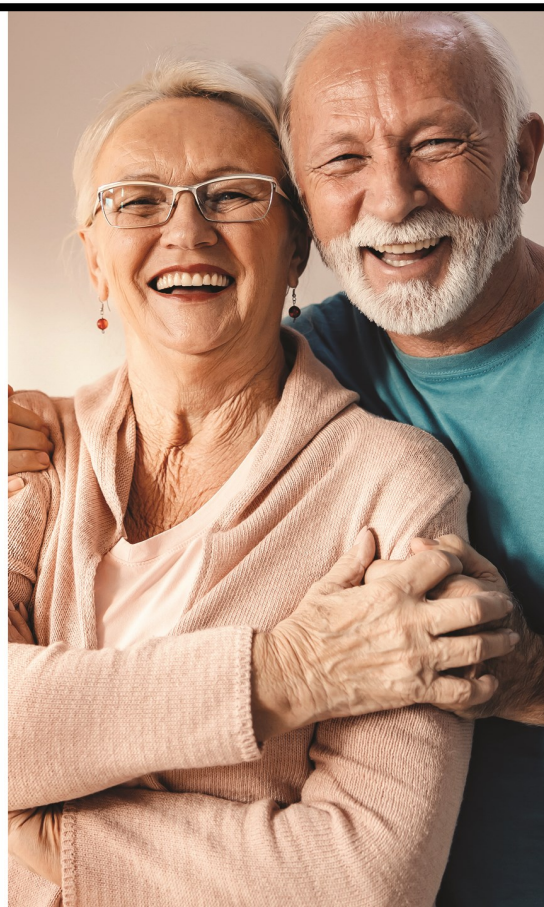
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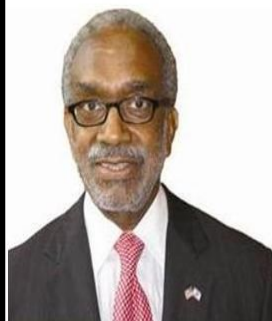
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