	<p>May 2025 24 Nisan – 23 Iyar 5784 <i>“The Community Synagogue in Southern Saratoga County”</i> <i>Founded in 1974</i></p>	
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Message from Rabbi Monson

Shalom Congregants,

"God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers." - Rudyard Kipling

Six years ago, we lost my Ima, and every Mother’s Day I make sure to honor her memory by doing things for others and random acts of kindness. This Mother’s Day, I urge you to do the same.

For those whose moms are still alive, enjoy a beautiful day with her, give her lots of hugs and kisses.

The best written word we have in Judaism that expresses our love and appreciation for our mothers

Is the Woman of Valor, Proverbs 31:10-31. I have included it below as something you can read when honoring your mother.



Eishet Chayil

What a precious find is an *Eishet Chayil*—a Woman of Valor!

Her worth is far beyond rubies.

Her husband puts his confidence in her

And lacks no good thing.

She is good to him, never bad,

All the days of her life ...

She opens her hand to the needy,

And extends her hand to the poor ...

She is clothed with strength and splendor,

She looks to the future cheerfully.

She opens her mouth with wisdom;

Her tongue is guided by kindness.

She oversees the activities of her household

And never eats the bread of idleness.

Her children come forward and bless her;

Her husband praises her (and says):

“Many women have done superbly,

But you surpass them all.”

Charm is deceitful and beauty—vain,

But a God-revering woman is much to be praised.

Extol her for the fruit of her hand,

Wherever people gather, her deeds speak her praise.

Message from the Oval Office A president says farewell

It's finally spring and Beth Shalom is springing forward to a new era! There will be several changes at Congregation Beth Shalom. We are saddened by the realization that Rabbi Ami is leaving us, but are very excited to welcome Rabbi Shara Siegfeld as our new Rabbi. Rabbi Ami has made a tremendous impact on our congregation by increasing attendance at services, innovative programming, and always being concerned for each and every one of us. Congregation Beth El in Yardley, Pennsylvania will be truly privileged to have Rabbi Ami, Manya, Moshe, and Ravi as part of their congregational family.

We warmly welcome Rabbi Shara Siegfeld, and she is very excited to become part of the Beth Shalom community. Rabbi Shara's knowledge, enthusiasm, creativity, and especially her love of Judaism will inspire and continue to move our congregation forward. Many of you have already met Rabbi Shara at services and during the next couple of months, you will have that opportunity again. Rabbi Shara wants to get to know all of you and we want to warmly welcome her, husband David, and their four children into the Beth Shalom family!!

Jackie Pajak, who has worked for Beth Shalom for 21 years as our office manager and financial secretary, is retiring. She knows **everything** which has gone on at Beth Shalom. Jackie has taken care of the finances, sends out Yahrzeit reminders, made posters for special events, and has gone out of her way to help to prepare food for special events. Congregation Beth Shalom has become part of her family, she has become part of ours, and she cares about the welfare of each of us. Jackie, you will be greatly missed!

We now welcome Bree Kerr as our new office manager and financial secretary. Bree had worked at another synagogue and is very familiar with synagogue management. We are very fortunate to have found Bree and she will be a real asset with the daily operations of our synagogue.

Lastly, I will be leaving my position as president. This has been the opportunity of a lifetime. I never planned on, nor even thought about, being president, however, when Rabbi Ami suggested it to me and said that we would work as a team, it was an offer I could not refuse! I feel, that together, Rabbi Ami and I have made a difference in moving our synagogue in a new direction. Although there were some difficult times, especially after the October 7th attacks, this position has been very rewarding. I worked with an amazing Board and got to know most of you personally. I would like to thank all of you for your support and your confidence in me.

Bivrakha u'avahavah,
Linda





Each day brings us closer to celebrating Beth Shalom's 50th Anniversary. The invitations have been mailed and if you have not received yours, please let the office know. Don't forget to mark your calendars for June 22nd.

If you have addresses from former members, it is still not too late to let Barbara know so an invitation can be sent.

We are still in need for volunteers to assist with preparing for this event. Please give the office a call if you can help.

REMEMBER; ALL RSVP'S AND CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 1st.

Please remember, if you are paying for this event by PayPal, you need to include the convenience fee.

**A Golden Occasion
in Celebration of
Beth Shalom's
Fiftieth Anniversary!**

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VENEZIA'S Enjoy great pizza, salad, eggplant, and other delicious food – dine-in or take-out.

Please contact Jackie for additional information or to place an order. 518-371-0608 or congregationbethshalomcp@gmail.com, Why not ask about our **Venezia gift certificates**. They can be purchased in any amount you want. There is no expiration date on the certificates.

If it is **SCRIP** you want, the list includes hundreds of businesses nationwide—retail stores, supermarkets, restaurants, hotels, rental cars, pharmacies, movie theaters, i-tunes, and Amazon, to name just a few. Just ask and we will get them for you at no extra cost to you.

Please, help support our synagogue by buying SCRIP.
For every card that you purchase we get a percentage of it.

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Be sure to check out our bulletin sponsors' ads

There is always something happening at Congregation Beth Shalom.

Did you know that we have an advanced Mah Jongg group that meets at CBS every Wednesday at 12 noon.. If you're interested please call Barbara Lazarow at 518-877-5468. .Special tip: these players are fast and not for the weak at heart.



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The deadline for all articles for the bulletin is the 15th of the month prior to publication. Please email your articles to congregationbethshalomcp@gmail.com or you can drop them off at the synagogue office.

What better way to remember loved ones than to have a plaque placed on our memorial wall in their memory? For more information on purchasing a plaque call Jackie in the office 518-371-0608.



Did you know you can make donations to the Cemetery Fund at Beth Shalom?

Your cemetery committee is presently looking into refurbishing the many headstones that are in dire need of repairs.

On a recent visit to the cemetery, it was noticed that there are over 25 headstones that need our attention. If you have a loved one, or know of someone who has a loved one buried here, it will be a "mitzvah" to help us in this endeavor.

Barbara Lazarow, Colleen Kohan Silverman, Lynne Margolius – your Cemetery Committee





Next Hadassah Book Review in May

Date: Monday, May 19th

Time: 1:00 PM

Book: .

Hosted on: Zoom and in person at Congregation Beth Shalom



PEACE & HOPE

Rent this space

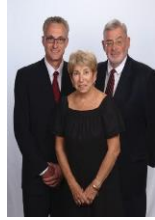
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It will be placed in our weekly announcements for 52 weeks and also in our bulletin which is published 4 times a year.

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Remember that special date with either a leaf or an acorn or even a stone on our **Tree of Life**. Congregants and interested public may celebrate a mitzvah (happy occasion) or commemorate a memory by purchasing one or more of the following:

Leaves - \$180

Acorns - \$500

Stones - \$1500

For further information regarding purchasing a leaf, acorn or stone for the **Tree of Life**, please contact Jackie at 371-0608



Is there something you would like to see published in the Beth Shalom bulletin? All you need to do is e-mail your article or news to congregationbethshalomcp@gmail.com by the 15th of the month prior to the month of publication.

We are always open to new ideas to spark the interest of our readers. We do ask that you keep your article short and to the point.

Please be advised that all articles are printed at the discretion of the bulletin editor.



BULLETIN

May Birthdays

<u>May,</u>	7	Michelle Rafael
	9	Larry Shapiro
	9	Harriette Weitzman
	10.	Mike Kupferman
	17	Paul Michel
	20	Nancy Cury
	26	Greg Pyle
	29	Barbara Lazarow



Aanniversaries

Sharon & Steve Schoenberg
May 4 45 years

Jo-Ann & Joseph Levy
May 19 50 years

Paula & Jeffrey Snyder
May 25th 51years

MAZEL TOV



Hello everyone, and a big welcome back to our Snow Birds. Is it me, or does it seem time is passing by so fast? Here we are already in May.

I am sure everyone knows by now that I have officially retired for the second time. The past 21 years I have been working here at CBS are among the happiest of my life. The friends I have made will be lifetime friends. I can honestly say this is the best place to work. I know everyone will show Bree the same help and friendship you have shown me through the years.

Enough of that, lets get on with the happy stuff. We have gone through this past year with many changes to our shul thanks to Linda Gellman and our Board of Directors. The Weekly Announcements are our means of communicating with all of you. They now contain most of the information you usually found in the monthly bulletin, but now you get the news weekly. No waiting anymore to see what is happening here at the shul or out in the community. You will notice that some things will be missing in the bulletin. Don't worry. They are being published in the weekly announcements. Things such as the birthdays, anniversaries, yahrzeits, donations. Along with the newsletter change, the bulletin will now go out 4 times a year. So please, be sure to read the weekly announcements.

Another big change is that you can now make donations or pay your bill by credit card or paypal. We aim to make life as easy as we can for you. Again, thanks to Linda Gellman.

May GOD bless and keep us safe for as long as there is life on this earth.

Jackie

True friends
aren't the ones
who make your
problems disappear
They're the ones who
won't disappear
when you're
facing problems.

Currently the vandalism repair in the Rotterdam cemeteries is still not complete!! Dave Baker is the person in charge of this Unfortunately, he has health issues and will be undergoing cardiac ablation So, at this point, we are waiting to hear from him if and when he will be able to finish. We will let everyone know as soon as we hear.

Colleen Kohan-Silverman

To purchase a plaque you can call the synagogue office 371-0608 and speak with Jackie. The cost for each plaque is \$250.00

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Stones - \$1500



Leaf \$180



Acorns \$500

For further information regarding purchasing a leaf, acorn or stone for the Tree of Life, please contact Jackie at 371-0608 or e-mail her at cbshalom@nycap.rr.com

What Are We Saying When We Are Praying? A New Discussion Group from, Brenda Sugarman



On Tuesdays, we meet at Brenda's home to continue our discussion of the prayers we say for Kabbalat Shabbat. This week we looked into the meaning of V'shamru, and read various translations and interpretations of this prayer. Basically, this prayer describes the meaning of Shabbat and has an upbeat melody. Participants also discussed various ways in which people observe Shabbat.

Please join us for our next meeting to continue our discussion on:

Date: Tuesday, May 13th

Time: 2 pm

Place: 4 Mystic Lane, Clifton Park

Please bring a siddur with you.

If you are interested in attending, please e-mail Brenda at: magistras4@aol.com

DONATIONS

IMO Rita & George Pyle, Anita & Mannie Liberman & Donna Juhasz by Wendy & Greg Pyle
IMO William Ackerman by Phyllis & Lew Morrison
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IMO Louis Lowenberg by Elaine & Robert Lowenberg
IMO Malcolm & Marcia Blumenthal and Debra Blumenthal Crane
IMO Edith Kohan by Carol Kohan
IMO Eve Kupferman by the Kupferman Family
IMO Marguente Quintrell by Doris & Martin Calderon
IMO Helen Kritzman & Rebecca Vertillo by Miriam Cooperman
IMO Lena Lowenberg by Elaine & Robert Lowenberg
IMO Ann & Joseph Levine and Alice & Samuel Jacobs by Raylene & Rick Jacobs



SPONSOR A KIDDUSH OR AN ONEG

Do you have a special event coming up that you would like to share with your family, friends, and synagogue family? Why not sponsor an Oneg or Kiddush? Sponsoring a Kiddush is honoring, celebrating, memorializing, and congratulating any individual/s or event. A Kiddush is a wonderful way to bring people together and begin to celebrate the Sabbath too. For more information you can call the synagogue office and speak to Jackie at 371-0608 or call Linda Russell at 371-3641

A Friday night kiddush is a donation of \$40 and a Saturday morning Oneg is A donation of \$50. This is to cover the cost of the food we put out.



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3 INGREDIENT "SPANISH" OVEN RICE

- 30MIN DURATION
- 25MIN COOK TIME
- 5MIN PREP TIME

- 4 TO 6 SERVINGS

INGREDIENTS

- 1½ cups rice (any kind)
- 2 cups finely chopped bell peppers
- ¼ cup [taco seasoning](#)
- ½ tablespoon kosher salt
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 3 cups boiling water

PREPARATION

1. Preheat oven to 400°F.
2. Spread rice in the bottom of the pan. Add peppers, taco seasoning, salt and oil.
3. Pour in boiling water, cover and bake 25 minutes for white rice or 1 hour for brown.

NEWS FROM THE PARTNERSHIP

Greetings everyone,

This article is going to be a series of goodbyes and hellos. We are going to start by saying goodbye to Rabbi Ami and his family, and wishing them well as they start a new chapter of life in Pennsylvania. Rabbi Ami has revitalized our congregation and has become an integral part of our lives in both happy and sad times. We will miss him! However, as he leaves, we will be saying hello to Rabbi Shara Siegfeld, who will be starting as our new Rabbi on July 1st. We are looking forward to working with her and supporting her in every way possible.

Also, we will be saying goodbye to Linda Gellman as she leaves her job as president of our congregation. She has done an outstanding job the past two years working tirelessly for our technology capabilities. As we are writing this, we don't know who our next president or co-presidents will be. We will pledge partnership support to whomever accepts the job.

Our final goodbye is to Jackie Pajak, who is retiring after 21 years as office manager. When Jackie first started, she really didn't know much about the Jewish religion, but she quickly learned the basics and became indispensable to the everyday running of the shul. We will miss Jackie, but wish her a happy retirement

Lastly, we would like to say hello to Bree Kerr. She will be taking over Jackie's position as office manager. We welcome her to our synagogue community and look forward to working with her.

See you all at the congregational meeting on May 29th.

Your Partnership:

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