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Schleppers Stepped-Up
Yasher Koach V'Todah Rabah

Dear Congregant,

The purpose of this letter is to publicly acknowledge the unselfish labors of several of our congregants. This past June, I sent out a request for assistance with several chores to be done at the Brith Sholom Cemetery. I am very happy to report that more than a dozen of you responded with offers to be schleppers at the cemetery. In particular, I'd like to thank, in alphabetical order,

- Harry Berger, for expertly trimming (and cutting up) some relatively large overhanging tree limbs
- Jeff Bratspies, for finding and exposing overgrown “grid markers” in the east section
- Barry Goldin, for clearing a small plot in the northwest corner and planting some rhododendrons and azaleas (which he kindly donated to us)
- Flora Pestcoe, for uncovering row markers in the old section and weeding around several gravesites
- Mike Riskin, for trucking in some wheelbarrows and helping to spread decorative stone for the pending War Veterans' Memorial
- David Shaffer, for pressure washing more than 20 headstones and bases
- Bruce Smackey, for helping to remove sod from and spreading decorative stone for the pending War Veterans' Memorial
- Norm Wruble, for pressure washing headstones
- Sandy Wruble, for weeding around several gravesites

Thanks to these folks, the cemetery is a bit more accessible, a bit more presentable, and a bit more navigable. Thank you.

Let me also take this opportunity to report that Bill Freeman (a recently retired custodial staff member) and I made five trips to the Bethlehem Township Recycle Center, in Bill's pickup truck. We successfully schlepped away two large piles of storm-damaged tree branches.

Several folks not mentioned above, have volunteered to schlep, but our needs and/or schedules didn't quite mesh. However, these are recurring chores, and I'm sure we'll need their help come spring. And, it is not too late to add your good name to the schleppers list. In fact, given the imminent transition period that will follow Rabbi Juda's retirement, each congregant should consider increasing his/her level of active participation in congregational “chores” to help ensure a smooth transition. If schlepping at the cemetery is not your thing, there are plenty other chores/tasks to be done at or for the

synagogue; see the list below, provided by our President and other committee chairs. Please think about following the schleppers' leads, and step-up, too. Once again, to those schleppers who have helped, todah rabah.



Dr. Kenneth C. Kalnitsky
Chair, Cemetery Committee

Brith Sholom Help Wanted, November 2013

Healthy U@55+, Rose Lee Goldberg, Chair & Helene Weiss, Breakfast Chair: We can use help with the publicity and breakfast prep & set-up.

Membership, Gordon Goldberg & Yale West: We need graphic artists, friendly, energetic callers, lovers of CBS.

Special Events & Fundraising, we need creative planners and doers so we can host wonderful, community-building events and help keep the synagogue solvent.

- **Gershwin UnCorked!** Jannie Kay & Judith Rodwin: An early New Year's Cabaret to be held Saturday, December 28, 8:00 pm this year! We need bakers, decorators, workers, Chinese Auction organizers...and attendees!
- **Shabbat Dinners**, Sarah Caine & Judith Rodwin: Have you noticed the dearth of Shabbat dinners this fall? One of our most cherished activities hasn't happened because of a lack of chair people. Here's what we need, YOU and a small team to organize One, just ONE SHABBAT DINNER with organizational help from Judith or Sarah. We've got the system and we'll have your back but we need YOU to make it a reality.
- **Passover Bakers**, Jannie Kay & Stephanie Miller-Berman: Last year was the first year for this delicious fundraising holiday supporting bake-in. With what we learned from the experience, we thought we'd do it again with greater ease and even more success but no less yummy. Passover is April 14-22, 2014. Look for the ask in March.

Kiddush Committee, Ed Levy: We could use a few new members. Here's what KC members do: once every two months (ideally) you will plan two weeks of Shabbat Kiddush menus from a set list of recipes, shop for the food for which you will be reimbursed, communicate the menu by email to Tammy in the office and Kate McVey, our caterer. It's not too demanding and it is very valuable. The KC saves the synagogue several thousand dollars every year while assuring that we have a full, hot Kiddush every Shabbat and holiday.

Please call the committee chairperson, any board member or Tammy in the office for more information, with an idea for an event or activity or to volunteer to work on one of the requests listed above.

Thank you, everyone who has volunteered in the past and who will in the future.

CBS loves you! And so do I!

Judith Rodwin, President