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Message from the Ad Hoc Covid-19 Preparedness Committee

At the Annual Meeting in April, President Ron Ticho shared that a new committee had been appointed. The purpose of this committee is to plan for the health, safety, and wellbeing of our Brith Sholom community as we look to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. We meet each week via video. Along the way, we seek out the best information available as we make recommendations to the board. In addition to following state regulations, we are guided by the Rabbinical Assembly.

We know it is vital to spiritual and emotional health to connect with community during this challenging time. This can be done socially through Brith Sholom's classes and online happy hours. It is possible spiritually through minyanim and even holiday services, such as Shavuot. In addition, we are making contingency plans in case we are unable to return to traditional in-person Shabbat services before Rosh Hashanah.

The Rabbinical Assembly (RA) has sanctioned using technology to connect during the shutdown because mental and spiritual health are so critical to physical health. As a congregation, we will continue on that course for now. Yet there are strict guidelines on the technology and each individual must act on his or her comfort level.

Life cycle events will occur but with limited attendance. We have b'nai mitzvah to celebrate coming up in June and July and details are being or will be provided.

Please feel free to contact any of us with your thoughts or concerns. In the meantime:

If you are interested in receiving regular phone calls or help with grocery or prescription pickup, please call Ruthie Shleifer at (610) 691-1912.

Jewish Family Service offers resources and can be reached at (610) 821-8722.

For confidential consultation or other spiritual needs, please call Rabbi Singer at the Brith Sholom office.

Thank you and be well,

Ad Hoc Covid-19 Preparedness Committee

Jennifer Lader, Committee Chair

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FROM THE RABBI



Olam Chesed Yibaneh (Acts of Loving-Kindness Build the World) - Inspiration from the Book of Ruth

Shavuot is a holiday that celebrates receiving gifts. We recall the gift of Torah that was given to us on Mt. Sinai as well as the bounty of the grain harvest. We decorate the Torah scrolls in the ark with flowers and in Israel many people decorate their homes with flowers (some kibbutzim also decorate their animals with flowers as well). It is a wonderful feeling to receive a gift from someone. Sometimes, the gift is a physical one and other times the gift is an emotional experience. I think some of the best gifts are ones that come from the heart, a shared piece of themselves- an act of loving-kindness - that shows they are thinking of you, that you are special to them, a gift given freely without expectation of reciprocity. In the Book of Ruth, which we read on Shavuot, we see how gifts of loving-kindness wind their way through the story and can inspire us today.

The Book of Ruth begins as tragedy strikes Naomi and her two daughter's-in-law, Orpah and Ruth with the death of her sons - their husbands. Naomi expects Orpah and Ruth to return to Moab and try to start their life anew among their own people. Naomi mourns that she has nothing left to give Orpah and Ruth - she is defeated, bereft, and poor. After tearfully saying goodbye, Orpah returns to her people - yet Ruth refuses to leave Naomi. Famously she says, "Do not urge me to leave you, to turn back and not follow you. For wherever you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God..." In this moment Ruth gives Naomi a gift of love that encompasses companionship, self-worth, devotion, and hope. Ruth will care for Naomi and whatever the future may bring she will be there for her. It is an act of loving-kindness that is both sincere and given without expectation. It is exactly what Naomi needs at this moment of loss, loneliness, fear, and uncertainty. Indeed all of the gold or material comforts could not come close to the spiritual and life-affirming gift of the heart Ruth gave to Naomi.

It is this act of loving-kindness, this gift of the heart, that will lead Naomi and Ruth to Bethlehem and connect them to Boaz, a kind man who is a relative of Naomi's late husband.

He entreats her to only glean from his fields and instructs his workers to leave extra barley stalks and water for her. When she asks why he has shown a foreigner like her such kindness, he replies, "I have been told of all that you did for your mother-in-law after the death of your husband...May God reward your deeds..."

When Naomi sees the bountiful amount of grain Ruth brings home and learns that it was from Boaz she exclaims, "Blessed be he of God, who has not failed in kindness to the living or to the dead!" The book concludes with a fairytale ending as Boaz marries Ruth. Their child, Oved, is the father of Jesse and the grandfather of King David. As David in the Psalms would sing, "Olam Chesed Yibaneh" - Acts of Loving-Kindness Build the World! Indeed the gift of an act of loving-kindness can change the trajectory of a person's life and as a result the world.

Take a moment to recall a gift of kindness someone gave to you. How did you feel? How did this gift change you, open a door for you, or sustain you? These are priceless gifts. Even their memories can bring back a feeling of the love someone shared or the simple kindness and compassion given without expectation. And when we recall these gifts of loving-kindness - we can show our gratitude by giving gifts of loving-kindness ourselves. As we do, we can better understand their power, worth, and the impact they can have on others and our world. A "Thank You!" for the gifts we have received.

As we continue to face the challenges of our moment in time, I believe each of us has the capacity to give the gift of loving-kindness. It can be as simple as checking on neighbors, family, friends and CBS members. It could be a note of encouragement, a card celebrating a graduation or other simcha, or a baked item left on the stoop, to name a few. As the Book of Ruth teaches us: we can share the gift of loving-kindness, each in our own way, to help heal, sustain, and build our world in good times and in bad times. May God bless our deeds.

Rabbi Michael Singer



Schedule of Services

SHABBAT

Everyone is invited to attend and participate in the beauty of the Shabbat Services and the Kiddush that follows.

Services begin Shabbat morning at 9:00 AM.

MINYAN—is held in the Chapel

Monday and Thursday mornings.....7:45 AM

Holiday mornings.....9:00 AM

SHABBAT NASO

Friday, June 5 ~ Candle Lighting: 8:11 pm ~ **SATURDAY, June 6**

Torah Portion: Naso ~ Numbers 4:21-7:89 ~ Haftarah: Judges 13:2-25~ Havdalah: 9:20 pm

SHABBAT BEHA-ALOTEKHA

Friday, June 12 ~ Candle Lighting: 8:15 pm ~ **SATURDAY, June 13**

Torah Portion: Beha-Alotekha ~ Numbers 8:1-12:16 ~ Haftarah: Zecha ~ Havdalah: 9:23 pm

SHABBAT SHELAH

Friday, June 19 ~ Candle Lighting: 8:17 pm ~ **SATURDAY, June 20**

Torah Portion: Shelah ~ Numbers 13:1-15:41 ~ Haftarah: Joshua 2:1-24 ~ Havdalah: 9:26 pm



Mazel tov to Ethan Caine

Son of Sarah and David Caine who will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on this date.

We will send a link for virtual attendance to this event when available.

Mazel Tov to Ethan, his family and friends.

SHABBAT KORAH

Friday, June 26 ~ Candle Lighting: 8:18 pm ~ **SATURDAY, June 27**

Torah Portion: Korah ~ Numbers 16:1-18:32 ~ Haftarah: I Samuel 11:14-12:22 ~ Havdalah: 9:26 pm

Rabbi Singer receives the Mortimer Schiff Award for Prejudice Reduction



The Schiff Award for Prejudice Reduction will go to Rabbi Michael Singer of Congregation Brith Sholom for his dedicated interfaith efforts in Bethlehem.

Singer single-handedly started the Bethlehem Interfaith Group (BIG) by going door to door and recruiting support. The group now meets regularly for events like Passover seders and days of prayer.

The work Rabbi Singer is doing is surely helping to teach tolerance and reduce prejudice," said Richie Schiff, son of Mortimer, z"l, for whom the award is named. "That's really what this award is all about."

Rabbi Singer will be honored at the **virtual** JFLV Annual Meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 11th at 7:00PM

Please visit our website for links to various virtual services, information and updates with respect to Covid-19.

<http://www.brithsholom.net/covid19-resources/>

Topic: CBS Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Time: This is a recurring meeting on Fridays at 6pm

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/677083639?](https://zoom.us/j/677083639?pwd=WGJmSkRGcENUdENKak9PUUnllyTFtZz09)

[pwd=WGJmSkRGcENUdENKak9PUUnllyTFtZz09](https://zoom.us/j/677083639?pwd=WGJmSkRGcENUdENKak9PUUnllyTFtZz09)

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(Minimum contributions to each of the donation levels are: Temple/\$10; Chai/\$18; Silver/\$25; Double Chai/\$36); Golden/\$50; Platinum/\$100

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z"l
Ursula Levy

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In honor of Ina Levin earning her
doctorate in nursing
Flora & Andy Pestcoe

In memory of beloved father,
Samuel Jaffie
Sheldon Jaffie

*“Bring a gift to the Sanctuary
and carry a blessing from the House of
God.”*



Daniel Lader



Daniel will graduate from Liberty High School. He will study Mechanical Engineering at Lehigh University.



**Mazel Tov
to our
Graduating
Seniors
Class
of 2020**



Gabriel Miller



Gabe will graduate from the Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy. Currently, he plans on attending Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia, where he will study philosophy and political science.

ACROSS

1. Falling ____ log
5. " ... way to skin ____ "
9. Round dance for 39 down and others
14. Fernwood Tonight partner of the late Willard
15. Above a frosh
16. Put ____ to
17. Morales of NYPD Blue and NCIS
18. Wrapper's need
19. Possible casual Friday garb
20. Prior to 38 across
23. Strong leg bone
24. Harrisburg to Bethlehem dir.
25. Audition win
27. ____ minute now
28. Yale School of Drama deg.
31. QB sack makers
33. So-so bond rating
34. Looped in
36. "We're ____ on your side"
38. Fearless leader
42. Seed's outer layer
43. Cuddly-looking bear
44. Use of mediation and arbitration (abbr.)
45. ____ Aviv
48. "31 Days of Oscar" cable channel
49. Enterprise starter
52. Hermanas de la madre
54. Barker or Costas
56. Vital artery
58. Big event of March 2020 (non-COVID)
62. Seinfeld's was in 1989
63. Took a close look at
64. Hobble along
65. Weepy vegetable
66. Best in class
67. Contains a hydroxyl group
68. Classic scooter (not Rizzuto)
69. Ovid's moon
70. Zaire's Mobuto ____ Seko

DOWN

1. Mafia code of silence
2. Fossilized carbon deposit, resembling charcoal, used in drawing
3. Having soft, loose flesh
4. Suspect's story
5. "The Thin Man" pooch
6. Eyes for Frosty
7. Fall honey go-with
8. Phrase of finality
9. Annual Islamic Pilgrimage
10. A point ahead
11. Easily purused
12. Big Ten School site
13. Most TV's, now
21. Gloria Gaynor hit, "____ I am"
22. Tennis need
26. Huge Christian-based TV channel
29. Overseer at 37 down (abbr.)
30. Verb often shortened (in texts) by removing its vowels
32. Sleep inducer of song
34. Do this well to earn a 25 across
35. Assistance to Eliza Doolittle
37. JFK alternative
38. Prescribed remedy
39. Many El Al customers
40. Companion to 34 down
41. Corp. ending
42. Body ink for short
46. Subside or abate
47. Huge cosmetic company
49. Bear-like
50. Saget and Coullier co-star
51. Test specimen
53. Single-masted sailing vessel
55. Cajun swamp
57. Eyes with lust
59. Explosive mount
60. State west of N. Car.
61. It pops into your head
62. Camera angle, abbr.

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YAHARZEIT

WEEK OF JUNE 6, 2020

Helen Schwartz	14 Sivan	June 6	* Louis Goldman	17 Sivan	June 9
* Tzippe Chaikin	14 Sivan	June 6	Elliot Krasnick	17 Sivan	June 9
* Hattie Alshutz	14 Sivan	June 6	Sylvia Rosenthal	17 Sivan	June 9
* Jennie Himmel	14 Sivan	June 6	* Dennis Klayton	18 Sivan	June 10
* Maxwell Center	15 Sivan	June 7	* Mary Warshaw	18 Sivan	June 10
Eleen Ida Friedman	15 Sivan	June 7	* Sol Berman	19 Sivan	June 11
Belle Leibowitz	15 Sivan	June 7	Frances Kaufmann	19 Sivan	June 11
Mark D. Ross	15 Sivan	June 7	Cecilia Lieberman	19 Sivan	June 11
* Harry Greenberg	16 Sivan	June 8	Elana Lasker Siegel	19 Sivan	June 11
Jennie Moskowitz	16 Sivan	June 8	Arthur Levine	20 Sivan	June 12
* Rose L. Phillips	16 Sivan	June 8	Harry Milestone	20 Sivan	June 12
* Maurice Glickman	17 Sivan	June 9	* Edward Platt	20 Sivan	June 12

WEEK OF JUNE 13, 2020

Samuel M. Cohn	21 Sivan	June 13	* Adolph Goodman	24 Sivan	June 16
* Solomon Simon	21 Sivan	June 13	* Frances Goodman	24 Sivan	June 16
* Florence Wissow	21 Sivan	June 13	* Samuel Perkin	24 Sivan	June 16
Louis Aberbach	22 Sivan	June 14	Nathaniel Apsell	25 Sivan	June 17
Rose Budnitz	22 Sivan	June 14	Hana Grines	25 Sivan	June 17
* Ida Gold	22 Sivan	June 14	* Max Hausman	25 Sivan	June 17
Hal Israelite	22 Sivan	June 14	Harry Schonberg	25 Sivan	June 17
* Lucille L. Neuman	22 Sivan	June 14	Herman Dreyer	26 Sivan	June 18
* Ruth Spilberg	22 Sivan	June 14	* Ida S. Duskin	26 Sivan	June 18
* Leah Black	23 Sivan	June 15	* Dr. Robert Lesser	26 Sivan	June 18
Rose Juda	23 Sivan	June 15	* Anna Sonnenfeld	26 Sivan	June 18
* Esther Simon	23 Sivan	June 15	* Bessie Blinderman	27 Sivan	June 19
* Mathias Coleman	24 Sivan	June 16	* Isidore Goodman	27 Sivan	June 19
Birdie Goldberg	24 Sivan	June 16	* Dorothy Wolf	27 Sivan	June 19

WEEK OF JUNE 20, 2020

Edith Berdiansky	28 Sivan	June 20	Susan Bielitsky	1 Tammuz	June 23
* Daniel Kalnitsky	28 Sivan	June 20	* Abraham Goldberg	1 Tammuz	June 23
Sidney Sahn	28 Sivan	June 20	* Thelma Lipson	1 Tammuz	June 23
* Esther Adams	29 Sivan	June 21	* Harry Lisker	1 Tammuz	June 23
Edith Brown	29 Sivan	June 21	Harry Weiner	1 Tammuz	June 23
* Anna Coleman	29 Sivan	June 21	Alfred Weissler	2 Tammuz	June 26
* Hyman Goldberg	29 Sivan	June 21	Edwin Bradley	4 Tammuz	June 26
Harold Cornfeld	30 Sivan	June 22	* Selma Levin	4 Tammuz	June 26
* Gertrude Makagon	30 Sivan	June 22	* Harry Sindel	4 Tammuz	June 26
* Ethel Abroms	1 Tammuz	June 23			

WEEK OF JUNE 27, 2020

Bart Axelrod	5 Tammuz	June 27	Jacob Schachmer	8 Tammuz	June 30
Pauline Cohn	5 Tammuz	June 27	Jacob Kalnitsky	9 Tammuz	July 1
* Jeannette Geller	6 Tammuz	June 28	Joseph Goldstein	10 Tammuz	July 2
* Richard Herzon	6 Tammuz	June 28	* Milton Greenberg	10 Tammuz	July 2
* Rose Himmel	6 Tammuz	June 28	Bertie Haltzman	10 Tammuz	July 2
Dorothea Klayton	6 Tammuz	June 28	Morris Haltzman	10 Tammuz	July 2
Morris Lader	6 Tammuz	June 28	* Herman Klibansky	10 Tammuz	July 2
Bernice Fletcher	7 Tammuz	June 29	* Albert J. Shanken	10 Tammuz	July 2

YAHARZEIT CONT'D

WEEK OF JUNE 27, 2020

* Isaac Goodman	7 Tammuz	June 29	* Blanche Snyder	10 Tammuz	July 2
* Ellen Greenberg	7 Tammuz	June 29	Sidney Cariski	11 Tammuz	July 3
Isadore Kornit	7 Tammuz	June 29	* Morris Finkelstein	11 Tammuz	July 3
* Lawrence Phillips	7 Tammuz	June 29	Katie Levin	11 Tammuz	July 3
* Miriam Rednor	7 Tammuz	June 29	* Fani Schobel	11 Tammuz	July 3
* Rosalie Roberts	7 Tammuz	June 29			



We need your help!!!

We would like to send a great big MAZEL TOV to Ethan Caine for his upcoming Bar Mitzvah on June 20th. Covid-19 and home quarantining has made the joyous gathering and fanfare of such a momentous occasion as this, challenging but not "virtually" impossible. We are asking our members to take an individual photo of yourself and send it to us digitally along with a few words of encouragement for Ethan. Ideally we would like to receive the photos no later than June 12th. We plan to enlarge the images, print them out and tape them to your usual seat in the Sanctuary for the virtual streaming of his ceremony.

Thank you, be well and continue to stay safe.

Rabbi Michael Singer

Here are a few entries from the CBS Cheesecake Bake-Off 2020. Follow this link to view the recipes:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xTr-zMfQpn9KTejTGCQoWEvT55qzkT-K/view?ts=5ece896e>





JUNE 2020

9 Sivan, 5780

8 Tammuz, 5780

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9th of Sivan, 5780	2 10th of Sivan, 5780	3 11th of Sivan, 5780	4 12th of Sivan, 5780	5 13th of Sivan, 5780  8:11p	6 14th of Sivan, 5780  9:20p
7 15th of Sivan, 5780	8 16th of Sivan, 5780	9 17th of Sivan, 5780	10 18th of Sivan, 5780	11 19th of Sivan, 5780	12 20th of Sivan, 5780  8:15p	13 21st of Sivan, 5780  9:23p
14 22nd of Sivan, 5780	15 23rd of Sivan, 5780	16 24th of Sivan, 5780	17 25th of Sivan, 5780	18 26th of Sivan, 5780	19 27th of Sivan, 5780  8:17p	20 Ethan Caine's Bar Mitzvah   9:26p
21 29th of Sivan, 5780	22 30th of Sivan, 5780 Rosh Chodesh Tamuz	23 1st of Tamuz, 5780 Rosh Chodesh Tamuz	24 2nd of Tamuz, 5780	25 3rd of Tamuz, 5780	26 4th of Tamuz, 5780  8:18p	27 5th of Tamuz, 5780  9:26p
28 6th of Tamuz, 5780	29 7th of Tamuz, 5780	30 8th of Tamuz, 5780				

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