

## Peaceful Solidarity Rally

BY RABBI JOSHUA SAMUELS

On Saturday, June 6, just a few hours after officiating at our community's first Zoom b'nei mitzvah, my family and I joined 5000 other Bellinghamsters at Maritime Heritage Park for the Peaceful Solidarity Rally in support of people of color and, more specifically, to end police brutality and systemic racism. While being surrounded by so many people definitely felt uncomfortable (though most were wearing masks), it truly felt like we were participating in a sacred act. We have all read Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel's saying, "I felt my legs were praying" after he walked with Dr. King in Selma, and we've probably seen this quote from Frederik Douglass: "Praying for freedom never did me any good 'til I started praying with my feet." Coming together as a community peacefully, and listening to speakers talk about injustices they've experienced, as well as how we can be better allies to our black friends and neighbors, was a powerful experience for me but also for my own children.

CBI congregant Meredith Attar said, "We took our young children to



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the Black Lives Matter peaceful protest to show them the strength that a community can have when they stand together and to be witness to a moment in history that will be a catalyst for change. We continue to talk with our kids frankly about the Black

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FROM THE RABBI

## Reflections

The following was my address to the community at our recent Annual Meeting on May 31.

'Good evening everyone. This



week we find ourselves at the beginning of the book of Numbers. And recently, I've been thinking a lot about certain numbers. For instance, we

just observed the festival of Shavuot with all-night studying, this coming seven weeks after Pesach.

Today was our final day of Keshet, and I want to thank our two incredible co-directors, Nicky Naiman and Andrea Shupack, for leading us through this challenging time. And my appreciation also goes out to our nine teachers as well.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, our community has been carrying on virtually for 12 weeks already. Nearly 100,000 people have died from this virus, and millions are affected by it, including several in our own congregation who have lost loved ones in recent weeks.

But on a more positive and personal note, as we begin a new book of Torah that highlights numbers, I've been thinking about a milestone of my own recently, as just a couple of weeks ago, I reached my tenth anniversary of

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## From the President...

# The Changing of the Guard

Dear CBI Family –

We just had the election of a new slate of Board of Directors. Rather than me telling you about them, I have invited them to tell you about themselves. The new directors are sharing what inspired them to join the board; the ongoing members will share what they hope to accomplish in the next year, and the outgoing members will share what has made them proudest from their tenure. I hope you enjoy getting to know these fine people a bit better. I am very happy to serve with them!

### New members:

My name is **David Schlitt**. Since coming to Bellingham, I've been struck by the many special qualities of the Beth Israel community, including the way we "walk the talk" of Jewish pluralism. I look forward to serving on the board; to supporting the creative, spiritual, and social justice work of CBI; and to helping meet our congregation's practical—and impractical—needs.

**Kevin Donner**: I try to teach my children by example. I am passionate about the Bellingham Jewish community, and I wish to instill in my kids the importance of volunteering one's time where and when it is needed to help our community continue to grow and prosper.

**Tammy Dixon**: I am thrilled to be given the opportunity to give back to the Beth Israel community by serving on the Board of Directors. I would like to see us continue our efforts in creating a more involved connection between the Keshar community and the Beth Israel community as a whole. I also look forward to getting to know more of our congregants and being more involved with our synagogue. Our board members have done a fantastic job of evolving to meet the ever-changing needs of our growing community; I am honored that I get to be a part of this effort.

**Binnie Perper**: I rejoined the Board of CBI to help:

- Find practical solutions to new and existing issues.

- Focus on the entirety of our membership while considering the perspective of various groups and individuals within it.
- Uncover new opportunities to add meaningful benefits to members.

### Returning members:

**Steve Ban**: As a returning member of CBI's Board of Directors, my priorities for the coming year are the following:

- Develop standards for the wearing of *yarmulkes* and *tallit* in the sanctuary.
- Complete the Ark and *Ner Tamid*.
- Install a high-speed internet system, which will provide excellent security and communication capabilities.

**Jane Relin** (incoming Secretary): I am honored to be elected to serve on the Board Executive Committee as Secretary. I look forward to learning more about synagogue operations and to helping the board review and renew our Strategic Plan.

**Harriet Markell** (incoming second Vice President): In general, what I hope we accomplish as a board, in partnership with our committees, is expanding the array of options for member engagement, both in person and online, including programming that feeds our spiritual, intellectual, and entertainment interests, and finding ways to encourage and support member participation in the committees that contribute to making our congregation and our synagogue a central and compelling part of people's lives.

**Jodi Litt**: This July marks the end of my first year of board service. I recently became the Financial Sustainability Director. In this role, I serve as a key communicator with new and existing CBI members regarding the financial needs of the congregation and the financial responsibilities of membership at CBI.

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*From the Keshet Center for Jewish Learning*

## School's Out for Summer, but Keshet Is Staying Connected and Busy!

Keshet said goodbye for the summer to students and teachers on May 31 as our school year came to a close. Teachers gave their classes fun and heartwarming awards to highlight the areas in which their groups shone through

the year. Rabbi Samuels put together a video and slideshow in which teachers shared what they loved about Keshet and their students, and we reminisced together about all the fun and learning that took place inside our building, outside around the grounds, in the gaga pit, in the woods, and finally, in the unlikely places, on our computer screens on Zoom.

Given our unique summer experiences, devoid of summer camps and other usual travels, we are taking advantage of our now almost expert knowledge of Zoom. We are excited to announce extended offerings with Keshet all summer long. Parents will have an opportunity to gather for "Happy Hours" and a new book group to read and talk together about *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee*.

Our second grade, and third to sixth-grade book groups will continue meeting every week. Each class will have additional monthly Zoom gatherings to connect, hang out, and play Jewish games together with a teacher facilitating. Our youngest children, babies through Gan, will have monthly storytelling and music programs led by Andrea and our Gan teachers. BAY, our teen youth group, which now includes all past eighth graders moving into high school, will also be getting together each month. Check for details in the Keshet announcements and weekly email e-news updates.

These past 2½ months having to run Keshet entirely online exceeded all our expectations. When we visited

classes every week, students were engaging in the content and discussions, laughing, and sharing what they were doing and how they were feeling. Community was blossoming, Jewish values were deepening and Hebrew skills were continuing to improve. It has truly been amazing watching the teachers rise to the occasion, parents committing fully despite the unknown, and students showing up with their full selves.

This community is such a blessing, with everyone supporting each other in times of celebration and in times of challenge. It was incredible to see the outpouring of love the entire seventh-grade class gave Lenny, our first Zoom bar mitzvah last month. There was a flurry of emails going around for a month—one chain from the students and one from the parents—collaborating on all the ways they could help make this milestone feel special while the Halperns celebrated from home. These are the moments that really highlight what makes our community special. We have both enjoyed the honor of stepping into the role as your co-directors, and we are so excited to plan for the future with you.

To get a taste of the new directions Keshet is headed, please visit the Keshet Center for Jewish Learning page on CBIs website under "Youth," which now includes our new mission statement. Each grade also has a dedicated page, with detailed descriptions of the curriculum and learning goals.

This summer we will continue to stay busy working on registration, getting the building and classrooms ready, hiring new teachers, conducting several teacher trainings, working on a new Parent Handbook, and creating detailed, individualized binders with curriculum resources and lesson plan ideas for every teacher.

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## Bat Mitzvah



**Teva Raven Calypso Corey-DuBow** will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on August 15, 2020. She is the child of Tami DuBow and Frank Corey, and the little sister of Willow. Teva will be an eighth grader at Cascades Montessori Middle School this fall. Her passions include writing, reading, and

talking with her amazing friends. She chooses to be a vegetarian due to her love of animals, and is fierce

about human rights for all. The 2020-2021 B'nei Mitzvah class is doing a group project to reduce single-use plastic.

### SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

Friday, August 14, 2020 at 5:30 pm

### SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

Saturday, August 15, 2020 at 10:00 am

On August 15, we are hoping to have an in-person ceremony and reception outside at Barn Star Events in Ferndale. We will have to be flexible and do what is safe when the time comes.

## Bar Mitzvah



**Avi Louis Brennan** will be called to the Torah as Bar Mitzvah on August 29, 2020. Avi is the son of Kristan and Mike Brennan, brother of Eli Brennan and grandson of Nancy and Don Davis. This fall he will enter the eighth grade at Whatcom Middle School. In his free time Avi enjoys playing soccer, video

games, riding his bike and skateboard, teaching his dog new tricks, and hanging out with friends. The entire

2020-2021 B'nei Mitzvah class is doing a group Mitzvah project to help reduce single use plastic.

Please join our family in celebrating this simcha:

### SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

Friday, August 28, 2020 at 7:30 pm

### SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

Saturday, August 29, 2020 at 10:00 am

## Bat Mitzvah



**Laoise Seltz** will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on September 5, 2020. She is the daughter of Niall Ó Murchú and Jennifer Seltz and the sister of Nóra Seltz. Laoise is a rising eighth grader at Whatcom Middle School. She enjoys swimming for Bellingham Bay Swim Team and running track and cross-country at

Whatcom. When she's not in the pool or the lake, or on the track or trails, she is probably reading or baking. For her mitzvah project, she is interested in working with

elementary-aged kids as a tutor at Parkview Elementary School or as a helper with Unified swimming, depending on what's possible in the fall.

Please join our family in celebrating this simcha:

### SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

Friday, September 4, 2020 at 5:30 pm

### SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

Saturday, September 5, 2020 at 10:00 am



## Cantor's Corner

# Prayer and Connection in the Time of Covid

BY ANDREA SHUPACK

We've been gathering online for services for four months now. I had to double check that number, I couldn't believe it's been that long. Questions of how much longer we will have to meet this way pass through my thoughts daily. At a time when we need prayer more than ever, it's much more difficult to connect on a screen. We can see each other's faces, but it feels awkward to sing along in the quiet of our rooms at home while our computers are muted. How I miss moments like the powerful *Oseh Shalom* at the end of *Erev Rosh Hashanah* services last year when everyone danced and linked arms together, while Sam Sinai and Shlomis's beautiful playing mixed with our hundreds of voices.

"May the One who makes wholeness / peace in the heights of heaven, help us bring wholeness to all here on earth."

How do we find stillness and bring about peace in a time of such unrest and precariousness? For me, prayer has become more essential than ever before. When I feel powerless, and things feel more and more hopeless, I reach for the *Hashkiveinu* prayer, the extra blessing after the *Shema*, added in the evening to comfort us in the dark and uncertain time of sleep. "Spread over us the shelter of Your peace. Shield and shelter us beneath the shadow of Your wings. Defend us against enemies, illness, war, famine, and sorrow..."

It's hard, but when I meditate on these words, sometimes I remember that this too shall pass. I can almost feel its embrace. I am able to notice again all the ways this crisis has brought out the best in us, and the blessings I have received. From this vantage point, my breath slows, and the world expands beyond myself. I am able to temporarily let go of my worries and expend some of that mental energy praying for those who need our help the most, those disproportionately suffering right now. Maybe this feels like a small, insignificant act. I, too, wish I could do more. But it helps.

Rabbi Naomi Levy writes in her book *Talking to God*, "But prayer is not an end in itself. It is a beginning. An opening up. A hardened heart beats with renewed passion,

a dream is revived, a hope is rekindled, a soul starts to believe, a body soon begins to stir. Prayer ignites us to act. Instead of proceeding in a state of numb acceptance, prayer rouses us out of our indifference, it resurrects our outrage, our anger, our longing, our faith, our strength."

Our Jewish tradition encourages us to experience all these emotions, the positive ones and the painful ones. Our prayers help us process and express them, so our hearts may be moved towards growth and change.

In our spiritual calendar, the summer season includes a period of communal mourning called the Three Weeks. This period culminates with our lowest point of mourning, Tisha B'av, this year beginning on the evening of July 29. But immediately following this period of remembering all the grief that has befallen the Jewish people, we turn to the month of Elul, our preparatory month focused on *teshuvah* (introspection and change) leading into the High Holy Days. We pull ourselves out of communal grief by working on the areas in our lives that need renewal and repair.

Right now it feels like the whole world is living in this month of mourning, and it is overwhelming at times: the pandemic and the tremendous suffering it has caused, and also the enormity of systemic racism, which has tarnished the soul of this country for centuries. Brokenness is everywhere, and our prayerbook's words of comfort and hope may seem almost inappropriate right now. But I believe that is the time we must pray for the One who is everything to fill us with wholeness, so we can mend ours and other's brokenness. Prayer can help us do that if we take the time to really listen to our hearts and souls while we utter the words.

May we emerge from this pandemic season of communal grief with strengthened resolve to build a world of greater justice and love.

It is certainly harder to reach those moments of peace and change while seeing each other in little silent boxes when we gather as a community. We so desperately need to put our arms around each other and sway to the music of *Oseh Shalom*. I urge you to reach out anyway, push past the awkwardness. Sing your hearts out, even if no one but yourself will hear you. Pray the words out loud (it makes a difference) 'til they penetrate and help stir a shift.

As we move closer to the month of Elul and the approaching Days of Awe, we have many questions about how we will gather. Will we be able to hear each other's voices or have to remain on silent screens? How will we conduct Torah readings, honor people with readings and *aliyot*? Will other singers and musicians be able to play?

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**Isaac Konikoff:** What I hope to accomplish this coming year:

- Maintain and expand the wi-fi network to allow our new high-speed internet to work throughout the CBI building.
- Continue work on documenting the CBI network, phone, and camera systems so that other people who are interested can maintain and operate those systems.
- Begin organizing an IT group at CBI to share the IT work among more volunteers.

**Paul Blum:** Every CBI Board of Directors has faced the challenges of listening to diverse and often divergent views of congregants, committee members, staff, and board members and then knowingly made decisions that will not, cannot, please everyone. I am proud of how this board consistently met these challenges with respectfulness, thoughtfulness, and compassion. I am pleased and grateful to serve on a board that applies Jewish values to the tasks at hand, returning again and again to the touchstone that is the concept that we are doing sacred work for our beloved community.

**Lynn Korner:** It has been my privilege to be on the CBI board these last five years. Thank you for this honor and your friendship. Each of you is a priceless strand in our wonderful interwoven CBI community tapestry. I look forward with pleasure to seeing you at services/events and working with you on committees during this coming year.

**Joshua Greenberg:** In the coming year, I am looking forward to being able to return to the synagogue to work and pray with our community. Hopefully driving through an automatically opening gate, over a nice smooth entry, and through beautifully landscaped grounds. I am also excited about some of the changes we have implemented already (with more to come) that make our services and events more accessible to people who cannot attend in person.

**Outgoing member:**

**Marcia Lippman:** Especially satisfying about my board service were (1) being part of the team effort needed during the transition to the new building and (2) being able to support two CBI presidents (Mitch Press and Dan Ohms) during my two terms as Vicepresident.

— MIRIAM SCHWARTZ,  
PRESIDENT

## Kippot: Part 1

BY RABBI JOSHUA SAMUELS

For the past couple of years, CBI's Ritual Committee has been discussing, and at times debating, whether there should be a formal policy mandating that anyone who enters the sanctuary for services wear a kippah. While we are in no agreement or rush to create such a policy, especially due to our present predicament of not gathering at the synagogue, we thought it would be informative to share a little about the history of kippot, their usage in Reform and Conservative communities, and the customs surrounding head coverings here at Beth Israel. This brief article will be one of several on the topic in the upcoming months. If you have any strong feelings on the matter, we would encourage you to reach out to members of the Ritual Committee or Rabbi Samuels.

From a historical perspective, our Jewish ancestors probably did not start covering their heads until Mishnaic times (second century C.E.). In the Biblical era, the priests were the only people in the community who covered their heads. Exodus 28:4 lists the vestments, or sacred clothing the *Kohanim* were required to wear during their service to God. One of these was the headdress (*mitznefet*).

According to the rabbis of the Talmud, the priestly vestments were designed to protect the priests against sins that humans are prone to commit. With respect to the headdress, our rabbis teach that this was worn to steer the priest away from having prideful or arrogant thoughts (*BT Zevachim 88b*). And another opinion explains that the head covering was worn to remind the priests that something was always between them and God.

As for the layman's head covering, our sages explain that the purpose of covering one's head is to remind us that there is a "Higher Authority" (*BT Kiddushin 31a*), lest we forget. Another reference to kippot can be found in one of the daily morning blessings we recite on Shabbat, "Blessed are you God who crowns Israel with splendor," although this isn't the strongest connection, in my opinion.

It is difficult to say with any certainty that men wore kippot regularly throughout the Jewish world in the post-Talmudic era. Some Jewish historians claim that Jews living in the Rhineland in the tenth century wore kippot, and this custom was subsequently shared with neighboring Jews. And others suggest that kippot were not worn until the sixteenth century.

Even though Jewish law, or *halakha*, does not explicitly require men to wear a kippah, the fact that it has become a widespread custom (*minhag*) has led Jewish authorities to mandate its usage amongst males of all ages. Today Jews throughout the world wear kippot or other types of head coverings as a sign of piety or simply to let others know they are Jewish. While more-observant Jews wear kippot outside the synagogue with more frequency than less-observant Jews, people from all denominations tend to have their heads covered when engaging in prayer.

Next time we will look at this custom with respect to Reform and Conservative communities, and how the kippah is not only for men.

## July/August 2020 Shabbat Service Schedule

All services via Zoom link, which is provided in the weekly e-news or by request — contact the CBI office by phone or email. On the fourth Friday of each month, services begin at **7:30 pm**.

Friday, July 3	<b>5:30 pm</b> Kabbalat Shabbat	Friday, August 7	<b>5:30 pm</b> Kabbalat Shabbat
Saturday, July 4	<b>9:30 am</b> Torah Study ( <i>Parashat Chukat-Balak</i> )	Saturday, August 8	<b>9:30 am</b> Torah Study ( <i>Parashat Eikev</i> )
	<b>10:45 am</b> All-music, Contemplative Service with Andrea Shupack	Friday, August 14	<b>5:30 pm</b> Kabbalat Shabbat, with leadership from Teva Corey-DuBow
Friday, July 10	<b>5:30 pm</b> Kabbalat Shabbat	Saturday, August 15	<b>10:00 am</b> Bat Mitzvah of Teva Corey-DuBow
Saturday, July 11	<b>9:30 am</b> Torah Study ( <i>Parashat Pinchas</i> )	Friday, August 21	<b>5:30 pm</b> Kabbalat Shabbat
Friday, July 17	<b>5:30 pm</b> Kabbalat Shabbat	Saturday, August 22	<b>9:30 am</b> Torah Study ( <i>Parashat Shof'tim</i> )
Saturday, July 18	<b>9:30 am</b> Torah Study ( <i>Parashat Matot-Mas'ei</i> )		<b>11:00 am</b> Tot Shabbat Service
Friday, July 24	<b>7:30 pm</b> Kabbalat Shabbat with members of Ma'Ayan Shir	Friday, August 28	<b>7:30 pm</b> Kabbalat Shabbat featuring members of Ma'Ayan Shir, with leadership from Avi Brennan
Saturday, July 25	<b>9:30 am</b> Torah Study ( <i>Parashat D'varim</i> )	Saturday, August 29	<b>10:00 am</b> Bar Mitzvah of Avi Brennan
	<b>11:00 am</b> Tot Shabbat Service		
Friday, July 31	<b>5:30 pm</b> Kabbalat Shabbat		
Saturday, August 1	<b>9:30 am</b> Torah Study ( <i>Parashat Va-et'chanan</i> )		
	<b>10:45 am</b> All-music, Contemplative Service with Andrea Shupack		

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On the Keshet page, you will also find the new and much easier registration form. If you haven't done so already, we urge you to register now, even though the location of school in the fall remains unclear. You may be waiting to see how things look later in the summer, and we totally understand the sentiment. This is your community; we are here for you, and we want you to be a part of it. However we start the school year, it's important for your children to stay connected the whole year, and engage in Jewish learning with their fellow students and teacher.

While the future remains unknown, we promise you that school will begin next year on September 13 in whatever capacity we can safely gather.

We also promise that, both in person and online, we will always strive to provide high-level Judaic and Hebrew content in ways that are relevant, engaging, and meaningful to our students, while creating a community of caring for each individual learner. We really appreciate your trust in us and our teachers through all the recent transitions. Thank you all for your continued support of this vital program, for caring about Jewish education, and for enrolling your children.

We are committed to all our students and to involving whole families. This will mean more opportunities for families to connect, and more materials going home with students for further engagement with the whole family. We are dedicated to increasing staff training: creating meaningful content for our students based on the

models of inquiry-based learning and experiential education. We are also creating new methods for teaching Hebrew that will help students enjoy and retain more of the language from year to year. Among other areas, we are focusing on combining ages for more projects and collaboration, and utilizing our Keshet library more for every grade level.

We always welcome your involvement, feedback, and attendance at family events. We hope to hear from you over the summer and beyond. Your input helps us improve and grow, and the more you stay involved, the more you will receive in return from this community and our programs.

Have a wonderful summer!

YOUR KESHER CO-DIRECTORS,  
ANDREA SHUPACK AND NICKY NAIMAN

# Faces in Our Community: Rick Romito and Linda Read

BY LINDA HIRSH

*Rick Romito calls himself “a lifelong learner who constantly asks why.”*

*Rick’s wife, Linda Read, embraces education, too, a value promoted by her father, a military man who quit school in the tenth grade.*

Part of that education were the words her grandmother chanted to her when she resisted leaving her home for another state.

“My grandmother said, ‘If you don’t go, you won’t know,’ so I made a deal with myself. Try it out. You can always go back.”

Both Rick and Linda have opened their eyes and watched their curiosity lead to discovery. Although their backgrounds differ, a city boy from Los Angeles and a country girl from Oklahoma and Arizona, have interests that complement each other.

Travel is one of them. “How others live, eat and think is vital to having a wider sense of connection with the world,” Rick said.

Their first trip together was to Israel, with Congregation Beth Israel members Victoria and Gaby Mayers. Victoria recounts that they “embraced their trip with gusto,” riding camels in a hailstorm to a Bedouin camp, smearing mud on their bodies



Linda Read and Rick Romito

before floating in the Dead Sea, sampling unusual foods.

Gaby assessed their friendship: “Rick and Linda are our closest friends and companions. They are adventurous and fun-loving people.”

Yet compare Rick and Linda’s histories: Born in Los Angeles, Rick related to the tumultuous sixties of his childhood. His paternal grandfather came from a town south of Naples which claims a street with their name, a Via Del Romito. His Maine-born father, a chemist, moved to Los Angeles before the Great Depression. His Viennese mother came from an upper-middle-class secular Jewish family, who fled when Hitler rose to power. Rick’s paternal side spoke Italian, served Italian

cuisine, and followed Italian customs. And while everyone on that side was Catholic, the Jews on his maternal side spoke German, enjoyed Viennese food, and participated in the customs of that country. “All this means I grew up in a very diverse household,” he said.

At the age of four, Rick moved with his family to the San Fernando Valley near chicken and dairy farms and empty fields with desert vegetation, a paradise where “children roamed wild,” he said. Rick graduated from UCLA with a major in mathematics and from USC with a master’s degree in special education. After his first job,

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## New CBI Board Members



**Kevin Donner:** I'm honored to be considered for a position to represent our wonderful community as a member of the CBI Board of Directors. My main passion is helping to foster confidence in our Jewish youth. Nothing is more important to me than ensuring that our youth are proud of who they are and of the heritage from which they came.



**Binnie Perper:** Binnie Perper was raised on the East Coast and moved westward many decades ago. She and her late husband moved to Ferndale in 1996 to be closer to their extensive family. Happily retired, Binnie worked in both the advertising and financial services industries. She is fond of golden retrievers, loves to travel (especially to Italy and Greece), enjoys reading, looks forward to family gatherings and likes walking with friends.



**Tammy Dixon:** My name is Tammy Dixon and I am married to Daryl Dixon. We have two awesome children, Orion, who is eleven, and Diana, who is six. We have been CBI members for about ten years and are very active in the Keshet program. I am so happy to be part of such a wonderful community and look forward to the day when we can all come together in our beautiful synagogue again.



**David Schlitt:** David Schlitt is a Boston native who arrived in Bellingham three years ago as the "trailing spouse" of WWU Jewish history professor, Sarah Zarrow. He works as Interim Special Collections Manager and Judaica Archivist for the Western Libraries Division of Heritage Resources at Western Washington University. As the son of secular Yiddishists, he attended Conservative Jewish day school, worked at the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism and studied (briefly) at the pluralistic rabbinical school of Hebrew Union College. David takes an "all-of-the-above" approach to Jewish life and community. He and Sarah are expecting their first child (*kenehore, tfu tfu tfu*) in August.

## Martin Luther King Day Devotional

BY ROBY BLECKER

I wrote what follows in 1998 for the 2000 *Daily Guideposts* book of devotionals as an assignment to provide a devotional for Martin Luther King Day. In response to Rabbi Samuels's letter this morning, I was thinking about what I could do in the hard days we are experiencing this year, and I remembered it. When I looked it up, I realized I had written this 22 years ago. Guideposts gave me permission (in about a minute and a half) to use it for our congregation.

"Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" —Psalm 133:1

Just before she died in 1955, my mother told me a story of my early childhood that showed me some of the unconscious graces with which I was raised. Although the words we use to describe ethnicity have changed since then I'll tell it exactly as I remember it.

"You were three years old," she said. "We lived on Green Street in Philadelphia, and I took you with me when we went to the corner drugstore to shop. The store was crowded, but the only other little girl was a Negro child whose mother had brought her along, too.

"We were waiting for the druggist to wait on us. You went right up to the little girl and said in a really loud voice, 'I know why you're that color.'

"Everyone in the store froze, including the druggist. I was terrified what you might say next. The Negro woman looked at me with an expression that might have been fear. Except for her and her daughter, everyone in the drugstore was white.

"'Why?' demanded her daughter.

"You said, 'Because your mommy's that color. And I'm this color because my mommy is.'

"People laughed, and the Negro woman smiled at me. The store went back to business as usual."

I've thought about that story a lot in the years since. We are what our parents make us. God and my parents made me loving. Even at three, I knew why a little black girl and I were alike, despite our different colors.

*We've come a long way in the last fifty years, Father. As we remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. today, give us the will to keep walking in his footsteps.*

## FROM THE RABBI

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my ordination as a rabbi and 15 years in all of serving the Jewish community in a rabbinic role.

I want to first thank Nicole (we just celebrated 15 years of marriage on Friday) and my family, because I could not come close to doing all that I do as a rabbi without the supportive love and sacrifice of each of them, especially that of my partner. After over a decade of serving communities as teacher, spiritual and pastoral guide, and as a facilitator of Jewish ritual, I have found each day to be so different from the last and so filled with unexpected moments. Yet each day affirms for me, more and more, that I made the right choice (switching my path from a stock brokerage career) even when the day is filled with heartache and sadness.

I feel so blessed to have spent almost eight full years serving you, my Beth Israel family. As I reflect on my rabbinic journey so far, I want to say thank you. Thank you for embracing me as your rabbi. Thank you for supporting my family. It is not always easy for them when I am called to serve the community. I know that I have made mistakes and I sincerely apologize for those moments. I appreciate the times you have been patient and understanding with me as I continue to grow into this role. I pledge to continue striving to improve myself so I can improve our wonderful Beth Israel community.

As your rabbi, I look forward to journeying with you, and standing beside you, on your ups and downs, your celebrations and your challenges, during this next chapter in my rabbinate. This evening, knowing how much you care about this congregation, how dedicated you are to its well-being and its future, I sit before you humbled and awed by the responsibility and trust you have placed in me. I could not be happier with where I am professionally and personally.

We are here tonight as individuals involved in the sacred task of building and sustaining our Beth Israel community. Some of us have been a part of CBI for a lifetime and some have recently joined. Some of us are stepping on or off the board and some of us have no official position as a lay leader, yet we care enough to be here tonight when there are so many other demands on our time and energy. Thank you for valuing the importance of community engagement.

Participation in communal affairs is actually a religious obligation. And in *Pirke Avot*, Ethics of Our Ancestors, we are taught, “*Al Tifrosh Min HaTzibur*”—“Do not separate yourself from the community.” Now, more than ever, we need to continue to support CBI and be here for one another. We need to ensure that our congregation is able to meet the needs of our near 300 family membership and the countless others who call us their spiritual home.

May all of us bear in mind that God sanctifies us with sacred obligations and commands us to “*laasok b’tzorchei tzibbur*,” to engage with the needs of the community.

*Source of all Life, Holy One of Blessing, God of our ancestors, guide us in our holy work of sustaining, nurturing, building, and growing this beloved community. Tonight, help us see that we are surrounded by a group of fellow travelers who share a love and concern for Beth Israel, and for whom this community is a place in which to be rooted. At the same time, we are also connected to those who have come before us and those who will come after us. Many groups of Jews have struggled and persevered in the work of maintaining our historic congregation and community. We look to them for guidance and inspiration.*

Finally, as we navigate through this uncertain time, I want to thank you for your patience. My hope is that we will all feel we are on more stable ground sooner, rather than later. Moving forward, may we feel a sense of connection as a team working for the common good of this community and for a sacred purpose. And may we live out our holy obligation as Jews (and fellow travelers), to be, as the Talmud describes the people of Israel: “*aravim zeh la’zeh*”—responsible for one another. Thank you.’

RABBI JOSHUA SAMUELS

## The Kvelling Corner

Congratulations to **Tahlia Somers**, 2020 winner of URJ’s 6Points Sci-Tech Academy West’s Kiddush Cup Challenge in the “Best Build” category. Her winnings included camp swag, scholarship money, and a donation from the URJ to Beth Israel’s Keshet program. You can watch a video of

Tahlia describing and demonstrating her winning design at [https://6pointsscitech.org/video-contest/?contest=video-detail&video\\_id=11337](https://6pointsscitech.org/video-contest/?contest=video-detail&video_id=11337). Her proud family includes her parents, Perry and Katie Somers, and brother Lior. *Yasher Koach*, Tahlia!



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 7/2 Meg Jacobson  
 7/2 Brooke Kassen  
 7/3 Jaxon Mann (14th)  
 7/3 Edwyna Spiegel  
 7/4 Sharona Feller  
 7/4 Mark MacDonald  
 7/5 David Goldman  
 7/5 Julie Hunter  
 7/5 Ayla Oliver (14th)  
 7/5 Jaelle Oliver (14th)  
 7/6 Dan Raas  
 7/6 Josh Shupack  
 7/7 Michelle Beller-Siegfried  
 7/7 Rabbi Joshua Samuels  
 7/8 Daniel Ingberman  
 7/8 Gary Lazarus  
 7/10 Larry Hildes  
 7/10 Nali Lippman (13th)  
 7/11 Max Naiman (10th)  
 7/11 Naomi Schapiro (22nd)  
 7/12 L.K. Langley  
 7/12 Avi Lindner (14th)  
 7/12 Iris Parker  
 7/12 Mark Sommers  
 7/13 Jack Fisher  
 7/14 Olivia Probst (16th)  
 7/14 Shelley Wolfman  
 7/15 Michelle Banks  
 7/15 Margaret Hanley  
 7/15 Rick Levine  
 7/15 Evan Shupack (5th)

7/16 Ali Morrow (22nd)  
 7/17 Jay Saxton  
 7/18 Ruth Shuster  
 7/19 Lior Somers (12th)  
 7/20 Leah Kiviat  
 7/20 Nicky Naiman  
 7/20 Isaac Orloff (16th)  
 7/20 Melissa Schapiro  
 7/21 Elliott Johnson (22nd)  
 7/22 Miles Bryant  
 7/22 Rakefet Richmond  
 7/23 Noah Booker  
 7/23 David Robinson  
 7/23 Lindsay Wells  
 7/24 Jeff Popp  
 7/25 Ruth Hohman  
 7/26 Eliza Bastow (7th)  
 7/26 Avi Cohen (4th)  
 7/26 Julia Kassen (8th)  
 7/26 Larry Stahlberg  
 7/27 Jesse Naiman  
 7/27 Rebekah Sommers (13th)  
 7/28 James Finley  
 7/28 Allan Hirsh  
 7/28 Jerry Johnson  
 7/28 Asher Suloway-Baker (21st)  
 7/29 David Edelstein  
 7/29 Evan Konikoff (1th)  
 7/30 Amalia Hall (6th)  
 7/31 Jay Ramras

8/1 Diana Lindner  
 8/1 Nora Seltz (10th)  
 8/2 Gabriella Genut (5th)  
 8/6 Gilead Goldman (5th)  
 8/6 Arona Henderson  
 8/6 Barry Paluch  
 8/7 Amy Whiting  
 8/8 Leigh Squires  
 8/10 Joan Wayne  
 8/10 Patty Yust  
 8/11 Andrew Evans  
 8/12 Victoria Garfinkle  
 8/12 Paul Sarvasy  
 8/13 Mara Donner (7th)  
 8/13 Noni Schultheiss  
 8/14 Patrick Crane  
 8/17 Michal Retter  
 8/20 Jerry Eisner  
 8/20 Jordan Genut  
 8/20 Madison Nathanson (13th)  
 8/21 Marla Finkelstein  
 8/21 Janine Shaw  
 8/22 Maeve Hammerstrom (2nd)  
 8/22 Wendy Holtzman  
 8/22 Andrea Shupack  
 8/23 Chloe Braunstein (8th)  
 8/24 Flora Booker (16th)  
 8/24 Donna Solomon  
 8/25 Vermeda Fred  
 8/26 Jake Lebovich (18th)  
 8/26 Sylvia Williams  
 8/28 Wendy Miller  
 8/29 Marty Moskowitz  
 8/31 Harold Katz 6/29 Lily Davis (9th)

## AUGUST 2020

8/1 Mary Francell-Sharfstein

## Hillel of WWU Community Board Opportunities

BY VERMEDA FRED  
 HILLEL OF WWU BOARD SECRETARY

The Hillel of WWU Community Board is now seeking applications for new board members! We are specifically looking for a new treasurer and a

new secretary. Prospective applicants should feel a deep interest in helping Jewish college students connect with Jewish cultural experiences, as well as exploring their possible friendship with CBI and enjoying our events as our guests (either virtually or in person, depending on Covid-19 restrictions). We have updated our board's Strategic Plan and By-laws, so present and future board work is really involved in current activities and plans, as well as

realizing the possible dream to one day find our own permanent physical home!

Please learn more about Hillel at WWU on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/groups/HillelWWU](http://www.facebook.com/groups/HillelWWU) and on our website at: [www.hillel.weebly.com/](http://www.hillel.weebly.com/). Those interested in board membership, please contact Board President Geraldine Reitz at [flori121@yahoo.com](mailto:flori121@yahoo.com) or call her at (360) 319-1942.



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## FROM THE CANTOR'S CORNER

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The Rabbi, myself, the Ritual Committee, the AV task force, and the Covid task force are working hard to create a safe and meaningful experience, and we are addressing all these questions and more. Zoom does not work for communal singing, due to the time lapse between the computers. We've tried it, and sadly it's just a complete mess. There may be new apps which allow voices to mingle and harmonize together, and I am excitedly waiting to see if they work.

It's hard to imagine conducting High Holy Day services online, but after witnessing an incredibly moving bar mitzvah this past month, I have

complete faith that these services will meet the needs of our community, and will prove to be a meaningful experience. However we end up gathering, many singers and musicians, and congregant honorees will be included. There will be time for reflection and connection to each other, and to the themes so important to the Days of Awe.

As we struggle through the next days, weeks, and months, I encourage us all to continue showing up for our community, even when we might feel like crawling beneath the covers. Sing out loud - your voice matters - and look into the faces of all those around you singing with you. We are in this together, and we can hold

each other metaphorically, as we sing and sway and bless together.

"A Prayer for Strength" by Rabbi Naomi Levy:

*When I am lost, help me, God, to find my way. When I am hurt, shelter me with Your loving presence. When my faith falters, show me that You are near. When I cry out against You, accept my protest, God, as a prayer, too. As a call for You to rid this world of all pain and tragedy: Until that day, give me the will to rebuild my life in spite of my suffering. To choose life even in the face of death. Amen.*

ANDREA SHUPACK  
CANTORIAL SOLOIST

## Silver Linings Season

BY BINNIE PERPER

This is the season of school graduations, which are landmark occasions. But with current social distancing rules, celebrations of these events will be anything but normal. So this year let's add something beyond the normal to the advice we give our grads. After the congratulations, let's encourage them to always look for *silver linings*.

With all the disruptions and economic pain of the pandemic, and the social upheaval after George Floyd's death, it's easy to see only the worst. Indeed, negativity bias is part of human nature. We fear failure more than we enjoy success, and lament money lost more than we revel in financial good fortune. We strongly believe bad news instantly, but must be convinced of good news, which is why headlines feature crime and catastrophe.

In the narrowness of this negativity, it's easy to miss the

powerful positives. The most important one is that, despite everything, the relentless resilience of the human spirit has triumphed.

Countless examples of astonishing goodness, ingenuity, and creativity surround us: Mask makers springing up everywhere. Zoom B'nai Mitzvahs, Torah study, services, weddings, and social gatherings among friends. Porch parties. Drive-by birthday celebrations. Many classes now online, also plays, operas, and symphonies. Clever home-made videos like YouTube's SGN (Some Good News with John Krasinski). Plus the generosity of neighbors helping neighbors, and farmers and restaurants providing free food for the newly unemployed, all spontaneously.

Isn't this worth a shout-out as we celebrate the season's milestones — and beyond?

## PEACEFUL SOLIDARITY RALLY

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Lives Matter movement, their own privilege, and the need to live our values. As Jews, we hold dear the idea of *tikkun olam*. Never have I experienced quite a moment like this, when we have the opportunity to show that these are more than Talmudic words on a page, but a real call to action that we will heed."

The rally began with the black national anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing," written by James Weldon Johnson, and then included speeches from about a dozen speakers. Keyra Torres De Luevano said loudly and clearly, "Stand with us. Protect us. Hear us. It is a privilege to educate yourself on racism rather than experiencing it." This was no less than a clarion call to action for all who were present and for those of us

who could not or chose not to attend. We can do better as a society in addressing racism, standing up to injustices—both past and present—that afflict people of color, confronting our own implicit biases, and listening to how we can be better allies.

I welcome you to join me in a discussion of Ibram X. Kendi's book, *How To Be an Antiracist*, on Sunday afternoon, August 2 at 4:00 pm. More details on the back cover.

**RICK ROMITO AND LINDA READ***Continued from Page 8*

he taught junior high, high school, and community college mathematics in Alaska. He led anger management groups, became a crisis and personal counselor. He returned to special education and mathematics in Bellingham.

Linda grew up in a small town in rural Oklahoma. She remembers idyllic summers with her mother's mother, a book-lover who was frequently hospitalized. "We were free to play all day, and she loved to feed us biscuits and gravy and iced Kool-Aid berry slosses when we grew hot," she remembers. Moving to Tempe, Arizona with her father, his wife and her younger sister, she waited tables to afford college. Although reluctant to move, Linda proved she could live independently in an unfamiliar place.

While Linda attended Arizona State University, her co-workers mentioned

similar work was available with room and board in Seward, Alaska. Accepted for a summer job, she arrived "wearing brown polyester up to my chin, with a Velcro front instead of buttons. My first ever hike was in red polyester pants. I thought a bagel was a doughnut. I went to the saloon and ordered water." But she couldn't forget her summer and returned to finish a social work degree from the University of Alaska at Anchorage, with her gratified father attending her graduation.

In 1986, Rick, then the program director of a men's support network, met, talked and listened to a married Linda at his job fair booth. On a new job at a crisis center, he again met Linda, now separated and working as a secretary. Soon they were living together.

Days before they moved to Bellingham in 1990, Linda found she was pregnant. When Elizabeth Rachel was six months old, Linda went to work at Whatcom Counseling and Psychiatric Clinic doing case management. Ten

years after they met, they married, accompanied by their four year-old daughter.

Before a two-month leave of absence, a co-worker urged Linda to spend it doing meaningful work. She remembered Rick's discovery of his heritage. He had asked his mother, who had sent him to a Methodist Sunday School, "Are we Jewish?" Linda, who had attended Baptist church as a child said, "I felt an inescapable duty to connect this baby to her Jewish heritage."

Both Linda and Rick had used the word "confused" in connection with religion, but Linda was clear about what she wanted for her child. And Rachel, then age five, said, "Sure." Delighted to meet her, youngsters at CBI asked her to return, and Rachel said, "Sure." She persisted through her Bat Mitzvah and "Today, she clearly identifies with her heritage," Linda said.

## Anniversaries

July 1	Dashka & Jacob Garretson	(# 13)	Aug. 6	Dan Ohms & Janine Shaw	(# 20)
July 2	Orly & Oleg Ravitsky	(# 14)	Aug. 10	Gerry Manganaro & Anne-Marie Kroitzsch	(# 1)
July 3	Robin & Bert Curtis	(# 49)	Aug. 11	Serge Lindner & Deborah Oksenberg	(# 18)
July 3	Warren Rosenthal & Amy Whiting	(# 33)	Aug. 13	Tamar & Shawn Clarke	(# 20)
July 3	Andrea & Josh Shupack	(# 15)	Aug. 14	Kevin Donner & Angie Lee	(# 16)
July 6	Rebecca & Tom Oliver	(# 23)	Aug. 15	Isaac & Wendy Blum	(# 22)
July 7	Yaniv & Meredith Attar	(# 13)	Aug. 15	Ray Wolpow & Diane Leigh	(# 19)
July 9	Vermeda Fred & Rodney Shainbom	(# 3)	Aug. 16	Mark & Teresa Sommers	(# 18)
July 9	Gregg Orlik & Howard Fuller	(# 12)	Aug. 17	Margaret Bikman & Jay Saxton	(# 45)
July 9	Mark & Helen Packer	(# 25)	Aug. 17	Stephanie Korn & Scott Mann	(# 18)
July 9	Ted & Penny Schuman	(# 53)	Aug. 19	Shala Erlich & Warren Cornwall	(# 19)
July 10	Anna & Noah Booker	(# 21)	Aug. 20	L.K. Langley & Lindsay Wells	(# 15)
July 12	Gary & Trisha Adelstein	(# 33)	Aug. 20	Ken & Regan Levinson	(# 14)
July 13	Sara Geballe & Steve James	(# 12)	Aug. 21	Gayle Gordon-Martin & Stephen Martin	(# 33)
July 18	Christoph & Geraldine Reitz	(# 28)	Aug. 24	Kayla Schott-Bresler & Ian McCurdy	(# 7)
July 19	Ruth & Arthur Ingberman	(# 64)	Aug. 25	Warren & Marybeth Taranow	(# 24)
July 21	David & Katie Edelstein	(# 47)	Aug. 25	Shelley & Jay Wolfman	(# 50)
July 21	Andrew Schwarz & Leslie Garrison	(# 7)	Aug. 26	Miriam & Greg Schwartz	(# 19)
July 26	Jack & Karen Fisher	(# 47)	Aug. 27	Daniel & Sharona Feller	(# 42)
July 30	Orly Ziv-Maxim & Tom Maxim	(# 24)	Aug. 27	Emil & Tannia Hecht	(# 49)
Aug. 1	Alyson & Brooke Kassen	(# 10)	Aug. 27	Barry & Kathi Paluch	(# 17)
Aug. 1	Jerry Witler & Mary Knight	(# 10)	Aug. 29	Steve & Janis Ban	(# 44)
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# Yahrzeits

Observances follow the Hebrew calendar, unless the secular date is requested, and are read on the Shabbat prior to the observance date.

## Friday, July 3

William Beck	7/4
Eric O. Sonneman	7/4
Virginia Hunter	7/5
Erwin Mayer	7/5
Lisa Furth	7/7
Stanley Sklar	7/7
Sandy Thompson	7/7
Anne Brown	7/8
Myer Horwitz	7/8
Albert Shankman	7/8
Gary Snyder	7/8

## Friday, July 10

Edward Witte	7/11
May Meyers	7/12
Arthur Miller	7/12
Bernice Shear	7/12
Michael Strumpf	7/12
Earnest Ban	7/13
Hugo M. Fisher	7/13
Goldie Bettman	7/14
Hannah Samuels	7/14
Willard Brown	7/15
Harold Korn	7/15
Ralph Weill	7/15
Kathleen Clendenen	7/16
Syd Goldman	7/16
Seymour Karpas	7/16
Abraham Kassen	7/16
Seymour Pecarsky	7/17

## Friday, July 17

Robert B. Hanley	7/18
Jack Meyers	7/18
Sophie Streitman	7/19
Linda Kleinfeld	7/20
Leaine (Lee) Farkas	7/21
Alan Mazonson	7/22
Gail Siskind Sternlicht	7/22

## Friday, July 24

Berte Fischel	7/25
Sylvia Glass	7/25
Philip Kahn	7/25
Rose Marks	7/25
Annie Schwartz	7/25
Sydney Goldman	7/26
Walter Mayers	7/26
Cynthia Kendal	7/27
Charles Cohen	7/28
Steven Cohen	7/28
David Frantz	7/28
Josefina Pombo de Rubiano	7/28
Alfred Steinmetz	7/28
Joseph Folk	7/30
Martha Rosenthal	7/30

## Friday, July 31

Harriet Miles Bryant	8/1
Jacob Berger	8/2
William Fox	8/2
Norman Codd	8/3
Edith DeVisser	8/4
Manny Hildes	8/4
Fred (Fritz) London	8/4
Ira Benjamin Dement	8/5
Goldie Dorfman	8/5
Marvin Tartak	8/5
Kaufman Katz	8/6
Mark Wohl	8/6

## Friday, August 7

Daniel Kushner	8/8
Janet Miller	8/8
Simon Sokol	8/8
Shirley Zell	8/11
Bernard M. "Bun" Jaffe	8/12
Richard Gorelick	8/14

## Friday, August 14

Betty Bloomfield	8/16
Joseph Feiger	8/17
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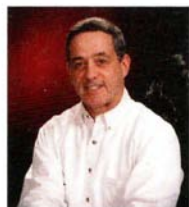
Arthur J. Miller	8/17
Merrie Schriro	8/17
Sadie Goldman	8/18
Stanley Holtzman	8/18
Liam Balton	8/19
Rose Z. Blecker	8/19
Sarah M. Gordon	8/19
Mary Ann Perper	8/19
Jack Wilson	8/19
Rose Horowitz	8/20
Melanie Smith	8/20
Josef Zimmerman	8/20
Wally Moritz	8/21
Hella Elaine Weill Lyon	8/21

## Friday, August 21

James Bourne	8/23
Sheldon Miller	8/23
Laura Netka	8/24
Jose Pereira Assunção	8/25
Keith Baker	8/25
Francine Hoch	8/25
Edna Milnes Walker	8/25
Max Glass	8/26
Reta Kahn	8/26
Dinah Godfrey	8/27
Max Feldman	8/28
Lilly Weiss	8/28

## Friday, August 28

Lenore Lackowitz	8/29
Nancy Zisook	8/29
Sol Hamburger	8/30
Leonard Katz	8/31
Louis Thal	8/31
Mary Warshal Glazer	9/1
Rebecca Shapira de Lindner	9/1
Shirley Simmons	9/1
Rhea Frantz	9/2
Robert Siegfried	9/2
Yitzhak Turovitz	9/2
Rose Lassman	9/4



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## In Memoriam

*Zichrona l'vrachah ~ May her memory be  
for a blessing*

Our congregation offers heartfelt condolences to David Schlitt and Sarah Zarrow on the loss of David's mother/Sarah's mother-in-law, **Frances (Faigie) Morrill Schlitt**, who passed away in Boston on May 9, 2020 from complications related to the coronavirus.

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