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New Shabbat Service Schedule

Beginning in July our Erev Shabbat schedule will look as follows:

- 1st Friday:** 6:15 pm Family Service (with a potluck dinner afterwards*)
- 2nd Friday:** 6:15 pm Service (with an *oneg* afterwards*)
- 3rd Friday:** 6:15 pm Service (with a potluck dinner afterwards*)
- 4th Friday:** 7:30 pm Ma'ayan Shir Service (with an *oneg* afterwards*)
- 5th Friday:** Shabbat Dinner Crowd*

* Until further notice, there will be no food consumed after Shabbat services. We look forward to our potluck dinner and *oneg* schedule commencing soon.

Our new service schedule achieves two goals: A more consistent time which will make it easier to remember and an option for members to eat together (3rd Shabbat) in a quieter setting than the Family Service.

The first two services in the month of July will be held on the synagogue's back patio. The others will be held via Zoom. We are making headway in creating a hybrid Shabbat experience so people who are at home can ob-



serve Shabbat with those who are at the synagogue. We will continue to update you on this progress.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to navigate life in this environment. We look forward to seeing you all soon. Please see page 10 for a more detailed schedule.

FROM THE RABBI

My Rabbinic Shmitah



One of the more interesting concepts discussed in the Book of Leviticus is that of the seventh year sabbatical, also known as *shmitah*. Just

as the Torah calls for Jews to work six days and rest on the seventh, it also calls for us to work the land six years and let it rest in the seventh. In addition to allowing the land to lie fallow and take a break, debts are to be forgiven amongst people, and other actions are taken to create a more equitable society. The next *shmitah* year in the Hebrew calendar begins this coming September with Rosh Hashanah.

While our community won't be observing the next "year of release," professionally I will be observing my own brief *shmitah* this summer during the month of July and a little into August. This month-long *shmitah* has been long awaited by my family and me. Instead of occurring in my seventh year, it is starting off my tenth year as your rabbi. It was put on hold this past year, and I am so grateful to the Board for allowing me to take some much-needed time to recharge, relax, and study. While I have more sabbatical time remain-

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From the President...

Ski Tips Up

I am both nervous and excited as I sit down to write my first President's Message for the *Shul Shofar*. While I have served on many boards, this term is daunting. Looking back at the history of CBI presidents, I feel I have big shoes to fill. Thank you for this opportunity. I hope that I can continue the tradition of being a good leader.

First and foremost, I want to thank Miriam Schwartz for the great job she has done over the past two years. Balancing her family physician job, family, parenting, and work at the synagogue has required an enormous amount of time and dedication. I think it is fitting that her energy to complete our landscaping at the synagogue will also be a part of her legacy. As the plants grow, I hope we will take time to appreciate all the work she has done.

The last year and a half has been stressful as we navigated how to change our lives to accommodate Covid impacts and restrictions. Many of us have been able to feel the support and connection with our congregation through online services. The impacts of Covid have not affected us equally. As we start to gather in person with the guidance of our Covid Task Force, I believe our CBI community can be part of the healing we all need.

I am looking forward to being social again, but I also feel some trepidation. Gardening and living a simpler Zoom life have had some benefits. We don't know what the new normal will bring. The AV task force has been working on ways to hold a hybrid service, allowing both in-person and Zoom broadcasts of services. Providing more options for people to be involved with our services will be great. We have wonderful and inspirational services provided by Rabbi Samuels and Cantorial Soloist Andrea Shupack, and sharing this with people both in person and at home will increase access to our members.

I have a Mount Baker ski lift chair on our porch with a metal sign that says "Ski Tips Up." As all skiers know, these signs are posted at the top of a ski lift as you prepare to exit the chair lift. It marks the transition from the chair ride up the mountain to skiing down the mountain. We are on the mountain for the skiing, but sometimes the ride up provides time to reflect, talk, and rest. There is often a bit of stress getting off the chair and into the transition from the ride up to back to skiing. A fall or stumble as you dismount can create a scene in front of everyone. You may knock down your chair companions, and even stop the chair lift as you ungraciously try to get out of the way of the next chair of skiers.

Dismounting from a ski chair requires working together with your chair buddies, communicating early which direction you are exiting, using a little nudge to get you moving, and a slight arm assist may help your neighbor's balance. You venture some trust that they will not ski over your skis, but you are ok and understanding if it happens. These transitions can be tricky, but are a necessary part of the day.

We are at the top of the mountain in our transition from the Covid shutdown to an open synagogue. Whether we recognize it or not, it is stressful. It is harder for some to find our new normal. Likely we all have different ideas about what this will look like. We are a diverse congregation, and having different ideas is not new to us.

As we transition back to being together, we will need to be mindful of each other's needs. We have been on the chair ride up the mountain for too long. Be sure to support each other as we reach the top. Practice more patience and understanding. Reach out to those who are stumbling.

I plan to work with our staff, Board, and volunteers to make this a positive transition for all our members. I am sure we will learn both from our successes and our challenges. I look forward to this journey with you.

Keep your ski tips up!

— JOSH GREENBERG,
PRESIDENT



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From the Keshet Center for Jewish Learning

School's Out for Summer:

Keshet looks back at a successful year and exciting changes for the future

BY ANDREA SHUPACK, KESHER DIRECTOR



Keshet's mission is to create enduring Jewish experiences that support and challenge our students and families to engage creatively with their Judaism, and inspire life-long Jewish learning. Registration for fall is now open for all families and can be found on the CBI website under the

Youth tab. Please reach out if you need any help or information.

Keshet's 2020/2021 school year certainly had its challenges, staying online all year because of Covid. But our program, with the continued efforts of our volunteers, teachers, and co-directors, provided meaningful content online all year, keeping our students involved in their Jewish learning. Students and teachers both reported enjoying classes. Overall, the year was as positive as it could have been.

Some highlights from this year were incredible projects completed by sixth through eighth graders. From Israeli politics to Jewish role models, to family history and personal stories from the Holocaust, deep learning took place as students chose, researched, and presented their learning to their classes, and to the community during student-led services. Family Shabbat services led by each class were an incredible show of creativity and resilience by our students and teachers, as each class found unique ways to demonstrate their learning and lead prayers while on Zoom. The videos put together by classes were incredible.

Other highlights were watching the younger students running back to the screen with items they found related to the topic of the day to share with the class, and watching them jump and run around their rooms during Orly Ravitsky's and Josh Shupack's Hebrew Through Movement programs. And the sweetest of all — ending the school year together in person for our end-of-the-year annual picnic at Lake Padden.

I am so optimistic and excited for where Keshet is going into the future. If this is what we could accomplish and learn while stuck on our screens, I know that our return to our building will open many new wonderful new opportunities. Our teachers (myself included) improved skills, being stretched to think outside the box, adapt, and meet students where they are in these new circumstances. These lessons and growth will carry over to in-person teaching in amazing ways. We have all become even better teachers though this process.

The biggest news we are very excited to share with the community is that CBI has hired Victoria Mayers to work as Keshet's Assistant Director. Victoria is incredibly passionate and comes with tremendous education and programming experience, which will help Keshet continue to improve our student, family, and teacher support, become more inclusive and accommodating for all types of learners, and develop important new programming and curriculum. We cannot wait to get our new Keshet team to work over the summer!

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Bat Mitzvah



Sonorah Miriam DesRosiers

will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on August 14, 2021. She is the daughter of Norman and Sarah DesRosiers, the younger sister of Navah, the granddaughter of Jerry and Cheryl Waldbaum, Melody and Tom Kirchner, and Garry DesRosiers. Sonorah is a seventh grader at Whatcom Hills

Waldorf School, currently participating in the supported homeschooling program. She loves animals, crafting, and baking. For her Mitzvah project, Sonorah is collecting donations for Whatcom Humane Society. In addition,

her love for animals has most recently inspired her to seek a volunteer position at Brigadoon, a local organization that provides trained service dogs for veterans, children, and adults.

Sonorah's family invites you to join them in celebrating this *simcha*:

SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

Friday, August 13, 2021 at 6:15 pm

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

Saturday, August 14, 2021 at 10:00 am

Birthdays

JULY 2021

7/1 Sue Guenter-Schlesinger
7/2 Meg Jacobson
7/2 Brooke Kassen
7/3 Jaxon Mann (15th)
7/4 Sharona Feller
7/4 Mark MacDonald
7/5 David Goldman
7/5 Julie Hunter
7/5 Ayla Oliver (15th)
7/5 Jaelle Oliver (15th)
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 (14th)
7/11 Max Naiman (11th)
7/11 Naomi Schapiro (23rd)
7/12 L.K. Langley
7/12 Avi Lindner (15th)

7/12 Iris Parker
7/12 Mark Sommers
7/13 Jack Fisher
7/14 Olivia Probst (17th)
7/14 Shelley Wolfman
7/15 Michelle Banks
7/15 Peggy Hanley
7/15 Rick Levine
7/15 Evan Shupack (6th)
7/16 Ali Morrow (23rd)
7/17 Jay Saxton
7/18 Ruth Shuster
7/19 Lior Somers (13th)
7/20 Leah Kiviat
7/20 Nicky Naiman
7/20 Isaac Orloff (17th)
7/20 Melissa Schapiro
7/21 Elliott Johnson (23rd)
7/22 Miles Bryant
7/23 Noah Booker
7/23 David Robinson
7/23 Lindsay Wells
7/24 Jeff Popp

7/26 Eliza Bastow (8th)
7/26 Avi Cohen (5th)
7/26 Julia Kassen (9th)
7/26 Larry Stahlberg
7/27 Jesse Naiman
7/27 Rebekah Sommers (14th)
7/28 James Finley
7/28 Allan Hirsh
7/28 Asher Suloway-Baker (22nd)
7/29 David Edelstein
7/29 Evan Konikoff (12th)

9/9 Jacob Morrill Zarrow (1st)
8/10 Joan Wayne
8/10 Patty Yust
8/12 Victoria Garfinkle
8/12 Paul Sarvasy
8/12 David Smith
8/13 Mara Donner (8th)
8/13 Noni Schultheiss
8/14 Patrick Crane
8/17 Andy Ingram-Monteiro
8/17 Michal Retter
8/20 Jerry Eisner
8/20 Jordan Genut
8/21 Marla Finkelstein
8/21 Janine Shaw
8/22 Maeve Hammerstrom (3rd)
8/22 Wendy Holtzman
8/22 Andrea Shupack
8/23 Chloe Braunstein (9th)
8/24 Flora Booker (17th)
8/24 Donna Solomon
8/25 Vermeda Fred
8/26 Jake Lebovich (19th)
8/26 Sylvia Williams
8/28 Wendy Miller
8/31 Harold Katz

AUGUST 2021

8/1 Mary Francell-Sharfstein
8/1 Diana Lindner
8/1 Nora Seltz (11th)
8/2 Gabriella Genut (6th)
8/6 Gilead Goldman (6th)
8/6 Arona Henderson
8/6 Barry Paluch
8/7 Amy Whiting
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From the Social Action Committee

Racial Justice Survey Results

BY LINDA BLACKWELL

Thank you to all who participated in the racial justice survey. It is timely that the Pew Research Center reported in May that “like the overall US population, Jews appear to be growing more racially and ethnically diverse.” The greatest change is in the population of Jews age 18-29, where the percentage that identify as other than non-Hispanic white has risen to 15%. Three-quarters of American Jews think there is more antisemitism in the U.S. now than five years ago, and this was prior to the recent shelling in Israel. The Pew Center’s report gives more impetus to our congregation’s plans for discussing racial justice. The Program and Social Action Committees will bring a speaker in the summer to begin these discussions.

Please see the adjacent announcement of Dr. Marc Dollinger’s talks. There will be further information in the *Timbrel* as a book discussion and further conversations are planned.

The recent survey at CBI gave the Social Action Committee clarity on topics to cover on the broader issue of racial justice. Forty people responded. Eighty-seven percent of the respondents felt they had a basic understanding of racism and were interested in learning more. The majority said they would like to be more active on racial justice issues. There was a range of comments from conservative to liberal, but 16% of respondents agreed that antisemitism was present to a great or a considerable degree in Bellingham. An additional 52% felt there was a moderate amount of antisemitism in

Bellingham. Fifty percent of the respondents believed that structural racism in Bellingham existed at higher levels for Black, Indigenous and people of color (BIPOC). An additional 32% felt that a moderate amount of structural racism was present in Bellingham. The respondents felt we are welcoming to Sephardic, Mizrahi, and Asian Jews. A slightly smaller number thought we were welcoming to Jews of color (JOC). The sampling on these specific questions was small, as many chose not to answer this question. We have no objective way to view how welcoming we truly are.

The survey was helpful in delineating what topics are of interest for future events. Most people wanted to learn more about health care inequity and voter suppression. Connecting with JOC was a third topic of great interest. People wanted to reach out to BIPOC coalitions. There was support for having speakers and panel discussions. There was less interest in letter-writing and marches. With this information, the Committee hopes to hold three to four events each year for the next three years, with support from the larger Jewish community on how to proceed. The JCPA has written a publication, *A Toolkit, Strengthening Jewish Communal Engagement with Black Communities*, that will be helpful for planning. The Reform movement is offering outreach to address voter suppression. Finally, the Reform movement

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Introducing Marc Dollinger

BY HARRIET MARKELL

The CBI Programming and Social Action Committees are pleased to announce the beginning of a year-long speaker series on “Jews, Race, and Justice”, during which we will explore the history of American Jewish involvement in the slave trade, relationships with the Civil Rights and Black Power movements, the treatment and experience of Jews of Color, and the evolution of Jewish White Privilege. To kick off the series, we will be hosting Professor Marc Dollinger, who holds an endowed research chair in Jewish Studies and Social Responsibility at San Francisco State University, and has written and spoken extensively on the topic. His lecture, “Jews and the Civil

Rights Movement” and a Q&A will be held on Zoom, July 1, at 7:00 pm.

We are also arranging two book study sessions in August on Dollinger’s book, *Black Power, Jewish Politics: Reinventing the Alliance in the 1960s* which you will be able to purchase at his cost. Sessions will be led by Dr. Dollinger and congregant Sarah Zarrow, who holds an endowed chair in Jewish History at Western Washington University.

Other speakers will be scheduled through the year, concluding in spring 2022 with another Dollinger lecture/discussion and a female Jew of Color who has worked for years in Jewish communal service, advocating and working toward increasing recognition



Congregant Sarah Zarrow

and equity for this relatively marginalized group.

The committees are excited to be able to bring this level of programming to our congregation, related to a topic that, in the last year, has captured the attention of so many American Jews and prompted such deep exploration of our history, identity, and political activity.

My Obsession with Joy

BY VERMEDA FRED
CO-EDITOR, SHUL SHOFAR

For reasons I cannot really put into words, I have become obsessed with the idea of JOY. Perhaps this is a result of life narrowing down to its essence over these past 17 months with Covid. Former pleasures, especially the variety of ways of enjoying time with family and friends, gave way to other purposeful activities: sewing masks, baking bread, building a swing, learning Hebrew. And while we did still see some of our friends and family members, with social distancing and masks, these visits were under the pall of not knowing what would come, when we might see them again, if we or they would get sick, if we would all recover.

I began to think about that pithy statement, “the good old days.” How could these be the good old days? So many sick and dying all around the globe. In our family, we have been separated from a daughter and a son and our grandkids in Canada, because we could not cross the border for social interactions. And at this writing, a few days ago, our personal group of friends and the CBI community, are mourning the passing of Miriam Davids’s dear husband, Perry Davids. There are no words to describe her loss, our loss, this sinking sadness which we all share. And yet, having been with Miriam and her and Perry’s families and our friends over these past days, tears interspersed with laughter have formed a two-part dance that lifts our spirits and holds us to one another like we were holding hands.

It feels unkind to think of these as “good days,” but joy has appeared in some moments, nevertheless. I also think of my father and others who, seemingly, do live or have lived in states of perpetual joyfulness, even after having experienced horrible events. These people were not at a loss for having suffered loss. My father lost his mother and three younger siblings in a hurricane when he was fourteen. I know dear friends with stories of the Holocaust, of injury and death, and they also have their own personal burdens, as do we all. There are those in our community who have been ill, who are fighting hard fights, who have also lost loved ones this year. But I can personally vouch that the specific people I am thinking about have exuded joyfulness on a daily basis. What makes them different? How are they more chipper, more upbeat, anticipating that any day, even this very day, would be one in which cheery moments might happen? Their expectation of joy is evidenced by the smiles on their faces and hints of laughter in their voices. Who are/were these people? I am more than just intrigued.

I began seriously studying joy in 2009, when I completed a 4-day workshop with Dr. Patch Adams. I had not had this type of training in my marriage and family therapy career. He is not only a jolly guy, he is deadly serious about the absolute necessity of joy, in life, yes, but especially in health care. I continued my education in joy in 2016, through com-

pleting one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education at St. Joseph’s Hospital. My theme for my five months of training was “the use of laughter and joy in medicine.” I studied Norman Cousins’s writings about his personal experience recovering from a life-threatening illness by regularly infusing laughter into his daily routine, along with the prescribed infusions of vitamin C and other medicines, et al.¹ Most recently, I am engrossed in Dr. Tal Ben-Shahar’s books *Happier*,² and *Choose the Life You Want*.³ Dr. Ben-Shahar is an Israeli, who also lives and works in Boston, teaching at Harvard as a clinical psychologist, trained in positive psychology. His classes are the most popular in that university’s history, and his books provide both a theoretical basis for pursuing joyfulness as well as behavioral steps we can utilize every day. Also, *The Book of Joy*,⁴ by the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu brings the teachings of joy into the daily context of how we treat one another, and how we treat ourselves. Each of these sources affirms that joy expands our experience of living, and you can’t have happiness without it. We need laughter. I have heard that babies laugh in the womb – amazing! Joy’s presence is found within our acts of being kindly, curious, and caring of others, being delighted by them, noticing them, interacting with them. I have learned what some research says about joy. Now, I wonder, what does Judaism say about joy?

Our stories of our people are so often related to our being ostracized, persecuted, and murdered. In May Israel was under attack again, both at home with bombs, and abroad with words. Is it not naive, immature, or blatantly disrespectful to be joyful? It seems that sands might shift if we walk on a path of joy. While we all share in some joyous moments throughout the Jewish year, with our holidays and traditions, and some of us may venture even further in learning about the joy in Jewish mysticism and in being spiritually awake to G-d’s presence all around us, any day could be a good day or a bad day. Or is that accurate? Might it be possible that joy can lurk anywhere, waiting to jump in at any moment?

In looking for a brief statement about joy from a Jewish perspective, I found the following quote from Rabbi Jonathan Sacks:

“Happiness is an attitude to life as a whole, while joy lives in the moment. As J. D. Salinger once said: ‘Happiness is a solid, joy is a liquid.’ Happiness is something you pursue. But joy is not. It discovers you. It has to do with a sense of connection to other people or to God. It comes from a different realm than happiness. It is a social emotion. It is the exhilaration we feel

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Thank you to all those who have supported Keshar whether it is through teaching, volunteering, *Mishloach Manot* donations, or attending the school. It takes a village, and our whole community is part of the success of our youth programs.

I want to personally thank Nicky Naiman, my Co-Director for the past year and a half. Nicky was an incredible partner, so easy to work and collaborate with. She took on the task of making all the administrative aspects of Keshar easy to manage, she helped lead staff trainings, work with teachers on lesson plans, and step in wherever needed. We all pray for Nicky's complete healing, *refuah sh'leimah*.

As always, we encourage you to reach out whenever you have questions, ideas, support, or concerns. Keshar is all the richer because of your involvement. Here's to an incredible 2021/2022 school year.

The Kvelling Corner



Gaby and Victoria Mayers are delighted to welcome their third granddaughter, **Oliva June Mayers**, who was born on April 7,

2021. Her proud parents are Joshua and Jaymie Mayers.

Welcome to our new members!

- **Cierra and Peter Burkill**, and sons **Benjamin** (19 mos.) and **Gabriel** (2 mos.) – Bellingham

Anniversaries

July 1	Dashka & Jacob Garretson	(# 14)	Aug. 6	Dan Ohms & Janine Shaw	(# 21)
July 2	Orly & Oleg Ravitsky	(# 15)	Aug. 10	Gerry Manganaro & Anne-Marie Kroitzsch	(# 2)
July 3	Robin & Bert Curtis	(# 50)	Aug. 11	Serge Lindner & Deborah Oksenberg	(# 19)
July 3	Warren Rosenthal & Amy Whiting	(# 34)	Aug. 13	Tamar & Shawn Clarke	(# 21)
July 3	Andrea & Josh Shupack	(# 16)	Aug. 14	Kevin Donner & Angie Lee	(# 17)
July 6	Rebecca & Tom Oliver	(# 24)	Aug. 15	Isaac & Wendy Blum	(# 23)
July 7	Yaniv & Meredith Attar	(# 14)	Aug. 15	Henry Curme & Karen Bailor	(# 6)
July 9	Vermeda Fred & Rodney Shainbom	(# 4)	Aug. 15	Ray Wolpow & Diane Leigh	(# 20)
July 9	Gregg Orlik & Howard Fuller	(# 13)	Aug. 16	Mark & Teresa Sommers	(# 19)
July 9	Mark & Helen Packer	(# 26)	Aug. 17	Margaret Bikman & Jay Saxton	(# 46)
July 9	Ted & Penny Schuman	(# 54)	Aug. 17	Stephanie Korn & Scott Mann	(# 19)
July 10	Anna & Noah Booker	(# 22)	Aug. 19	Shala Erlich & Warren Cornwall	(# 20)
July 11	Cierra & Peter Burkill	(# 1)	Aug. 20	L.K. Langley & Lindsay Wells	(# 16)
July 12	Gary & Trisha Adelstein	(# 34)	Aug. 20	Ken & Regan Levinson	(# 15)
July 13	Sara Geballe & Steve James	(# 13)	Aug. 21	Gayle Gordon-Martin & Stephen Martin	(# 34)
July 18	Christoph & Geraldine Reitz	(# 29)	Aug. 24	Kayla Schott-Bresler & Ian McCurdy	(# 8)
July 19	Ruth & Arthur Ingberman	(# 65)	Aug. 25	Warren & Marybeth Taranow	(# 25)
July 21	David & Katie Edelstein	(# 48)	Aug. 25	Shelley & Jay Wolfman	(# 51)
July 21	Andrew Schwarz & Leslie Garrison	(# 8)	Aug. 26	Miriam & Greg Schwartz	(# 20)
July 26	Jack & Karen Fisher	(# 48)	Aug. 27	Daniel & Sharona Feller	(# 43)
July 30	Orly Ziv-Maxim & Tom Maxim	(# 25)	Aug. 27	Emil & Tannia Hecht	(# 50)
Aug. 1	Alyson & Brooke Kassen	(# 11)	Aug. 27	Barry & Kathi Paluch	(# 18)
Aug. 1	Jerry Witter & Mary Knight	(# 11)	Aug. 29	Steve & Janis Ban	(# 45)
Aug. 2	Sylvia & John Williams	(# 7)	Aug. 30	Linda & Allan Hirsh	(# 62)
Aug. 4	Josh Greenberg & Anita Meyer	(# 25)	Aug. 30	Leah Kiviat & Ian Horton	(# 13)
Aug. 5	Elkah Katz & Moss Roberts	(# 20)	Aug. 31	McNeel & KJ Jantzen	(# 19)

Did we miss your anniversary? Call the office at (360) 733-8890 or email office@bethisraelbellingham.org with the month, day & year of your special day.

Faces in Our Community: Steve and Janis Ban

BY LINDA HIRSH

Judaism entered Steve and Janis Ban's lives in disparate ways. Steve's parents did not reveal that they were Jewish until they left Hungary in 1956. Communism prohibited religion. Anti-semitism was virulent.

"I didn't really appreciate how little personal freedom I and my family had until we arrived in the United States," said Steve, who considers that aspect of his life unique.

On the other hand, Janis, who said she "was raised in a Conservative synagogue," watched her maternal grandfather embrace it. When Benjamin Netanyahu's brother was killed in the Entebbe raid, her grandfather flew to Israel to sit shiva with the family. He introduced himself, and they became lifelong friends.

"He was a character and had a tremendous love for Judaism and Israel," Janis said.

Active in Congregation Beth Israel since they arrived in Bellingham in 1977, both have filled key roles as leaders in the community. Janis has served on the CBI Board of Directors, is a long time co-chair of the Cemetery Committee and chair of the *Chevre Kadisha*. Steve served as Board President in the 1980s and is now on the Board again.

Synagogue member Marv Wayne said: "Shortly after we arrived in Bellingham in 1974, we were joined by



Steve and Janis Ban

another very special family, Steve and Janis Ban. As the years went on, we developed a strong bond with them, sharing *simcha*s and holidays. Their impact on the community and Beth Israel will live long into the future."

Both Steve and Janis grew up in the Midwest. Janis, who lived in the Shaker Heights neighborhood in Cleveland, said "I was delighted to leave and find out that the world was not as exclusive as it was there."

She earned both a Bachelors and Masters of Social Work at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. She chose the school because "it was on a lake and I could go canoeing. I spent many

summers being a camper and then a counselor at a canoe-tripping camp on Lake Temagami in Northern Ontario and it shaped a lot of who I am."

After graduation, she served as a social worker at the University of Washington Children's Hospital. She mostly spent her professional years as a clinical social worker in private practice, and at Bellingham Technical College teaching parenting to those whose children had ADHD. She retired in 2012.

"I found my work interesting, challenging and a privilege to be let into people's lives in a such special way," she said.

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Congratulations to Our 2021 Graduates!



Isabel Mia Buri (Elisheva) graduated magna cum laude from the University of Southern California on May 14, 2021, with a major in neuroscience and minors in classical voice and environmental studies. Isabel is the daughter of Darcie Donegan and Phil Buri, sister of Elena and Avi, and granddaughter of Sarann Donegan.



Adin Sokol, son of Else Sokol and the late Bip Sokol and brother of Ben, graduated with honors from Sehome High School on June 12, 2021. During his high school years Adin was a math and chemistry tutor, peer mentor, and member of the National Honor Society, Vital climbing team, and CBI's BAY youth group. He's looking forward to attending the University of Portland Honors Program to study engineering. "There's nowhere to go but UP!"



Maya Cornwall, daughter of Shala Erlich and Warren Cornwall and sister of Lev Cornwall, recently graduated from Sehome High School as a National Merit Scholarship finalist. She plans to attend an interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences program at McGill University in the fall. Her family

feels a lot of *naches* about her academic and creative pursuits, including math, sciences, music, languages, and theater.



Asher Stoane graduated from Squalicum High School in June 2021. Although his senior year was confounded by the Covid pandemic, he still managed to play tennis and participate in band and leadership. He will be attending Arizona State University in the fall. He was accepted into the

W.P. Carey Business School. Asher has shown grit and resilience during this very difficult period and is thriving. Asher's family includes parents Jason and Chi-Na Stoane and brother Caden.



Elana Greenberg recently graduated from Willamette University in Salem, Oregon. She majored in mathematics and minored in women's and gender studies. She plans to live in the Portland, OR area and is applying to graduate school programs. Her parents, Joshua

Greenberg and Anita Meyer, felt very lucky to be able to attend her graduation in person in May.



Isabel Stolzoff graduated from Bellingham High School in June and will be attending Scripps College in the fall. She plans to explore majors in engineering and pre-med, and will play for the Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Volleyball Team. Isabel's proud dad is Russell Stolzoff.



Kayla Orloff graduated from Sehome High School in June 2021. She is relocating to Portland, OR where she will seek full-time work and continue to hone her craft as a fiction writer. You can follow Kayla's adventures and read her work at kaylaorloffauthor.com

Kayla is the daughter of Rebecca and Andrew Orloff and the sister of Isaac and Owen.



Sarah Van Glubt graduated from the University of Arizona in December 2020 with a PhD in Soil, Water, and Environmental Science. Sarah is the daughter of Bruce and Becki Van Glubt and sister of Rachel.

July/August 2021 Shabbat Service Schedule

PLEASE NOTE: Starting in July, we are beginning the transition to in-person services at the synagogue. Please see the article on page 1 for more details. Saturday Torah study, the Contemplative service, and the Conservative lay-led minyan will continue to meet on Zoom in July; consult the *Timbrel* for the link or email the CBI office. This schedule is still evolving, so please watch the weekly *Timbrel* or check the CBI website for updates.

Friday, July 2	6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Family Service on the patio	Saturday, July 31	9:30 am Torah Study (<i>Parashat Eikev</i>)
Saturday, July 3	9:30 am Torah Study (<i>Parashat Pinchas</i>) 10:45 am All-music, Contemplative Service with Andrea Shupack	Friday, August 6	6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Family Service
Friday, July 9	6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat on the patio	Saturday, August 7	9:30 am Torah Study (<i>Parashat Re'eh</i>) 10:45 am All-music, Contemplative Service with Andrea Shupack
Saturday, July 10	9:30 am Torah Study (<i>Parashat Matot – Ma'sei</i>)	Friday, August 13	6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat in the sanctuary, with leadership from Sonorah DesRosiers
Friday, July 16	6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat on Zoom	Saturday, August 14	10:00 am Bat Mitzvah of Sonorah DesRosiers
Saturday, July 17	9:30 am Torah Study (<i>Parashat D'varim</i>)	Friday, August 20	6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
Friday, July 23	7:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat on Zoom with the Ma'Ayan Shir ensemble	Saturday, August 21	9:30 am Torah Study (<i>Parashat Ki Teitzei</i>)
Saturday, July 24	9:30 am Torah Study (<i>Parashat Va-et'chanan</i>) 10:30 am Conservative-style, lay-led minyan	Friday, August 27	7:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat, with leadership from the Ma'Ayan Shir ensemble
Friday, July 30	6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat on Zoom	Saturday, August 28	9:30 am Torah Study (<i>Parashat Ki Tavo</i>) 10:30 am Conservative-style, lay-led minyan

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has a workbook on *Audacious Hospitality* that we can use to move forward as a congregation.

The Social Action Committee remains active with the Family Promise Program, supplying meals and keeping a clean-up crew available for the Little House (transitional housing) through the Interfaith Coalition. Corinne Gimbel-Levine is heading up our environmental subcommittee and is forming a Dayenu group. If anyone is interested, please contact her at gimbelarnp2015@gmail.com

The Social Action Committee is open to new members and could use more help as we begin planning into the fall for High Holiday Food Bank donations. Please contact Linda Blackwell if you are interested at blackwellbham@gmail.com

A Note about the Gartner Scholarship

The (Frederick and Emma) Gartner Scholarship has helped defray college costs for children of Beth Israel members for many years. However, the scholarship funds have diminished, while the cost of a college education has increased. The committee would like to continue this assistance to our young students and is requesting members consider donating to the fund. We have a commitment for matching contributions, so this would be an excellent time to consider helping with the scholarships.

If you would like to know more about the Gartner Scholarship, contact committee members Emil Hecht or Carol Robinson, or call Mary Somerville at the CBI office.

Special Fund Donations

CAMP/YOUTH ACTIVITIES FUND

IN HONOR OF:

* Tahlia Somers, on becoming a Bat Mitzvah
 * Natalie Ravitsky, on becoming a Bat Mitzvah
 * Nathaniel Witte, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah
 * Jeremiah Witte, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah
From: Karen Sloss

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

Miriam Davids, in loving memory of Perry
From: Katie Edelstein
Martha Greenstone
Jodi Litt
Harriet Markell
Phyllis & Shelly Mazur
Dan Ohms & Janine Shaw
Steve & Rita Spitzer
Sarah & Todd Witte
Joan & Marv Wayne

CANTORIAL ASSISTANT FUND

IN APPRECIATION TO:

Andrea Shupack, for Tahlia's Bat Mitzvah
From: Perry & Katie Somers

Andrea Shupack – Thank you for Nate and Remy's wonderful B'nei Mitzvah
From: Sarah & Todd Witte

CONTRIBUTION FROM:

Patrick Crane

CARE COMMITTEE

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

Bonnie Stone and family, in loving memory of Alan
From: Eileen & Kipp Yacknin
(Pittsburgh, PA)

WITH GRATITUDE TO:

All those who provided dinners for the Witte family while Sarah recovered from knee surgery.
From: Sarah & Todd Witte

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

IN APPRECIATION TO:

Rabbi Samuels, for Tahlia's Bat Mitzvah
From: Perry & Katie Somers

Rabbi Samuels – thank you for all you do and for making Aviva's Bat Mitzvah so special
From: Marc Weinstein

Rabbi Samuels – thank you for all you've done for our community
From: Katie Edelstein

Rabbi Samuels
From: Bonnie Stone

Rabbi Samuels – Thank you for Nate and Remy's wonderful B'nei Mitzvah
From: Sarah & Todd Witte

IN HONOR OF:

Miriam & Perry Davids, for their anniversary
From: Vermeda Fred & Rodney Shainbom

* Natalie Ravitsky, on becoming a Bat Mitzvah
 * Nathaniel Witte, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah
 * Jeremiah Witte, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah
From: Patrick Crane

* Nathaniel Witte, on becoming a Bat Mitzvah
 * Jeremiah Witte, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah
From: Steve & Rita Spitzer

* Nicole Samuels – Best Wishes for a Happy Mothers' Day
 * Shoshana Samuels, on the occasion of her 9th birthday
 * Rabbi & Nicole Samuels, on the occasion of their 16th anniversary
 * Rabbi Samuels – Best Wishes for a Happy Fathers' Day
 * Rabbi & Nicole Samuels – Best Wishes for their birthdays
 * Remy & Nate Witte, on becoming B'nei Mitzvah
From: Fran Levy
(Carmichael, CA)

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

Bonnie Stone and family, in loving memory of Alan
From: Paul Blum & Alison Zak

* Donna Malouf (Rancho Mirage), in memory of her partner, Dallas
 * Dr. John Kerner (San Francisco), in memory of his wife, Gwen

From: Rhoda & Peter Samuels
(Rancho Mirage, CA)

Norman Fassler-Katz, (Carmichael, CA) in memory of Larry Katz

From: Fran Levy

CONTRIBUTION FROM:

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Karen Sloss

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DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

Bonnie Stone and family, in loving memory of Alan
From: Debbie & Steve Edelstein
Carol & David Robinson

Jeff Margolis, in loving memory of Amy
From: Carol & David Robinson

GENERAL FUND

IN APPRECIATION TO:

Congregation Beth Israel - thank you for welcoming me [to Shabbat services] as a sojourner with you
From: Rev. Sharon Benton

Melissa Schapiro, for her patience, insight, partnership, and expertise
From: Jesse Math
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Bonnie Stone and family, in loving memory of Alan
From: Jay & Shelley Wolfman

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IN HONOR OF:

* Nathaniel Witte, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah
 * Jeremiah Witte, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah
From: Jodi Litt

IN APPRECIATION TO:

Andrea Shupack and Nicky Naiman, for their outstanding leadership of Kesher this year.
From: Katie Edelstein

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IN APPRECIATION TO:

* Larry Hildes
 * Floyd King
 * Dan Raas
From: Cora Boothby

Our Rabbi and Cantorial Soloist
From: Richard Widerkehr

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From: Steve & Janis Ban

Karen Sloss – In appreciation for the beautiful flowers at Nate and Remy's B'nei Mitzvah
From: Sarah & Todd Witte

IN CELEBRATION OF:

Our daughter Tahlia's Bat Mitzvah
From: Perry & Katie Somers

IN HONOR OF:

Aviva Joy Weinstein, on becoming a Bat Mitzvah
From: Marc Weinstein

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

Bonnie Stone and family, on the loss of beloved husband and father, Alan Stone
From: Rick & Leslie Edelstein
Steve & Janis Ban
Beth Israel Brotherhood
Miriam & Perry Davids
Katie & David Edelstein
Gayle Gordon-Martin & Stephen Martin
Phyllis & Shelly Mazur
Karen Sloss
Sid & Aline Wanne
Joan & Marv Wayne

Ann Suloway, in loving memory of her brother, Mishra Stephen Suloway
From: Karen Sloss

IN MEMORIAM:

To Dan Raas, in loving memory of Debbie
From: Sid & Aline Wanne

COMMEMORATING THE YAHRZEIT OF:

Nathan Lassman, my beloved father
From: Bernice Loober

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Interfaith Coalition's Learning Center

BY LINDSEY MCGUIRK

VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

The Interfaith Coalition is increasing the capacity of our Learning Center. We wish to meet the educational and healthy habit-forming needs of children living in our housing. We want to ensure we have a continuous stock of books for the kiddos to read, take home, fall in love with, learn from, and use to experience all the ways that books can open their minds, expand their vocabularies,

and perhaps even afford them more opportunities. Maybe you can tell from that run-on sentence that I grew up with books, and my love and wonder for reading continues.

The Learning Center provides tutoring to children living in emergency and transitional housing. Books in English and/or Spanish are needed. Early readers, chapter books, young adult novels, books about special

issues and life lessons, books about world cultures, and books that can take a child's imagination to wonderful worlds are all welcome. Please check out our link at www.interfaith-coalition.org/blog/learning-center-for-children-in-our-housing

Any donations of such books would be greatly appreciated!

MY OBSESSION WITH JOY

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when we merge with others. It is the redemption of solitude." (<https://outorah.org/p/26367/>)

What might come naturally for some, the rest of us might have to learn and memorize, like a recipe, trying it again, over and over, until we know it by heart. Here are important ingredients:

- Joy can happen randomly, but it seems to pop in most when there is a preference for it, an interested vigilance, a readiness for laughter, welcoming its manifestations, any place, any time.
- It seems that joy occurs most often when people are together, in caring relationships, and also when they might be alone but are in relationship with where they are in that moment, with what is going on around them.

In these next months before the High Holy Days, I intend to see if I can multiply joy. I just want to try, you know, for the fun of it! Will you join me? We have the ingredients: We are a community, so we have one another to reach out to, as well as our family and friends; we can speak, listen, hang out, do fun stuff, and be good-naturedly curious; most of all, we can laugh, we can cultivate a readiness for being joyful!

I remember the Psalm that says, "Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning" (Psalm 30:6). Of course it comes in the morning, because that's when we are awake and can be with one another! I hope you'll join me in generating joy this summer. When our paths cross in person, please tell me your stories, and we can both share a good laugh together!

1 *Anatomy of an Illness, as Perceived by the Patient*, Norman Cousins; Norton; 1979.

2 *Happier*, Tal Ben-Shahar; McGraw-Hill; 2007.

3 *Choose the Life You Want*, Tal Ben-Shahar; The Experiment; 2014.

4 *The Book of Joy*, The Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu; published by The Dalai Lama Trust, Desmond Tutu and Douglas Abrams, and Penquin; 2014.

Vermeda Fred welcomes contact from anyone who would like to continue this discussion. Please email her at: vmfred08@gmail.com

The SCRIP Program Needs YOU!

The SCRIP program has been a consistent fundraiser for Beth Israel for over a decade. Because of Covid-19, many congregants have chosen to have their groceries delivered and SCRIP cannot be used for home delivery groceries. As more of us are vaccinated and we return to grocery shopping, please consider using SCRIP again or for the first time! These merchants are always available: Haggen, Safeway, Fred Meyer, Food Co-op, and Starbucks. Contact Joan Wayne with questions or to place an order at jawayne2@gmail.com or 360-676-8939.



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BAY Youth Group News

BY AMANDA ROBINS

In a nice turn of events, the BAY youth group was able to hold our last two events of the year in person! For both of these events, eighth graders were invited to join us so they can get a sense of what BAY is like once they're eligible to fully join next year as ninth graders. In May we hosted a tie-dying event. Each teen brought their own clothes to dye, and we also each got to dye a bucket hat! In June, for our final event of the year, we hosted a bonfire and s'mores at the Sokol house, played yard games, and celebrated *havdalah*. BAY will take a break for the summer as kids enjoy time at camp, and will start back up again in August 2021.

The end of this school year will bring some changes for BAY: Amanda and Daniel are stepping down as youth group advisors after five years of working with the teens. The BAY board will also be losing one of its board members, Adin Sokol, who is graduating (congrats Adin!). Below, our current board wanted to share about their experience this year, along with some information about their roles on the board. Toward the end of the summer, likely in August, BAY will hold our annual elections for the BAY teen board. If you or your teen are interested in learning more about BAY leadership, or have any other questions or ideas about BAY, you can email: youthgroup@bethisraelbellingham.org

From **Shalem Blum, BAY President**: Being the President of BAY is a great experience for leadership skills, and you can dip your toes into whatever project anyone is working on. The main aspect is leading the board meetings once a month, and other than that, the job itself is pretty open-ended. I had a lot of fun this year, and highly suggest it.

From **Ben Sommers, Religious and Cultural Vice President**: Despite the hurdles we went through this year, BAY (Bellingham Area Youth) has still been able to do events with teens at Beth Israel. We carved pumpkins, did *havdalah*, played games, talked about the Torah portions, got together to do tie-dye, and we even did an event with another Jewish teen group, Cabit (from Idaho). My position on the youth board is being the religious

and cultural vice president. During events, I usually do *havdalah*, the Shabbat blessing, or write a *drash* for the portion to share with the group.

From **Adin Sokol, Fundraising Vice President**: During the year we had to do many BAY events online because of the pandemic, so we had to get creative with what we did. We did a lot of interactive online video games, a couple scavenger hunts, and some other activities that were suited well for the online world. One highlight from the year was our "Chopped Event," where we had a box of mystery ingredients delivered to each of our houses, and we had to cook something with the ingredients in the box. We were then judged based on presentation and how we described the way it tasted. Another highlight was our last event, which was a bonfire with outdoor games where we made s'mores. Overall it was a memorable year. As the Fundraising Vice President on the BAY Board for this year, I was in charge of coming up with ideas to raise funds for events and community service projects we wanted to do. This year the pandemic made fundraising difficult, but one of the biggest things I've done during my time at BAY was last year, when I helped organize a bake sale that took place before and after Sunday school. The funds raised were put towards buying supplies for help bags for the homeless. In the end, we raised over \$200 for this project but we weren't able to put the bags together because of the start of the pandemic. We have the supplies ready and will work on putting the bags together next year.

There are two other positions on the board that youth may be interested in: Membership Vice President and Social Action Vice President. Since the board was small this year, each of our board members incorporated these roles into theirs. The Social Action Vice President works to bring a social action lens to the work of the youth group and each of our events. The Membership Vice President specializes in outreach and marketing, running the youth group's social media accounts and recruiting new members.

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ing, this will be the first installment of several more to come, though not in close proximity to each other.

During this time, many of your friends will be carrying out some of my weekly rabbinic duties, such as leading Shabbat, delivering *divrei torah*, teaching Torah study, and providing care to congregants. My gratitude goes to Andrea Shupack, Rena Ziegler, Miriam Davids, Roby Blecker, Stuart Berman, and the Ritual and Care Committees. And of course, this could not happen without the support of Mary Somerville and the Executive team, headed by Josh Greenberg. Please note that I will not be regularly checking my voicemail or email.

I am hopeful that when I return in August, our community will be gathering regularly in person and gearing up for the High Holy Days. Beth Israel has so much to look forward to in the coming months, and I am eager to share in all of these experiences with you. In the meantime, I can assure you that our congregation is in good hands, and my hope is that my absence will hardly be noticed. Thank you again for supporting this sacred time for me. I have no doubt that it will be a time of growth and renewal.

RABBI JOSHUA SAMUELS

CBI Outdoor Adventure Group

Summer is here! The best weather in the region! Sunshine, pleasant temperatures, dry skies. Let's get outside and enjoy it together! We will aim for six events, three in Whatcom County and three in Skagit County.

There will be three levels of adventures:

- 1. Hikes** – For those who want a robust (though not death-defying) experience in the mountains.
- 2. Walks** – Did you know that there are at least 43 walks in the region? We will pick easy walks for those who want to be in nature but don't want to stress their bodies too much, or who have younger kids who might enjoy this level of activity.
- 3. Parks** – For those who would rather sit quietly, or who have little kids who would not do well on a walk, we could meet at a park, be together and get the benefits of being outside.

Being outside is good for you. It boosts your immune system, relieves stress, and it's Covid-friendly! For further information, or if you might want to organize one of these casual outings, please contact Miriam Schwartz at pieface880@gmail.com.

STEVE AND JANIS BAN

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Born in Budapest, Steve escaped with his family to Austria, then traveled by bus, train, and boat to New York City in 1957. They settled in University City, MO, a St. Louis suburb, where he said he "made up for the lack of a Jewish identity earlier in life." His father served as cantor for a large congregation and expected Steve to observe Shabbat, holiday customs, and Kashrut and to lead the whole service at his bar mitzvah.

His religious participation flagged in college. He graduated from Washington University in St. Louis with a degree in electrical engineering, but his best friend, knowing Steve had loved working with children as a counselor, pointed him to medical school. In his senior year, he dipped into biological sciences, then graduated from Northwestern Medical School in Chicago as a pediatrician.

He met Janis when they both worked in the adolescent section at the University of Wisconsin hospital. As social worker, she was present when interns gave him the information about patients. As Steve tells it: "After the first such conference, Jan sidled up to me and said, 'Dr. Ban, I don't understand those fancy medical terms that you doctors use, but I do need to know how each patient is doing each day. So, after you are finished discussing a patient, could you give me a thumbs up if the patient is improving, a thumbs down if getting worse, and a horizontal thumb if there is no change?' I correctly interpreted this exchange to have little to do with medicine and everything to do with starting a new relationship! The rest, as they say, is history."

They married in 1976 and have three daughters: Rachel, 43, has a Masters in Social Work and lives in Maine with her husband and their two daughters and one son; Julia, 41, works for the U.S. Border Patrol in

Blaine; and Miriam, 39, is a fifth-grade teacher in Mt. Vernon and has a toddler son, Gabor, who is named after Steve's great-grandmother's brother, who died at six months of age in Auschwitz.

In Bellingham Steve practiced medicine until he retired in 2015. At the synagogue, Steve's attachment to Judaism increased. "We were particularly attracted to the friendly, nonjudgmental attitudes of the congregants, in contrast to the large, impersonal, and inflexible nature of the big-city synagogues of our youth," Steve said.

Steve said his most compelling travel was visiting Auschwitz three times. His late mother, Noémi, a Holocaust survivor, had steadfastly traveled around Washington State to speak about it. Actually traveling back to Auschwitz with her and his daughters was "difficult but a meaningful experience, as we witnessed my mom returning to that place of horror as both a survivor and a free person."

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 2

Harold Korn	7/3
Cora Quiggle	7/3
Ralph Weill	7/3
William Beck	7/4
Seymour Karpas	7/4
Abraham Kassen	7/4
Virginia Hunter	7/5
Seymour Pecarsky	7/5
Jack Meyers	7/6
Lisa Furth	7/7
Linda Kleinfeld	7/8
Leaine (Lee) Farkas	7/9
Gary Snyder	7/9
Sandra Wilson	7/9

Friday, July 9

Alan Mazonson	7/10
Gail Siskind Sternlicht	7/10
Helen L. Bean	7/11
Arthur Miller	7/12
Sylvia Glass	7/13
Philip Kahn	7/13
Dottie Leonard	7/13
Rose Marks	7/13
Annie Schwartz	7/13
Sydney Goldman	7/14
Walter Mayers	7/14
Willard Brown	7/15
Kathleen Clendenen	7/16
David Frantz	7/16
Josefina Pombo de Rubiano	7/16
Alfred Steinmetz	7/16

Friday, July 16

Joseph Folk	7/18
Robert B. Hanley	7/18
Sophie Streitman	7/19
Harriet Miles Bryant	7/20
Jacob Berger	7/21
William Fox	7/21
Norman Codd	7/22
Edith DeVisser	7/23
Manny Hildes	7/23
Fred (Fritz) London	7/23

Friday, July 23

Ira Benjamin Dement	7/24
Marvin Tartak	7/24
Sophie Altose	7/25
Berte Fischel	7/25
Cynthia Kendal	7/27
Simon Sokol	7/27
Joseph Bernstein	7/28
Charles Cohen	7/28
Steven Cohen	7/28
Martha Rosenthal	7/30
Shirley Zell	7/30

Friday, July 30

Bernard M. "Bun" Jaffe	7/31
Norbert Cohen	8/1
Betty Bloomfield	8/4
Goldie Dorfman	8/5
Joseph Feiger	8/5
Abraham Luster	8/5
Arthur J. Miller	8/5
Merrie Schriro	8/5
Stanley Holtzman	8/6
Kaufman Katz	8/6

Friday, August 6

Sarah M. Gordon	8/7
Mary Ann Perper	8/7
Rose Horowitz	8/8
Daniel Kushner	8/8
Janet Miller	8/8
Wally Moritz	8/9
James Bourne	8/11
Laura Netka	8/12
Keith Baker	8/13
Francine Hoch	8/13

Friday, August 13 and Saturday, August 14

Max Glass	8/14
Richard Gorelick	8/14
Reta Kahn	8/14
Dinah Godfrey	8/15
William (Billy) B. Davids	8/16
Harold A. Schwartz	8/17
Nancy Zisook	8/17
Sol Hamburger	8/18
Liam Balton	8/19
Rose Z. Blecker	8/19
Leonard Katz	8/19

Louis Thal	8/19
Jack Wilson	8/19
Mary Warshal Glazer	8/20
Shirley Simmons	8/20
Melanie Smith	8/20
Josef Zimmerman	8/20

Friday, August 20

Rhea Frantz	8/21
Yitzhak Turovitz	8/21
Hella Elaine Weill Lyon	8/21
Rose Lassman	8/23
Sheldon Miller	8/23
Martin Wikes	8/23
Joe Lebovich	8/24
Jose Pereira Assuncao	8/25
Betty Schwartz	8/25
Sara Shaw	8/25
Lilian Suslow	8/25
Janet Koplowitz	8/27

Friday, August 27

Max Feldman	8/28
Lilly Weiss	8/28
Henry Gordon	8/29
Brooklyn Keefe	8/29
Nora Keefe	8/29
Lenore Lackowitz	8/29
Miriam "Mimi" Segre	8/29
Sadie Adelstein-Meyerson	8/30
Morton Stahlberg	8/30
Louise Greenberg	8/31
Rebecca Shapira de Lindner	9/1
Ted Zak	9/1
Blossom Becker	9/2
Robert Siegfried	9/2
Blythe Cole Busch	9/3
Rita J. Witte	9/3

In Memoriam

Zichronam l'vrachiah ~ May their memories be for a blessing

We mourn the passing of two members of the Beth Israel family, and offer heartfelt condolences to their loved ones:

Alan Stone, who died on April 28, 2021, with Bonnie, his wife of 68 years, and his children and grandchildren at his side. He was 92 years old. Alan was very active in the life of our congregation. A past Board President, he served as chair of the Beth Israel Brotherhood for many years and was actively involved until he and Bonnie moved to Seattle in 2016.

Perry S. Davids, who died on June 4, 2021 at the age of 70. A native of Alberta, Canada, Perry became an American citizen in 2010. He is survived by his wife, Miriam, his daughter, Cory, and son Ben, three grandchildren, and an extended circle of friends across the US and Canada.

Our congregation offers heartfelt condolences to the following individuals and their families:

Larry Hildes on the loss of his cousin, **Hilda Stewart**, who passed away on May 24, 2021.

Steven Cohen and family on the loss of his mother, **Joanne Cohen**, who passed away on June 12, 2021 in Pittsburgh, PA.

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**Kesher's Annual
Bayside Pool Party is
Sunday, August 15th
9:30 - 11:30**

502 Clark Rd. Bellingham
Bring brunch food to share (no glass dishes)



**Community Hike
Sunday, August 29th
10:00 AM
Meet at the Synagogue Gate**