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FROM THE RABBI

## Jew of Oklahoma Blends Southern, Yiddish Traditions

Americana musician Mark Rubin performs at CBI July 27

Living in Bellingham, in the far northwest corner of the continental U.S., we often talk about how hard it is to be Jewish — from serious issues like anti-Semitic vandalism, to the annual search for matza and Chanukah candles at local stores. But Mark Rubin will tell you, with his banjo and a good dose of humor, that it's hard to be a "Jew of Oklahoma."

Come hear his original Americana music and his story at 7:00 pm Thursday, July 27, 2023, at Congregation Beth Israel.

Rubin, Oklahoma-born, Texas-reared, and now living in New Orleans, is an unabashed Southern Jew, known equally for his muscular musicianship and larger-than-life persona, according to his website. Over an accomplished four-decade career, he has accompanied or produced a virtual who's-who of American traditional music, while straddling numerous musical genres, including Country, Western Swing, Bluegrass, Cajun, Tex-Mex, Polka, Klezmer, Roma, and more.

His credits in the Jewish music world include stints with Frank London's



Klezmer Brass All-Stars, The Other Europeans, and Andy Statman, as well as two decades on faculty at KlezKamp and a featured performer at Toronto's Ashkenaz Festival. Since 2015 he has released three albums of original material reflecting the confluence of his Southern and Jewish heritages as the "Jew of Oklahoma." His most recent release, "The Triumph of Assimilation," debuted at #14 on the Billboard Bluegrass Chart. His previous solo albums are "Southern Discomfort," (2015) and "Songs for the Hangman's Daughter" (2017).

Rubin describes his music as "Southern Americana from a Jewish

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## Jewish All-Stars – in Baseball, That Is!



July and August are my favorite months of the year. No, it's not because Keshet is no longer in session on Sundays.

(How could

you possibly think that?!?) I love these summer months because they are right smack dab in the middle of baseball season. Not only do I get to watch Eytan play in his own games throughout the summer, but my family loves attending Mariners and Bells games as often as we can. Outside of a beach vacation, I can't think of many things more relaxing than sitting at the ballpark and taking in a game. This year is particularly exciting because the MLB All-Star game — and its week-long activities — will be hosted by the Seattle Mariners! All Stars in the Pacific Northwest!

Anyone who has spent time in my study has noticed a big, framed picture of mostly former Major Leaguers with the title, "Jews in Baseball." Believe it or not, our people have made some considerable

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*From the President...*

## Message from Congregation President Jodi Litt

I never imagined becoming a member of the Board of Directors, let alone president, when I joined Congregation Beth Israel about 30 years ago. My soon-to-be husband Brad and I had moved to Bellingham, escaping the traffic and frantic pace of our lives in Seattle. When both of our Seattle employers offered us positions in Bellingham, we jumped. We were on upward career trajectories and figured we would stay in Bellingham for a couple of years and then move along. Instead, we fell in love with the outdoor-centered lifestyle and bought our first home in the Columbia neighborhood, making the Broadway location of CBI very convenient. The first service I attended was Rosh Hashanah, and I was struck by how much the building reminded me of my grandparents' Orthodox *shul* in South Bend, Indiana. It was small, dark and smelled mildly of moth balls. It also had the familiar balcony where, in my youth, we girls and mothers sat together to pray during our summer visits.

When I arrived at our CBI Broadway location, I found it odd that people greeted me as I walked in the door! Coming from a large Conservative *shul* in Seattle where kids were seen but not heard, the friendliness was foreign. It felt strange to have CBI leaders asking me if I wanted to join or get involved, and it made me squirm with discomfort. I just wanted to see what the one synagogue in Bellingham was like, and I wasn't sure how being in a Reform congregation would sit with me.

I stepped away for many years until eventually I set foot back inside; I wanted a Jewish community for my kids and was tired of *schlepping* to Seattle to get my Jewish fix. Still, I felt like I didn't fit in. You see, I was a full-time professional traveling about 70% of the month. When I was home

I wanted to spend every minute with my two young boys, Elliott and Max; I devoted most of my time at home to our being together as a family. While I truly wanted to deepen my relationship to a Jewish community, being on the road is hard and developing relationships takes time — time that I didn't have. I continued my on-again off-again relationship until about 10 years ago, when I was invited to join the Nominating Committee. I started helping out using what I like to call a 'laser approach.' I would gladly raise my hand if the commitment level or task was finite. The meeting requirements matched my schedule and desire to stay connected without committing too much of my precious free time.

I tell you this tale because over the years I haven't felt particularly connected with many in our community. While I lacked the time, my desire to be involved has remained constant. I just struggled to find a path that matched my interests and availability. As my sons grew, I found that life on the road had become tedious and I ached to be home more. I finally left corporate life 4 years ago, and now I have time.

It is my hope that in the coming two years you will find me available and present for conversations about CBI or the Jewish world here or abroad. Perhaps we might strike up a conversation about sports, health and fitness, or travel — a few of my passions. Hit me up for a cup of coffee or call my name when you see me wandering about at a service, or on a Sunday morning at *Tefillah* preceding Keshar. I humbly and joyfully offer my time and heart to do this sacred work at CBI and look forward to developing enduring connections within our precious CBI Jewish community.

JODI LITT  
PRESIDENT

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*From the Keshet Center for Jewish Learning*

# Reflections of the Past Year at Keshet

BY VICTORIA MAYERS

It has been an amazing year for our Keshet admin team and staff. Over this last year we have made a significant effort to incorporate more hands-on activities and implement lessons to accommodate all learning styles. At this time I'd like to share all the adaptations and improvements we've made within Keshet over the last year.

1. We added a Music and a Hebrew language specialist, which created more relevant activities and enhanced projects for our students. This also provided our teachers with a bit of a break.
2. Our Volunteer Program offered a strong support network for our school. CBI community members answered the call for help and arrived weekly to interact within our educational programs. We had volunteers read stories, teach challah baking, assist with planting plants, create a virtual Israel tour for K-2 graders, help coordinate holiday events, monitor tables for Mitzvah Day, donate time for carpools, help make s'mores by the fire pit, and pass out ice cream cones for Shavuot; furthermore, many of our CBI congregants made donations for the Value Village sale. Without our volunteers' support, our Keshet program would not be as enriched and outright fun. Thank you to all who made the effort to spend time with our youth.
3. Our Sunday afternoon Guest Speaker Program was well received by participants. "Thank you for offering adult educational programs" was mentioned several times by those who came out to hear our presenters. Watch out for more adult educational presentations as they'll be starting back up in the fall of 2023.
4. Our MASSA program is still going strong. CBI MASSA students raised over \$5,000 from fundraising in just one year of operation; all the pooled money goes towards their own travel tickets. Monthly learning sessions included extensive studies on Israeli history and modern Jewish culture. The students attended two online zoom classes presented by professionals on modern Israel and how it got here. The group visited the Seattle Holocaust Center in a preplanned field trip. Classes will resume on September 10 for another full year with the cohort traveling to Israel on June 24, 2024.
5. Leah Bordman has drastically improved the overall Keshet newsletter. Her weekly e-news informational newsletters made it much easier to find critical information. Plus they are much more elaborate and colorful, yet much simpler to read.
6. She has also created a useful scheduling plan that allows Keshet to rotate classes through specialists and enables students to migrate through stations and holiday projects more efficiently. Making a schedule provided the structure required for time management when days get very busy. This contribution is a huge component to keeping everything structured and organized.
7. The *Madrichim* program will continue next year. This program provides our teens the opportunity to remain connected to CBI and keeps them active in our community. It is a great thing to see teens wanting to continue coming to Keshet and participate in Jewish education.

We look forward to continuing to improve our programs, increase our enrollment, and provide the best Jewish education opportunities possible. Please consider joining our Volunteer Program next year. Thank you for your ongoing support for our youth.

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## Bar Mitzvah



**Eytan Levy Samuels** will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on August 19, 2023. He is the son of Rabbi Joshua and Nicole Samuels, and the brother of Shoshana Samuels. Eytan will be entering the eighth grade at Fairhaven Middle School this fall. Eytan is a sports enthusiast with baseball as his true love. He pitches

and plays middle infield for his team, the Mudcats. Eytan loves going to Bells games, collecting baseball cards, and following his and his dad's favorite team, the San Francisco Giants. During the winter season he pivots to basketball, playing for both Fairhaven Middle and the Bayhawks. Eytan has also enjoyed competing in Future Problem Solvers and taking tech classes at school.

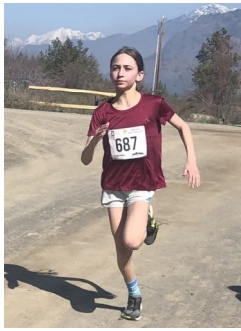
*The Samuels family invites you to join them in this simcha:*

**SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE**  
Friday, August 18, 2023 at 6:15 pm

**SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE**  
Saturday, August 19, 2023 at 10:00 am  
Kiddush lunch afterward in the Social Hall

If you are planning to attend the Saturday service and Kiddush lunch, please RSVP to [samuelsbmitzvah@gmail.com](mailto:samuelsbmitzvah@gmail.com)  
\*No gifts necessary\*

## Bat Mitzvah



**Nóra Caitríona Seltz** will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on August 26, 2023. She is the daughter of Jennifer Seltz and Niall Ó Murchú and the favorite sister of Laoise Seltz. Nóra will be entering eighth grade at Whatcom Middle School. She loves most sports, especially swimming with Bellingham Bay Swim Team, and running cross-country and track at

school. When she is not outside or in the pool, she loves

to make art and to read. Nóra's mitzvah project includes making hundreds of pins for Planned Parenthood to promote reproductive rights and safe healthcare for women.

*Nóra's family invites you to join them in celebration of this simcha:*

**SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE**  
Friday, August 25, 2023 at 7:30 pm

**SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE**  
Saturday, August 26, 2023 at 10:00 am

## The Kvelling Corner

Welcome to our new associate members!

- **Mark and Judy Konikoff** – Lafayette, LA and Bellingham, WA

Our CBI family is growing! Welcome to the newest, youngest members of the Beth Israel community, and Mazal Tov to all:

Kesher Co-Director, Youth Group Director, and Shabbat songleader Leah Bordman and husband Brandon welcomed their son **Bailey Bordman** to the family on April 26, 2023.

**Felix Leo Schlitt Zarrow** was born on May 5, 2023 to Sarah Zarrow and David Schlitt. Their (almost) three-year-old son Jacob is now a proud big brother!

On May 6, 2023, Samantha and Thalen Cambo greeted daughter **Evangeline Ester Cambo** as the newest member of their family. Evangeline is the granddaughter of Mark and Teresa Sommers, and the niece of Michael, Benjamin, Rebekah, and Xavier Sommers.

## From the Social Action Committee

# Continuing Activities To Serve Our Community

BY LINDA BLACKWELL

A Whatcom-wide event is planned at the synagogue for July 29 at 5:00 pm. The event, OneWhatcom, is a collaboration between Congregation Beth Israel, the Sikhs' communities' Chardi Kala Project, BetterTogether Lynden, and Connect Ferndale. These anti-racist groups wanted to honor Noémi Ban and also offer support as our Jewish community faces the rise of anti-Semitism. Sponsorship is coming from the Mt. Baker Foundation and the Whatcom Community Foundation.

There will be a few speakers including Rabbi Samuels; however, the goal of the evening is to make connections, create and deepen friendships between our organizations, share a meal and come together as a community to fight hate crimes. Attendance is limited to 120 people (age 9 and older). You can register for the event [here](#).

The social action book group will meet Wednesday August 23 at 6:00 pm in person at the synagogue. Two books will be discussed. All ages are encouraged to attend. The first book is a graphic novel, *When Stars are Scattered*, by Omar Mohamed and Victoria Jamieson. The book is about two young brothers who are living in a refugee camp, having fled the war in Somalia. They have been separated from their mother, and in the story you

see them grow up in the camp as they wait, with desperate hope, to be selected for resettlement in North America. The second book is *The Displaced — Refugee Writers on Refugee Lives* edited by Pulitzer Prize-winner Viet Thanh Nguyen who called on 17 fellow refugee writers from across the globe to shed light on their experiences. The result is *The Displaced*, a powerful dispatch from the individual lives behind current headlines, with proceeds to support the International Rescue Committee (IRC). Both books are at the Bellingham Library and are also excellent in audio-format. A few copies can be borrowed by contacting Linda Blackwell.

We are still collecting household items for refugees. Please place your donations in the baskets at the back of the social hall. These donations will be delivered to the local World Relief Organization by the end of July.

The Pride Parade of Bellingham will be held on Sunday, July 9 at 11:00 am. The parade will start at Waypoint Park 1145 Granary Ave. There will be a Pride Festival at the Depot Market following the parade. Information will be published in the *Timbre!* on how congregants can participate together.

## Anniversaries

July 1	Dashka & Jacob Garretson	(# 16)	Aug. 1	Alyson & Brooke Kassen	(# 13)
July 2	Orly & Oleg Ravitsky	(# 17)	Aug. 1	Jerry Witley & Mary Knight	(# 13)
July 3	Robin & Bert Curtis	(# 52)	Aug. 2	Sylvia & John Williams	(# 8)
July 3	Warren Rosenthal & Amy Whiting	(# 36)	Aug. 4	Josh Greenberg & Anita Meyer	(# 27)
July 3	Andrea & Josh Shupack	(# 18)	Aug. 6	Dan Ohms & Janine Shaw	(# 23)
July 6	Rebecca & Tom Oliver	(# 26)	Aug. 9	Miah & John LaMont	(# 8)
July 7	Yaniv & Meredith Attar	(# 16)	Aug. 11	Serge Lindner & Deborah Oksenberg	(# 21)
July 7	Gayle & Matthew Kinney	(# 16)	Aug. 13	Tamar & Shawn Clarke	(# 23)
July 9	Vermeda Fred & Rodney Shainbom	(# 6)	Aug. 14	Kevin Donner & Angie Lee	(# 19)
July 9	Meghan Galvin & Cody Fay	(# 12)	Aug. 15	Isaac & Wendy Blum	(# 25)
July 9	Gregg Orlik & Howard Fuller	(# 15)	Aug. 15	Henry Curme & Karen Bailor	(# 8)
July 9	Mark & Helen Packer	(# 28)	Aug. 15	Ray Wolpov & Diane Leigh	(# 22)
July 9	Ted & Penny Schuman	(# 56)	Aug. 16	Mark & Teresa Sommers	(# 21)
July 10	Anna & Noah Booker	(# 24)	Aug. 17	Margaret Bikman & Jay Saxton	(# 48)
July 11	Cierra & Peter Burkill	(# 3)	Aug. 19	Shala Erlich & Warren Cornwall	(# 22)
July 12	Gary & Trisha Adelstein	(# 36)	Aug. 20	L.K. Langley & Lindsay Wells	(# 18)
July 13	Sara Geballe & Steve James	(# 15)	Aug. 20	Ken & Regan Levinson	(# 17)
July 18	Christoph & Geraldine Reitz	(# 31)	Aug. 20	Alexis & Brian Gentry	(# 24)
July 19	Ruth & Arthur Ingberman	(# 67)	Aug. 21	Gayle Gordon-Martin & Stephen Martin	(# 36)
July 21	David & Katie Edelstein	(# 50)	Aug. 24	Kayla Schott-Bresler & Ian McCurdy	(# 10)
July 21	Andrew Schwarz & Leslie Garrison	(# 10)	Aug. 25	Warren & Marybeth Taranow	(# 27)
July 26	Jack & Karen Fisher	(# 50)	Aug. 25	Shelley & Jay Wolfman	(# 53)
July 30	Orly Ziv-Maxim & Tom Maxim	(# 27)	Aug. 26	Miriam & Greg Schwartz	(# 22)

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

# Reflecting on the CBI 2023 Israel Tour, March 30-April 9

BY EMILY WEINER

There must have been a dozen places in Israel where we walked on paving stones laid by the Roman conquerors. It wasn't that I hadn't known before I traveled this spring that the Roman Empire had taken *Eretz Yisrael* from my Jewish ancestors. But walking on those Roman-laid paving stones somehow made it real, somehow connected me in a new way to why my grandparents were born in Eastern Europe and not in Jerusalem.

We also saw evidence of where communities of Jews managed to stay in the Holy Land when my own ancestors couldn't, or who managed to return many centuries ago.

I certainly knew before this trip that in the decades before it became the State of Israel in 1948, and increasingly since then, *Eretz Yisrael* has been gathering in Jews from around the world whose diaspora homes were dangerous because of anti-Semitism. When we landed in Tel Aviv, we were guided through customs by a young man whose family had moved to Israel from Tashkent, Uzbekistan. He told me his Jewish ancestors had moved to Tashkent from Iran, and before that had lived in what is now Iraq, probably since the Babylonian Exile. Oh yes, I had long ago learned about the Babylonian Exile in 586 BC, but I will never forget that in Tel Aviv I met a young Israeli whose parents returned from the Babylonian Exile in the late twentieth century.

On the first night of Pesach, we celebrated with hundreds of other Jews — mostly Israelis — in the huge dining room of our Tel Aviv hotel. Noisy, spirited, and chaotic, the seder was led by a dynamic young rabbi who paced up and down the long aisle that separated the immense buffet along one long wall of the dining room from about a hundred tables.

This seder was a tourist's perfect people-watching opportunity, and one striking thing I saw was Jewish Israelis with skin color every shade from dark to light, often around the same tables and within the same families. The idea that Jews are "white" is now laughable to me. We are a rainbow of humanity.

And here's what I heard: The entire seder was conducted in Hebrew (although our group was provided a *Haggadah* with some English translation). Of course, I was familiar with some of the blessings, and it was a joy to pray together. Even more amazing was to listen to the Israelis — from children through elders — reading the *Haggadah* in their own language. I began to understand that by adopting (and adapting) the language of our liturgy and our sacred texts as the everyday, official language, the State of Israel has transformed the relationship with our liturgy and

sacred texts of half the Jews in the world. I know that many members of CBI read Hebrew fluently during services, and that many members do understand at least the gist of particular prayers—and that is the level of Hebrew knowledge that I have embarked on a path to achieve. I dare to hazard a guess, though, that even among the CBI members who read Hebrew fluently, except for Israelis, only a few are understanding every word of Hebrew while saying those words. At the Tel Aviv seder (and at the Shabbat morning Reform service that David Zimmerman and I attended with the Shupack family in Jerusalem), I was surrounded by Israelis for whom every word was in their own language. I began to understand the investment that the Israeli government and its friends put into *Ulpanim* (intensive Hebrew classes), especially for new immigrants. The State of Israel's way of overcoming the language barrier between ordinary Jews and our liturgy and sacred texts truly feels to me to be a miracle.

Conversely, although all Israeli road signs and museum explanations are printed in Hebrew, Arabic, and English, I was delighted to discover that even my own rudimentary knowledge of prayer Hebrew let me read some signs in Hebrew.

Our tour was jam-packed: In Jerusalem we had the opportunity to pray at the Western Wall, view the Dome of the Rock, visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and shop in the *Machane Yehuda* Market ("the *Shuk*"). We floated in the Dead Sea; climbed (or took the cable car up) Masada; visited so, so many museums (include Yad Vashem, ANU, the Yitzhak Rabin Center, and the Shrine of the Book); drove through the West Bank; stayed in the Galilee Astoria Hotel in Tiberius, which was founded (and is still run) by a family of German Jews who fled the Nazis in 1933; visited the Church of the Beatitudes, believed to be the setting for Jesus' Sermon on the Mount; ate fantastic meals in restaurants and hotels; toured Crusader fortresses and sites of Muslim military victories; explored Haifa, Tzvat (Safed), and the Druze village Daliyat el Carmel; walked through the ruins of Caesarea and other examples of Herod's architectural wonders; and sat on ancient toilets. In Tiberius, I felt compelled to set out on my own to swim in the Galilee. Walking back to our hotel I happened upon the tomb of Rambam and got to pay my respects (from the women's side). Most of us waded into or swam in the Mediterranean Sea, as well as the springs of Ein Gedi. Some of us visited with friends or relatives. And so much more!

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# Congratulations to Our 2023 Graduates!



**Shalem Blum** is a proud graduate of Bellingham High School. He is looking forward to summer road trips and adventures with friends. Shalem is attending Washington State University with a preliminary interest to study Journalism and Media Production.



**Ezra Carter Price** graduated with honors from Bellingham High School on June 10, 2023. This fall Ezra will be attending Western Washington University as a member of the Honors College where he plans to major in computer science. He will also be playing violin in the WWU String

Sinfonia on campus. Ezra is the son of proud parents Alisa Sachs and Mark Price and older brother [or big brother] of Liza Jane Price.

Sarah and Norman DesRosiers are proud and excited to announce the graduation of **Navah Mae DesRosiers** from Mount Baker Senior High, Class of 2023. Navah's High School journey has taken her all over the country. She returned home to complete her senior year and looks forward to attending Bellingham Technical College this fall where she plans to pursue a career in Dental Hygiene.



**Samantha Schwartz**, daughter of Miriam and Greg, will be attending Western Washington University in the fall, after graduating from Bellingham High School. She is interested in costume design and scientific fields, and looks forward to exploring the options. She will be performing in the

musical *Legally Blonde* this summer, as well as being a counselor at Camp Kalsman for the third session.



**Asher Suloway-Baker** earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Media Studies from The New School. He is employed as the Marketing Coordinator for ServiceMonster and lives in Bellingham. Asher's proud parents are Ann Suloway and Tim Baker.



**Max Johnson**, son of Jodi Litt and Brad Johnson, graduated in June from the University of Oregon with a Business Administration degree with an emphasis in Finance. Max will spend the summer working in Colorado in the residential solar industry, which he has done for the past couple

of summers, before moving to Seattle this fall. Max maintained a strong GPA and played multiple sports including intermural basketball and volleyball and even found time to try out for the U of O Men's NCAA basketball team. This spring he has worked to onboard and train new team members for his summer employer in between rounds of golf.



**Nadia Mazonson** graduated from Sedro Woolley High School in June and will be attending Brown University in the fall. She plans to study comparative literature and linguistics. She is the daughter of Nora and Alan (Z"L) Mazonson.

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# Faces in Our Community: Erin and Steve Cohen

BY LINDA HIRSH

*“Single Jewish male looking for single Jewish female who loves walking in the rain.”*

Hmm, Erin thought, and answered the poetic personal “on a lark.” “That ‘what-the-heck’ blind date turned into a solid bond,” said Erin Cohen. Husband Steve finished Erin’s thought: “Little did we know over 30 years later, we would still be walking in the rain,” he said.

Erin and Steve were married on June 19, 1988 — two years to the day after that first date. They now have two children, Michael, 31, who lives in Seattle, and Rachel, 28, who lives in Denver.

How does such an iffy turn-of-event blossom into the flower of a 35-year marriage? It helps that they had some commonalities to begin with: Both were raised in Pittsburgh, but didn’t meet until their early twenties. Both went to separate, although Conservative, synagogues there.

College scattered them — Erin to Washington University in St. Louis, where she got a bachelor’s degree in psychology. Steve graduated from Drexel University in Philadelphia with a Bachelor’s of Emergency Medical Services. They met back in Pittsburgh.

Steve’s 40-year career as a paramedic began in dramatic fashion — witnessing his father’s heart attack. He started as a volunteer Emergency Medical Technician in a Pittsburgh suburb. His education at Drexel University prepared him for his dream job as a paramedic for the city of Pittsburgh. Once at the top there, he and



Erin and Steve Cohen

Erin moved to Philadelphia for six years, to advance Steve’s career.

Philadelphia wasn’t the last move they took. After that, Steve became Chief of Emergency Medical Services in Cary, North Carolina for 19 years where they lived in Raleigh. His current job is as a Whatcom County EMS Training Specialist.

The family moved here in 2020 — yet another big decision for them since “the east coast has been our mainstay,” Erin said.

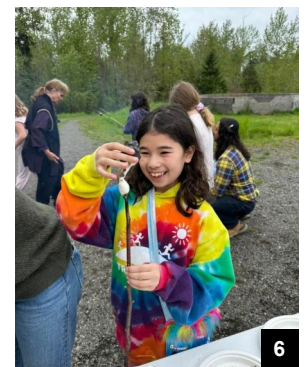
First, they flew to Bellingham with their children. “We spent a few days studying the area, and we fell in love

with the beauty of the bay and the mountains,” she said.

Steve started working for Congregation Beth Israel member Marv Wayne, an emergency room doctor. “Steve arrived in Bellingham with an exceptional EMS background,” Marv said. “However, the greatest skill he brought has been his ability to continuously challenge me to be a better EMS Leader. Thank you, Steve.”

Marv’s wife, Joan, sent the *Timbrel* to them. They joined immediately. Joan welcomed Erin into the syna-

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1. Katie Erikson and children Meadow and Chase conversion ceremony. 2. Miriam Buckman teaching at Tikkun Leil Shavuot. 3. Teacher appreciation ceremony. 4. New CBI babies Bailey Bordman and Evangeline Cambo with their parents. 5. CBI at the Kalsman Shabbaton. 6. Mara Donner roasting marshmallows at Keshet's Lag B'omer. 7. *Gan Yeladim* celebrating Lag B'omer. 8. Shy Gentry and Theo Somers enjoying ice cream for Shavuot at Keshet. 9. Fifth graders celebrating Shavuot at Keshet. 10. Israel trip group at Caesarea National park (including Alexa, our guide, in cow hat). 11. Carol, Bobbie, Valeria, Victoria, and Emily take a Dead Sea mud bath. 12. Eight of the traveling *havurah* at Masada.

## JEW OF OKLAHOMA

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POV. To me being a Jew means being socially conscious as well. And I like to think of myself working in the same vein as my fellow Okies Woody Guthrie and Will Rogers.” When it comes to his songwriting influences he name-checks country hit maker Harlan Howard and the Polish-Yiddish poet Mordechai Gebertig; “I’ll reckon I’m the only place where both those worlds reside in equal measure,” he notes.

The Oklahoman newspaper featured Rubin on the release of his 2021 album, “The Triumph of Assimilation.”

“Rubin fuses folk protest songs, traditional Jewish music, rich sonic influences of his adopted hometown of New Orleans and even Yiddish poetry he personally translated to English,” the Oklahoman wrote.

One such song is “My Resting Place,” which his album notes say is based on “Mayn Rue Platz,” by the American Morris Rosenfeld, known as the Yiddish “poet laureate of the slum and the sweatshop.” It was written to commemorate the victims of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire in New York City, in 1911.

“Music is the transmitter. I like to think of music as kind of the tortilla, the frybread, that you put your ingredients on to

kind of serve the meal,” Rubin told the Oklahoman. “One of the things ‘The Triumph of Assimilation’ has to do with is the difference between the music of my nurture versus the music of my nature.”

In 1990 Rubin and banjo virtuoso Danny Barnes formed the ground-breaking Americana pioneers Bad Livers, ushering in a generation of alternative bluegrass and acoustic bands, many who reference the group as their greatest influence.

Today, Rubin lives and works as a professional musician playing tenor banjo with the Panorama Jazz Band in New Orleans and makes a study of the musical traditions and cultures of South Louisiana. He continues to be a first-call tuba and bassist in the Yiddish Klezmer community, performing nationally and internationally. He recently took a position at the Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience where he jokes that he’s an exhibit.

Concert tickets are \$18 and are available online at [bethisraelbellingham.org](http://bethisraelbellingham.org) or at the door.

Learn more about Mark Rubin at [jewofoklahoma.com](http://jewofoklahoma.com)

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## FROM THE RABBI

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contributions to the sport since the early days in the mid-nineteenth century. We’ve all heard of Sandy Koufax and how he sat out Game 1 of the 1965 World Series since it fell on Yom Kippur. He had also sat out Game 4 of the 1959 World Series when that fell on Rosh Hashanah. And he even requested to skip his start on April 22 of that same year because it was the first night of Passover. When he talked about not suiting up on Yom Kippur, Koufax said, “I’m praying for rain Wednesday. It has to rain. It would solve the whole matter.” I love that Sandy, arguably the best pitcher in baseball then, chose to honor Yom Kippur and thus become an even greater role model for American Jews.

Hank Greenberg, one of my all-time favorite players, was a star on the Detroit Tigers throughout the 1930s and first half of the 1940s. Greenberg served in the U.S. military fighting in World War II for three years during the height of his fame. Even though Jews were allowed to play in the Majors, life wasn’t easy for Greenberg. Almost daily, fans would shout anti-Semitic taunts whenever he set foot on the field to bat. One of his teammates once stated that next to Jackie Robinson, no one in the game had ever taken more abuse than Greenberg. Nevertheless, Greenberg rose above the taunts and heckling and used them to fuel his greatness on the field. One of his most famous quotes came after he retired in 1947, when

he said, “Every home run I hit was a home run against Hitler.” After his playing career, Greenberg worked in the front office for the Cleveland Indians and brought more African-American players on the team than any other Major League executive, one of them Larry Doby, the first Black player to integrate the American League.

And lastly, there’s Moe Berg. Once called the “strangest man ever to play baseball” by Casey Stengel, Berg wins the prize for leading the most interesting life of any ballplayer, Jewish or otherwise. Moe was born in 1902 to Russian-Jewish immigrant parents. He excelled in baseball as a young man, but he excelled even more in academics. He attended Princeton University, studying classical and Romance languages and it’s said that he became fluent in 12 languages. After he graduated, Berg signed with the Brooklyn Robins but also entered Columbia Law School, eventually receiving his law degree in 1930. In 1934, the U.S. government recruited Berg as a spy. One of his missions included an extended period of time in Nazi Germany, where he helped arrange for the capture of several prominent German atomic scientists by U.S. troops. Talk about courage!

The voting is underway for the 2023 MLB All-Star Rosters as I write this. Two Jewish player stars have a good chance to be selected. What a homerun that would be! Baseball might just be a game to some, but to me, it’s a source of inspiration as a Jew and as an American.

RABBI JOSHUA SAMUELS

## REFLECTING ON THE 2023 CBI TOUR

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We paid close attention to the volatile political and military situation. Some of us saw the immense political demonstrations; all of us heard a missile explosion when we were in Northern Israel. Then we were limited as to where and when we could go out in Tel Aviv after a car-ramping attack killed an Italian tourist along the beach promenade near our hotel.

Sometimes it was inconvenient that the bus system and many businesses close for Shabbat as well as Pesach and other Jewish holidays — but living by the Jewish calendar for the first time in my life deepened my understanding and appreciation that after 75 years, there is no way that Israel is going to accept any peace agreement that doesn't guarantee the right to remain a Jewish state.

Everyone on the tour — whether Jewish or not — was glad for the knowledge and insights we gained, and many of us want to return.

### CBI MEMBERS REFLECT ON OUR TOUR OF ISRAEL:

**Cathy Zitzer:** “The trip was fabulous. I rode a camel. I didn't want to come home. I met the most amazing people that I will have in my life forever. The spirituality aspect was more than I could ever have imagined.”

**Ellen Smith:** “Although I enjoyed sightseeing in Israel, I was surprised by what stood out in my mind the most: On two occasions during free time, I had the opportunity to go shopping. After paying for my purchase, the young man who helped me said ‘Shabbat Shalom.’ Another day right before Passover, a woman working in a store where I made another purchase wished me ‘Chag Sameach.’ I was astounded and moved. This was the first time in my 68 years that any stranger has assumed I celebrate Jewish holidays. Hearing from our tour guide that over 75 percent of the population of Israel is Jewish did not compare with these interactive experiences!”

**Dave Smith:** “It's been 50 years since I was introduced to ‘the waters’ of Judaism at Camp Tamarack, a Reform Jewish camp on a small lake in Brighton, Michigan. Reflecting on our trip, most memorable are the use and images of water in Israel. We learned from our excellent guides, Alex and Victoria, about the prolific use of irrigation on the kibbutzim for agriculture, the water pipelines from the Sea of Galilee similar to the Roman aqueducts, the treaty to share water with

Jordan, and the use of desalination to create a livable oasis in the desert. I was struck with awe by these beautiful views: the Dead Sea from the barren rocks on top of Masada, the Kinneret (Sea of Galilee) from our hotel on the hills of Tiberius, the Haifa port from above the Bahai Gardens, the crashing of the Mediterranean waves over the sea walls at Caesarea, and the crowded beaches on our sunny days in Tel Aviv. But most memorable was our outing to the springs of Ein Gedi, where I saw Orthodox families with women and girls in long skirts wading in pools alongside younger, bikini-clad women, suggesting the diversity of beliefs of the people of Israel engaging with the natural beauty. It was pure joy for me to jump in and cavort with others in our group to enjoy these wonders!”

**David Zimmerman** said visiting his Israeli relatives for Passover in Tel Aviv “was like Facebook coming to life.” As they hugged goodbye, a cousin told David, “You came as a stranger — we're family now.” When the cousin he stayed with for a few days in northern Israel picked David up at the bus stop, “I opened the car door and we stared at each other — you take away his beard you can definitely see we're related.” It's clear in David's photos, too. This cousin's mother, David's first cousin, told him, “You're bringing back childhood memories.”

**Gayle Kinney:** “My favorite part was hiking Masada and resting in

the actual guard shack of King Herod's palace at the top of Masada. This was my first time in Israel, and I would go back at any opportunity.”

### AND FROM OUR TOUR ORGANIZERS:

**Katie Edelstein:** “As someone who has traveled to Israel many times, experiencing Israel with first-timers and seeing the sites, tasting the food, and meeting the people with them is like experiencing Israel for the first time all over again. What a thoroughly wonderful trip our CBI *havurah* had!”

**Victoria Mayers:** “I love leading tours to Israel because there comes a moment when it dawns on Jewish travelers that the Hebrew they've been studying is seen on street signs, in bookstores, and on the ancient Dead Sea Scrolls. They also notice the diversity of Israeli citizens and they comprehend the longevity of Jewish life in the area based on the antiquities and archeological digs. In those ‘ah-ha’ moments they all make the critical connection that Israel is home. (The next CBI Israel trip — for families — will be Spring 2025.)”

Additional tour participants were CBI members Valerie Randolph, Becki and Bruce Van Glubt, and Emily Weiner; as well as Bobbie Holm, Peggy Kibbel, and Carol Reed. Many of us stayed to tour Jordan for four days (joined by Andrea Shupack, Gaby Mayers, and three of Gaby's Israeli family) — but the Jordan trip is a story for another day.

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### IN HONOR OF:

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 My parents, Richard & Ruth Evans  
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 Rebecca Shaddix - Have a wonderful birthday! Lots of love, Granma Amy  
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**IN HONOR OF:**  
 David Goldman & Linda Blackwell on becoming new grandparents  
**From: Katie & David Edelstein**

# Gartner Scholarships Awarded

We are very pleased to announce that **Orly Lindner**, **Ezra Price**, and **Adin Sokol** have been awarded Gartner Scholarships for the 2023-24 academic year. All three awardees are long-time members of Congregation Beth Israel, have been significantly involved in our community, and are excellent students.

**Orly** is a freshman at Northwestern University studying Oboe Performance and Environmental Science. **Ezra** has been accepted into the honors program at Western Washington University and will be studying computer science as well as participating in the Western String Sinfonia. **Adin** is in the honors program at the University of Portland studying mechanical engineering. He is also a member of the Jewish Student Union.

If you want to join us in recognizing and supporting our young people, please contact a committee member listed

below for more information or submit a donation to the CBI office with a note that it is for the Gartner Scholarship fund. This is one of the most rewarding ways to support our young adult members!

Emil Hecht (Chair), Steven Garfinkle, and Carol Robinson



## Birthdays

### JULY 2023

7/1 Sue Guenter-Schlesinger  
 7/2 Meg Jacobson  
 7/2 Brooke Kassen  
 7/3 Jaxon Mann (17th)  
 7/4 Sharona Feller  
 7/4 Mark MacDonald  
 7/5 David Goldman  
 7/5 Julie Hunter  
 7/5 Ayla Oliver (17th)  
 7/5 Jaelle Oliver (17th)  
 7/6 Catherine Covell  
 7/6 Dan Raas  
 7/6 Josh Shupack  
 7/7 Michelle Beller-Siegfried  
 7/7 Rabbi Joshua Samuels  
 7/8 Daniel Ingberman  
 7/9 Lindsey Adelstein  
 7/9 Robert Spector  
 7/10 Stevie Coleman  
 7/10 Nali Lippman (16th)  
 7/11 Andrew Covell (7th)  
 7/11 Hudson Covell (7th)  
 7/11 Max Naiman (13th)  
 7/11 Naomi Schapiro (25th)  
 7/12 Litav Langley  
 7/12 Avi Lindner (17th)  
 7/12 Iris Parker  
 7/12 Mark Sommers  
 7/13 Jack Fisher  
 7/14 Olivia Probst (19th)  
 7/14 Shelley Wolfman  
 7/15 Michelle Banks

7/15 Peggy Hanley  
 7/15 Rick Levine  
 7/15 Evan Shupack (8th)  
 7/17 Jay Saxton  
 7/18 Ruth Shuster  
 7/19 Lior Somers (15th)  
 7/20 Leah Kiviat  
 7/20 Nicky Naiman  
 7/20 Isaac Orloff (19th)  
 7/20 Melissa Schapiro  
 7/22 Miles Bryant  
 7/23 Noah Booker  
 7/23 David Robinson  
 7/23 Lindsay Wells  
 7/24 Lucita Galbraith (9th)  
 7/24 Jeff Popp  
 7/26 Eliza Bastow (10th)  
 7/26 Avi Cohen (7th)  
 7/26 Julia Kassen (11th)  
 7/27 Jesse Naiman  
 7/27 Rebekah Sommers (16th)  
 7/28 James Finley  
 7/28 Allan Hirsh  
 7/29 David Edelstein  
 7/29 Evan Konikoff (14th)

8/7 Amy Whiting  
 8/8 Leigh Squires  
 8/9 Henry Curme  
 9/9 Jacob Morrill Zarrow (3rd)  
 8/10 Joan Wayne  
 8/10 Patty Yust  
 8/12 Victoria Garfinkle  
 8/12 Paul Sarvasy  
 8/12 David Smith  
 8/13 Mara Donner (10th)  
 8/13 Noni Schultheiss  
 8/14 Patrick Crane  
 8/16 Miah LaMont  
 8/17 Avi Hecht  
 8/17 Andy Ingram-Monteiro  
 8/20 Gayle Cloud  
 8/20 Jerry Eisner  
 8/20 Jordan Genut  
 8/20 Toby LaPlante (13th)  
 8/21 Marla Finkelstein  
 8/21 Janine Shaw  
 8/22 Maeve Hammerstrom (5th)  
 8/22 Wendy Holtzman  
 8/22 Andrea Shupack  
 8/23 Chloe Braunstein (11th)  
 8/24 Flora Booker (19th)  
 8/24 Donna Solomon  
 8/25 Solomon Falk  
 8/25 Vermeda Fred  
 8/26 Jake Lebovich (21st)  
 8/26 Sylvia Williams  
 8/27 Jesse Simon (11th)  
 8/28 Wendy Miller  
 8/30 Terrah Short  
 8/31 Raelyn Kaplan  
 8/31 Zev Kronenberg

### AUGUST 2023

8/1 Mary Francell-Sharfstein  
 8/1 Diana Lindner  
 8/1 Nora Seltz (13th)  
 8/2 Gabriella Genut (8th)  
 8/6 Gilead Goldman (8th)  
 8/6 Arona Henderson  
 8/6 Barry Paluch

## Why I Do the Things I Do

TIM BAKER

Occasionally I am asked how I got involved with the CBI Archives. When Ann and I joined the synagogue in the early 1990s, the only congregant I knew was Anne Brown. Anne was a regular at services and *onegs*, where she served as a kind of one-person welcoming committee. At one of those *onegs* I innocently asked Anne about the synagogue's history, and she introduced me to Frances Glazer Garmo (Diane

Garmo's mother), who grew up here and knew all the early families. Frances shared her memories and put me in touch with others who shared their memories as well. One thing led to another, and an Archives Committee was formed with Rosalie Yacknin and Aline Wanne. An initial resource was a booklet prepared for the synagogue's seventy-fifth anniversary in 1983 by Tobi Faye Kestenberg, a Fairhaven College student and congregant. Entitled "*From the Shtetl to Bellingham: The History of 'New Whatcom's' Jewish Community.*" Tobi gave an initial sketch of how the synagogue was established in the early twentieth century, largely by



families from three towns in Northeast Lithuania who were all related by marriage and came to Bellingham in a process of chain migration. Building

on this, further information was collected and oral histories were conducted. Last year the material was transferred to the WWU Archives to better organize and preserve the information.

## July/August 2023 Shabbat Service Schedule

**PLEASE NOTE:** Friday evening services and Saturday Torah study will be hybrid, allowing congregants and visitors to worship or study in person, or attend via Zoom. **Except for B'nei Mitzvah, all Saturday morning services will be in person only.** It is no longer required to show proof of vaccination or to wear a mask while in the building, although both vaccination and masking are strongly recommended.

Friday, June 30	<b>6:15 pm</b> Kabbalat Shabbat service, with leadership from Jonah Attar	Saturday, July 29	<b>9:30 am</b> Torah Study – on <b>Zoom only</b> ( <i>Parashat Vaetchanan</i> )
Saturday, July 1	<b>10:00 am</b> Bar Mitzvah of Jonah Attar (in person and on Zoom)	Friday, August 4	<b>6:15 pm</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Family Service with potluck afterward
Friday, July 7	<b>6:15 pm</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Family Service with potluck afterward	Saturday, August 5	<b>9:30 am</b> Torah Study – on <b>Zoom only</b> ( <i>Parashat Ekev</i> )
Saturday, July 8	<b>9:30 am</b> Torah Study ( <i>Parashat Pinchas</i> ) <b>10:30 am</b> Shabbat morning service	Friday, August 11	<b>6:15 pm</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Friday, July 14	<b>6:15 pm</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Service	Saturday, August 12	<b>9:30 am</b> Torah Study ( <i>Parashat Re'eh</i> ) <b>11:00 am</b> Tot Shabbat service
Saturday, July 15	<b>9:30 am</b> Torah Study ( <i>Parashat Matot-Masei</i> ) <b>11:00 am</b> Tot Shabbat service	Friday, August 18	<b>6:15 pm</b> Kabbalat Shabbat service, with leadership from Eytan Samuels
Friday, July 21	<b>6:15 pm</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Service	Saturday, August 19	<b>10:00 am</b> Bar Mitzvah of Eytan Samuels (in person and on Zoom)
Saturday, July 22	<b>9:30 am</b> Torah Study ( <i>Parashat Devarim</i> ) <b>10:30 am</b> Conservative-style, lay-led minyan	Friday, August 25	<b>7:30 pm</b> Kabbalat Shabbat service, with leadership from the Ma'Ayan Shir ensemble and Nora Seltz
Friday, July 28	<b>7:30 pm</b> Kabbalat Shabbat service, with leadership from the Ma'Ayan Shir ensemble	Saturday, August 26	<b>10:00 am</b> Bat Mitzvah of Nora Seltz (in person and on Zoom)

### ERIN AND STEVE COHEN

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gogue book club. Erin is a member of the Membership and Programming Committees; she also sits on the synagogue Board.

Member Ann Solaway sits on the Membership Committee with Erin. “Never having been in our new building, which was closed for Covid, Erin jumped right in and started welcoming other new members and bringing fresh ideas to the Membership Committee,” Ann said. “Soon after, she brought her considerable enthusiasm and skills to the Board of Directors. Now in her second term, she is a vice president.

As to her personal qualifications, Ann adds, “she is calm and professional while being warm and funny.”

Erin considers her family unique in that Steve’s career has prompted many moves throughout their years together. Of necessity, Erin has changed the direction of her own career to accommodate Steve’s. With her ability to be flexible, she has worked in management for a department store, did staffing for Kelly Services, was a realtor in Pittsburgh and Raleigh, N.C. She also owned a meal preparation kitchen.

For fun Erin reads, goes to movies, cooks, and volunteers at the *Shul* and at the Ferndale Kiwanis. Steve volunteers for the Special Olympics, and, in 2015, created a podcast called Medic2Medic with all of 270 episodes about the job. Both enjoy walking Bailey Belle, their golden retriever puppy, and both love to travel.

Speaking of travel, here’s another commonality: Each owns their own travel agency! Steve’s is Ears of Experience. Erin’s is Personal Touch Travel, where she “plans memorable vacations” for her clients.

With such a mobile background, they are accustomed to getting up and going. They visited their daughter during her gap year in Israel. Favorite family vacations include both Disney World and Disneyland, because Steve, who specializes in theme parks and cruise destinations, loves Disney. They have cruised over 25 times — to places like the Caribbean, Mexico, Bermuda, Bahamas, and Europe. This summer, it’s off to Greece and Venice to celebrate their anniversary.

And guess what? “We enjoy planning our trips together,” Erin said.

# 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 7 and Saturday, July 8

Edward Witte	7/8
May Meyers	7/9
Bernice Shear	7/9
Gary Snyder	7/9
Earnest Ban	7/10
Hugo M. Fisher	7/10
Goldie Bettman	7/11
Edward "John" Booth	7/11
Hannah Samuels	7/11
Harold Korn	7/12
Arthur Miller	7/12

## Friday, July 14

Jack Meyers	7/15
Kathleen Clendenen	7/16
Leaine (Lee) Farkas	7/18
Robert B. Hanley	7/18
Alan Mazonson	7/19
Gail Siskind Sternlicht	7/19

## Friday, July 21 and Saturday, July 22

Sylvia Glass	7/22
Philip Kahn	7/22
Dottie Leonard	7/22
Rose Marks	7/22
Annie Schwartz	7/22
Sydney Goldman	7/23
Walter Mayers	7/23
Berte Fischel	7/25
David Frantz	7/25
Josefina Pombo de Rubiano	7/25
Alfred Steinmetz	7/25
Charles Cohen	7/28
Steven Cohen	7/28
Michael Golden	7/28

## Friday, July 28

Sylvia Glass	7/22
Philip Kahn	7/22
Dottie Harriet Miles Bryant	7/29
Jacob Berger	7/30

William Fox	7/30
Martha Rosenthal	7/30
Norman Codd	7/31
Abraham Kassen	7/31
Fred (Fritz) London	8/1
Marvin Tartak	8/2
Anita (Fragner) Cornell	8/3
Robert (Bob) Whitney	8/4

## Friday, August 4

Goldie Dorfman	8/5
Simon Sokol	8/5
Kaufman Katz	8/6
Tom LoPresti	8/6
Daniel Kushner	8/8
Janet Miller	8/8
Shirley Zell	8/8
Bernard M. "Bun" Jaffe	8/9
Norbert Cohen	8/10

## Friday, August 11 and Saturday, August 12

Patsy Faye Whitney	8/12
Betty Bloomfield	8/13
Joseph Feiger	8/14
Richard Gorelick	8/14
Abraham Luster	8/14
Arthur J. Miller	8/14
Merrie Schriro	8/14
Stanley Holtzman	8/15
Mary Ann Perper	8/16
Rose Horowitz	8/17
Harold A. Schwartz	8/17
Wally Moritz	8/18

## Friday, August 18 and Saturday, August 19

Liam Balton	8/19
Rose Z. Blecker	8/19
Jack Wilson	8/19
James Bourne	8/20
Melanie Smith	8/20
Josef Zimmerman	8/20
Keith Baker	8/22
Sheldon Miller	8/23

Dinah Godfrey	8/24
Jack Mask	8/24
Jose Pereira Assuncao	8/25
William (Billy) B. Davids	8/25
Phyllis Kronenberg	8/25

## Friday, August 25 and Saturday, August 26

Nancy Zisook	8/26
Natalie Gubb	8/27
Max Feldman	8/28
Leonard Katz	8/28
Mary Warshal Glazer	8/29
Lenore Lackowitz	8/29
Shirley Simmons	8/29
Rhea Frantz	8/30
Yitzhak Turovitz	8/30
Rose Lassman	9/1
Rebecca Shapira de Lindner	9/1
Martin Wikes	9/1

## In Memoriam

*Zichrona Lv'rachah ~ May her  
memory be for a blessing*

Our congregation offers heartfelt condolences to Brooke Kassen and family on the loss of his grandmother, **Goldie Kassen**, who passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 13, 2023 in Vancouver, British Columbia. Born on a small homestead near Darcy, Saskatchewan in 1921, she was just shy of 102. Throughout her life she was an avid, tireless, and impactful volunteer for the Jewish communities in which she lived. Mrs. Kassen is survived by her four children, ten grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

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## Devin Connolly Visits from Interfaith Coalition

Friday, July 14 at 6:15 pm

Join us for shabbat services when Interfaith Coalition's Executive Director, Devin Connolly, speaks to our community about the work this organization is doing in Whatcom County.

CBI has been a proud member of the Interfaith Coalition for many years, and we are delighted to introduce Devin into our community.



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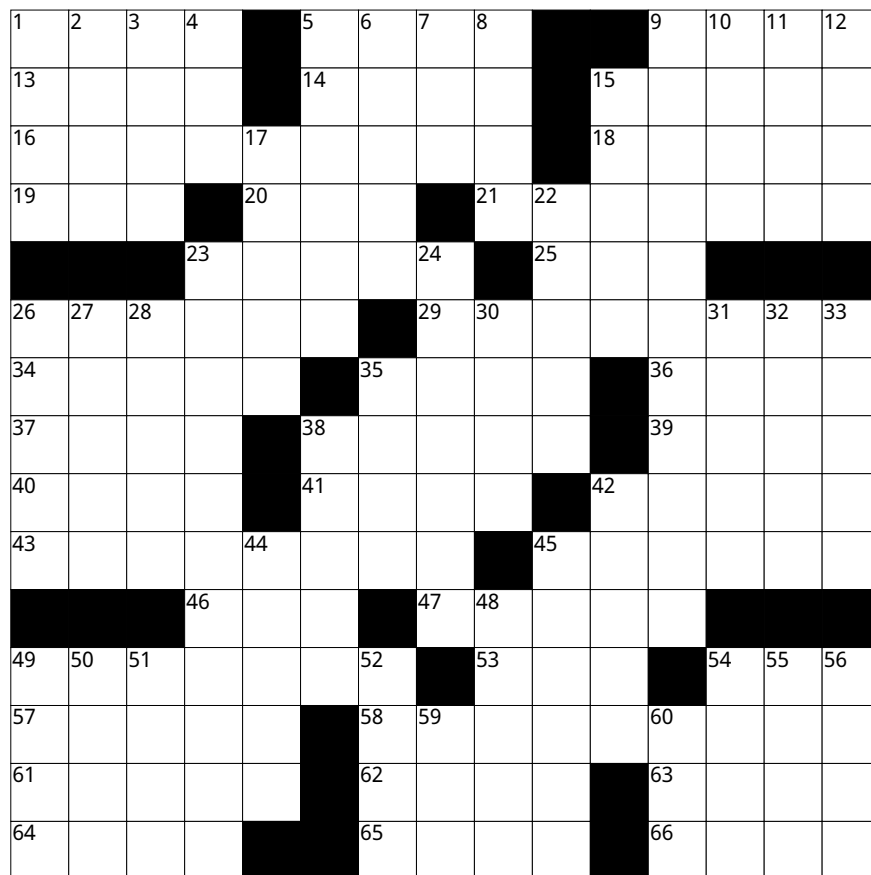
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9 Write in Python, say  
13 Bellingham's \_\_\_\_ Hanna Aquatic Center  
14 A step beyond LOL  
15 Prime suspect in the golden calf fiasco  
16 Color wars at 9-Down  
18 Chatting privately, online  
19 Reminder of an old flame?  
20 Manhattan museum, with "The"  
21 Regal rod  
23 Swelter  
25 Acorn, all grown up  
26 Watering hole  
29 Shabbat's closing ceremony  
34 Pharaoh's domain  
35 'Bringing Up \_\_\_\_' (2012 parenting book)  
36 Long ride?  
37 Sported  
38 Whatcom county volcano  
39 Appear  
40 Greek goddess of discord  
41 "Bearded" backyard flower  
42 Fireside snack  
43 Masked scavengers

- 45 Seder participant?  
46 Toronto's prov.  
47 One way to snuggle  
49 Innately talented  
53 \_\_\_\_ de cologne  
54 Día cuatro creation, along with luna  
57 Spicy Indian dish  
58 Warm-weather espresso drink  
61 Licorice-flavored seed  
62 Part in a skit  
63 Along with 8-Down, exclamations of wonder  
64 "Stop looking \_\_\_\_!"  
65 Troy's best friend on 'Community'

- 66 Another name for Mars

**DOWN**

- 1 Common first word  
2 Historical periods  
3 Move slowly  
4 VCR button  
5 Maine-based mail-order merchant  
6 Leaves out  
7 Bleat  
8 Along with 63-Across, exclamations of wonder  
9 Local Jewish retreat  
10 "Pics \_\_\_\_ didn't happen"  
11 Finished



- 12 Technical college dept.  
15 "Beat \_\_\_\_ horse"  
17 "It's \_\_\_\_ point"  
22 Nightclub charge  
23 Towering structure at 9-Down  
24 Iconic gold-leaf painting by Klimt  
26 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle habitat  
27 Ancient marketplace  
28 Bit of a song  
30 Lincoln and Simpson, e.g.  
31 Rest atop  
32 "'Tis \_\_\_\_ trifle"  
33 Four-bagger  
35 Animal house  
38 Flora and fauna

- 42 South Korea's capital  
44 Like many a deli sandwich  
45 Really rich  
48 'Get Out' director Jordan  
49 March Madness org.  
50 Miriam, to Gershon  
51 Barbershop touch-up  
52 Turkish currency  
54 Joseph, in a dream  
55 Will-\_\_\_\_-wisp  
56 More, according to a saying  
59 Corn's hard core  
60 Battery size

***Look for the solution in the next Timbrel!***