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Values, Mission and Vision

VALUES

Congregation Beth Shalom of the Blue Hills is an inclusive, diverse, and participatory synagogue. We strive to create many paths where all feel a deep, comfortable, and profound sense of connection and belonging. We are committed to welcoming, engaging, respecting, and embracing people of all ages, ethnic, racial, and cultural backgrounds, sexual orientations, differing abilities, gender identities, and financial means. Our foundation is based on:

- Jewish Traditions and a desire for personally fulfilling connections to Judaism
- Investment in lifelong learning through youth and adult Jewish education
- Respect of all people through the lens of unity without uniformity
- Commitment to Tikkun Olam (Healing the World) through acts of loving kindness and social action, including combatting injustice and antisemitism.
- Assurance that financial means are not a barrier to membership and participation in congregational life

MISSION

We engage our youth and adult members in observing Shabbat, Jewish Holidays and life-cycle events, Jewish education, and creating spiritual experiences that meet the diversity of Jewish expression – all in a manner that sustains future generations.

We draw from the wisdom, ethics and spiritual diversity found in Jewish Tradition, Faith, and Culture. This informs, inspires, and interconnects the lives of our members and our community, enabling us to make a positive impact in the world.

We fulfill this mission by serving as a House of Assembly (Beit Knesset), House of Study (Beit Midrash), and House of Prayer (Beit Tefilah).

VISION

We envision a community that continually fosters and enriches meaningful connection to Judaism through practices and community gatherings while respecting different expressions of Jewish identity.

We work to create an environment that engages our members, building on their unique passions, skills and creativity while developing future leaders to support ongoing spiritual growth and evolution of our congregation.

While supporting each other and deepening our connections with Judaism, we aspire to be stewards of justice in our broader communities.

Congregation Beth Shalom of the Blue Hills

Board of Directors 2023-2024

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President	Steven Ostrovitz
VP Admin. & Finance	Jay Balaban
VP Spiritual Life & Ritual Practices	Steve Jacobs
VP Youth & Family Education	Michelle Sturdivant
VP Social Action and Community Outreach	Deborah Ala
Treasurer	Seli Kaya
Secretary	Lindsay Rosenfeld

MAJOR TEAM CHAIRS:

Adult Education	Vacant
Beautification	Lila Rosenbaum/Jo Ann Rothschild
Deeds of Loving-kindness / Chesed	Janet Petkun
Education Team	Michelle Sturdivant
Finance/Sustainability	Jay Balaban
Annual Campaign	Vacant
House	Matthew Zamaloff
Inclusion	Deborah Ala
Library	Pamela Shrago
Membership	Emily Goldman/Karen Friedman Hanna
Personnel	Vacant
Program/Breakfast	Vacant
Publicity	Vacant
Religious School	Shlomit Gladstone
Ritual and Spiritual Life	Steve Jacobs
Security	Steven Ostrovitz (Acting)
Social Action/Tikum Olam	Jack Levy

TEMPLE ORGANIZATIONS:

Women's Network Representative	Arlene Klotz
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DIRECTORS

Term through May 2024	Term through May 2025	Term through May 2026
Janet Petkun	David Ehrmann	Lee-Anne Jacobs
Margie Skeer	Lisa Sadler	Stacey Solomon
Jennifer Zaslow	Matthew Zamaloff	Francine Weistrop



Message from the Rabbi

Bitter Disagreement or Healthy Debate

A beloved philosophy teacher of mine in Rabbinical School once commented that “it’s not between culture or no culture but rather which culture; it’s not between ritual or no ritual but rather which ritual.” Every community has its unique schtick that reflects its values and concerns, ideas and ideals. Look at Star Trek! Vulcans salute one another with the greeting, “Live long and prosper.” In Vulcan, *dif-tor heh smusma*. On the other hand, the expression used by the war-like Klingons is “Today is a good day to die.” As they would say it, *Heghlu'meH QaQ jajvam*.

No surprise, we Jews have our fair share of go-to phrases: Shalom Aleichem, Mazel Tov, Yasher Koach, Chazak v'Amatz (Sephardic phrase meaning “have strength and courage.”), Tehiyeh Barie (Nothing to do with cheese, this means, “wishing you health”). But given the cultural proclivity over the generations for Talmudic debate, I don't think anyone would find it strange if Jews greeted others with “Today is a good day to argue.” About what you ask? Well, about anything! “I'm ready to hear your opinion and rational, as long as you agree to do the same for me.” The rabbis called this “*Shakla v'tarya*”, the give and take or back and forth inherent when disparate opinions are discussed.

From the perspective of Jewish culture, serious, thoughtful debate is considered a righteous, holy act as long as...as long as it is done with mutual respect. The shared goal being to identify that which is Good and True. When debates are entered into with this in mind, our great debaters, the rabbis of the Talmud, called it an argument “For the sake of Heaven”, a “*Machloket L'shem Shamayim*”. In Perkei Avot, the Wisdom of the Sages, we learn, “*Any controversy which is for the sake of Heaven is destined to be of lasting worth, but any which is not for Heaven's sake is not destined to be of lasting worth. Which disagreement / controversy was for Heaven's sake? Those between Hillel and Shammai. Which was not? The controversy between Korach and his companions (who led a rebellion against Moses and Aaron that was motivated by envy and ambition).*”

The schools of Beit Hillel and Beit Shammai had significantly different approaches to Jewish Law, Theology, Ritual Practice, Shabbat, Conversion, White Lies, Divorce and more. Overall, Shammai's opinions were stricter than Hillel's.



For example, you may remember the story about the man who wanted to convert to Judaism. *“A gentile came before Shammai and said to him: Convert me on condition that you teach me the entire Torah while I am standing on one foot. Shammai pushed him away with the builder’s cubit in his hand...The same gentile then came before Hillel. He accepted him and said: That which is hateful to you do not do to another; that is the entire Torah, and the rest is its interpretation. Now go and study.”*

Most of the time Beit Hillel’s rulings held sway. The Talmud explains why. *“Since both these and those are the words of the living God, why were Beit Hillel privileged to have the Law established in accordance with their opinion? The reason is that they were agreeable and forbearing, showing restraint when affronted, and when they taught the Law they would teach both their own statements and the statements of Beit Shammai. Moreover, when they formulated their teachings and cited a dispute, they prioritized the statements of Beit Shammai before teaching their own statements..”*

What we see here is that the Law isn’t just about the message, it’s about the menschlichkeit of the message’s messenger. It is about respecting and protecting the relationships you have with people even or maybe especially when there is disagreement. And it goes both ways. When it comes to the heated differences between Hillel and Shammai it is important to know this - again from the Talmud. *“Although Beit Hillel prohibit and Beit Shammai permit...Beit Shammai did not refrain from marrying women from Beit Hillel, nor did Beit Hillel refrain from marrying women from Beit Shammai.”*

Yes, every day can be a good day to argue but only if it is done with curiosity and kindness not contempt, caring and consideration not callousness; dignity and decency not deceit, openness not oppression, humility not hubris. In other words, *L’shem Shamayim* – for the sake of Heaven.

Wishing all a Shanah Tovah u’Mitukah, a good, sweet New Year,

RabbiB, Alison and Micah



President's Message



Dear Members of our Cherished Congregation,
As the High Holidays draw near, I find myself in a place of deep reflection and gratitude. It has been a remarkable journey serving as your temple president over the past year, and I am honored to share my thoughts with you as we prepare to welcome a New Year together.

From the moment I assumed this role, I have been continually inspired by the spirit of community and dedication that defines our congregation. The past year has been filled with meaningful connections, shared celebrations, and moments of growth that have enriched not only our temple community but also my own life.

Over the course of this last year we have stood together side by side, supporting one another through moments of joy and moments of sorrow. I have had the privilege of witnessing the strength of our community, the kindness of our members, and the unwavering commitment to our shared values.

As I reflect on this first year, I am reminded of the teachings of the High Holidays – a time for introspection and renewal. Just as we turn our gaze inward during this season, I have taken time to evaluate my role as your president. My goal has always been to serve with dedication, transparency, and a deep love for our congregation. While I am proud of what we have accomplished together, I also recognize that there is always room for growth and improvement.

I am grateful for the trust you have placed in me and for the support you have offered throughout this journey. I am committed to continuing to lead with integrity and an open heart, as we work together to strengthen our temple and create a vibrant and inclusive space for all.



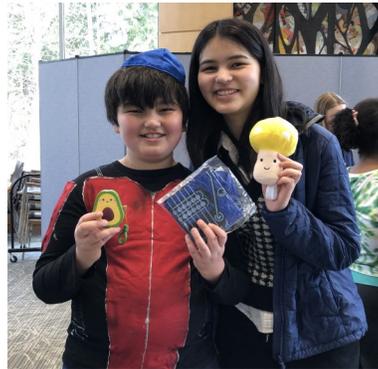
As we approach Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, let us carry the lessons of the past year with us. Let us embrace the opportunity for growth and transformation, individually and as a community. Let us renew our dedication to one another and to the values that have sustained us for generations.

I extend my heartfelt wishes to each and every one of you for a sweet and meaningful New Year. May this coming year be one of joy and health for us all. I look forward to continuing this journey with you, as we build a future filled with blessings and shared achievements.

L'Shana Tova U'Metuka – A Happy and Sweet New Year to you and your loved ones.

With gratitude and warm regards,

Steve Ostrovitz



Did you know?

Sweet Facts about honey:

Honey contains all of the substances needed to sustain life, including enzymes, water, minerals and vitamins

Eating honey can help you be smarter. It is the only food to contain pinocembrin, an antioxidant that improves brain function

It would take 1,100 bees to make 1kg of honey and they would have to visit 4 million flowers

1/3 of all plants we eat have been pollinated by bees

Honey has natural preservatives so that it won't go bad

Bees have been around for more than 30 million years

There are different types of honey which taste different depending on the flowers used to make it



Congregation Beth Shalom of the Blue Hills

HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICE SCHEDULE

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Saturday September 9th	Havdallah, Selichot, Dessert & Speaker Program	7:45 PM
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ROSH HASHANAH - Days 1 & 2

(Pick up your High Holiday Food Drive Grocery Bag)

Friday, September 15th	Erev Rosh Hashanah & Shabbat Ma'ariv/Evening Service	6:30-7:00 PM
	Candle Lighting	6:56 PM

Saturday, September 16th	R.H. Day 1 & Shabbat - Morning Service (No Shofar)	9:30 AM
	Family Service: Parents w/ Children up to 2 nd grade	10:30-11:30 AM
	Youth Service 3 rd - 6 th grade	10:30 AM.- Noon
	Childcare (potty trained & older)/Activities & Snack	10:30 AM.-1:00 PM
	Candle Lighting	7:34 P.M.

Sunday September 17th	R.H. Day 2 - Morning Service (Shofar Blowing)	9:30 AM
	Tashlich at Turner's Pond with Shofar Service – Weather permitting	5:15 PM
	Followed by Apple & Honey Treat on site	
	Holiday Ends	7:33 PM

SHABBAT SHUVAH

Friday, September 22nd	Candle Lighting	6:23 PM
	No Evening Service	

Saturday, September 23rd	Morning Service	9:30 AM
	Holiday Ends	7:22 PM

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HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICE SCHEDULE

2023/5784

YOM KIPPUR

Sunday September 24th	Kol Nidre	6:20 PM
	Following services, there will be a study session with Rabbi Benjamin	
Monday, September 25th	Morning Service	9:30 AM
	Family Service: Parents w/ Children up to 2 nd grade	10:30-11:45 AM
	Youth Service 3 rd - 6 th grade	10:30 AM - Noon
	Supervised Children's Activities/Snack (K-2 nd grade & 3 rd - 6 th)	10:30 AM - 1:15 PM
	Childcare (potty trained & older)/Activities & Snack	11:30 AM - 1:15 PM
	Self-Guided Meadow Meditation Walk	Anytime between 1:45-5:45 PM
	Mincha	5:30 PM
	Ne'ilah/Concluding Service/Ma'ariv	6:20 PM
	Final Shofar Blast and Havdallah	
	<i>Followed by a congregational dairy Break Fast in the Sanctuary-Open to all</i>	
Tuesday, September 26th	Put up Temples Sukkah and make decorations - Contact the office for details	

Congregation Beth Shalom of the Blue Hills

FALL FESTIVAL SERVICE SCHEDULE

2023/5784

SUKKOT, SHEMINI ATZERET & SIMCHAT TORAH

SUKKOT

Friday, September 29th	Candle Lighting	6:11 P.M.
	Evening Service/Ma'ariv & Dessert at RabbiB's Sukkah, 29 Winthrop St., Milton	7:45 P.M.

Saturday, September 30th	Shabbat/Sukkot Day 1 Morning Service w/ Kiddush in Sukkah	9:30 A.M.
	Candle Lighting	7:09 P.M.

Sunday, October 1st	Sukkot Day 2 Morning Service w/ Kiddush in Sukkah	9:30 A.M.
	Holiday Ends	7:08 P.M.

CHOL HA'MOED INTERMEDIATE DAYS OF SUKKOT

Monday - Thursday, October 2nd-5th Make a reservation to eat in the Sukkah! Contact the office.

HOSHANAH RABBAH

Friday, October 6th No Morning Services

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FALL FESTIVAL SERVICE SCHEDULE

2023/5784

SUKKOT, SHEMINI ATZERET & SIMCHAT TORAH

SHEMINI ATZERET

Friday, October 6th	Dairy Dinner, Musical Shabbat/Festival Service & Torah Dancing w/ David Wesson	6:30-7:00 PM
	Candle Lighting	6:56 PM

Saturday, October 7th	Shabbat & Festival Morning Service with Yizkor	9:30 AM
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SIMCHAT TORAH

Saturday, October 7th	Candle Lighting	6:57 PM
	No Evening Service	

Sunday, October 8th	Festival Morning Service	9:30 AM
	Holiday Ends	6:56 PM



Did you know?

The first official school under Jewish auspices was established at [Shearith Israel](#) (the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue) in 1731 in New York City.

Focusing on Hebrew studies, the school (although attached to the synagogue) operated as a separate entity with its own fees. In 1755, [Shearith Israel](#) expanded to include secular subjects, such as English composition.

After closing during the Revolutionary War, the school reopened and functioned as a day school until 1821, receiving state funds as part of New York's newly created common school system that enabled poor Jewish children to receive an education.

[B'nai Jeshurun](#), New York City's first Ashkenazic synagogue, became the first to organize a day school in 1842.

In 1848, the [Hebrew Educational Society](#) was established in Philadelphia. And In 1851, Isaac Mayer Wise founded the [Talmud Yeladim Institute in Cincinnati](#).



High Holiday Childcare

Do you need childcare during our high holiday services? Congregation Beth Shalom of the Blue Hills offers childcare for potty-trained children and older. We will provide them with activities and a snack.

Rosh Hashanah :

Saturday, September 16th, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Yom Kippur:

Monday, September 25th, 11:30 - 1:15 PM

Scan the QR Code below and the office will send a confirmation.



For any questions, please contact the office at (617)698-3394.



Youth and Education Team

We hope everyone had a fun and relaxing summer. As the weather cools down, we know it's time to start preparing for the new school year. In my house, that means cleaning out the closets and switching out the shorts for blue jeans. At the same time, the Ed Team has already been planning and making some changes that will make the upcoming Religious School year the best one yet. We have worked to streamline some of the communications and with the help of our office super hero Candice, we are transitioning to use the temple computer system as much as possible. Hopefully, everyone finds these changes helpful and will experience a smooth transition.

Cantor Lisa has done a tremendous job with updating the entire curriculum. She has been striving toward the transformation for some time and her dedication has paid off. This endeavor was a collaboration between Rabbi Benjamin, Cantor Lisa and our team. The curriculum covers Bible highlights, core Jewish values, Hebrew, blessings and prayers, Holydays and Judaica topics. We are thrilled to have a rich Jewish Curriculum that reflects on who we are as a community and on our core values. An overview of the new Religious School plans will be available on the website in the coming days.

We will start the year off with the High HolyDays Activity Day and the Ice Cream Social. Details will be in your mailbox or inbox soon!

As the summer winds down and we get ready for the new year, it becomes a time to reflect and appreciate how much our team has already accomplished and cannot wait for what is to come. Toda Raba to our Education Team members: Lisa Sadler, Rob Milt, Jon Pincus, Myriah Kulin, Meredith Kaya and Max Woolf for your ongoing support and advice to our religious school.

The Education Team meets bi-monthly to discuss religious school-related matters and plan upcoming events. We welcome new members; if you are interested in joining us, please email Shlomit at shlomit.hanz@gmail.com.

Shana Tova

Shlomit Hanz and Michelle Sturdivant

Save the Dates

SAVE THE DATES

Tuesday 9/5:

First Day of Religious School, * Grades 3-7 only *

Orientation & Expectations

4:15pm-6:15pm

Sunday 9/10:

First Day of RS for ALL Students & their Families

High Holyday Activity Day & Ice Cream Social, SCAP*, & Open House

10:00am-10:15am

Havdalah for all students & families, Teacher introductions, and Shehechianu together!

10:15am-11:45am: High Holyday activities/ crafts and welcome in classrooms.

11:45am-12:30pm:

Outdoor games, Bouncy house, Kosher Ice Cream treats, tours for new families.

Meet our Teachers, Parents, Students, Madrichim, Rabbi, & Ed Director. Re-connect with friends and welcome potential new members/families of the Religious School.

Spread the word!

Adults who attend will receive one free ticket to an RH or YK service!

*SCAP - Shalom Children Activity Program for children Pre-K and under.

Religious School



During the turn of the year in our tradition we focus on looking in, looking back, and looking ahead. At the Rabbi Jerome Weistrop Religious School we have begun to do just that.

In July we created a wonderful new Religious School curriculum, including field trips. Coming soon on our updated education tab of the website. The teachers and I are now busy creating our unit and lesson maps for an engaging new year in our learning community. It is challenging and exciting work! Our hope is that it will enrich us all with fresh ways of understanding each other and ourselves in the context of our tradition. These learning experiences, in and outside the classroom, will be examples of a new approach to supplemental Jewish education. Much of the outcomes from our exploration together will become part of an integrated, experiential learning curriculum for our Religious School which I'll be developing this year with a curriculum coach from Hebrew College.

Despite these curricular innovations, our approach to Jewish education continues to rest on the idea that learning in community should be positive & joyous. Our aim is that the experience of being part of this learning community engenders curiosity & wonder and “plants within us” the seeds of a lifelong connection to Judaism and the Jewish people.

Our goal is to create dynamic, inclusive, experiential learning environments that offer students and their families an exciting place to explore what Judaism & being part of a vibrant Jewish community has to offer. All of our programs are based on giving students not only the skills and knowledge they need, but the wisdom and guidance to use what they learn to inspire a life of goodness.

Along with our Teachers, Families, and Education Team, we invite each of you to participate in the Religious School as partners on the road to many meaningful and joyous Jewish experiences! L’Shannah Tovah/A Happy, Healthy New Year to you and yours.

Cantor Lisa Kipen-Hershenson, Director of Religious School Education

eddirector@bethshalombluehills.org

Please contact Cantor Lisa if you have skills you would like to share or time to help in small (but mighty!) ways. We welcome your participation or donations, and thank you for supporting the Rabbi Jerome Weistrop Religious School!

Happenings at Rabbi Jerome Weistrop Religious School



Rabbi Jerome Weistrop



Did you know?

One of the Torahs at Congregation Beth Shalom is a Holocaust survivor. We have a rescued Nineteenth Century Torah from a Synagogue in Dolni Kounice,, Czechoslovakia.

In 1987, Congregation Beth Shalom received the Torah from the Memorial Scrolls Trust in London. The Torah was one of thousands taken from Czechoslovakia synagogues and stored by Hitler's Army before being recovered and sent to [Westminster Synagogue in Rutland Gardens, London.](#)

The Torah was picked up at Logan Airport by Rabbi Jerome Weistrop, who led Congregation Beth Shalom of the Blue Hills when it was still known as Temple Shalom.

Learn more about the [Dolni Kounice Synagogue](#)

Learn more about [Memorial Scroll Trust.](#)

Read the article about the Torah from the [Boston Globe.](#)

Did you know?

[Judith Kaplan](#), at age twelve, became the first American to celebrate a Bat Mitzvah on March 18, 1922.

Judith was the oldest daughter of Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan, the founder of Reconstructionist Judaism.

Believing that girls should have the same religious opportunities as their brothers, Rabbi Kaplan arranged for his daughter to read the Torah on a Shabbat morning at his synagogue, the Society for the Advancement of Judaism.

Rabbi Kaplan always joked that he initiated the rite for four reasons — Judith being the first, and his younger daughters being the second, third, and fourth.



The BIMAH Team

The BIMAH team (**B**'nei **M**itzvah **A**ll **H**ands) is a group of parents who have previously celebrated their child's B'nei mitzvah at Congregation Beth Shalom of the Blue Hills within the last two years. They are here to offer support and practical assistance.

The B'nei mitzvah journey is an auspicious occasion for you and your child. It can, however, be a stressful time. The BIMAH team's mission is to assist in relieving that stress so you may enjoy the beauty and love of the occasion.

The BIMAH Team will host a meeting for all B'nei Mitzvah families with a child who will have their ceremonies that school year. The first meeting will occur in the fall, followed by the second in January. All meetings take place on Sundays during religious school. These gatherings are intended to provide support where people can ask questions, get advice, and get help. The Bimah team has a list of vendors (accommodators, caterers, florists, etc) who have been used and recommended by other families. Examples and templates of invitations and programs are also available. Because Congregation Beth Shalom of the Blue Hills is a diverse community, the resources available can fulfill all your family's needs. Everything you need is at the [BIMAH Team Resource Page](#).

We will assign a "buddy" to each family at the September meeting. Your buddy is there to help you along the way and to be an additional set of hands on the day of the ceremony and in the days leading up to it. A buddy can assist with setup on Friday (the day before the ceremony), whether helping with deliveries and table setting at synagogues or running errands for those last-minute forgotten goods. Your buddy and the other B'nei mitzvah family can assist with ushering on the ceremony day. There are several opportunities for your buddy to assist you, and we hope you will reach out at any time along the journey.

The BIMAH Team's event family has completed their own B'nei Mitzvah journey. Because of the diverse community of Congregation Beth Shalom in the Blue Hills, no B'nei mitzvah is the same, and that variety of experiences will help you with your own.

We look forward to walking beside you on this adventure. Please reach out to the [BIMAH Team](#) with any questions.

Margie Skeer

MAZEL TOV

TO OUR 2022-2023 B'NEI MITZVAH

Jonah
Beck

Eli
Sands

Luke
Zamaloff

Sadie
Schweitzer

Scarlett
Richardson Ellement

2023—2024 Upcoming B'nei Mitzvah

- March 30- Yael Goldstein
- April 13- Shayna Terry
- May 11 - Tommy and Teddy Loranger-Milt
- May 18 - Daniel Gladstone
- June 8 - Isaac Sands
- June 15 - Ariella Corcoran
- June 22- Ulysses Benzaken

Did you know?

The four species of Sukkot are the etrog, palm, myrtle, and willow.

The Lulav is a palm branch which is joined with myrtle and willow branches. The lulav is the palm, but is collectively known as the lulav since it is the most prominent.

The etrog citron looks like a large knobby lemon. This citrus fruit has a thick rind and aromatic skin, small sections and many seeds.

The flesh of the Etrog is almost tasteless. Many Etrog can be found with the stem known as the pitam.

The four [species] represent the four-letter Name of God, with the lulav being the [Hebrew letter] *vav*, which channels the divine energy into the world and man.

It is a mitzvah to wave the lulav on each of the first seven days of Sukkot.



Membership Team

As we reflect on another busy year, we are grateful to have had the opportunity to connect in person with so many of our neighbors and friends, and that our community continues to thrive.

We currently have 130 member families, including two new ones who joined in the past year, to whom we would like to extend a warm welcome.

In addition, we have fielded inquiries from more than 16 families or individuals interested in learning about our shul. We have plans to follow up with several of them in the coming weeks as we approach our busiest time of year.

We are happy to report that our religious school continues to flourish. While we are proud of all our religious school kids, we are incredibly proud of those who made their B'nei Mitzvah this year!

We were thrilled to see so many familiar faces, as well as some new ones, at our Purim Carnival, Pre-Pesach Potluck Palooza, Passover Family Activity Day, and our Pride and Juneteenth Shabbat services.

As the holidays approach, we look forward to our Open House and Ice Cream Social on September 10 as an opportunity to showcase our community's successes and to open our doors to the larger community.

[Emily Goldman and Karen Friedman-Hanna](#)



Inclusion Team

Hello! I hope you all had a wonderful summer. It's hard to believe that it's already time for the bulletin to come out again, but the benefit of fall arriving will be seeing so many congregants and friends after a summer of being apart.

Since the last bulletin, the Inclusion Team hosted Pride Shabbat on June 2, followed by Juneteenth Shabbat on June 16. Both were well-attended. Thank you to Cantor Lisa, Lindsay Rosenfeld, Lisa Sadler, Eve Lyons, Jay Balaban, and Michelle Sturdivant for their assistance in planning these events. The rainbow challah was delicious and pretty, the Pride Shabbat decorations were amazing, and the Juneteenth songs were beautiful.

I'm pleased to let you all know that we have received a grant from the Ruderman Synagogue Inclusion Project to have a speaker from Keshet speak to our congregation about gender identity. Keshet works toward LGBTQ equality in Jewish life. The event will happen on Sunday, December 10, with brunch at 10 am followed by Zane Diamond speaking at 10:45. In conjunction with the event, we will also be adding some new books about trans and nonbinary people, for both kids and adults, to our synagogue library.

Many thanks to Pam Shrago, Lindsay Rosenfeld, Ronit Voigt, and Michelle Sturdivant for their assistance researching books to purchase and revising the grant application!

Thank you to the whole Inclusion Team for their commitment to making our congregation inclusive in so many ways: Ada Rosmarin, Alan Rosmarin, Annette Koplovsky, Lindsay Rosenfeld, Ronit Voigt, Karen Friedman-Hanna, Pam Shrago, Jon Pincus, Michelle Sturdivant, Shelley Charnoff, and Francine Weistrop.

If you have an inclusion-related issue that you would like to see the congregation address, or you'd like to be a part of this group, please contact me at Deborah Ala 617-435-0815 or dkohnala@gmail.com.

Deborah

Did you know?

It is customary to break Yom Kippur fast with a dairy meal including bagels.

New York bagels are big with small holes. They're boiled briefly before they're baked. This step helps them emerge from the oven chewy beneath their firm exteriors.

Montreal style bagels are delicious in their own right. Canada's competing bagels are smaller and denser than their New York counterparts. They pack in extra eggs while swapping out salt for honey in both the boiling water and the dough itself, which leads to bagels that are more sweet than savory.

Montreal bagels are baked in a wood fired oven that give the finished product a distinct crunch and char. But don't even think about asking anyone in Montreal to toast your bagel.





Monthly Mitzvah Program & Family Table

In 2022-23 we were able to conduct a regular schedule for the Monthly Mitzvah and Family Table programs.

During Fall 2022 we collected a large amount of winter clothing for adults and children and delivered them in November to Interfaith Social Services (ISS). In December, we prepared and donated 50 lunch bags for Father Bill's in Quincy, and in January, we delivered another 50 lunch bags to the Brockton facility. In March, we prepared fourteen challot for Jewish Family & Children's Services (JF&CS). In April, we donated ten formal dresses and one men's suit for North Quincy High School's prom. April is the Muslim ob-

servance of Ramadan and this year we participated in a joint food drive with the Milton Muslim Community.

Once again, we also partnered with JF&CS on a special Passover Collection to provide food assistance for Seders. In May we conducted our annual summer clothes drive with Interfaith Social Services. Among many significant events we held our fourth successful blood drive with the Red Cross on June 29th. Of the 23 shul and community members who participated we collected 19 blood products, which pleased the Red Cross. Thanks to the suggestion of Lee-Anne Jacobs we participated in ISS's backpack/school supplies program in July.

The Family Table program has been on schedule. To address members' preferences for different methods of donating food, we provided the opportunity for alternative contributions - sending checks, purchasing gift cards, having food delivered to the shul or directly to the JF&CS Family Table offices in Waltham.

This year we changed the way that members were asked to donate - we went to an alphabetical system according to the first letter of the last name. While we consistently contributed our monthly goals of 25 beans and 25 fruit there were a few months when we fell short and the Chesed fund had to make up the difference. As a result, we will return to the previous process of assigning different units each month. JF&CS especially appreciates our donations and personal assistance in sorting the food for distribution each month.

We look forward to conducting the same activities for both Monthly Mitzvah and Family Table programs in the coming year and will try to add another Mitzvah event in February.

As always our membership has been extremely generous in its contribution to both programs. We're not only indebted to the entire membership for their donations, but to individuals who helped out with specific events. With apologies to those whose names I may have inadvertently left out, special thanks go to Lee-Anne Jacobs, Faye and Alan Rosenstein, Annette Koplovsky, Deborah Ala, Seth Meyer, Cheryl Hixon, Ken Pariser and Lauren Brennan, among others. As always, Harriet, Arlene and Candice were invaluable.

This past year has been the most productive for the Monthly Mitzvah and Family Table programs and we look forward to continuing our commitment in 2024. Thanks to all!

Jack Levy

Coordinator - Mitzvah and Family Table Programs

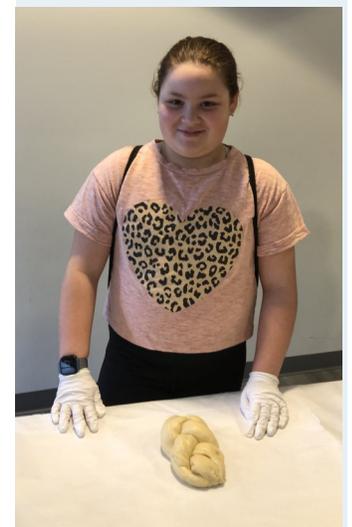
Beautification Team

The beautification team has measurements and color samples for new Torah Covers. We are reviewing the colors this week and hope to order the new covers very soon.

We are saddened that Temma Gentilische has died. She designed our parochet, the covering for our ark. This was a remarkable project, requiring responsiveness to our physical setting, our plans for the, then, incomplete building, and an intuitive perception of our congregation and our values. She responded in a personal way, using fabric that had meaning and a design that is compelling. Those of us who met with her, were fortunate. She was a gifted and empathic artist.

We are working on a plan with Cantor Lisa to develop a project with the Hebrew school.

Jo Ann Rothschild



Temple Book Club

Temple Book Club is open to all and we encourage new members.

Meetings are via Zoom the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM. October 18 will begin our new season with Being Heumann, by Judith Heumann. She was featured in the movie Crip Camp. You are welcome if you've read the book or just looked at the cover.

Our best discussions happen when we disagree.

You can reach out to Lil Konowitz for more information.

Happy Reading. Happy New

Temple Library

Have you visited our Temple Library recently?

We have many new books on display and available to read. Use our comfortable seats to read or just relax whenever you visit the Temple.

Send us any suggestions for new titles to purchase. We run on the honor system so when you borrow a book, just sign it out and when finished, please return it so someone else can enjoy it.

Pam Shrago
Team Leader

The Women's Network

Women's Network, which is open to everyone, has been described as the "behind the scenes" support of CBSBH. We provide the gifts for our B'nei Mitvah, support the temple financially, manage the kitchen and kiddushes and sponsor programs. Our recent programs have included a drum circle, Shabbat service with a speaker from Hadassah and a lunch with Israeli food, and a beautiful and moving concert for Yom HaShoah. This year, we are planning a program about honey in anticipation of the New Year and we hope to have one of our members lead an art project. Please reach out if you would like to join us.

Co Presidents
Arlene Klotz
Janet Petkun

The Chesed Team

The Chesed Team (Deeds for Loving Kindness) is here to support all of our congregants and community in many ways.

Our Deeds of Lovingkindness Team is ready, willing, and able to support any congregant with a need. We acknowledge life-cycle events, provide meals, run errands, pick up prescriptions, and provide transportation. If there is anything you need: technology support, a Siddur (prayer book) or Humash (Torah book), tallis.

Thanks to CJP, emergency financial assistance is available from Rabbi Benjamin's Discretionary Account. Getting assistance from the Chesed Team is easy. We always find someone to help when needed. Contact the office at 617-696-4899 or Janet Petkun at jspetkun@yahoo.com Janet, the Rosh, will be in contact once she has been notified, we will have someone who can help get in touch with you.

We do not have regular meetings, so if you are interested in joining the Chesed Team, please get in touch with me.

Janet Petkun, Chair

Spiritual Life & Ritual Practices

The Spiritual Life & Ritual Practices Team has been hard at work preparing for the upcoming High Holydays. We have followed a template we developed after last year's services and are looking forward to a wonderful season. Before we get there, let's review all the happenings from a busy Spring and Summer.

We have had several B'nei Mitzvah celebrations. All did a great job and the families served as greeters and ushers in subsequent celebrations.

The Team arranged for coverage for those weeks that Rabbi Benjamin was away. We are always seeking additional volunteers to participate, so if you have interest, or if your sons and daughters would like to help, please let us know.

Juneteenth and Pride Shabbat services were a success and we thank all the congregants who were involved in the preparations and celebrations. Lots of work is being done to prepare for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Many thanks to the volunteers (Annette Koplovsky, Barbara Adele Fritz-Elliott, Lee-Anne Jacobs, Pam Shrago, Lil Konowitz, Steve Jacobs), Rabbi Benjamin, and Candice for all the excellent work being done. There are 36 individual items on the preparation task list, so the folks working the prep leave no stone unturned to make sure that all goes well.

Finally, kudos to the congregants who attend weekly Shabbat services and also to our Sunday minyanaires. They make our services meaningful, the Shabbat Kiddush luncheons are enjoyable, and RabbiB provides leadership and Torah teachings that bring our Jewish heritage to the fore.

The SL&RP Team wishes all a happy and healthy New Year.

The SL&RP Team: Steve Jacobs, Rabbi Benjamin, Pam Shrago, Lil Konowitz, David Ehrmann, Barbara Adele Fritz-Elliott, Jay Balaban, Lee-Anne Jacobs, Harriet Goldstein, George Goldstein, Annette Koplovsky, Lila Rosenbaum, Francine Weistrop, Alan Rosmarin, and Steve Ostrovitz-ex officio.



Mazel Tov to **Robert Rosofsky** receiving the Milton Peace Award; to **Julia Hanna** being the recipient of the Milton Public Schools “Teacher of the Year”, to the **Sands Family** in honor of **Eli** becoming a Bar Mitzvah; to the **Beck family** on **Jonah** becoming a Bar Mitzvah; to the **Schweitzer Family** on **Sadie** becoming a Bat Mitzvah; to **Deborah Felton** on her Retirement as Director of Fuller Village; to **Lila Rosenbaum** in honor of her granddaughter **Sara Rosenbaum** and grandson **Joshua Rosenbaum** on their engagements; to **Ruth Gershman** in honor of granddaughter’s graduation from graduate school; to **Lila Rosenbaum** in honor of grandson **Ben Rosenbaum’s** promotion to Senior VP.

Best Wishes to those celebrating special birthdays, **Betsy Buchbinder, Barbara Adele Fritz-Elliott.**

Congratulations In honor of the birth of their grandson, **Julian**, to **Robert Rosofsky and Laurie Stillman.**

Get Well Wishes **Lila Rosenbaum, Mel Klotz, George Goldstein, Helen Jacobs.**

Sincere Condolences to The **Ostrovitz-Bloom Family** on the passing of your beloved aunt **Greta Ostrovitz**; to **Arlene & Mel Klotz** on the passing of their beloved brother-in-law, **Thomas Cross**; to the **Gondelman Family** on the passing of their husband, father, grandfather, **Melvin Gondelman**; to **Pamela Shrago and Family** on the passing of their mother, grandmother, great grandmother, **Leah “Lakie” Shrago**; to **Karen Friedman- Hanna and family** on the passing of her beloved mother **Toby Friedman**; to **Jay Balaban and family**; in memory of his beloved mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, and great-grandmother, **Irene Balaban.**

May their memories be for a blessing.

Please keep us informed of any event in your lives that we can share with our Temple Family. Call the Temple office at (617)698-3394.

Contributions—General Fund

IN MEMORY

To honor the memory of your beloved aunt,

Greta Ostrovitz

To: Steve Ostrovitz & Family

From: Paul Cooperstein & Maria Merloni

To honor the memory of **Larry Galer**, beloved husband, father, grandfather

To: Marilyn Galer & Family

From: Betsy Buchbinder
Ruth Gershman

To honor the memory of **Thomas Cross**, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and brother-in-law

To: Dayle Cross & Family

From: Annette Koplovsky

To honor the memory of **Thomas Cross**, beloved brother-in-law, and uncle

To: Arlene & Mel Klotz & Family

From: Francine Weistrop

Remember my dear friend, **Barbara Stoller**

To: Debbie Coran

From: Ruth Gershman

To honor the memory of **Melvin Gondelman**, beloved husband, father & grandfather

To: The Gondelman Family

From: Paul Cooperstein & Maria Merloni

To honor the memory of your beloved aunt,

Sylvia Wolfson

To: David Smookler

From: Betty Gluck

To honor the memory of **Toby Friedman**, beloved mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, and great grandmother

To: **Mark Friedman**

From: Friends at DIA

To honor the memory of **Toby Friedman**, beloved mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, and great grandmother

To: **Karen Friedman-Hanna & Family**

From: Arlene & Mel Klotz

Steve & Helen Jacobs

Lee-Anne Jacobs

Cynthia Gurwicz & Alan Shultz

Steve Siegel

Paul & Sue Etkind

Bryan Liberty

Janet Petkun

Ruth Gershman

Jay Balaban

Betsy Buchbinder

Lil Konowitz & Jeff Calish

Barbara Adele-Fritz Elliot

Ellen Berlin

Paul Cooperstein

Pam Shrago

Dave & Debbie Dauer

Sarah & Paul Fronstin

Barbara Hanna

Anthony Litvak

Robert Milt & Stephanie Loranger

Sari Agatston

Diane M. Hanna

Harriet & George Goldstein

To honor the memory of **Leah “Lakie” Shrago**, beloved mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, and great grandmother

To: **Pam Shrago and Family**

From: Arlene & Mel Klotz

David & Robyn Mabel

Irene Davis

Deborah Felton & Robert Baylor

Ellen Berlin

Marilyn

Amy Klotz & Terry David

Steve and Helen Jacobs

Lee Anne Jacobs

Cynthia Gurwicz & Alan Shultz

Steve Siegel

Paul & Sue Etkind

Marcie & Rick Curtis

Bryan Liberty

Janet Petkun

Ruth Gershman

Jay Balaban

Mark and Lydia Williams

Sandra Goodman

Cynthia Levitt

Betsy Buchbinder

Lil Konowitz & Jeff Calish

Fran Slate

Harriet & George Goldstein

IN MEMORY

To honor the memory of **Irene Balaban**, beloved mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

To: **Jay Balaban**

From: Arlene and Mel Klotz

Irene Davis
Steve and Helen Jacobs
Cynthia Gurwich & Alan Shultz
Steve Siegel
Paul & Sue Etkind
Bryan Liberty
Janet Petkun
Ruth Gershman
Ellen Berlin
Sandra Goodman
Cynthia Levitt
Betsy Buchbinder
Harriet & George Goldstein
Pam Shrago
Paul Cooperstein
Barbara Adele-Fritz Elliot
David & Deborah Dauer

GET WELL

Wishing you a full and speedy recovery

To: **George Goldstein**

From: Francine Weistrop

Lakie & Pam Shrago

Get Well Wishes

To: **Lakie Shrago**

From: Francine Weistrop

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Very Happy Birthday wishes

To: **Betsy Buchbinder**

From: Ellen Zide Stein

Wishing you a very Happy Birthday

To: **Barbara Adele Fritz-Elliot**

From: Francine Weistrop

Very Happy Birthday wishes

To: **Jay Balaban**

From: Ruth Gershman

IN HONOR

In honor of your receiving the Milton Peace Award

To: **Robert Rosovsky**

From: Paul Cooperstein & Maria Merloni

In honor of the birth of your grandson, **Julian**

To: **The Rosofsky Stillman Family**

From: Paul Cooperstein & Maria Merloni
Andres Lessing, Lindsay Rosenfeld,
Mateo & Eliana;

In honor of the birth of your grandson, **Brandon**

To: **Ronit Voigt & Family**

From: Francine Weistrop

In honor of **Solly & Albie Klein** – Happy Purim

From: Joan Greenberg

In honor of **Sadie** becoming a Bat Mitzvah

To: **The Schweitzer Family**

From: Lee-Anne Jacobs

Francine Weistrop

Arlene & Mel Klotz

In honor of your granddaughter **Sara and grandson Josh's** engagements

To: **Lila Rosenbaum**

From: Francine Weistrop

In honor of your granddaughter's graduation from graduate school

To: **Ruth Gershman**

From: Francine Weistrop

In honor of **Julia** being the recipient of the Milton Public Schools, "Teacher of the Year!"

To: **Karen & Bill Hanna**

From: Francine Weistrop

Paul Cooperstein & Maria Merloni

Lee-Anne Jacobs

Paul & Sue Etkind

In honor of **Eli** becoming a Bar Mitzvah

To: **The Sands Family**

From: Lee-Anne Jacobs

Arlene & Mel Klotz

In recognition of and congratulations on your retirement

To: **Deborah Felton**

From: Paul & Sue Etkind

Ruth Gershman

Jean Powers

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Paul Cooperstein

Debbie & David Dauer

In recognition of and congratulations on your retirement

To: **Arlene Klotz**

From: Steve Jacobs

Debbie & David Dauer

In honor of **Jonah** becoming a Bar Mitzvah

To: **The Beck Family**

From: Lee-Anne Jacobs

Francine Weistrop

Arlene & Mel Klotz

Thinking of you

To: **Isabelle Guttell**

From: Francine Weistrop

Contributions: The Chesed/Mitzvah

In Honor of the marriage of **Adam & Kaily**

To: **Karen & Bill Hanna**

From: Nancy & Al Mollitor
Andres Lessing, Lindsay Rosenfeld,
Mateo & Eliana

In honor of the birth of your grandson,
Brandon

To: Ronit Voigt & Family

From: Andres Lessing, Lindsay Rosenfeld,
Mateo & Eliana

To honor the memory of **Irene Balaban**,
beloved mother, mother-in-law,
grandmother, and great-grandmother.

To: **Jay Balaban & Family**

From: Harriet & Steve Pollard

To honor the memory of **Toby Friedman**,
beloved mother, mother-in-law,
grandmother, and great-grandmother.

To: **Karen Friedman-Hanna & Family**

From: Francine Weistrop
Harriet & Steve Pollard

Contributions: Rabbi's Discretionary

In appreciation of you

To: **Arlene Klotz**

From: Steve and Helen Jacobs

In appreciation of you

To: **Harriett Pollard**

From: Steve and Helen Jacobs

Contributions: Library Fund

To honor the memory of **Leah "Lakie"
Shrago**, beloved mother, mother-in-law,
grandmother, and great-grandmother.

To: **Pam Shrago**

From: Francine Weistrop
Harriet Pollard

Contributions: Rosenbaum Fund

Happy "Special" Birthday

To: **Annette Koplovsky**

From: Harriet & Steve Pollard

In honor of your promotion to Senior V.P.

To: **Ben Rosenbaum**

From: Grandma Lila

Welcome Home

To: **Lila Rosenbaum**

From: Candice, Harriet & Arlene

To honor the memory of **Toby Friedman**

To: **Karen and Bill Friedman-Hanna**

From: Lila Rosenbaum

To honor the memory of **Leah "Lakie"
Shrago**

To: Pam Shrago and Family

From: Lila Rosenbaum

To honor the memory of **Irene Balaban**

To: Jay Balaban

From: Lila Rosenbaum

Contributions: Beautification Fund

Best wishes for Refuah Shlema

To: **Ellen Kaner Bresnick**

From: Francine Weistrop

In appreciation of your kindness

To: **Barbara Adele Fritz-Elliott**

From: Francine Weistrop

In gratitude of your return home

To: **Lila Rosenbaum**

From: Francine Weistrop

Contributions: Rabbi Jerome Weistrop Religious School

In Honor of **Jonah** becoming a Bar
Mitzvah

To: **The Beck Family**

From: Steve Siegel

Women's Network

In honor of everything you have done for the Temple

To: **Arlene Klotz**

From: Cantor Lisa Kipen- Hershenson

In honor of everything you have done for the Temple

To: **Harriet Pollard**

From: Cantor Lisa Kipen- Hershenson

Sponsor an Oneg

In memory of Philip Role

By: **Nancy Role Mendell**

To honor the memory of their beloved grandfather, **Myer Titlebaum**

From: Ellen Kaner-Bresnick, Paul Kaner, Debbi Kaner Goldich, Michael Kaner

To honor the memory of their beloved mother, **Libby Kaner**

From: Ellen Kaner-Bresnick, Paul Kaner, Debbi Kaner Goldich, Michael Kaner

Sponsor a Kiddush

In Memory of his mother **Annabel Lasoff** & grandfather, **Samuel Neustadt**

By: Robert Lassoff

In Memory of her husband, **Rabbi Jerome Weistrop**

By: Francine Weistrop

To honor the memory of the following: parents **Harry and Ida B. Siegel**, grandparents, great-grandmother, aunts, uncles, great-aunts and great-uncles

By: Steve Siegel

In honor of **Anya Hershenson** graduating from B.U. (Questrom Business School Undergrad) & **Ken Kipen** 84th birthday.

By: Cantor Lisa Kipen Hershenson

In memory of **Leonard Petkun**

By: Gladys & Janet Petkun

In Honor of my birthday

By: Barbara Adele Fritz-Elliott

In honor of **Deborah Felton's** retirement

By: Doris Peters

In Memory of **Adam Cooperstein**

By: Paul Cooperstein, Maria Meloni, Zach Cooperstein and Beverly Schulz

Sponsor Shabbat Flowers

In grateful appreciation of the Rabbi, the temple, and the many dear congregants and friends who were so thoughtful, generous, and caring during my several recent illnesses and celebrated my recent special birthday!

By: Annette Koplovsky

In memory of her husband, **Albert Gershman**, her brother, **Irwin Benjamin**, sister **Barbara Friedman** & brother-in-Law **Rabbi Carl Friedman**.

By: Ruth Gershman

In memory of her mother, **Charlotte Gantman** birthday

By: **Diane Gantman**

In Memory of her husband, **Rabbi Jerome Weistrop**

By: **Francine Weistrop**

In memory of **Zelda Heiko**

By: The Wong Family

I am fortunate to have a wonderful community.

By: Lee Anne Jacobs

In memory of **Alice & David Resnick** who helped bring her up.

By: Barbara Adele Fritz- Elliott

Just because

By: Barbara Adele Fritz- Elliott

To honor you and wish you Mazel Tov on your retirement.

To: **Deborah Felton**

From: Doris Peters

Prayer Books

To: **Karen Friedman-Hanna and Bill Hanna** in honor of Adam and Kailey's marriage

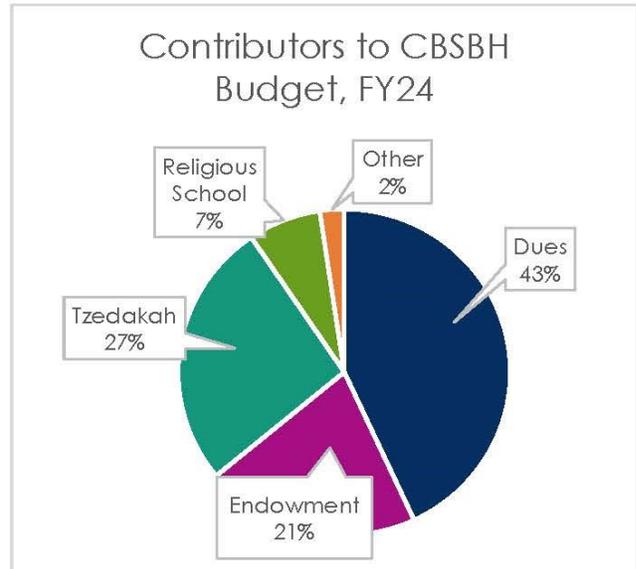
From: Paul Cooperstein & Maria Merloni

To: **Steve Ostrovitz** in honor of you becoming President of our Congregation

From: Paul Cooperstein & Maria Merloni

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- Mishloach Manot: Purim fundraiser to benefit the Religious School.
- The Library Fund: purchases books and other media for our library.
- The Religious School Fund Supports the Religious School.
- The Rosenbaum Fund offers scholarships for Jewish camps and Israel trip
- The Kiddush and Oneg Fund provide refreshments served following Friday night and Shabbat morning services.
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- The Rabbi's Discretionary Fund addresses community needs as determined by the rabbi.
- The Chesed Fund delivers meals for those who have welcomed children or are recovering from illness/surgery.
- Women's Network Fund promotes and supports the welfare of the temple and Religious School.
- Legacy Giving provide opportunities to use planned gifts to provide financial support for a wide range of needs.
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- Commemorate Life-Cycle Events
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