

RABBI'S COLUMN:



Many of us keep in touch with our grown-up children by texting, calling, or scheduling Zoom get-togethers. What most of us do, I think, is exchange news about what's going on in our lives and perhaps answer some practical questions--Have you taken out insurance on your new home? Or, what was grandma's hamantaschen recipe? But how many of us parents think of a call to our children as an opportunity to offer a blessing? As you may know, it is traditional for Jewish parents to bless their children as Shabbat begins. You probably have a picture in your head of a parent placing his/her hands on the head of a young child as the traditional blessing is said: "May God bless you as He blessed Ephraim and Manasseh" for a boy; "May God bless you as He blessed Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah" for a girl. Children grow up, grow tall, maybe taller than us, and they move anywhere on the face of the earth. Most of us cannot place our hands on their adult heads on Friday night even if we wanted to.

In my opinion, the content of this Friday night blessing doesn't always have to be limited to the traditional words. It can include words that address the spiritual/emotional needs of our children at any age. What acknowledgement do they need from us of their good qualities? What encouragement do they need to continue dealing with something that may be difficult in their lives or to try a new path? Taking time to express appreciation of our grown-up children is a great way to let them know they still have our love, acceptance, and support.

And if we call on Friday night, what better reminder that they and we are Jews and that Shabbat is an important spiritual and family moment in the life of a Jew.

One of the most beautiful aspects of Judaism is its emphasis on the importance of family and spending time together. And while the latter may not be possible now because of the virus, a good electronic communication before Shabbat begins can create a moment of love and spiritual connection.

On New Year's Eve we may make resolutions. I encourage us all to add this one: Contact my child/children before Shabbat every week, perhaps say the traditional blessing, certainly say something appreciative, and end with "I love you and Shabbat shalom."

Rabbi Peggy Berman de Prophetis

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“Farewell, So Long, Auf weidersehen, Adieu,
It's great you're gone and left us to renew!"
(Maybe I won't be asked to write song lyrics in my next life!)

So January 2021, HERE WE ARE.

We would all agree I hope that to have faith in G-d is to have faith in ourselves, that we will 'awaken to life on the morrow'! And keep on camping even if we are not so happy.

A lot of progress has been made to refine and replace aged equipment and make further improvements to our AV capabilities especially the sound system in the main sanctuary. Barry Brill has worked to finish installing the equipment to ensure a first-class production. Thanks too to Max Flaxman for his assistance. Now with these additional improvements the next services from the main sanctuary will be perfectly professional broadcasts. We are ready. All we need is the healthy unrestricted environment for our congregants and visitors to enjoy being together.

We have also progressed with the FEMA/DEMA grant to the 'vendor selection' stage. If you have ever had to work through federal or state regulations and applications, especially for grant money, (something like filing taxes, not the short form, but worse!) you can fully understand the tremendous effort Ellie Ayervais has made to get to the point of actually being able to select the security door model from an approved vendor who will be then approved to be paid, who will then be commissioned to install, etc., etc., Of course she needs a pay raise immediately! All say 'Aye' -- approved?

Oh, and then she has to submit a montly summary statement and that has to be approved!

It takes a lot of time, patience, perseverance and chutzpa to be able to do all this. THANK YOU, ELLIE.

We have been having *Tuesday Tea and Talk* chats for several weeks now. Each group in attendance has brought very interesting topics to the discussions as well as it has been very interesting getting to know each other. I do hope you might Zoom in one day, Tuesday at 11 am. The log in and the general focus topic will be furnished prior to the session. Certain realizations are becoming evident as we meet, such as I know all of you, but this is your opportunity to get to know each other at least by sight, and insight, as we discuss experiences, children, relationships, etc. No politics, or religion! Just us, and the hope to make new friends and learn new stuff!

Oh how I used to chastise my school children when they would use the word 'stuff' but somehow it is a fitting category here. We wander and meander, and that is what life is. Usually we have definite road maps and directions, but the Tea and Talk hopefully gives us an hour to get off the beaten path and go in different directions. Taking a break from the every day is good especially when we can't get out as we would like or have to work from home. Even as we met, I know a couple of participants were working from their offices. Take a tea or coffee break with us: Tea and Talk will be calling New Jersey people January 5. Don't miss it.

Caroline B. Schwartz

TREASURER'S MESSAGE

Remember if you have not sent in your membership commitment forms by December 31st. we will assume you are maintaining your last year's commitment. I will be sending out the 2020 Tax forms in mid-January along with a current statement. Your continued support is necessary to sustain the day-to-day operations of the synagogue. If there are any concerns or questions, please contact me.

Keep saving your Redner's receipts for the synagogue. Whenever we can safely return you can bring them in to the basket in the office window or drop them off in an envelope through the mail slot. We receive a percentage of the total amount of purchases. Remember don't tear off any of the receipt as they want the entire thing. This is a terrific way to help C.B.S. fund raise!

Stu Handler



Chesed and Misheberah information

If you hear or have knowledge of anyone who is in need of **r'fuah sh'leyma**, please contact the office and leave a message. We are trying to do more outreach and can only act when we are aware of the need. Names for the Misheberah list are posted on the web page and read at services unless we are notified differently. Hopefully with the power of prayers our friends and relatives will heal well.

Simchas I have taken on the task of corresponding to members in a very traditional way to send good wishes and/or condolences the 'old fashioned' way--with cards. Please email me your information--B-days, anniversaries, all simchas to celebrate to luckylydianne@gmail.com. I can only hope that when you receive your card in the mail that in some way it will brighten your day. Thank you.

January Simchas

Left off from December Simchas was the anniversary of Rabbi Dick and Barbara White on December 27.

January birthdays are Linda Roberts January 25, and Mason Schulenberg January 29.

Delaware Synagogues
Game Night & Hot Drink Social

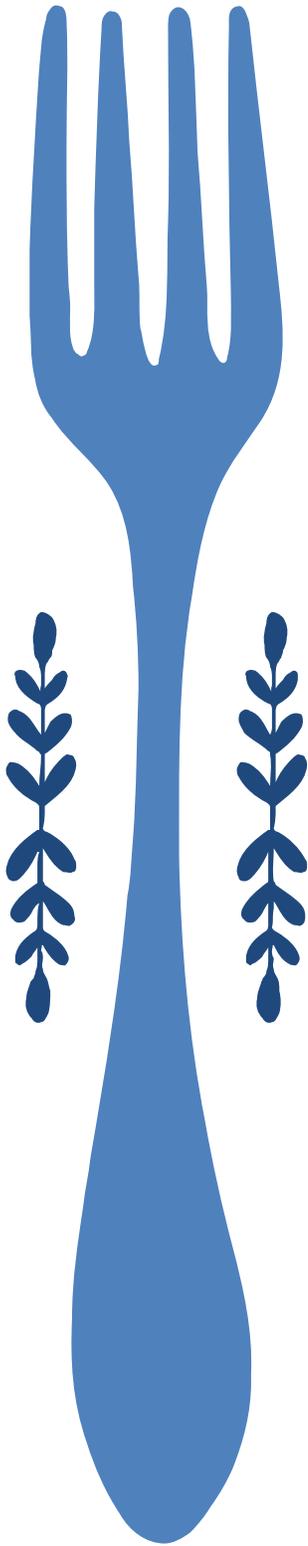
Sunday, January 10, 2021 7:00 pm
Zoom Link to Follow

Trivia, Bingo, and More!
Recipes for Hot Drinks
to Warm Your Winter Night

Please RSVP by January 5 to:

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth: Sylvia Wagman - srwag8@comcast.net
Beth Sholom Dover: Karen Gradie - capecodlady05@gmail.com
Congregation Beth Emeth: Missy Rosenthal - mmrosenthal@comcast.net
Congregation Beth Shalom: Beth Ledger - bipalan@aol.com
Seaside Jewish Community: Fran Saltzman - fesaltz@gmail.com
Temple Beth El: Melissa Miller - mmiller@tbede.org

We will need your email RSVP so we can send you the zoom link and hot drink recipes before the event in January.



WOW!!!

It was a success!!

We did it! We fed the men at Dover Interfaith for Housing and they were so thankful!

3 hams
1 pork tenderloin
1 turkey
1 pan of chicken tetrazzini
2 pans of mac and cheese
2 pans of corn pudding
1 pan of succotash
1 pan of sweet potatoes with marshmallows
1 pan of yellow rice
3 trays of green beans
a lot of soda and chips
many twice baked potatoes
many cans of green beans
many pies
a lot of rolls
6 cans cranberry sauce
pantry supplies
coffee, creamer, sugar
fresh potatoes, fresh carrots
onions
shoes / boots / socks / gloves
blankets
monetary donations \$\$\$
and a partridge in a pear tree (ok, no partridge)

The men and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for volunteering!

Cindy Konowitz

JANUARY 2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|---|-----------------------------|--|---|--|
| | | | | | 1 Shabbat Service: 7 pm With Steve Schwartz 17 Tevet | 2 18 Tevet |
| 3 19 Tevet | 4 Board Meeting 6:30 pm 20 Tevet | 5 11:00 am Tea & Talk ZOOM "Here you are New Jersey!" 21 Tevet | 6 22 Tevet | 7 23 Tevet | 8 Shabbat Service: 7 pm Leader: Geo & Carole Mason 24 Tevet | 9 25 Tevet |
| 10 7:00 PM STATE WIDE GAME NIGHT & HOT DRINK SOCIAL See flier 26 Tevet | 11 27 Tevet | 12 11:00 am Tea & Talk "Is Anyone from Maryland?" Choir Practice 6:00 pm 28 Tevet | 13 29 Tevet | 14 Rosh Chodesh 1 Shevat | 15 RABBI Shabbat Service: 7 pm 2 Shevat | 16 RABBI Service 9:45 am 3 Shevat |
| 17 RABBI 9:30 morning minyan 10:30 Class 4 Shevat | 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day 5 Shevat | 19 11:00 am Tea & Talk Y' All Hail from Hawaii? Choir Practice 6:00 pm 6 Shevat | 20 7 Shevat | 21 8 Shevat | 22 Shabbat Serv: 7 pm Leader: TBD 9 Shevat | 23 10 Shevat |
| 24 11 Shevat <hr/> 31 18 Shevat | 25 12 Shevat | 26 11:00 am Tea & Talk Imports? Choir Practice 6:00 pm 13 Shevat | 27 14 Shevat | 28 Tu B'Shevat New Year for Trees 15 Shevat | 29 Shabbat Serv: 7pm Leader: Steven Schwartz 16 Shevat | 30 Shabbat Serv: 9:45 am Leader: Steven Schwartz 17 Shevat |

YAHREZEITS for January

18 Tevet -- 18 Shevat

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| 18 Tevet | Samuel Frank Brill | No pl |
| 18 Tevet | Hyman Levine | No pl |
| 18 Tevet | Sylvia Solomon | Bd 3 R4 |
| 18 Tevet | Saul Pellach | No Pl |
| 18 Tevet | David Gamberg | Bd 1 R5 |
| 18 Tevet | Sylvia Gottlieb | No Pl |
| 19 Tevet | Genevieve Mary Brill | No Pl |
| 20 Tevet | Harry H. Berman | Bd2 R4 |
| 21 Tevet | Arthur Lipmanson | No Pl |
| 21 Tevet | Jacob Meyers | Bd 2 R3 |
| 22 Tevet | Max Wolin | No Pl |
| 23 Tevet | Esther Brill Sachs | No Pl |
| 24 Tevet | Sarah Tollin Webber | Bd 2 R2 |
| 24 Tevet | Helen Wolfman | Bd 2 R4 |
| 25 Tevet | Ruth Schmeizer | No Pl |
| 26 Tevet | Louis Finkelstein | No Pl |
| 26 Tevet | Goldye Levinson Rubin | No Pl |
| 27 Tevet | Kitty Brill Sachs | No Pl |
| 27 Tevet | Zena Berman | No Pl |
| 27 Tevet | Lester Brill | No Pl |
| 28 Tevet | Jack Berman | Bd 2 R4 |
| 28 Tevet | Max Golden | No Pl |
| 29 Tevet | Dena Drute Gorrin | No Pl |
| 29 Tevet | Faye Lewin | No Pl |

SHEVAT

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| 1 Shevat | Mollie Borish | No Pl |
| 1 Shevat | Wolf Vogel | No Pl |
| 3 Shevat | Jeryle Lloyd Konowitz | No Pl |
| 3 Shevat | Florence Green | No Pl |
| 3 Shevat | Marvin Landau | No Pl |
| 4 Shevat | Pauline Fromowitz (Perla Roskin) | |
| 5 Shevat | Judith Schenkein | No Pl |
| 8 Shevat | Erna Monheimer | No Pl |
| 9 Shevat | Louis Talmud | No Pl |
| 10 Shevat | Lester Morton Brill | No Pl |
| 10 Shevat | Samuel Haim Harrison | No Pl |
| 11 Shevat | Morris Rosker | Bd 2 R2 |
| 11 Shevat | Stanley Mainster | Bd 3 R4 |
| 11 Shevat | Rachel Shuman | No Pl |
| 12 Shevat | Arthur Adler | No Pl |
| 12 Shevat | Jacob Eskenazi | No Pl |
| 12 Shevat | Herbert Scott | No Pl |

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| 13 Shevat | Gertrude Dannemann | No Pl |
| 14 Shevat | Esther Smith | Bd 3 R4 |
| 15 Shevat | Belle Bettelman | no pl |
| 15 Shevat | Nathan Cohen | No Pl |
| 15 Shevat | Louis Pikus | Bd 3 R1 |
| 15 Shevat | Louis Gitlin | No Pl |
| 16 Shevat | Wilmeta Engelson | No Pl |
| 18 Shevat | Philip Diamond | Bd 2 R3 |

Congregation Beth Sholom established and maintains this Yahrzeit list which has been compiled over the years from members remembering their loved ones. Many years ago, we had a committee that would mail out yahrzeit reminders to known family members. Unfortunately, that information source was lost and we are currently researching and updating our records to find relatives of those people listed in the yahrzeit list. Next month we will publish the updated names with links for you to verify or correct our information. Unfortunately, we don't have all the past records of the generations that have grown and gone through the synagogue. We need your help to gather this information. The intent is to send out reminders but also to help solicit donations for that privilege. It is not unusual for a synagogue to do this. Somewhere along the line, our system failed, and now we are hoping to reinstate it. It is a time-honored custom when recalling a memory of a loved one to perform the mitzvah of tzedakah (righteous giving). A contribution to Congregation Beth Sholom helps maintain our synagogue activities and programs.

New Yahrzeit Memorial Plaques

Our Memorial Wall is the rear wall of the main sanctuary. If you would like to remember a loved one with a permanent memorial plaque, please contact Religious Vice President Steve Schwartz. These take a few weeks to arrive. The cost is \$450.00. If you wish, Steve Schwartz will arrange with you to conduct an unveiling and pay homage to your relative at a subsequent Friday evening service. You may also choose to host the oneg in conjunction with the unveiling. In case you are unaware on the Yahrzeit list within the bulletin, if there is a plaque in memory of a relative, the board (**Bd**) and row (**R**) number has been listed for your convenience. **No pl** means there is no plaque.

Rabbi Peggy de Prophetis' Tentative 2020-2021 Schedule

Shabbat 5 January 15-17 Vaera

Shabbat 6 February 12-14 Mishpatim

February 25 Purim, this is a Thursday night.

Shabbat 7 March 19-21 Vayikra

Shabbat 8 April 16-18 Tazria/ Metzora

***Shabbat 9 May 21 – 23 Naso**

Shabbat 10 June 11-13 Korach

***changed**

How to Lead a Tu Bishvat Seder January 28

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Hand Washing

Barukh ata Adonai, Eloheinu Melekh ha-olam, asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav, v'tzivanu al netilat yadayim.
Blessed are You, Source of all life, Who commands us to ritually wash our hands.

Reader: And God said: Let the earth put forth grass, herb-yielding seed, and fruit-tree-bearing fruit after its own kind, wherein is the seed thereof, on the earth. ([Genesis 1:11](#)) In the 16th century in northern Israel, in the spiritual town of Tzfat (Safed), the Jewish mystics created the Tu Bishvat seder. They recognized the many and varied dimensions of God's creation and used the fruits of Israel to symbolize their existence.

The First Cup of Wine

This cup of white wine or grape juice symbolizes winter and the mystical dimension of *atzilut*, or emanation, at which God's energy infused the creation process with initial life.

Barukh ata Adonai, Eloheinu Melekh ha-olam borei peri ha-gafen.

Blessed are you, Source of all life, Creator of the fruit of the vine.

Reader: For Adonai your God is bringing you into a good land. A land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths springing forth in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley and vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land wherein you shall eat without scarceness, you shall not lack anything in it; a land whose stones are iron and out of whose hills you may dig brass. And you shall eat and be satisfied, and bless God for the good land, which is being given unto you ([Deuteronomy 8:7-10](#)).

The First Fruit

Fruit that is hard on the outside and soft on the inside, such as walnuts, coconuts or almonds. The hard shell symbolizes the protection that the earth gives us and reminds us to nourish the strength and healing power of our own bodies.

Barukh ata Adonai, Eloheinu Melekh ha-olam, borei peri ha-etz.

Blessed are You, Source of all life, Creator of the fruit of the tree

The Second Cup of Wine

This cup of wine or grape juice is mostly white, with a little red mixed in, to symbolize the passing of the seasons and the mystical concept of formation and birth, often associated with water.

Barukh ata Adonai, Eloheinu Melekh ha-olam, borei peri ha-gafen.

Blessed are You, Source of all life, Creator of the fruit of the vine.

Reader: Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall you be in the fruit of your body, and the fruit of your land, and the fruit of your cattle, and the young of your flock. Blessed shall you be in your basket and your kneading trough. Blessed shall you be when you come in and blessed shall you be when you go out ([Deuteronomy 28:36](#)).

The Second Fruit

This fruit is soft with a pit in the center — olives or dates [or peaches, apricots, etc.] — and symbolizes the life-sustaining power that emanates from the earth. It reminds us of the spiritual and emotional strength that is within each of us.

Barukh ata Adonai, Eloheinu Melekh ha-olam, borei peri ha-etz.

Blessed are You, Source of all life, Creator of the fruit of the tree.

The Third Cup of Wine

This cup of wine is mostly red with a little of white mixed in and symbolizes once again the change of seasons and the mystical concept of *beriah*, or creation.

Barukh ata Adonai, Eloheinu Melekh ha-olam, borei peri ha-gafen.

Blessed are You, Source of all life, Creator of the fruit of the vine.

Reader: Then God formed the human from the dust of the ground, and breathed into the nostrils the breath of life; and the human became a living soul ([Genesis 2:7](#)).

The Third Fruit

This fruit is soft throughout and is completely edible, such as figs, grapes, and raisins. This type symbolizes God's omnipresence and our own inextricable ties with the earth.

Barukh ata Adonai, Eloheinu Melekh ha-olam, borei peri ha-etz.

Blessed are You, Source of all life, Creator of the fruit of the tree.

The Fourth Cup of Wine

This cup is all red, symbolizing the mystical concept of fire and the idea that within all living things dwells a spark of God.

Reader: And the angel of God appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush; and Moses looked, and behold, the bush burned with fire and the bush was not consumed ([Exodus 3:2](#)).

The Fourth Fruit

This has a tough skin on the outside but sweet fruit within—mangos, bananas, avocados, or sabra, a desert pear—and symbolizes the mystery of the world and our study of Torah. We are constantly seeking to uncover her secrets, and are continually nourished by her fruits.

Donations to Congregation Beth Sholom

When donating to Congregation Beth Sholom, your generosity will be acknowledged in the bulletin and letters sent to the honorees. Rabbi Peggy maintains a confidential Rabbi's Discretionary Fund for special needs of members or charitable causes within our Jewish and secular community. You can specify your donation be applied to her fund and if you wish to specifically direct that money, please contact Rabbi to discuss it with her.

New to Delaware and Kent County?

Know someone who is looking to rekindle their inner Jewish identity?

Please complete this form to receive a free welcome packet with lots of information about Congregation Beth Sholom. Or submit the information online to schwartzcaroline@verizon.net. We will look forward to making your acquaintance and inviting you to join our community.

| Name | Spouse Name | Address | Phone | Email | Children/ages |
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Shalom from Beth Sholom

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Beth Sholom's staff and clergy continue to work from home to keep everyone as safe and as healthy as possible. The building is closed, PLEASE CONTACT US ON LINE OR LEAVE A PHONE MESSAGE Stay safe, be well. Thank you.

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