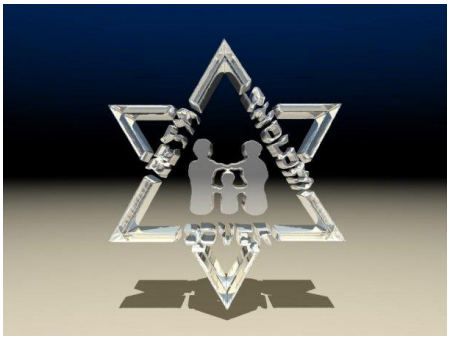

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RABBI'S COLUMN:

I just returned from serving as rabbi for Chanukah on the Royal Caribbean Line's *Grandeur of the Seas.* It was lovely and the people who came to celebrate Chanukah each night were an interesting bunch. Some attended every night and others less often. For example, five Israeli couples from suburban Philadelphia who showed up only Friday night, and the family of seven from Mexico City who discovered us only the last night. And yes, we did sing *Ocho Kandelikas* for them. One family dressed in different Chanukah outfits every night. I had never seen matching mother-daughter Chanukah dresses. But it sure made me feel good, especially when on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, many of the Christian families on board came dressed in matching Christmas pajamas.

The ship generously served both latkes (potato pancakes) and sufganiyot (jelly donuts), chocolates that looked like gelt (money), and plenty of Manischewitz. They provided a challah every night, until it mysteriously disappeared on Friday night and thereafter. They did their best to make it festive and it was much appreciated.

Every night I would light the large Chabad-style Chanukiyah (Chanukah menorah) in the Centrum, the round center-entertainment area of this ship. It is the width of the ship and six decks tall, with glass walls and balcony seating on each upper level. It has a small stage and dance floor on the lowest level, deck 4, my home for the cruise. After adding that night's bulb on the Chanukiyah, saying the blessings, etc., we would proceed to a private venue for the dedicated Chanukah celebration at which the candles were lit (only electronic ones on a ship), blessings said, songs sung, food consumed, and our entertainment–short informational talks about the holiday traditions and, one night, the comic hamantaschen-latke debate.

The Jews who gathered on board the *Grandeur* for the days of Chanukah were Jews widely ranging in age, ethnicity, language, and engagement with Jewish religious practice. They were the living proof that the Maccabees succeeded because the Maccabees fought so that we might be free to live as Jews, distinctively, and to practice our religion and observe our traditions freely. Thanks to them and our continuous efforts through the ages, our Jewish light has not gone out. Long may it serve as a beacon to the nations of the values and other contributions the Jewish people bring to the world.

L'Chaim, "To Life,"
A healthy and happy 2023!

Rabbi Peggy Berman de Prophetis

Rabbi Peggy de Prophetis' Corrected 2023 Schedule

Shabbat 5
1/27-29 Bo

Purim
3/6 PM

Shabbat 6
3/10-12 Ki Tissa

Shabbat 7
4/14-16 Shemini

Shabbat 8
5/12-14 Behar

Shabbat 9 and Shavuot
5/25-27

Shabbat 10
6/9-6/11 Beha'alotecha

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"So January 2021, HERE WE ARE." From January bulletin 2021.

Here we are again, January 2023! Where does the time go? I went back into the previous January Bulletins to see what was going on one and two years ago. It has been three years since Covid hit and everything came to a halt. Each subsequent year our Congregational family has become more and more productive and successful in maintaining and improving our community and building.

We have survived and continued to thrive. Indeed it has been a struggle, but we are winning and everything is good. If only we can improve in some aspects to make us a more well-rounded resource for education and religious training, we will have made great gains in our offerings. We are trying.

What we still need is someone to lead beginning Hebrew, Bible study (Parsha of the week discussions), Service leadership training, and other discussion groups. Are you interested in any of these areas. We could start it and see who can do a turn leading a discussion. There are so many texts available for reference so it wouldn't be too difficult.

We are fortunate to be getting some social activity underway this month. Gwen Stubbolo has arranged for us to meet at noon on January 17 at the historic Cobalt Manor in Smyrna, Delaware. The Elizabeth Esther Café is a new restaurant beautifully decorated in Victorian style located at 47 East Commerce St, Smyrna. Thank you, Gwen.

The brunch served at the Interfaith Shelter was well received by the men. Thank you to Cindy Konowitz for all her efforts of organizing and collecting donations for the men. She has been doing this for sixteen years, following in the footsteps of her mentor and friend, Helen Gelof, of blessed memory, who had begun this mission seventeen years before with the Salvation Army. And to think the Christmas Brunch has reached its 33rd year in Dover is truly amazing

Out Calendar Committee monthly meetings are going well. This month January 4 at 10:00 will be our next one, in person or on zoom. Please let me know if you have new ideas that you can contribute for activities, classes, or other group interests and plan to attend if you can.

Also, after the calendar meeting, Gwen will lead the meeting of the new Rosh Chodesh group with some dynamic suggestions.

After having a horrible number of unfortunate deaths of friends and members during December, it is very exciting to have heard of the births of two new little ones. See our newest member, Daphne Carolyn Jessop, on the simchas page. Another baby naming will be on the calendar soon.

Nancy and Eric Frankl have taken on the job of advising of agencies that are in the area which help the needy. They are planning to write monthly notices highlighting who, what and where you can assist or take excesses that you wish to donate. Thanks so much for doing this mitzvah, Nancy and Eric.

Choir has had a wonderful year, ending with our joint performance with the Centreville choir in November and accompanying services in December. The highlight this year was learning two splendid pieces that we especially love: "Hashkiveinu " and "Light One Candle" with the emotional chorus that I expect all of you over 50 will remember from Peter Yarrow, 'Don't Let the Light Go Out.' (Peter, Paul, and Mary). Thanks to Ellie Ayervais for the suggestion of 'Hashkiveinu', and Mindy Beck for remembering Peter Yarrow's masterpiece. Besides having a lot of fun in practice, Erin Grier really has taught us so much about singing and music. Few of us have had any formal training, but somehow she brings out the best in us and makes our sounds blend so well. You may also like to attend and join us in the new year. No experience needed, just a desire to learn and to sing: Come January 17, 6:00 pm—Hope to see you there.

Anne Parks and I have regularly attended the monthly Kent County Ecumenical Alliance meetings at which problems of the community have been the focus, namely homelessness. We also have mutual concerns about safety and security in our buildings and for our congregants both in and around our facilities. Next meeting, we will be having training relating to how to handle strangers at the door and how to offer help without putting anyone in danger. Should you be interested in this, please let me know. The next meeting is January 10 at Christ Church.

Federation Shabbat is held each year in Wilmington with the different Synagogues taking turns to be host. Unfortunately, we are not in that loop and usually only have a few of our members attend to represent Beth Sholom. If you would like to attend, please go to the Federation website and register. The date is January 27 and Beth El in Newark is the host.

Our FEMA grants are still actively being administered to enhance our safety and security programs. Max Flaxman and Ernesto Rivera are leading our newly formed committee. They will be meeting shortly and will advise of the date and time. If you are interested in serving on this committee please advise Max, Ernesto, or me. The committee will be an advisory group serving the Board.

Caroline B. Schwartz

TREASURER'S MESSAGE

I will be sending out the 2022 Tax forms in 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.

This has been the best year for members returning their commitment forms since I have been Treasurer. Thank you again for your support.

Continue to bring your Redner's receipts into the synagogue. There is a basket at the window in the office. We receive a percentage of the total amount of purchases. Remember we need the entire receipt, don't tear any section off. ***ONLY BY USING YOUR REDNER'S MEMBERSHIP CARD*** will it register the save-a-tape amount. If not, then your receipt and all your efforts are invalid for this program. This has been a terrific fundraiser for the Congregation. These dollars make a wonderful addition to our income and to support our charity donations.

Stu Handler

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RING IN THE YEAR WITH STYLE!

Join us for lunch at the Elizabeth Esther Cafe located in the historic Cobalt Manor in Smyrna, Delaware. We are meeting at noon on January 17th. Please let me know if you are interested in joining us by Tuesday, January 10th so I can confirm the reservation. Cash is appreciated as credit card use is limited per table.

When: Tuesday, January 17th at noon
Where: The Elizabeth Esther Cafe at the Cobalt Manor
47 East Commerce Street
Smyrna, De 19977

Contact: Gwen Stubbolo (302) 900 1024 or gweegies@gmail.com

Charitable Giving Ideas for You

By
Nancy and Eric Frankl

We are starting a monthly article to help congregants find ways to do tzedakah in our community. Charity can be monetary donations, food, clothing, visits to people who are sick, volunteering. As we read in Chabad.org "The sages teach us that even a poor person who subsists on the charity of others should perform acts of charity. Each of us has something to contribute to others: time, expertise, attention or even a simple smile."

This month we will tell you about Code Purple:
We feel that people who are homeless need extra help in the winter months.
From their website: "Our mission is to help those suffering from homelessness, abuse, financial struggles, drug addiction and those suffering as a result of a pandemic. We provide education, housing solutions, resources, counseling and guidance to overcome their biggest problems."

Here's is a link for you to donate money or food and other items. There is a long list of things that are needed and locations for dropping things off on this webpage.
https://www.codepurpledelaware.com/donate/

If you are unable to deliver your donations, Eric will arrange with you a time to pick them up. 302-678-2041. If you don't use a computer and want more information, please call us at the same phone number and leave a message.

Stay tuned for another tzedakah idea next month!

Nancy and Eric

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. Also, let us know when your friend, loved one, no longer needs our prayers and good wishes for a speedy recovery. Our list contains many with chronic diseases, as well as sickly people needing a boost in love and support for healing. Please leave the information on the synagogue phone line. We regret, but need to delete too, if a name has to be removed because of their demise. This is the saddest part of all. We know we tried with our power of prayer, and we hope we did some good to ease their suffering. Be assured they are in God's hands now.

Simchas Please email me your information--B-days, anniversaries, all simchas to celebrate to luckyladyanne@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.

We are pleased to announce the arrival of Daphne Carolyn Jessop, born 12/22/22 at 3:13am, 7 pounds 18 inches. She is the daughter of Jack and Mara Jessop and little sister of Sam. May she be a blessing and a sweet delight to her family.

MAZEL TOV & SIMAN TOV

January Birthdays

Nanci Schenkein 1st
Sarah Sturn 1st
Sheldon Weiner 5th
Marilyn Nelson 11th
Sharon Bolasny 11th
Laurie Paolini 15th
Leslie Morris 24th
Linda Roberts 25th
Charlie Schwartz 28th
Mason Schulenburg 29th
Samuel Harris Jessop 29th

Anniversaries: Leslie and Rita Morris January 7th; and Charles and Susan Salkin January 28.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL INTERFAITH CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

DECEMBER 25, 2022

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH AT THE INTERFAITH SHELTER FOR MEN 2022

Christmas Brunch was served at Dover Interfaith Mission for Housing for shelter guests. Congregation Beth Sholom and friends from Dover served a menu of the following items: roast turkeys, pork roasts, hams, mashed potatoes, green beans, deviled eggs, stuffing, coleslaw, sweet potatoes, corn pudding, Watergate salad, ambrosia, cookies, brownies and so much more for our 14th year. It was certainly a festive feeling as the dining hall that was decorated in red and green for the occasion! A great time was had by all. We are already looking forward to next year's brunch!

Thank you to everyone who made this possible.

JANUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8 Tevet	2 9 Tevet	3 10 Tevet	4 Calendar Cmt Meeting 10:00 am 11:00 am Rosh Chodesh Mtg 11 Tevet	5 12 Tevet	6 Shabbat Service 7 pm Leader: Steve Schwartz 13 Tevet	7 Vayechi 14 Tevet
8 15 Tevet	9 **Board Meeting** 6:30 pm 16 Tevet	10 KCEA Mtg 10am Lunch 1/17 reservation deadline 17 Tevet	11 18 Tevet	12 19 Tevet	13 Shabbat Service: 7 pm Leader: TBD 20 Tevet	14 Shemot 21 Tevet
15 22 Tevet	16 Martin Luther King Day 23 Tevet	17 **Choir Practice** 6:00 pm Noon Lunch Smyrna 24 Tevet	18 25 Tevet	19 26 Tevet	20 Shabbat Service: 7 pm Leader: Barry Brill 27 Tevet	21 Vaera 28 Tevet
22 29 Tevet	23 Rosh Chodesh 1 Shevat	24 **Choir Practice** 6:00 pm 2 Shevat	25 3 Shevat	26 4 Shevat	27 **RABBI Shabbat Serv:** **7 pm** Federation Shabbat 5 Shevat	28 **RABBI 9:45 am Svc followed By class** Bo 6 Shevat
29 **RABBI 9:30 am Morning minyan 10:30 Class** 7 Shevat	30 8 Shevat	31 **Choir Practice** 6:00 pm 9 Shevat				

YAHRZEITS for January

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. Reminders are being sent each month by Debbie Weiner. Should you receive one in error, perhaps not your relative, please let us know. Also, if you don't see your loved one listed, we will be honored to add that name and date. Contact the office so that the call can be forwarded to Debbie and Caroline.

TEVET

January 1 - 6

8 Tevet	**Alan Schilin**	**Bd 1 R1**
10 Tevet	**Max I. Ackerman**	**No Pl**
10 Tevet	**Eleanor Hertz Talmud**	**No Pl**
10 Tevet	**Lenore Siegelman**	**No Pl**
10 Tevet	**Binem Shraga**	**No Pl**
10 Tevet	**Helen Gelof**	**No Pl**
11 Tevet	**Zelig Brenman**	**Library**
11 Tevet	**Fannie Rothman**	**No Pl (Savitz)**
12 Tevet	**Evelyn Fink**	**No Pl**
12 Tevet	**Dr. Marvin R. Berman**	**Bd 2 R4**
12 Tevet	**Louie Herbin**	**No Pl**
12 Tevet	**Laura Slavin**	**No Pl**
13 Tevet	**Arnold Jackerson**	**No Pl**

January 7 - 13

13 Tevet	**Bettie Rosenhaus**	**No Pl**
13 Tevet	**Sol Simon**	**Bd 1 R1**
13 Tevet	**Clara Gamberg**	**Bd 1 R5**
13 Tevet	**Joseph Tollin**	**Bd 2 R2**
14 Tevet	**Edward Linsky**	**Bd 2 R3**
15 Tevet	**Annie Diamond**	**Bd 2 R3**
15 Tevet	**Deborah Edna Katz**	**Bd 1 R2**
15 Tevet	**George Rosenhaus**	**No Pl**
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**

January 14 - 20

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**

January 21 - 27

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

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**	**No Pl**
	(Perla Roskin)	**No Pl**
5 Shevat	**Judith Schenkein**	**No Pl**

January 28 – February 3

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**

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.

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