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HEADS UP:

Cindy Konowitz will be collecting personal grooming items, snacks, and other needs for the Dover Interfaith Mission for Housing drive to provide Christmas Dinner and gifts on December 25. More information in November bulletin.

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RABBI'S COLUMN:



In July 1623, in New Salem, Massachusetts, pilgrims and native Americans sat down together to express gratitude for surviving the previous harsh winter, for the food that was sufficiently plenty, and for peace. This was the first Thanksgiving in America. There were no Jews at the table, although Thanksgiving was, at its origins, a Jewish holiday. It is not surprising that American Thanksgiving had a biblical model. The pilgrims of New Salem knew their Bible. And they thought of America as their Zion and New Salem as Jerusalem.

Jewish Thanksgiving was first celebrated by the Israelites after they had completed their 40 years of wandering in the wilderness. After they settled in Canaan they were to make a pilgrimage to the Temple in Jerusalem, bringing with them the first fruits of their wheat and barley as a sacrifice of thanksgiving. Only after they had offered up these sacrifices in gratitude could they eat of the food they had grown.

Deuteronomy 26:1–11 describes the detailed procedures for offering of the first fruits, including the formula beginning, “My father was a fugitive Aramean...” which was to be recited.

This biblical holiday had two aspects--celebration of the agricultural harvest and the in-gathering of the Israelites who made their way to Jerusalem in order to offer their sacrifices. It was a family affair.

On American Thanksgiving we too gather with our families and friends to eat a bountiful meal together and express our gratitude. Did you know that the original Congressional resolution to make Thanksgiving a national holiday occurred in 1789. That same year the first known Jewish sermon--40 pages long--on the national Thanksgiving was delivered by Gershom Mendes Seixas, the chazzan of the Spanish and Portuguese synagogue in New York City. There were no rabbis then in our country. The Congressional resolution recommended “a day of public Thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of the Almighty God . . .” Prayer is a form of thanksgiving and perhaps it would be good to add a little to our own celebrations. Here’s a suggestion based on Sim Shalom (gray cover):

Psalm 100, p. 60

“Prayer for Thanksgiving” (based on Psalms, Isaiah, and Ben Sira, p. 819)

“America: Founded on Biblical Precepts,” pp. 821-823

Add to this a sharing time when each person states the things for which he/she is thankful.

The festive meal

Birkat ha-mazon, (grace after meals)

And there you have it--A Jewish American Thanksgiving, one tied to its origins and reflecting its original intention. Enjoy your הודו (hodoo--turkey).

Happy Thanksgiving, חג הודיה שמח, *chag hodaya sameach!*

Rabbi Peggy Berman de Prophetis

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What do you have when you finish celebrating the High Holy Days? High Hopes, of course! I came off the HHDs with a real 'high feeling' from the excitement and positive responses of the participants at all of our service and seasonal activities. For the Festival of Sukkot the kids made and decorated the sukkah. Even though it rained off and on during the week, we got it done, only to have the wind blow the sukkah across the yard! Thanks to Stu Handler who was able to rescue it. And we made kiddush in it Friday night. Yiskor services went well too. Everybody rallied to attend all the subsequent services to make minyans which is always a struggle when we get 'holiday'd out!

Here we are in November already. The commemoration of Kristallnacht November 9 will take place with George and Carole Mason presenting songs and readings, followed by an uplifting movie about a daring and committed American couple taking the initiative and having the foresight to save fifty children before the beginning of WWII. The movie "Fifty Children" is a documentary focused on Gilbert and Eleanor Kraus who took upon themselves the task of identifying and gathering fifty Jewish children from pre-war Nazi Germany and bringing them to the United States. This is an inspirational testament to the bravery, selflessness, and humanity of one passionate couple who risked everything to follow their convictions.

With that as inspiration, we should take each day of our lives to do something brave, selfless, and humanly possible to better our society. Even though we are a small congregation we provide support for our local charities and shelters. The winter weather is coming shortly and as we gather in our warm homes, might we think about those who for many reasons are homeless and not in a warm home with plenty to eat and family to love them? There are two main entities I encourage your participation. First, the Code Purple initiative which is centered at the Maranatha Life Changing Church at 1207 East Division Street, Dover.* And the other, Congregation Beth Sholom has well supported the Dover Interfaith Mission for Housing on Forrest Street with food, home furnishings, and clothes. This is where Cindy needs help with preparing and serving Christmas Dinner on December 25 to the homeless men to enjoy.

We could do with a coordinator for charitable giving at Beth Sholom. This job would mean to lead and gather items from time to time and to deliver the goods to the perfect places that need the supplies. Would you be able to spare a few hours a month to help with this mitzvah? Please let me know. I can put you in contact with the leaders that are also volunteers at the different agencies. We can't make a huge difference, but we can make a difference, one life at a time. The food, clothing, money you can spare for homelessness will be gladly received and greatly appreciated by those receiving help.

Coming up later in November is a chance to accompany me to go to Wilmington to help stuff stockings for soldiers. The flier was in October's bulletin. Through Steve's Rotary, we are collecting white tube socks and small flip top cans of tuna for the cause. Wednesday late afternoon November 20, I will be driving a group—you included I hope—to stuff some of the 600,000! stockings prepared and being sent to the actively engaged US service people all over the world, regardless of politics or religion. This is a voluntary program started many years ago and has grown to this unfathomable magnitude. Many service organizations are involved, and together we make a big difference for those who are away defending our country, making the world a better place, and who love OUR country.

We can share the mitzvah of TZEDAKAH-giving--by helping the needy, the brave, or those who are suffering illness, by reciting the Mishaberach prayer. We can also pray for their safety and their well-being. At this Thanksgiving time, and perhaps at your Thanksgiving table, please think to share a prayer with your families and/or company asking G-d for loving kindness and HOPE for a better world.

Caroline B. Schwartz

*Code Purple Planning Meeting 7 pm Friday, November 1.

Special Guests Join Congregation Beth Sholom



On October 25 we were delighted to join in worship with Rev. Dr. Erika Crawford and many members of her church Mt. Zion AME. Mt. Zion Church is our neighbor on North Queen Street. We came together in the spirit of peace, love, and community. Rev. Dr. Crawford presented Beth Sholom with a good will offering which will be forwarded on their behalf to Code Purple organization, to help the needy this winter.



Rabbi Peggy de Prophetis, President
Caroline Schwartz, and Rev. Dr.
Erika Crawford.

TREASURER'S MESSAGE

The 2019-20 Membership year began October 1. Please continue to send in your membership pledges. If there are any concerns or questions, please contact me. New membership packets are available in the office, should you wish to join our Congregation.

Please Remember:

Bring your Redner's receipts into the synagogue. There is a basket at the window for the office. We receive a percentage of the total amount of purchases. This is a terrific way to help C.B.S fund raise!

Stu Handler

KRISTALLNACHT REMEMBRANCE PROGRAM

**Saturday, November 9, 6:30 pm – Kristallnacht
Remembrance Program with George and Carole Mason
Movie “50 Children” the miraculous story of the rescue of 50
children from pre-war Nazi Germany by two ordinary
American Jews who believed in Tikun Olam at all costs.**

JEWISH HISTORY CLASS WITH BURT BRENMAN

The text is A Bride for One Night, by Ruth Calderone.

Class November 17 at 10:00 am will be led by Mark Lilly. The topic is Yishmael, My Son, Bless Me, pages 139 to 142. Reflections on the story on page 142 through 144, and notes on pages 155 to 157.

There will be no December class. Steve Schwartz will lead Elisha page 123 on January 19. Reflections on the Story pages 128 to 131, Notes pages 152 to 153.

The following classes are still awaiting leaders: Libertine page 39. Return page 49. Nazir page 67. Lamp page 75, The Matron page 856. The Goblet page 91. He and His Son page 105. Any questions or suggestions-send me an e-mail burtrehab@gmail.com or call 302-947-2183

December 8, Philadelphia Bus Trip and Visit to the National Museum of American Jewish History

Special Arrangements have been made for a bus and a guided tour of the RBG exhibit at the National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia. The cost per person is \$30.00 which includes the gratuity for the driver. A grant from Jewish Federation of Delaware is supplementing the costs for the bus trip and museum program.

Please submit your reservation with check to Congregation Beth Shalom, 340 North Queen Street, Dover DE 19904.

Leave Dover at 8:45 am and return approximately 5:45 pm. Lunch is on your own, either you can bring a lunch and check your bag at the museum when we arrive, or venture out locally. China town is within a short walk of the museum. The bus will leave the museum at 3:30 pm.

Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg



Notorious RBG book cover illustration by Adam Johnson. Courtesy of HarperCollins. Photographs: Crown © by Hurst Photo/Shutterstock; Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Collection of the Supreme Court of the United States.

NMAJH is the first east coast stop for a new exhibition about Justice Ginsburg. Tracing a career that traveled from trailblazer to pop-culture icon, this special exhibition is the first museum retrospective about the extraordinary life of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ginsburg. The visually rich and entertaining exhibition explores RBG's legacy as the second woman- and the first Jewish woman- to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Originated by the Skirball Cultural Center in Los Angeles, and based on the *New York Times* best-selling book.

The exhibition at NMAJH was made possible thanks to the generous support of one of the great many admirers of RBG.

Trip Reservation Form

Name(s) _____

Contact Information:

Cell phone required _____

email _____

Amount enclosed: _____ \$30 per person.

Driver's tip included.

Mail to: Congregation Beth Sholom 340 N. Queen Street, Dover DE 19904

Deadline Nov. 27

A **Weekday book club** plans to meet on the third Wednesday of the month, primarily focusing on biographical and autobiographical books. To begin with and in conjunction with the December 8 trip to the National Jewish History Museum in Philadelphia the selection is Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsberg.* The group will meet at the synagogue on Wednesday, November 20, at 3:30 pm to discuss this book, and confirm the next of two books for subsequent get togethers.

Suggested beginning texts are: December 18's choice—Musically Speaking* by Dr. Ruth Westheimer; and January 15's—Harpo Speaks* by Harpo Marx with Rowland Barber.

Please let Anne Parks know if you are interested to join this literary venture at 335-3730.

*available on Amazon

NOVEMBER

3 CHESHVAN – 2 KISLEV

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Shabbat Service 7:00 pm Lay Leader: Steve Schwartz 3 Cheshvan	2 4 Cheshvan
3 Daylight Savings Time ends. 5 Chesvan	4 6:30 pm Board Mtg 6 Chesvan	5 Election Day Religious Sch.4:45pm Choir 6:00 pm 7 Chesvan	6 8 Chesvan	7 9 Chesvan	8 Shabbat Service 7:00 pm Leader: George & Carole Mason Oneg: 10 Chesvan	9 Kristallnacht Program 6:30 pm Movie "50 Children" 11 Chesvan
10 12 Chesvan	11 Veterans Day 13 Chesvan	12 Religious Sch.4:45pm Choir 6:00 pm 14 Chesvan	13 15 Chesvan	14 16 Chesvan	15 Shabbat Service 7:00 pm Leader: Lay Leader Oneg: 17 Chesvan	16 18 Chesvan
17 Jewish History Class 10:00 am 19 Chesvan	18 20 Chesvan	19 Religious Sch.4:45pm Choir 6:00 pm 21 Chesvan	20 Daytime Book Club 3:30 pm Notorious RBG (Trip to Wilmington to stuff stockings) 22 Chesvan	21 23 Chesvan	22 Rabbi Shabbat Service 7:00 pm Oneg: 24 Chesvan	23 Rabbi Table Talk and Torah Service 9:45 pm Light Lunch Class: Torah study 25 Chesvan
24 Rabbi Morning Minyan 9:30 am & Class: Comparative Religions 10:30 am Trope noon 26 Chesvan	25 27 Chesvan	26 28 Chesvan	27 Deadline for Trip reservations 29 Chesvan	28 Thanksgiving Day 30 Chesvan	29 Shabbat Service 7:00 pm Lay Leadership: Oneg: 1 Kislev	30 2 Kislev

YAHRZEITS



3 Cheshvan	Joseph Nathan Pikus	Bd 2 R3
5 Cheshvan	Ruth Eskenazi	Bd 3 R5
5 Cheshvan	Samuel Wolfe	No Pl
6 Cheshvan	Harry Borish	No Pl
7 Cheshvan	Max Borish	No Pl
8 Cheshvan	Herman Faber	No Pl
8 Cheshvan	Stanley Wolin	Bd 3 R5
9 Cheshvan	Rose Barros	Bd 1 R1
12 Cheshvan	Martin Golden	Bd 3 R5
12 Cheshvan	Bessie Nurock	Bd 1 R1
12 Cheshvan	Abraham Schuman	Bd 1 R1
13 Cheshvan	Sigmund Samuel	Bd 2 R4
13 Cheshvan	Arthur Tollin	Bd 3 R4
13 Cheshvan	David Martin	Bd 2 R1
16 Cheshvan	Janice Winter	No Pl
17 Cheshvan	Irwin Meyer Zuckerman	No Pl
18 Cheshvan	Isadore Barmash	No Pl
18 Cheshvan	George Rosenhaus	No Pl
19 Cheshvan	Lester B. Lustfield	No Pl
21 Cheshvan	Raphael Katz	Bd 1 R2
22 Cheshvan	Michael Leschetsko	No Pl
23 Cheshvan	Robert Albert Gorkin, Sr.	No Pl
24 Cheshvan	Margaret Hirschbein	Bd 2 R5
24 Cheshvan	Jacob Ettenger	Bd 2 R2
26 Cheshvan	Fannie Silverman	No Pl
27 Cheshvan	Julius Meyer Rubin	No Pl
27 Cheshvan	Reva Saltzberg	No Pl
30 Cheshvan	Paula Freedman	No Pl

KISLEV

1 Kislev	Phyllis Levitt	No Pl
1 Kislev	Sanford Albert Solomon	Bd 3 R2
1 Kislev	Paul Kramer	Bd 3 R1

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 Steve Schwartz. These take a few weeks to arrive. The cost is \$450.00. If you wish, Steve 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.

Religious School Schedule.

Sessions will be held on November 5, 12, and 19 this month.

Please let me know if you are new to the area and have young children. The VP for Education and I will be better able to determine classes and activities if we know you are interested. Schwartzcaroline@verizon.net or leave a message with the office.

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 will be placed and read at services for two weeks unless we are notified differently.

Rabbi Peggy de Prophetis' Schedule

Friday evening services begin at 7:00 pm followed by oneg*. Saturday Table Torah service begins at 9:45 am, followed by kiddush lunch* and class. Sunday service begins at 9:30 am followed by classes. Rabbi keeps each class independent of previous discussions so that you may join and enjoy the readings and discussions.

2019

Nov. 22-24 Chayei Sarah
Dec. 6-8 Vayeitzei

Mar. 6-8 Tetazaveh

April 3-5 Tzav

May 15-17 Behar-Bechar-Bechukotai

June 12-14 Beha"alotcha

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Jan. 10-12 Vayechi or 17-19 Shemot
Feb. 7-9 Beshalach

Choir Schedule

Please note changes

November practices:

Tuesday November 5, 12, 19. No service accompaniment in November.

December practices:

Tuesday December 3, 10. AND Singing at Chanukah Party Sunday, December 22. And accompaniment Friday, December 13 along with George and Carole Mason. In celebration of Steve and Caroline's 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mazel Tov!

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. Schedule now to host your important date(s) for the coming year. Reminders are published in the bulletin each month. Please contact the office and leave a message for Gwen Stubbolo 302-734-5578 to book your oneg.

(We hesitate to take donations for onegs, but you are welcome to donate in honor or in memory of someone and designate another fund you wish to support.)

Kol Nidre Offerings

We gratefully acknowledge the magnanimous offerings by members to the Kol Nidre Pledge drive held on Yom Kippur. We also have received many generous donations from visitors to our synagogue during the High Holy Day services. These donations have been acknowledged with thank you letters and are also listed below. The Board wishes to thank you all for your generosity and support.

Rabbi Louis Kaplan

Beth Savitz

Dr. Edward Gelber

City Councilman Fred A. Neil

Stacey and Joshua Hirsch

Paula Bragg

Roger Horwich

Ronald Fried

Joan and Joel Lavinsky

Jeffrey Pikus

Also received, a donation In Memory of Adele Berger, sister of Lydia Ritter, from Barbara and Frank Sparks.

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