

RABBI'S COLUMN:



What a difference a virus makes!

Last year at this time on American Thanksgiving we gathered in person with our families and friends to eat a bountiful meal together and express our gratitude.

This year, many of us will gather virtually. While the quantities of food cooked in one household will probably be much smaller--no worries about getting a 20-lb turkey in the oven--nevertheless our guest list may be bigger thanks to Zoom, allowing us to include relatives from far as well as near.

Although some of us have had a difficult year and most of us have had to make adjustments to our lives, nevertheless it behooves us to gather together to ask the Lord's blessing and express our gratitude that we have lived to see this day.

Gratitude is the Jewish way. Our prayer book is replete with sentiments of gratitude to God, who is the ultimate source of our existence. When we rise in the morning, we are expected to recite *Modeh Ani*: "I am grateful" to God for bringing life to this day. In *Birkat Ha-Mazon*, the Blessing after Meals, we thank God for the food we have eaten. During the day or at night, through the prayer *Modim Anachnu Lach*, "We are grateful to You," we thank God for "Your wonders [e.g., nature's laws] that we experience daily."

Despite all the turmoil we have much for which to be grateful this year. In our congregation, two teen-aged boys have become or will shortly become young Jewish men through bar mitzvah. Two new Jews are in-process as I write. We have received a security grant. We have developed new skills in technology. We have cooperated more fully with each other to keep Beth Sholom thriving. We have become closer as a community through caring, learning, and prayer. We are indeed a Jewish family.

So from my family to yours, I wish you a holiday filled with good thoughts, good companionship, and good food. I enjoy being your rabbi and I add my thanks to you for being such a wonderful congregation.

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

Rabbi Peggy Berman de Prophetis

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Board formally adopted the protocol guidelines for entering the synagogue and we will be opening up to a limited number of members to participate in Shabbat services in a few weeks. We will continue to send out the Zoom log on information for viewers at home and ask for registration if you want to attend. Only ten to fifteen people who register will be permitted to join the leader in the synagogue for services. You are to bring your prayerbook to avoid cross contamination. Masks are required and sanitary precautions adhered to as per the guidelines.

So many people have been busy since the conclusion of the High Holy Day services. We had the Bar Mitzvah of Mason Schulenburg in mid October which was exceptionally well orchestrated to accommodate Mason's relatives and friends to safely view via Zoom from their homes—some as far away as Australia. With only the few necessary people in actual attendance, safe distancing and observance of all precautions, Mason was able to become Bar Mitzvah. To all the people who were responsible for this coordination and to the Schulenburg family, Mazel Tov, and thank you for such a splendid simcha. It could not have been nicer.

We have another Bar Mitzvah at the end of this month when Jack Marelli will be called to the Torah. Again our team of technology gurus, and Rabbi Peggy will be streaming the services for Jack's family and you to enjoy virtually.

For a small community we sure have large hearted members who give so much of their time, money, and energy to excite and keep us going together. We can always use help if you would be able to operate technical computerized cameras, read and teach Hebrew, Bible, Jewish studies, lead parsha commentary, coordinate on line classes, or lead other topics of interest. We are looking for leaders to host online activities in a variety of areas. Even crafts or cooking of various types of interesting areas—bird watching, miniatures, handwork, cooking. Is anyone interested to participate in specific areas? Please let me know and we can put the word out and help you get started. One idea I want to host is to have another social on line with discussion of our different reasons for being in Dover, Delaware. Some of you may remember we did this once live. It was a very interesting evening.

It is getting near time to be preparing for our Tikun Olam projects for sponsoring the homeless shelter on Christmas Day for brunch and collecting items for the needy in our community.

Cindy Konowitz is coordinating the brunch for the Interfaith Shelter, and her information is contained in this newsletter. Also, we will be having a winter clothing drive for which I will need some volunteers to coordinate the collection and distribution of the clothes. We will set a December date to meet. Please keep in mind that we need good, clean, usable clothing and shoes. Clean out your closets and keep your bags until we have the collection date on the calendar. If you can help, please email me. schwartzcaroline@verizon.net

Thank you to all who have contacted Steve and wished him well during his knee replacement surgery. He is doing very well.

Caroline B. Schwartz

TREASURER'S MESSAGE

Please continue to send your Membership Commitment forms in. The response has been terrific so far. Remember if you don't send in the form by December 31 st. we will assume you are maintaining your last year's commitment. Your continued support is necessary to sustain the day to day operations of the synagogue. Thank you. If there are any concerns or questions, please contact me.

Please Remember: 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! Also there is a large container for pull tabs near the office window we collect for the Ronald McDonald House. Keep saving those. I took two large filled containers up earlier this year. They really appreciated it.

Stu Handler

KUDOS

To Trustee Marianne Gellman who has been appointed to the J-Voice Monthly Editorial Committee. Read the full article in this month's J-Voice on page 8.

We are so proud of you Marianne.

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Jewish Federation of Delaware Staff, and Board Committee that consists of members and August, we welcomed four new members to Katalin, Elizabeth Rich, and Susan Towers.



MARIANNE GELLMAN
Resource Development Director, NCALL

Connection to the Jewish community: I was a Jewish "civil servant" during the '80s and '90s: starting with the United Jewish Appeal (remember that?) and ending up as Regional Director for Israel Bonds in the Desert Southwest and Intermountain West. I lived in Israel for about three years; been in Delaware since 2014; on the Board of Trustees of Congregation Beth Shalom in Dover.

Proud moments/accomplishments: These days? Getting my job done, keeping my sanity, and maintaining at least some sense of humor. I'm a fundraiser – I take a lot of pride in being a part of the nonprofit sector's good work.

Connection to journalism: My favorite connection to journalism is my decades-long friendship with the clever associate editor of the Intermountain Jewish News (Denver), who's also the author of some wonderful mysteries!

Favorite TV Show on Netflix: Doc Martin, hands down! (Acorn, not Netflix)

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**CBS Christmas Brunch at
Dover Interfaith Mission for Housing
(During COVID-19)**

We are looking for a few good cooks! Does this speak to you?

Our tradition, at Congregation Beth Sholom, for over 12 years, has been to provide the men of Dover Interfaith Mission for Housing with Christmas Brunch and goody bags.

In the past, **CBS elves** would go into the mission and take over their commercial kitchen with many congregants and friends of Congregation Beth Sholom. We would decorate the eating hall, provide festive music and serve the men a lovely brunch including breakfast casseroles, turkey, ham, stuffing, veggies, rolls, mashed potatoes, mac & cheese, desserts and much more!*

This year will be more challenging!

Sooooo, we are looking for a few good cooks!

We can still provide Christmas Brunch for the men of Dover Interfaith Mission for Housing, but we need to be COVID-19 safe.

Here is the plan:

We are asking people to prepare food in your kitchen and bring it to the mission on Christmas morning so the men can reheat the food if necessary and serve themselves. Deliver to 684 Forest Street, between 10 and 11 am., for the Christmas Brunch at noon.

Please contact Cindy Konowitz at ckonowitz@aol.com or 302-745-1316. She will coordinate the menu*. Let her know what you will provide and for how many. Please use disposable aluminum pans for reheating or freezing. Other food supplies are also appreciated for the pantry. Also individual personal care items and snacks are always appreciated to add to the goody bags.

If you are not able to cook something, PLEASE consider donating to DIMH? They are in the process of raising money for a new home in Dover, all donations are greatly appreciated.

<https://sites.google.com/site/doverinterfaith9/donate-now>

Look on the right side of the page for “Donate” button – it will take you to PayPal.

CONGREGATION BETH SHOLOM REOPENING
PROTOCOL AND PRACTICES
Board Approved 11/2/2020

This Protocol will govern practices affecting physical attendees agreed upon by the CBS Board and will remain in effect until amended or eliminated by the board.

An attempt will be made to reduce or eliminate health risks to people in the building at all times while maintaining our traditional ritual practices. Ritual will be amended only by those health and safety considerations deemed necessary and/or mandated by law.

We have purchased equipment and software intended to allow full participation of all synagogue members while making its implementation as unintrusive as we are able, and providing a feeling of inclusion and satisfaction to both groups of attendees. We will, of course, require the cooperation of all members and other attendees as well as a small corps of volunteers to do the legwork necessary to make it work.

The following will be required of all who enter CBS for any purpose. Administration of the practices will be done by congregation members specifically identified to do so and will include escorting from the building those who cannot or will not follow these practices. In the interest of harmony, it is important that no one else attempt enforcement. If a member sees something needing correcting or improving, he/she should advise one of these named volunteers of the cause and leave the job of enforcement to the people responsible for doing so.

1. Entering the building

- a. A system will be put in place to ask attendance in advance to assist our planning for each service.
- b. People coming in will have a temperature reading via a contactless forehead thermometer, and will be asked about personal health, recent contact with anyone at risk, and travels in areas of high risk. Your replies will be accepted as accurate unless there is compelling reason to question further. CBS will comply with all legal regulations covering “contact tracing.”
- c. A mask covering both mouth and nose must be worn inside the building at all times. Use of hand sanitizer is mandatory upon entry, and periodic repetition is strongly suggested.
- d. We will have prayer books available for service participation. CBS members are asked to keep the book with them for future use. The intent is to reduce the risk of cross-contamination. Congregation members are encouraged to sign out in advance a Shabbat Siddur Sim Sholom, a weekday Sim Shalom and a high holidays Makhzor to keep and use both in-house and at home until the need to do so is considered unnecessary, and then to return them to CBS. There is no fee, but a distribution list will be maintained with the object of eventually recovering the books. Book delivery can be arranged to those unable to pick one up themselves.

2. Services

- a. Ahead of services, the chairs in the sanctuary will be placed so as to maximize social distancing based on expected attendance, and we request that no one move a chair or chairs. Attention will be made to allow family groups sharing living quarters to sit together. In particular, please DO NOT move chairs closer to the dais than you find them.

- b. The water fountain will not be in use. Attendees will be encouraged to carry water with them, and a supply of disposable water bottles will be made available for the asking, to the best of our ability. At any time, we may run out, so bringing your own will be a wise thing to do.
- c. Areas in the building (kitchen and offices, for example) will be closed to reduce risk of contamination.
 1. Rest rooms will remain open, but common sense MUST prevail.
 - i. One person at a time in the rest room, please.
 - ii. When finished, please wipe down the area you used - not just the facility, but also the sink, counter area, mirror and door knob. Paper towels plus Windex, Lysol, or similar will be present. Use a paper towel when opening the door to exit the rest room. There will be a waste basket near the door disposal of the used towels.
 - iii. Please do not dawdle – someone may be waiting to get in (and could be in a hurry!)
 2. In general, ritual will be changed in order to reduce traffic on the dais. For normal Shabbat services, the Ark will remain closed, or if opened, will be done so by someone already on the dais.
 3. There will be no onegs, and only a symbolic kiddish with the Rabbi or other person conducting the service doing so for us all.
3. Gathering in the building after service cannot be done. The building should be emptied as soon as possible. You can, of course, talk with friends outside the building in good weather, but please maintain masks and distance even there, and no hugs/handshakes, please. The virus we are facing is opportunistic – we must remove its opportunity wherever possible.
4. We are sensitive to the need for cleaning the building after its use and will have it done professionally.

A contingency plan exists for (if necessary) reclosing the building should someone who attended a service later test positive for the virus. A strong effort will be made to avoid the need for doing so.

NOVEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 6:30 pm Board Mtg	3 Election Day No Choir	4	5	6 7:00 pm ZOOM svc Leader: Barry Brill	7
8	9	10 6:00 pm Choir	11	12	13 7:00 pm ZOOM svc Leader: Barry Brill	14
15	16	17 6:00 pm Choir	18	19	20 7:00 pm ZOOM svc Leader: George & Carole Mason	21
22	23	24	25	26 THANKSGIVING	27 Rabbi 7:00 Svc	28 Rabbi 9:45 am Shabbat Svc Bar Mitzvah Jack Marelli
29 Rabbi 9:30 am Morning Minyan 10:30 am Class	30					

YAHREZEITS

13 Cheshvan – 14 Kislev

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
3 Kislev	Ralph I. Estreich	Bd 3 R2
4 Kislev	Edward Levin	No Pl
4 Kislev	Samuel Spector	No Pl
5 Kislev	Gerald Dougherty	No Pl
5 Kislev	Esther Kramer	No Pl
5 Kislev	David Scott King	No Pl
6 Kislev	Lester Little	No Pl
7 Kislev	Irving Breindel	Bd 3 R3
7 Kislev	Henrietta Brenman	No Pl
8 Kislev	Jennie Cohen Chasanov	No Pl
8 Kislev	Olive Allen	No Pl
8 Kislev	Etta Kurlander	No Pl
8 Kislev	Ruth Leskiwec	No Pl
9 Kislev	Anna Goldblum	No Pl
9 Kislev	Barbara Wohlstein	No Pl
10 Kislev	Clara Perelmutter	Bd 2 R2
11 Kislev	Julius Klein	Bd 3 R1
11 Kislev	Jacob Baker	No Pl
11 Kislev	Benjamin Bolasny	No Pl
12 Kislev	Sol M. Mersky	Bd 1 R2
12 Kislev	Florence Halpern	No Pl
13 Kislev	Benjamin Seigel	No Pl
13 Kislev	Rena Kushner Mori	No Pl
14 Kislev	Abram Louis Spector	Bd 3 R2

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 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.

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.

Lovingly Anne Parks

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' Tentative 2020-2021 Schedule

Shabbat 3 November 27-29 Vateitze Jack's Bar Mitzvah

Shabbat 4 December 18-20 Vayeishev and Chanukah (possible)

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 14-16 Bamidbar

Shabbat 10 June 11-13 Korach

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. Reminders for upcoming yahrzeits are now being mailed for each month. It is customary to make a donation in memory of a relative listed in the Yahrzeit list. If we have missed any names of close family members, please let us know. Please contact the office and leave a message. Also, 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 direct that money, please contact Rabbi to discuss it with her.

We wish to thank the following people for their generous donations during the month of October:

Beth Savitz

Joel and Joan Lavinsky

Fred Neil

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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 their acquaintance and inviting them to join our community.

Name	Spouse Name	Address	Phone	Email	Children/ages

Shalom from Beth Sholom

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DUE TO THE CORONA VIRUS, BETH SHOLOM IS NOT ADMITTING VISITORS AT THIS TIME. PLEASE CONTACT US ON LINE OR LEAVE A PHONE MESSAGE

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