



# SHALOM

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# RABBI'S COLUMN:

Our Lemonade Stand (and some mixed metaphors)

On Rosh Hashanah, in speaking about our ability to adapt to change accompanied by many obstacles, I cited the well-known expression, "If life gives you lemons, make lemonade." I proved that it was not Dale Carnegie but a Jew, Julius Rosenwald, a founder of Sears Roebuck, who gave us those words of advice. And I commented that it is a very Jewish strategy for survival.



We at Beth Sholom have been running a successful lemonade stand. Our High Holy Day services went well thanks to the many cooks who did not spoil the broth, but in fact made it more tasty and delicious, even as they followed a different recipe. Thank you.

And this Shabbat we have Mason presenting his lemonade. His first batch went untasted. But he persevered with a second haftarah and Torah portion.

In Judaism, there is always more to be found by exploring the same subject again and again. That is why we Jews study our texts not once, but many times during our lives. A great example is Simchat Torah which we celebrate this Shabbat. We rejoice in the Torah and start again to read it from the very beginning. What new adventures and "Aha" moments await us!

A bar mitzvah boy takes on adult responsibilities in the Jewish community. And that involves, not just helping to make a minyan, but also studying our Torah and other great texts, not once, but many times. Mason has already begun his journey in Jewish adulthood.

We look forward to sharing the beginning of his journey.

## Rabbi Peggy Berman de Prophetis



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we celebrate Sukkot in our socially isolation stance, we are reminded of our cyclical calendar of events and the repetition of holidays such that if we didn't get it all done last year, we are renewed and can make sure we do it right again this year. Getting it right this year requires some inventive procedures and creative thinking to enable us to complete the simple tasks and simchas, with as much joy as in other years when things were of the 'normal' situations, rather than our 'new normal' which we are still inventing. We are doing well over all and reaching the majority of our members by Zoom and giving enough opportunity to connect and produce meaningful services and classes, and the upcoming B'nai Mitzvah. All this planning has brought together electronically many people who have been essential in all of the arrangements and productions. All have participated with super ideas and suggestions to make everything occur as smoothly as possible and to provide meaningful experiences for everyone. Thank you for your dedication and time-consuming hard work. And thank you to all who have joined on Zoom and participated by being present, and participating with individual readings, leyning, and commentary.

The sukkah remains up in the back yard of the synagogue through this coming weekend. So please come and do the "Luluv Shake" at your convenience. Also, the High Holy Day Prayer Books can be dropped off at the synagogue or my house. Put a note inside to indicate who you are dropping them off. I can take your name off the list.

If you attended Rosh Hashanah services and viewed the Living Scroll montage of families, you may also wish to see it again or to share it with your family. I am adding some background music and editing with additions of pictures I just received. Eventually we shall post it on Youtube on a separate and private account to which you will need a password. Please keep an eye out for that information in a few weeks' time. We enjoyed sharing our best family pictures with our membership and thank all who donated to the successful Living Scroll fundraiser. Total proceeds were in excess of \$4000. The Living Scroll listing all of the names is located in the Ark for the coming year.

The Yizkor Scroll fundraiser brought in \$3500. Both of these annual fundraising efforts are due to many hours of compilation and publication by Cindy Konowitz and Steve Schwartz who have untiringly done these for many, many years. Thank you both.

# Caroline B. Schwartz

## TREASURER'S MESSAGE

The 2020-21 Membership commitment forms were sent out at Rosh Hashanah. Also included in the envelope was the 2020 Kol Nidre Pledge cards with a return envelope. Please remember to return both as soon as you can. Return envelopes were provided. Many have already been received. 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*

*The following is being reprinted for your consideration:*

## **UNDERSTANDING THE NEW PROTOCOLS**

### **FOR BETH SHOLOM**

**Steven Schwartz, VP Religious Affairs**

Because live attendance has turned out to be a matter about which people in our congregation have strong and conflicting opinions, Caroline appointed a committee chaired by Max Flaxman to carefully study the issue and to recommend protocols for re-opening, for both when and how. The importance of that committee's work is obvious. The tentative thinking on that committee is to recommend a partial re-opening with restrictions after the High Holy Days and its recommendations are included in this bulletin. In the meantime, if congregants will be allowed to attend in person Zoom services originating from the Synagogue, I am seriously

concerned that committee members will feel their efforts are for nothing and that they will not see through the re-opening. And a mishandled re-opening could cause serious harm.

I don't believe we can responsibly leave it to individual congregants to just decide for themselves the degree of contact to expose themselves to at Beth Sholom, to assume the risks if they choose to, and to stay home if they feel vulnerable. One reason is that no one congregant can make an informed decision where his degree of exposure and risk will depend on other attendees' unpredictable decisions on matters such as hand sanitizing, masking, social distancing and whether or not to attend in large numbers. Another reason is that a bad decision by a congregant to attend services in person, one which leads to serious illness or death, will be damaging to the congregation even if our leadership is technically not at fault.

So I have to ask you all to please to be patient with us. We will get there. *Steven Schwartz*

## **CONGREGATION BETH SHOLOM REOPENING**

### **PROTOCOL AND PRACTICES \***

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 Shalom, 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.

**\*SUBJECT TO REVISION**

## OCTOBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Erev Sukkot	3 Sukkot
				13 Tishrei	14 Tishrei	15 Tishrei
4  Second Day Sukkot	5  6 : 3 0 p m Board Mtg	6	7	8	9 <b>Rabbi</b> <b>Zoom 7:00 pm</b> Shabbat Svc	10 Rabbi <b>ZOOM 9:45am</b> Am service: Shemini Atzeret and Yizkor Svc <b>ZOOM 7:00 pm</b> Simchat Torah Celebration
16 Tishrei	17 Tishrei	18 Tishrei	19 Tishrei	20 Tishrei	21 Tishrei	22 Tishrei
11	12	13	14	15	16 <b>RABBI</b> <b>Zoom 7:00 pm</b> Shabbat Svc	17 <b>RABBI</b> <b>Bar Mitzvah</b> <b>Mason</b> <b>Schulenburg</b> <b>Zoom Svc</b>
23 Tishrei	24 Tishrei	25 Tishrei	26 Tishrei	27 Tishrei	28 Tishrei	29 Tishrei



	19	20 6:00 pm * C h o i r Practice	21	22	23 Zoom 7:00 pm Shabbat Svc Steve Schwartz	24
	1 Cheshvan	2 Cheshvan	3 Cheshvan	4 Cheshvan	5 Cheshvan	6 Cheshvan
25	26	27 6:00 pm * Choir Practice	28	29	30 Zoom 7:00 pm Shabbat Svc	31
7 Cheshvan	8 Cheshvan	9 Cheshvan	10 Cheshvan	11 Cheshvan	12 Cheshvan	13 Cheshvan

**\*choir schedule to be confirmed**

## Yahrzeits

### October

#### 14 Tishrei – 13 Cheshvan

13 Tishrei	Bruce Zuckerman	No Pl
14 Tishrei	Rubina Pellach	No Pl
14 Tishrei	Ellie Kram	No pl
14 Tishrei	Norma Foster	No Pl
18 Tishrei	Rose Solomon	Large Pl
19 Tishrei	Sarah Ackerman	No Pl
19 Tishrei	Albert Abraham Gellman	No Pl
20 Tishrei	Dorothy Lustfield	No Pl
20 Tishrei	Kalman Saltzberg	Bd 2 R2
25 Tishrei	Benjamin Brill	No Pl
26 Tishrei	Herb Kurlander	No Pl
27 Tishrei	Abraham Cohen	No Pl
29 Tishrei	Gerald Green	No Pl
30 Tishrei	Irvin J. Goldman	No Pl

#### CHESHVAN

1 Cheshvan	Florence Abraham	No Pl
1 Cheshvan	Sydney Davidoff	Bd 2 R1

2 Cheshvan	Elaine Dumoch	No Pl
3 Cheshvan	Joseph Nathan Pikus	Bd 2 R3
3 Cheshvan	Norman Berman	No Pl
5 Cheshvan	Ruth Eskenazi	Bd 3 R5
5 Cheshvan	Samuel Wolfe	No Pl
5 Cheshvan	Louis Seger	No Pl
6 Cheshvan	Harry Borish	No Pl
7 Cheshvan	Max Borish	No Pl
7 Cheshvan	William Bryant	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

### **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](mailto: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 2 October 16-18 Bereishit, Mason's Bar Mitzvah**

**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 September:

**Joel and Dianne Halpern**

**Mindy Smith**

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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](mailto: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

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