

SHALOM

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Our Mission at Congregation Beth Sholom:

We remain committed to providing inspirational and vibrant contemporary services and programs for all regardless of personal Jewish education and personal levels of observance. We conduct traditional egalitarian services every Friday evening and Saturday services twice monthly. We embrace musical and rhythmical accompaniments. With strong rabbinical guidance and support, our priorities and philosophy are to maintain opportunities for Jewish education and spiritual growth within a friendly environment fostering Jewish community. We treat everyone with warmth and respect. We are very enthusiastic about our traditions and the opportunities Judaism offers to make life more spiritual and meaningful. We also recognize that our way is not the only path to a godly life. We reflect very warm accepting, personalized, and intimate bonds among the members of our Beth Sholom family.

RABBI'S COLUMN:



Pesach is coming—the holiday where women drive themselves crazy with the cleaning, changing dishes, cooking, and so forth. I always thought the Pesach resort or cruise was a terrific solution: you leave your house as it is, let someone else do the work, and return after the holiday. Those of us who stay home may feel like slaves to the kitchen. But unlike our ancestors who were slaves in Egypt, and had little hope of a better tomorrow, no matter how much Passover preparation work we do, we do it with love. The following poem by Hara E. Person in *The Torah: A Women's Commentary* will tell you why.

Passover Love Song

The seder is a love song written/in the language of silver polish/and dishpan hands/freshly grated lemon zest/blanched almonds/ground pecans/shelled pistachios/pitted olives/sliced meat/matzah meal/white tablecloths/to-do lists/trips to Boro Park and Sahadi's.

This is how it's done.

Ashkenazi haroset/vegetarian chopped liver/my mother's real chopped liver/Bonnie's matzah ball soup/Israeli salad/gefilte fish terrine/chestnut farfel stuffing/tzimmes/leek and shallot kugel/salmon in grape leaves with pine nuts/turkey and brisket/coconut macaroons/Sephardic lemon pistachio cookies/pecan meringue/chocolate dipped apricots.

Remember.

tables stretched the length of the house/tulips on the mantle/my grandmother's blue glass plates/Aunt Hannah and Uncle Joe's silver/Nana's candlesticks/the silver salt bowls from my mother/Frieda and Solly's cut-glass horseradish pot/the wedding present seder plate/grape juice stains on the tablecloth/thin paperback haggadot/our mismatched family of friends/silly half-versions of songs/and don't lick the wine from your finger after the plagues

*Don't be fooled by the easy domesticity of these words.
This is more than a recipe for nostalgia.
This is an urgent coded message of survival adaptation
love.*

Read between the words.
A zeesen Pesach

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PRACTICAL PASSOVER PREPARATION 2025

This year, the first Seder will be held on Saturday night, April 12th.
Because Shabbat immediately precedes it, the timing of the preparations this year is a little different.

Things you would normally do on Friday are now pushed back to Thursday, for example the Fast of the Firstborn and the Search for *Chametz*. Since we are not permitted to Fast on Shabbat, the Fast is held on Thursday.

If you are a first-born, it is traditional to fast until sundown. But there is a widely practiced exemption. On the principle that fasting is prohibited on a joyous occasion, Judaism allows for anyone who attends a religious feast to forego fasting. It is customary to hold a celebratory meal on the completion of study of a tractate of Talmud, called a *siyyum* (conclusion). So, after the morning service on Erev Pesach, the rabbis initiated the practice of studying a portion of a Talmud tractate after morning services or talking about a Talmudic tractate they recently finished studying. All the firstborn and others are invited to be present for this *siyyum*, which is followed by refreshments. This mitzvah meal negates the fast.

So, study (or listen to Torah), feast, and then you don't have to fast.

Sell your *chametz*.

You can sell it symbolically to a non-Jew. Chabad will do it for you at this website: https://www.chabadchayil.org/templates/articlecco_cdo/aid/1160277/jewish/Sell-Chametz.htm?gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQjwK--BhDkARIsAD_mnlqBYfcq4zxTjF68eCtuMmAA6qzBBh-GQXfE-CPz95AqarISSjc_EMaAtNMEALw_wcB

And if you do not choose to remove all *chametz* from your home, you can isolate it or lock it up until after Pesach.

So much of Judaism is about sanctifying time (like Shabbat). These eight days of Pesach are very special to our Jewish identity and we should mark them as different by observing as many requirements as we can.

Thursday evening do your final search for *chametz*. This search is a ritual search called, *b'dekat chametz* (searching for *chameitz*). In Eastern Europe the tradition was to use a feather and conduct the search by candlelight (a flashlight is safer). The last *chametz* is burned on Friday morning.

Blessings before the search for *chametz*: *Baruch Atah, Adonai Eloheינו, Melech ha-olam, asher kid'sha-noo b' mitz-vo-tav vi'tzee-va-noo al bee-ur chametz.* "Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who sanctified us by commanding us to remove all the *chameitz*."

Blessing after the search: *Kol cha-mee-rah va-cha-mee-ah d'-i-ka vir-shoo-tee, d'-la cha-mee-teih oo'd'-la va-a-ri-teih oo-d'-la ya-da-na lei, liv-teel v'-leh-heh-vei hef-keir k-'af-ra d'-a-ra.* Leave behind challah loaves or rolls that will be completely consumed during tonight's and tomorrow morning's Shabbat meals.

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I refer you to the Rabbinical Assembly's Pesach Guide; Rules for Preparing for Pesach When it Begins Saturday Night; and Chameitz. These three files should answer all your questions.

<https://www.rabbinicalassembly.org/sites/default/files/2025-03/pesah-guide-5785.pdf>

https://www.rabbinicalassembly.org/sites/default/files/assets/public/halakhah/teshuvot/19912000/abels_on_saturdaynight.pdf

<https://www.rabbinicalassembly.org/sites/default/files/public/jewish-law/holidays/pesah/b-dikat-hameitz.pdf>

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Beth Sholom Family,

It is hard to believe that Passover is only a few weeks away! It seems as if we just put away our groggers and costumes and feasted on Hamantaschen. Speaking of Purim, what a great time we had celebrating together with Rabbi Peggy. Thanks again to all of you who helped decorate and participated in the festivities. See attached picture of the Purim crew.

In March we also celebrated the Rabbi's Birthday with a very tasty, covered dish Shabbat dinner prior to Services. On Saturday, Rabbi Peggy again led us in prayer which was followed by a Kiddish luncheon. We appreciate all of your participation throughout the busy weekend.

We were treated to a musical Shabbat Service on the 21st led by Steve and accompanied by the CBS Choir. They sounded great! Thank you to our choir members and to our fabulous leader Erin Grier. You are all much appreciated.

The final Shabbat of the month was led by our CBS women. Thank you, Mindy, for taking the lead this month! We will also be wishing Herb and Karen Konowitz a fond farewell. Cindy hosted the Oneg in their honor as they prepare to relocate to West Virginia for a time. We wish you much happiness as you embark on your new endeavor.

And now to April! We are thrilled to welcome back Cantor George and Carole who will lead services on April 4th following their winter hiatus. We have missed you and look forward to sharing Shabbat once again.

Steve will be leading Services the following Shabbat, the Friday evening before Passover. We hope you will join us! Look forward to lots of macaroons!

Rabbi Peggy returns for the final weekend of Passover on April 18th. The Rabbi will lead Services Friday evening and Saturday morning. Her class on Death and morning minyan will be held on her Zoom on Sunday.

CBS members will travel to Lewes on Thursday, April 24th to attend a viewing of the film, “The Boy in the Woods”, part of the Jewish Film Festival. We will meet for lunch prior to the movie.

The following Wednesday we are planning a pizza party for CBS members and those interested in our Shul. Please reach out to your unaffiliated family and friends and ask them to join us. More info to follow.

Our month will be rounded out with Parsha group, choir practice, and adult education classes. There is always something going on! Don’t miss out on your opportunities to learn, practice your faith, and connect with others. That is why we are here.

Warmest wishes for a beautiful Passover. Enjoy your time with family and friends. And as always, Prayers for Peace.

Shalom!
Gwen D. Stubbolo, President
Congregation Beth Sholom

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TREASURER'S MESSAGE

I want to thank everyone that has fulfilled their membership commitments and also to those that continue to do so to sustain the day-to-day operations of our synagogue. If there are any concerns or questions, please contact me.

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 number 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 support our charity donations.

Stu Handler

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BUILDERS DASH

We are eager to begin our highly anticipated Faith Build construction project starting next Wednesday, April 2nd!

This journey will begin with a **Faith Build Kick-Off next Wednesday, April 2nd starting at 8:30am** on the site of [145 N Ann Avenue, Dover, DE 19904](#), where we will meet and mingle with fellow supporters and the partner family, hand out Faith Build gear, and begin framing the exterior walls.

There will be parking available along both sides of the street, but if carpooling is an option that may work best.

If you would like to get involved, our [Faith Build Page](#) lists a few ways you can turn your faith into action.

If you specifically want to help out on our construction sites, please submit a [Volunteer Enrollment & Waiver](#) and view the [Faith Build Construction Sign-Up](#) to select upcoming build dates.

We are more than ready to raise the walls of this home with the support from local congregations like yours. Please feel free to reach out with any questions you may have, we look forward to working with you!

Thank you kindly,

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Hannah Kyriss | Volunteer Manager

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<https://centraldelawarehabitat.org/>



REHOBOTH BEACH JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL 2025

APRIL 23 - 27

Tickets on Sale now!

[Jewish Film Festival at Rehoboth Beach Film Society](#)

The Film Society and the Seaside Jewish Community will present the 10th Annual Rehoboth Beach Jewish Film Festival (JFF) on Wednesday through Sunday, April 23 - 27, 2025 at the Cinema Art Theater. JFF serves to deepen awareness of Jewish culture and experiences, and to explore community differences and commonalities through the art of cinema.

CBS is planning to see the movie: “**The Boy in the Woods**”

The remarkable true-life survival story of a Jewish boy hiding and being hunted in the forests of Nazi-occupied Eastern Europe, based on Maxwell Smart's memoir.

Film Host: Nina Gallerstein

Thursday, April 24, 2025

2:00 pm

Cinema Art Theater

17701 Dartmouth Drive

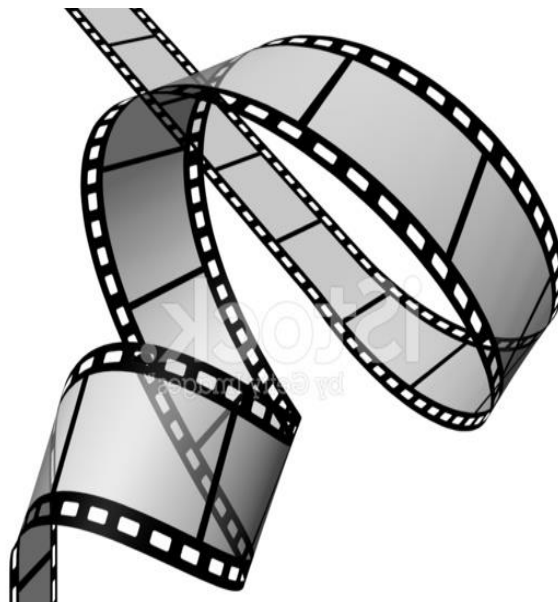
Lewes, Delaware 19958

Tickets cost \$15.00 and can be purchased online by scrolling down the Rehoboth Beach Film Society website and clicking on the film posters in the film guide.

<https://www.rehobothfilm.com/>

Tickets sell out fast so act now if you are interested!

We will be meeting for lunch prior to the film at 11:30. Restaurant TBD. Let the office know if you wish to join us so we can make lunch reservations.



See ya at the movies!

Celebrate your Simcha at Beth Sholom!

Our longstanding custom at Beth Sholom is to celebrate a simcha or honor a loved one by sponsoring an Oneg following Shabbat Services. The process is easy, not expensive and we will help! Select a date, an occasion and we will guide you through. If you are not able to purchase items and set up an oneg but still wish to honor a loved one or celebrate an occasion, a special donation for the event will be accepted. CBS member Penny Kessler will be calling members throughout the month to schedule your special Oneg.

CBS is forming a Hospitality Committee to assist with Oneg preparation and clean-up. Please contact Gwen if you are interested in joining this important group or have questions.

Warmest regards,
Gwen

Starting Over....

Each year in April, we begin a new Misheberach list to ensure we pray for all of those in need of healing. Throughout the year many names are added and we often lose track of the health status of those on the list we don't personally know. We ask all of you this month to contact the CBS office to add your name, or the names of anyone you wish to include on the new list for April. We wish good health and happiness to all of you and your loved ones! Thank you!

The CBS Board

Sharing Simchas

Purim Celebration was such fun

We had all sorts of costumes, including a witch, psychedelic mama, 50's teen, Smurf, baseball player, Mordechai, and Queen Esther. We ate hamantaschen and other sweets and enjoyed a super fun time. What a group.

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Wishing our CBS Family and friends a

HAPPY PASSOVER



פסח שמח

very Sweet and Festive Passover.

The Simchas Continue

Happy Birthday

April 5	Leon Schenkein	April 15	Janet Koch
April 6	Harriet Auerbach	April 17	Ben Schwartz
	April 19	David Jaffe	

Anniversaries

April 4	Stephen and Deborah Weiner	April 20	Nancy and Erik Frankl
April 5	Leon and Nanci Schenkein	April 29	Jerry and Marianne Abrams
	April 30	Herb and Karen Konowitz	

Mazel Tov and Simon Tov

****If you have a special simcha to share please let us know and we will post it in our Bulletin.... Pictures are welcome!****

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 CBS Choir 6 pm (H) 3 Nisan	2 Habitat Bldg. 8:30 am Planning Comm 10:30 am (H) Parsha Study 6:30 (Z) 4 Nisan	3 5 Nisan	4 Carole and Cantor George 7 pm (H) 6 Nisan	5 <i>Vayikra</i> 7 Nisan
6 8 Nisan	7 CBS Board Mtg. 6:30 pm (Z) 9 Nisan	8 CBS Choir 6 pm (H) 10 Nisan	9 Parsha Study 6:30 (Z) 11 Nisan	10 12 Nisan	11 Steve 7 pm (H) 13 Nisan	12 Shabbat Hagadol Erev Pesach First Seder at sundown <i>Tzav</i> 14 Nisan
13 <i>Pesach</i> Day 1 15 Nisan	14 <i>Pesach</i> Day 2 16 Nisan	15 <i>Pesach</i> Day 3 17 Nisan	16 Parsha Study 6:30 (Z) <i>Pesach</i> Day 4 18 Nisan	17 <i>Pesach</i> Day 5 19 Nisan	18 Rabbi Peggy 7 pm (H) <i>Pesach</i> Day 6 20 Nisan	19 Rabbi Peggy 9:45 am (H) <i>Yom Tov</i> <i>Pesach</i> Day 7 21 Nisan
20 Rabbi Peggy 9:30 am (Z) class <i>Yom Tov</i> <i>Yiskor Service</i> <i>Pesach</i> Day 8 22 Nisan	21 <i>Omer 8</i> 23 Nisan	22 <i>Omer 9</i> 24 Nisan	23 Parsha Study 6:30 (Z) <i>Omer 10</i> 25 Nisan	24 <i>Jewish Film Festival</i> <i>event</i> Lunch TBD "11:30 Film 2 pm <i>Omer 11</i> 26 Nisan	25 Janet & Newton 7 pm (H) <i>Omer 12</i> 27 Nisan	26 <i>Omer 13</i> <i>Shemini</i> 28 Nisan
27 <i>Omer 14</i> 29 Nisan	28 Torah Study 7 pm (Z) <i>Rosh Chodesh 1</i> <i>Omer 15</i> 30 Nisan	29 CBS Choir 6 pm (H) <i>Rosh Chodesh 2</i> <i>Omer 16</i> 1 Iyar	30 Pizza Party Meet & Greet Parsha Study 6:30 (Z) <i>Yom Hazikaron</i> <i>Omer 17</i> 2 Iyar			

Yahrzeits

April 2025

2 Nisan	Lily Arditi	No PI
3 Nisan	Ruby Beth Borish	No PI
4 Nisan	Pauline Schwartz	Bd 3 R5
5 Nisan	Mordecai Mersky	No PI
7 Nisan	Robert I. Konowitz	Bd 2 R2
7 Nisan	Pauline Marcus	Bd 2 R2
7 Nisan	Louis Klepner	No PI
9 Nisan	Michael Brill	No PI
9 Nisan	Yetta Frances Dubyn	Bd 2 R2
9 Nisan	John Rosenfeld	No PI
10 Nisan	Harriet Goldmintz	No PI
10 Nisan	Mary Katz	B1 R2
10 Nisan	Pearl Spector	Bd 3 R5
10 Nisan	Leonard Isaacson	No PI
11 Nisan	Ruben Simpson Pikus	No PI
11 Nisan	Mollie Spector	No PI
11 Nisan	Helen Harris Berman	Bd 2 R4
11 Nisan	Anna Weinstein	Bd 3 R2
11 Nisan	Jack Winston	Bd 3 R3
11 Nisan	Goldie Everett	Bd 2 R4
11 Nisan	James Kelly	no pl
11 Nisan	Rose Levin	no pl
11 Nisan	Josef Schneider	Bd 4 R4
12 Nisan	Malvin Gelof	Bd 4 R2
13 Nisan	Herman J. Harrison	Bd 3 R3
13 Nisan	Joseph Jacob	No PI
16 Nisan	Abraham Handler	Bd 3 R2
16 Nisan	Helen Berman	No PI
17 Nisan	Rebecca Gelof	No PI

18 Nisan	Rita Wenig	No PI
18 Nisan	Ivon Richard Wohlstein	No PI
18 Nisan	Barney Mason	No PI
20 Nisan	Mollie Rosenblatt	Bd 3 R4
20 Nisan	Sarah Konowitz	Bd 4 R3
21 Nisan	Zelda Nelson	Bd 3 R2
21 Nisan	Gae Gellman (non-Jew)	No PI
22 Nisan	Bessie Gordon	Bd 1 R2
22 Nisan	Anna Mae Goldberg	No PI
22 Nisan	Marvin Mesibov	Bd 3 R4
22 Nisan	Morris Jacobson	Bd 2 R1
22 Nisan	Hyman German	No PI
23 Nisan	Phyllis Barros	Bd 2 R1
25 Nisan	Sam Auerbach	Bd 3 R3
26 Nisan	Abraham Albert Golden	No PI
26 Nisan	Rebecca Szechtman	No PI
27 Nisan	Sadie Golden	Bd 3 R4
28 Nisan	Rae Brill Ambrose	No PI
28 Nisan	Sally Lipmanson	No PI
28 Nisan	William Lippman	No PI
28 Nisan	Rebecca Hanovice	Bd 3 R2
29 Nisan	Jacob H. Schiff	Bd 2 R2
29 Nisan	James Krauss	No PI
29 Nisan	Morris L. Sheinblum	No PI
30 Nisan	David Eskenazi	No PI
1 Iyar	Jane Rosenfeld	No PI
1 Iyar	Evelyn Dubin	No PI
2 Iyar	Lena Rigberg Axel	Bd 2 R4
3 Iyar	Dora Markowitz	Bd 3 R1
4 Iyar	Arthur Schenkein	No PI

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 of 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.

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 until we are notified differently. Please let us know when to remove the person from the list.

Donations to Congregation Beth Sholom

When donating to Congregation Beth Sholom, your generosity will be acknowledged with letters sent to the honorees. Schedule now to host an oneg for your important date(s) for the coming year. Reminders are published in the bulletin 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.

Shalom from Beth Sholom

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