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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:

This is a repeat, but I'm willing to bet you have forgotten the answers! If not, *kol ha kavod* (well done).

What do you know about Purim, besides 'we were persecuted,' 'we fought back and won,' and 'now let's eat'?

Twelve Purim Questions. You might have to do some research and actually read the Megillah. Answers will be found elsewhere in the bulletin.



1. How many times is God mentioned in the Megillah?
2. Which two people in the Megillah have names that begin with the letter Vav?
3. Aside from wine, what other item mentioned in the Megillah is served at the Passover seder?
4. The gallows that Haman intended to hang Mordechai on were 50 cubits long (Esther 5:14). Where in the book of Genesis do we find wood measuring 50 cubits?
5. What golden item appears in the Megillah four times, but nowhere else in the Bible?
6. What is the connection between the first verse of the Megillah and the first verse of parshat *Chayei Sarah*?
7. About whom and about what does it state, "And the matter pleased [him]"? (3 answers)
8. What was Esther's Hebrew name?
9. What is the reason verses 9:7-9 are supposed to be read in one breath?

10. What modern federal agency features prominently in Megillat Esther?
11. What does the word *megillah* mean?
12. How many *megillot* do we chant and on what holidays?

Good luck and *Chag Purim Sameiach* (Happy Purim).

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ANSWERS

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1. Zero mentions, but God is surely there.
2. Queen *Vashti* and *Vayzatha*, the tenth son of *Haman* (*Esther* 9:9).
3. *Karpas*, the vegetable dipped in salt water, is mentioned in the *Megillah*, albeit with a different meaning (*Esther* 1:6).
4. In parshat *Noach*, the width of the ark was 50 cubits (*Genesis* 6:15).
5. A golden scepter is mentioned four times but nowhere else in the Bible (*Esther* 4:11, 5:2, 8:4).
6. The first verse of the *Megillah* states that *Achashverosh* ruled over 127 provinces. The first verse of parshat *Chayei Sarah* states that Sarah lived for 127 years (*Genesis* 23:1).
7. It pleased *Achashverosh* to execute Vashti and to send letters declaring that every man should dominate his household (*Esther* 1:21). *Achashverosh* was also pleased by the idea of choosing a new queen (*Esther* 2:4). Haman was pleased to make gallows to hang *Mordechai* (*Esther* 5:13).
8. *Hadassah*
9. These are the names of the 10 sons of *Haman*
10. The Postal Service
11. *Megillah* derives from the Yiddish *megile*, which itself comes from the Hebrew word *mēgillāh*, meaning "scroll" or "volume."
12. Song of Songs on *Pesach*; Ruth on *Shavuot*; Lamentations on *Tisha B'Av*; *Ecclesiastes* on *Sukkot*; *Esther* on *Purim*.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Shalom CBS Family,

Welcome to March and the promise of Spring! This month we look forward to warmer weather, flowers beginning to poke from the ground, the joyous holiday of Purim and many special events at Beth Sholom.

Before we move on to March, we recall some of our special memories from February. On the first Shabbat of February, we celebrated the Rabbi's return and the Bar Mitzvah of Charlie Schwartz. We, along with his family and friends, were so proud of his accomplishments and so happy to celebrate this milestone with him as a Congregation. Much thanks to all who helped make this occasion so special for Charlie and all of us!

The following weekend we thank Newton and Janet for their fabulous Friday night Service and *Tu B'Shevat* presentation and Oneg. It was a truly educational and delicious evening.

Another festive and delicious evening was held on the 16th at Olive Garden in celebration of Herb Konowitz's birthday. Thanks to Herb and Karen for inviting us to celebrate with their family and friends. We had a great evening and all wish Herb a Happy birthday and a healthy and joyous year to come.

On the 23rd, eighteen of us "CBSers" piled into a van and cars and drove to Wilmington. We visited the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware and the Delaware Historical Society to view their special exhibits. We all learned a lot and had a wonderful time. Our afternoon ended with a late lunch on the Riverfront. A big Thank you to our hosts, Gail, Alan and Diane. A special thank you to our driver, Barry. Finally, the trip would not have been possible without the financial assistance of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. Thank you so much!

And now to March...Our first Shabbat this month will be held on March 7th and will be led by the always exuberant Barry Brill. Laurie Willet will be hosting the Oneg in memory of her beloved parents. She invites all of us to attend.

The following week we welcome Rabbi Peggy for Purim. Help is needed on Wednesday, March 12th to decorate . We will be meeting at 1pm to transform the Sanctuary into the town of Shushan and all help is appreciated. The Rabbi will be reading the Book of Esther on Thursday, March 13th. Pull out your costumes and dust off your noise makers and prepare for a noisy and fun evening.

In honor of Purim, and Rabbi Peggy's birthday, we will be holding a "Covered Dish Shabbat Supper" on Friday evening prior to services. The dinner will be held at 5:30 pm and all are asked to contribute a kosher dairy or pareve dish. Contact Gwen to find out what is needed. Services will also be held on Saturday morning.

Our Choir will be performing at Friday night services, March 21st. Steve will be leading and Erin will accompany on piano. We look forward to once again hearing their beautiful music. Please come out and support our choir and enjoy a lovely evening of prayer and music.

Our CBS women take the Bima on Friday evening, March 28th. Cindy Konowitz and Bryan will be hosting a "farewell Oneg" in honor of Herb and Karen Konowitz who are planning to relocate to West Virginia for a year. Please join us on the 28th to support our Women's service leaders and to wish Herb and Karen a safe journey and the best of luck during their year away.

We have lots going on at Beth Sholom and I invite you all to participate. Please see the pictures and articles on the following pages and keep up with events in our weekly newsletter. As always, feel free to reach out to me with any questions, concerns, ideas or just to say "Shalom". Shalom!

With the warmest of regards and Prayers for Peace,

Gwen D. Stubbolo, President
Congregation Beth Sholom

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TREASURER’S MESSAGE

I have sent out the 2024 Tax forms in mid-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.

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 support our charity donations.

Also, if you have any old eyeglasses, remember to bring them to the synagogue and put them in the box near the office. These will be collected by Clyde Bragg for the Lions Club. A great way to repurpose your old glasses for a great cause.

Stu Handler

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Vice President of Adult Education

This year the month of March coincides with the Hebrew month of Adar. In this month we commemorate Shabbat Shekalim, which falls on or immediately precedes the First of *Adar*. The commandment, found in Exodus 30:11-16, describes the obligation of every Israelite man to contribute a half *shekel*. The purpose was to provide funds to support the operation of the *Mishkan/tabernacle* and as a means to take a census of the Israelite men. In Temple days, this tax was used toward the upkeep of the temple. Since it was to be paid during *Adar*, Shabbat *Shekalim* was scheduled to fall on or around the 1st of Adar as a reminder of the upcoming obligation (Cohen). On the 1st of Adar in ancient days, messengers were sent out to all Jewish communities to collect these funds (Eisenburg). Today, however, we observe this obligation by collecting funds on Ta'anit Esther, which support Jewish Institutions or other charitable endeavors. At Purim time it is customary to contribute 3 half-shekels because in the Torah, the phrase *מחצית השקל* (Half-Shekel) appears three times in the description of this obligation, thus, in America and Canada the contribution for this obligation is \$1.50 (Cohen). This year, Ta'anit Esther falls on March 13th followed by Purim on March 14th.

The big event for this month of March is Purim which celebrates the deliverance of the Persian Jews from a plot to kill them. The name Purim is the plural of the Babylonian or Persian word "*Pur*" (lot) which refers to the lots cast to determine when the slaughter of the Jewish community would take place (Esther 3:7). The lots fell on Adar 13 which has become a minor feast day. The observance of Purim

revolves around the reading of the *Megillah* (scroll) of Esther. Other Mitzvot include a festive meal, sending gifts of food to friends, and giving money to the poor. The day is also celebrated with costumes, masquerades, plays, parodies, and heavy consumption of alcohol (Strassfeld). Purim is preceded by *Ta'anit Esther* which recalls the three- day fast by the Jews of Persia (Esther 3:12 – 4:16).

The Parshat Readings for March will be *Terumah, Tetzaveh, Ki Tissa, Vayakhel, and Pekudei* and their associated *Haftorot*, and we will complete the remainder of the book of Exodus (Exodus 25:1 – 40:38). This month we will read about the building of the Tabernacle, and its accoutrements, the making of the priestly clothes, and the incident of the Golden Calf. The Parsha reading sessions are open to all and meet on Wednesdays at 6:30pm on the synagogue zoom.

Additionally, the Torah Study group meets on the last Monday of each month at 7pm also on the Synagogue zoom. The next session will convene on Monday March 31st and will be led by Glenn Sacks and the topic will be 'Anti-Semitism'.

Thank you

Newton Rennie

Thank You

On behalf of Congregation Beth Shalom and Charlie Schwartz and his Family, I would like to thank all of you who made donations to the Synagogue in honor of Charlie's Bar Mitzvah. Your generosity and thoughtfulness are much appreciated.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

*With gratitude,
Gwen Stubbolo, President*

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

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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

Share Your Special Passover Recipes

Congregation Beth Sholom Passover Cookbook Project 2025

With Passover fast approaching (we know—eek!), we're thrilled to announce a special PASSOVER project from Congregation Beth Sholom - Dover, and we need your help!

We're creating a unique Passover cookbook filled with your cherished recipes—whether it's a fresh twist on haroset, a standout seder dish, or an incredible matzah-based creation we've never seen before. Finding delicious and creative meals for all eight days can be a challenge, so let's pool our collective culinary wisdom, years of experience, and the stories behind our go-to Passover dishes to make the holiday more enjoyable, meaningful, and of course, delicious.

We're calling on our wonderful community to share recipes that highlight the incredible diversity of Jewish cuisine. I love brisket and matzah ball soup as much as you do (seriously!), but we're looking for variety—recipes from around the world, dishes that honor tradition while embracing innovation, and yes, kitniyot recipes are welcome!

Following the long-standing American tradition of community cookbooks, you don't need to be a professional cook, chef, or even a "*balabusta*" to contribute.

If you'd like your beloved Passover recipe to be featured, simply fill out the attached form by **March 28th** and return it to me at ckonowitz@aol.com or bring it to the synagogue office. Tell us your name, the name of your recipe, include the full recipe with measurements (if possible), and share a bit about why it's special to you. Perhaps it's tied to a cherished memory, a beloved family member, or a particular place.

We can't wait to see—and taste—the incredible dishes you bring to the table!

Congregation Beth Shalom

Passover Cookbook 2025

Your Name: _____

Your Email address: _____

Name of your recipe: _____

Enter the recipe here (Please include measurements where you can):

Who or where did you get this recipe from? (ex. my grandmother Edna, my childhood synagogue Beth Shalom's sisterhood cookbook)

Please include photos if you would be willing to share (of the dish, of the written recipe, of the person you got the recipe from)

Purim Celebration at Beth Sholom!

The time has come to pull out your costumes, dust off your groggers and celebrate the festive Holiday of Purim!

Rabbi Peggy will be reading the Book of Esther on Thursday evening, March 13th at 7pm.

All are invited to wear costumes and be prepared to make some noise!

This year, in observance of Shabbat *Shekalim* (please see Newton's article in the Bulletin) each person is asked to bring half a Shekel as a donation to charity. Of course, we are not in the habit of carrying around shekels these days, so we ask each person to bring the American equivalent of \$1.50. Donations will be dropped in the three-corner hat and will be given to The Center for Neighbor's in Need in Dover for food. Please participate in the fundraiser.

On Wednesday afternoon we will be decorating the Sanctuary for our big event. Join us at 1pm if you wish to help.

Happy Purim everybody!

Oh, today we'll Merry, Merry Be and Nosh some Hamantaschen!



Celebrating Simchas
What a terrific celebration for Herb
Happiest of Birthdays to you!!!



What a Special Day

A special day for CBS as we traveled to JHSD and learned about Jewish War Heroes from our home state. We found several surprises and some special connections to our Congregation



The Simchas Continue

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

March 3	Larry Koch	March 15	Laura Levitt
March 3	Laura Sacks	March 15	Rabbi Peggy
March 4	John Levine	March 19	Glenn Sacks
March 10	Mindy Beck	March 21	Erv Schleifer
March 10	Molly Schulenburg	March 23	Barry Brill
	March 31	Chaz Salkin	

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

March 6	Ed and Ellie Ayervais
March 31	Larry and Janet Koch

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 <i>Terumah</i> 1 Adar
2 2 Adar	3 Board Meeting 6:30 pm (Z) 3 Adar	4 Choir 6 pm (H) 4 Adar	5 Planning Comm 10:30 am (H) Parsha Study 6:30 pm (Z) 5 Adar	6 6 Adar	7 Barry 7 pm (H) Oneg (By Laurie) 7 Adar	8 <i>Tetzaveh</i> 8 Adar
9 9 Adar	10 10 Adar	11 Choir 6 pm (H) 11 Adar	12 Purim decorating 1 pm Parsha Study 6:30 pm (Z) 12 Adar	13 Rabbi 7 pm (H) Purim 13 Adar	14 Covered Dish Dinner 5:30 pm Rabbi Service 7 pm (H) 14 Adar	15 Rabbi 9:45 am (H) Kiddush Lunch <i>Ki Tissa</i> 15 Adar
16 Rabbi Service + class 9:45 (Z) 16 Adar	17 17 Adar	18 Choir 6 pm (H) 18 Adar	19 Parsha Study 6:30 pm (Z) 19 Adar	20 Dinner 6 pm TBD 20 Adar	21 Steve choir 7 pm (H) Oneg (by Choir) 21 Adar	22 <i>Vayakhai</i> 22 Adar
23 23 Adar <hr/> 30 Rosh Chodesh 1 1 Nisan	24 24 Adar <hr/> 31 Rosh Chodesh 2 Glenn Sacks Adult Education 7 pm (Z) 2 Nisan	25 <u>25 Adar</u>	26 Parsha Study 6:30 pm (Z) <u>26 Adar</u>	27 <u>27 Adar</u>	28 Mindy Women's Service 7 pm (H) Oneg (by Cindy in honor of Herb and Karen who are moving to W. Va.) <u>28 Adar</u>	29 Steve 9:45 am (H) Refreshments will follow <i>Pekudei</i> <u>29 Adar</u>

Yahrzeits
March 2025

1 Adar	Ida Cohen	No PI
1 Adar	Harris Lapidus	No PI
2 Adar	Irving (Yitzhak)Fromowitz	B4 R2
2 Adar	Janis Newman	No PI
3 Adar	George Weiner	B3 R3
3 Adar	Joshua Szechtman	No PI
4 Adar	Louis Winter	No PI
5 Adar	Mitzi Margolis	No PI
5 Adar	N. Robert Schiff	B2 R2
5 Adar	Abraham Levine	No PI
5 Adar	Paula Bess Zuckerman	No PI
6 Adar	Irving Levitt	B4 R3
7 Adar (II)	Helen Winston	B3 R3
8 Adar	Rose Wolf	No PI
9 Adar	Frederick Moss	B2 R2
9 Adar	Milton Carl Lundy	B3 R4
10 Adar (II)	Goldie Brenman	No PI
12 Adar	Solomon Levitt	B2 R5
12 Adar	Bessie Wolfe	No PI
12 Adar (II)	Joseph J. Wolfe	No PI
12 Adar (II)	Leonard Schneider	B4 R4
13 Adar	Linda Konowitz	B4 R3
13 Adar	Rebecca Szechtman	No PI
13 Adar	Joseph Weiner	No PI
14 Adar	Dora Wolin	No PI
16 Adar	Paula Newman Lane	No PI
16 Adar	William Chipman	B3 R5
16 Adar	Shirley Breindel	B3 R3

16 Adar	Aaron Levitt	B2 R5
17 Adar	Sharon Koch	No PI
18 Adar	Abraham Savitz	No PI
18 Adar (II)	Harriet Mermelstein Salkin	B3 R3
18 Adar	Pearl A. Kane	No PI
19 Adar	Samuel Silverman	No PI
20 Adar	Sol Bloomfield	No PI
21 Adar	Perle Gitlin	No PI
21 Adar	Edith Goldstein	No PI
21 Adar	Deborah Moss	B2 R2
22 Adar	Edward Holtzman	No PI
22 Adar	Sophie Gordon	B1 R2
22 Adar	Jack Freedman	B3 R5
22 Adar	Michelle Lee Barros	B2 R2
23 Adar	Eileen Morosi	No PI
23 Adar (II)	Evelyn Colten	B3 R5
23 Adar	Ralph Faber	No PI
23 Adar	Esther Halpern	B2 R3
24 Adar	Rachael Honer	No PI
24 Adar	Adele Mally	No PI
25 Adar	Ann Jacobs	B3 R4
25 Adar	Nettie Levine	No PI
25 Adar	Sol Kessler	No PI
28 Adar	Morris J. Barros	B1 R1
28 Adar	Ruth Eisenberg Rothfeld	No PI
28 Adar	Irving Gottlieb	No PI
29 Adar	Dora Pikus	No PI
29 Adar	Richard Isaacson	No PI
2 Nisan	Lily Arditi	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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