



Light of God's House

CONGREGATION BETH EMETH

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A GOOD QUESTION

YAIR D. ROBINSON

We are in the time of the Omer, the counting up from Pesach to Shavuot. This week of weeks is meant to give us the opportunity to pause and reflect on what is most important and meaningful in our lives. During the Omer, we're supposed to refrain from indulgences small (like haircuts) and large (like weddings). Instead, we're supposed to engage in a kind of *cheshbon ha-nefesh*, an accounting of the soul, and reflect on various middot, Jewish values, expanding our own sense of holiness.

It's possible that this will be the longest Omer ever, having started just after Purim rather than after Pesach. I'm speaking, of course, of our physical distancing, our stay-at-home orders, and the sense of moral trauma that many of us are experiencing. We have learned to celebrate Shabbat with our laptops open to services, to wave at one another on Zoom, to watch various celebrations be lessened and postponed, to settle for comforting a friend or loved one over the phone rather than in person. Rather than feel the progress from Passover to Shavuot, from one festival to the next, many of us feel trapped as if in amber, frozen as we hope that our inaction--our staying at home and refraining from social contact--is enough action to spare our community and each other the

SHABBAT SHALOM

Friday, May 1, Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 7:00PM

Join us by: Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/881135504> or by phone: Dial-In: 6465588656, Meeting ID: 881 135 504; or <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDGcjXfeW866iGiUCWEbkuw>

Saturday, May 2, Torah Study and Service

Combined 9:30AM, Join by Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/531825441> or Join by phone: Dial-In: 6465588656, Meeting ID: 531 825 441

"Acharei Mot/Kedoshim," Leviticus 16:20-28; Amos 9:13-15

Friday, May 8, Shabbat Service, 7:00PM

Join us by: Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/881135504> or by phone: Dial-In: 6465588656, Meeting ID: 881 135 504; or <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDGcjXfeW866iGiUCWEbkuw>

Saturday, May 9, Torah Study and Service

Combined 9:30AM,

Join by Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/531825441>

Join by phone: Dial-In: 6465588656, Meeting ID: 531 825 441

"Emor" Leviticus 21:1-24:23; Ezekiel 44:15-31

Friday, May 15, Shabbat Service, 7:00PM

Join us by: Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/881135504> or by phone: Dial-In: 6465588656, Meeting ID: 881 135 504; or <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDGcjXfeW866iGiUCWEbkuw>

Saturday, May 16, Torah Study 9:30AM, Please join us on

Zoom: Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/joining/register/v5Mkf-yupz0vl1PtKJ0f87LcEH3kUjFJrQ>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

The Bat Mitzvah of Hayley Rose Eng, daughter of Sharie and Brian Eng, will be celebrated

"Behar/Behukkotai," Leviticus 26:3-13; Jeremiah 32:6-15

Friday, May 22, Shabbat Service, 7:00PM Join us by:

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/881135504> or by phone: Dial-In: 6465588656, Meeting ID: 881 135 504; or <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDGcjXfeW866iGiUCWEbkuw>

Saturday, May 23, Torah Study and Service

Combined 9:30AM, Join by Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/531825441>, Join by phone: Dial-In: 6465588656, Meeting ID: 531 825 441

"Bamidbar," Numbers 1:1-4:20; I Samuel 20:18-42

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**Friday, May 29, Shavuot Shabbat Service,
7:00 PM (stayed tuned for details)**

**Saturday, May 30. Torah Study and Service
Combined 9:30AM, Join by Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/531825441>, Join by phone: Dial-In: 6465588656,
Meeting ID: 531 825 441
"Second Day of Shavuot"**

effects of Covid-19. And, by this point, many of us know someone, perhaps more than someone, who has suffered from it, and either survived or passed on. In a time when we may have already felt our resources diminished, this Omer feels as if it is counting up forever.

So, what are we to do, as we feel stuck in this transition time without transition?

A story of the Hasidim: Soon after the death of Rabbi Moshe, Rabbi Mendel of Kotzk asked one of his disciples: "What was most important to your teacher?"

The disciple thought and then replied: "Whatever he happened to be doing at the moment."

Comparisons to Yoda aside, In this moment when so many of the rhythms of life that we took for granted have been interrupted, when we are calling to question what was normal before, and wonder if we could—or even should—go back to that sense of normal, the story of Rabbi Moshe should inspire us. What should be important to us now? Whatever we are doing in the moment, reminding ourselves that each moment is truly precious and worthy of holiness. And it is. This prolonged Omer has allowed all of us the opportunity to truly appreciate that, rather than be distracted in the moment by whatever demands our attention. The moment itself demands attention, and that is all that matters, all that is important. If we carry nothing away from our experience but that, then we will have learned something important.

In Pirkei Avot we read, "Reflect on three things and you will not go wrong: know where you came from, know where you are going, and know in whose presence you stand." We are not coming and going very much, but we know before whom we stand. May we be blessed, therefore, in our standing, in this moment, and find within its peace.

Quote of the Month

"Who finds a faithful friend, finds a treasure."
Jewish Proverb

Thank you to our June Ushers

June 5, 2020 Rachel Werkheiser
June 12, 2020 Rose and Alan Ebner
June 19, 2020 Deborah Munson and Thomas Pack
June 26, 2020 Kathryn and Bob Pincus

Create a Beth Emeth Legacy



We understand that when we plan for the future providing for our families is a primary concern. However, we urge you to consider also including in your will or trust a bequest to the Congregation. Making this

legacy gift is easy to do and will cost you nothing. You will become a member of the Congregation Beth Emeth Legacy Circle joining many members who have already made this commitment. Gifts in wills and beneficiary designations are an effective way to ensure that there will be for future generations an active and vital Reform Jewish presence in Delaware and surrounding areas. For more information, please leave your name with the Beth Emeth office and a committee member will respond.



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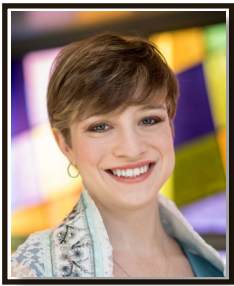
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CANTOR'S CORNER

ELIZABETH F. FLYNN

It is an interesting thing to write this article for the May Orbit. Why is it "interesting?" You may ask. To be quite frank, it is interesting because I have no clue whether or not what I am writing about will be relevant, resolved, or worse by the time this article is published. For lack of a better expression or phrase, I feel as if I am writing a story to which I haven't decided the ending, so I am concerned as to whether or not anything I put down on the page will make sense in the end. It is unsettling. For those who do not know, the articles for The Orbit are due a full month before the bulletin is published. This means that I sit here on March 31, 2020 after the first week and a half of COVID-Pandemic induced isolation trying to imagine what life will be like in a month.

Despite this immense challenge, I find myself grounded and strengthened through a focus on the Jewish calendar. At the time of this publication, we will be settled into the period of counting the Omer. This period of days between Pesach and Shavuot that we count religiously, not allowing a single day to pass without announcing which number day it is. In this way, we can never go without acknowledging that a day has passed or taking for granted all that happened during those hours of which it consisted. This idea, more than any other, strikes a chord with me.

During this time of COVID-19 crisis, our efforts to social distance and isolate, combined with the onslaught of ever-changing news about the status of the pandemic has had a distorted effect on time. Hours seem like days, days seem like weeks, and weeks feel like months. The month of March has taken an eternity to pass. As everything seems to slow down, no matter how annoying or exasperating it is, it has also served us well. This isolation (which I sincerely hope will be nearly over in May), in certain ways is acting like the counting of the Omer on steroids. Encouraging us to take a microscope to our lives and truly appreciate what we have and for that

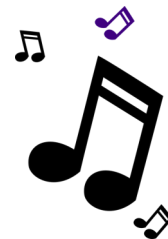
matter, what we took for granted now that we do not have it.

I cannot recall the last time I took a walk outside every day for a week straight. Or the last time I sat down with my family for a night of (now virtual) conversation - we now do this once a week. On the flip side, I never knew how much I appreciated being able to go about my business - running errands, visiting friends, going to my office - without being so conscious of every single thing my hands touched and how close the nearest hand sanitizer or sink with soap is, that I am mentally drained and physically exhausted with bleeding hands at the end of every day.

The Omer is a period of time prescribed to us by the Rabbis to help us slow down and take stock. However, even if the physical recitation of the counting was observed, I don't know that many of us truly were able to take this suggestion seriously. Well, it is no longer a suggestion but a commandment. These times are hard - unlike anything we have experienced before. As we struggle and strive to adapt to this new normal, I am thankful that we can find at least some light in this darkness: a forced slowdown which leads to a renewal of fierce appreciation of freedom, life, relationships, and the world.

I pray that when the crisis is over, this appreciation remains. We must strive to make it so.

May you all stay safe and healthy during this sacred time of the Omer.



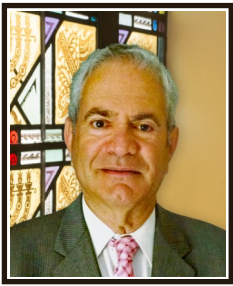
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FOCUS EMERITUS

RABBI PETER H. GRUMBACHER

"It's Not a Laughing Matter, But..."

As I wrote to my colleagues on our list-serve, as awful as this situation is – and it surely is – there is a need for a bit of levity. The messages I receive from Jewish and other sources makes me feel as if they were written by the Malach Ha-Mavet, the Angel of Death. I decided, therefore, to add a joke to the end of each of my daily communications to my congregation in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Not all are related to the Coronavirus. I'll share some of those with you...

- I know a great joke about Corona Virus; you probably won't get it though.
- George Burns said, "The secret of a good sermon is a strong beginning and a strong end...with little space in-between."
- Thoughts and prayers to the married men who said, "I'll get to it when I have the time."
- We certainly would slow down the aging process if it had to work its way through Congress.
- The worst is yet to come...when Jehovah's Witnesses realizes everybody is home.
- Parents who home-school their kids now will find the cure before the scientists.
- If there's a baby boom nine months from now, what will happen in 2033? There will be a whole bunch of quaranteens.

Well, that's enough of that, for now at least. Please know that I join with all who are praying that all of us, our loved ones, friends, neighbors and the entire world, know health and peace very, very soon!

Save the Dates!



The Adult Education Series with Sue Paul will continue in June. Join us for "Jewish Voices on Judaism: What do our Comedians, Actors and Poets Have to Say?" The dates are June 2, 9, 16 and 23 from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM.

June and July Orbit Submission Deadline



All article for the June and July combined issue of The Orbit are due on or before May 6, 2020 at 9:00 AM. Please email your articles to Lori at lwyzga@bethemethde.org.

Thank you.

Change of Address Reminder



Don't forget to contact the temple office at 302-764-2393 to change your address or you may now change your address online. Simply go to our website at www.bethemethde.org and log in as a member. You can manage your account details online. If you have not yet logged in and need a password, contact the office and we will send you a link.

You can also update your telephone number or email address, the same way. Most of the temple correspondence is mailed third class. The post office does not forward any third class mail.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Parties



When planning your son's or daughter's Bar/Bat Mitzvah parties, please consider using our lovely facilities. Our social hall will accommodate a large group of family and friends. Caterers are welcome; rental is reasonable; there is room to dance, plenty of parking and a great staff to help make your party a success. Please contact the office by calling 302-764-2393.



A WORD OF TORAH

RABBI ELISA F. KOPPEL

On the Jewish Calendar, we are in the middle of the Omer—a time all about counting. And counting is certainly something I know I've done a lot of lately; I don't think I'm alone in that. How many different ways can I count the 20 seconds of hand washing? How many feet am I from the person I'm passing by on a walk? How many steps have I gotten on a day when I haven't even left my home? How many times have I washed my hands today? How many days of food do I have left before I need to go to the grocery store? How many rolls of toilet paper do I have left? How many zoom meetings have I been on? How many days has it been since I saw someone else, not through a screen (and not including the doorman—or, for some of you, your families or roommates)? How many more days will it be? How long can I possibly go without touching another person? How many of my friends and family have this horrid virus? How many more people in Delaware, in the US, in the world, have gotten sick, or worse, since the last time I checked?

All that, plus the usual things we count during Pesach—questions and plagues. And at a time when our message of Dayenu has changed from, "It would have been enough for us," in a positive sense to, "We've had enough of this now," from a place of not knowing how much more we can bear during this global pandemic, not to mention the unknown future of a world that will be forever changed.

And now we are in this season of counting each day—from the second day of Pesach until Shavuot—the days between gaining our freedom and receiving the Torah. Days through which we have spiritual guidance and lessons and values to focus on. In some years, during which I've taken on the practice of counting the Omer each day, I've found meaning in it. It's helped to give me moments of sacred connection.

But in this time of physical distancing, where any sort of connection looks different, the idea of this ritual seems different. And yet I'm going to try it (at the time of writing this, Pesach has-

n't started yet—I'll update you next month on how this all went). Because the idea of having a few minutes each day to think about something other than what's going on—the idea of being able to have a daily ritual that that elevates that moment—the idea of being able to consider how, even in this tumultuous time, I can elevate myself and improve both my own being and the world around me....well, that sounds more appealing now than ever before.

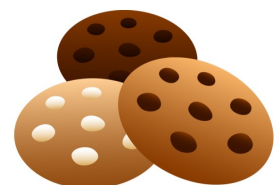
We are living through unprecedented times. Someday, we'll all be able to reflect back on what it was like, as future generations learn about this in history books. This day, we will live the best we can. I encourage all of you, whether or not you are counting the days of the Omer, to make these days count.

Do something for yourself, even for just a few moments a day, that help you connect to your inner being or to the Divine in the Universe. Perhaps through the ritual of counting the Omer—perhaps through another ritual of your own. And do something that helps someone else. Send a letter to someone, call someone you haven't spoken to in a while, have food delivered to someone who might need it—or to a hospital for those who are risking their own lives to save those of others. Do something.

Perhaps, then, we can all start to count the wonderful things we see in the world.

Do a Mitzvah, Sponsor an Oneg

Do you have a special event coming up? A birthday, anniversary or baby naming? Why not honor it by sponsoring a Friday night Oneg. Please do a mitzvah and call the temple office at 302-764-2393 to select a date.





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



JENN STEINBERG

*Five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes
Five hundred twenty-five thousand moments
so dear
Five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes
How do you measure, measure a year?*

*In daylights, in sunsets
In midnights, in cups of coffee
In inches, in miles, in laughter, in strife
In five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes
How do you measure, a year in the life?*

From the second day of Passover to Shavuot, the Torah instructs: “you shall count off seven weeks. They must be complete: you must count until the day after the seventh week – 50 days” (Leviticus 23:15-16). I’m writing this before the Omer, in the midst of “Stay at Home” orders and I’m having trouble counting.

What day is today? Today is Blursday. Before “Stay at Home,” my weeks and months were very structured – CBE board meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays; guitar for the girls on Thursday nights; Shabbat services on Friday. But now everything is turned upside down. I woke up this past weekend and opened up Facebook, ready to participate in Religious School Tefillah and was upset to see it wasn’t streaming live – and then I realized the reason it wasn’t was because it wasn’t Sunday. I have no idea what day it is most of the time.

I have an app on my phone, “Countdown.” I use it to countdown to things I am looking forward to... until recently, that included my June trip to Berlin. And then that got cancelled. As of April 2, the day the girls go to camp is still on the list but so is “Back to School/May 15, 2020” – and to be honest, I don’t know if either of those will stay on the countdown.

“Countdown” helps me keep track of time, much like the Omer. When you count the

Omer, you say “Today is the X day of the Omer, which is Y weeks and Z days of the Omer.” I have never managed to count the Omer successfully, but this may be the year where I am successful because now more than ever, I need a way to mark the passage of time; I need to mark points in time.

The quote above is from the song “Seasons of Love” from the musical Rent – it asks you to think of all the ways to measure the passage of time. I want you to know that we’re still marking time here at Beth Emeth – Shabbat is still once a week. Board meetings still happen the second and fourth Tuesdays – but now we convene via Zoom from our homes. The senior staff and clergy still check in every Tuesday. Thank you for all your words of encouragement and love – another verse of “Seasons of Love” suggests you can measure time or a life in “love” and even if I fail at counting the Omer again this year, I at least am confident we can “Measure in love; Seasons of love.”



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May 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 (9 Iyar)	4 (10 Iyar)	5 (11 Iyar) 12:00p Stocking for Joseph's Pantry 5:00p Food Pantry Open 5:30p Ma'ariv Service	6 (12 Iyar) 4:00p Hebrew School 5:30p Adult Learning	7 (13 Iyar) 5:30p Ma'ariv Service	8 (14 Iyar) Sisterhood Shabbat 5:30p Shabbat Zmirot with Cantor Flynn 7:00p Shabbat Services	9 (15 Iyar) Emor 9:30a Torah Study and Service Combination
10 (16 Iyar) Mother's Day	11 (17 Iyar) 10:00a Daytime Adult Learning	12 (18 Iyar) Lag BaOmer 10:30a DERECH Meeting 12:00p Stocking for Joseph's Pantry 5:00p Food Pantry Open 5:30p Ma'ariv Service 7:00p Board Meeting	13 (19 Iyar) 4:00p Hebrew School 5:30p Adult Learning	14 (20 Iyar) 5:30p Ma'ariv Service	15 (21 Iyar) Choir Performs 5:30p Shabbat Zmirot with Cantor Flynn 7:00p Shabbat Services	16 (22 Iyar) B'chukotai 9:30a Torah Study 11:00a Bat Mitzvah - Eng (via Zoom)
17 (23 Iyar) 12:00p Annual Meeting 12:30p Post-Confirmation	18 (24 Iyar)	19 (25 Iyar) 12:00p Stocking for Joseph's Pantry 5:00p Food Pantry Open	20 (26 Iyar) 5:30p Adult Learning: Barry Block	21 (27 Iyar)	22 (28 Iyar) Yom Y'rushalayim 7:00p Shabbat Service	23 (29 Iyar) B'midbar 9:30a Torah Study and Service Combination
24 (1 Sivan)	25 (2 Sivan) Memorial Day Building Closed	26 (3 Sivan) 12:00p Stocking for Joseph's Pantry 5:00p Food Pantry Open	27 (4 Sivan)	28 (5 Sivan) Erev Shavuot 7:00p Secret Service	29 (6 Sivan) Shavuot Yizkor Business Office Closed 7:00p Shabbat Service 7:00p Confirmation	30 (7 Sivan) 9:30a Torah Study and service Combination
31 (8 Sivan)						

In memory of the departed whom we now remember...We share in the recent bereavement suffered by members of our temple family and extend our sincere condolences to:

Kenneth Markiewitz on the death of his wife and to Martin and Shifrah Markiewitz on the death of Martin's mother, Leona Markiewitz.

Rachel Blumenfeld and Adam Turkington on the death of Rachel's mother, Jean Lodge.

Jennifer and Mitchell Steinberg on the death of Jennifer's grandfather, Herman Grackin.



The Caring Committee

The Caring Committee provides opportunities to help members of our CBE community in a variety of ways. They include making soup and meals, writing cards and making calls, consoling the bereaved, distributing holiday gifts and visiting members of our community in facilities and their homes. The Committee meets monthly from September through May. New committee members are always welcome. Contact Judith Insinga at jj schnitman@yahoo.com or 302-764-4093 for more information about the Caring Committee.

Joseph's Pantry Food Donations Needed

Donations of non-perishable food as well as fresh produce, dairy products and meat are always needed for the food pantry. Please drop items off anytime Sunday through Friday in the box located outside of the pantry. Fresh items may be placed in the refrigerator located in the pantry. Monetary donations or grocery gift cards are also much appreciated. In addition, volunteers are needed to help with Joseph's Pantry. Until the Corona virus crisis has passed, please call the temple office before bringing pantry donations to make sure that someone will be at the temple to receive the donations. Thank you for your support.



Ice Cream Cheesecake Pie
Melissa Kaye Apter

INGREDIENTS

- 1 prepared graham cracker pie crust
- 4 cups ice cream (vanilla, chocolate, or any flavor you prefer)
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 1 (8-ounce) container cream cheese

PREPARATION

1. Blend ice cream, cream cheese and lemon juice until smooth.
2. Pour into prepared crust.
3. Freeze, covered, until ready to serve.
4. When ready to serve, allow to sit at room temperature for about ten minutes. Slice and serve with chocolate sauce or caramel sauce, crumbled graham crackers or cookies.

Notice

All contributions sent to the Temple should be made out to "**Congregation Beth Emeth.**" If a special fund is desired, its name should be noted on the memo line or in an accompanying letter. Thank you for your cooperation.

Aluminum Can Tabs

Please continue saving soda, soup and other tabs and put them in the jar (in the lobby at Beth Emeth). The tabs will be sent to the local Ronald McDonald House. The tabs are sold and the money helps support the wonderful work that the houses provide for sick children and their families.

2020 WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS ELECTION RESULTS

When discussing the results of the 2020 election,
here are some important talking points:

- 1** In this year's election, the ARZA/Vote Reform and Reconstructionist Movement slate garnered 31,500 votes.
- 2** We came in first place with nearly 10,000 votes more than the second place slate.
- 3** In comparison to the 2015 election, we increased votes by nearly 50% with 10,000 new voters. This is especially impressive because we came in first place in 2015. This proves that our people care deeply about creating a Jewish, democratic Israel that values pluralism, equality and freedom.
- 4** Over 120,000 people voted in this election. This is more than double the voter turnout of the 2015 election and the highest number of votes in the 30 years of history for this election. This reflects the increased awareness of importance of the World Zionist Congress and the National Institutions in Israel to American Jews. This is crucial to the future of Israel.
- 5** ARZA/Vote Reform is now positioned to lead a powerful progressive block in the World Zionist Congress. Including Mercaz (Conservative Movement) and Hatikvah (The Progressive Bloc), our progressive block has over 54,000 votes, about 45% of the total.
- 6** We are troubled and concerned by the nature of the Eretz Hakodesh slate's entire campaign and their results because of their continued violation of election rules including their use of degrading, denigrating and clearly false attacks on our slate.
- 7** We are deeply grateful for those who worked tirelessly in this campaign that I say we displayed an unbelievable effort to get out the vote. We could not be more pleased with how our Movement responded and engaged. We look forward to continuing our activism, mobilization and joint work on behalf of Israel and the value we hold so dearly.

Please visit <https://azm.org/elections/results> for more information.

Staying Busy



Our congregants, Sheila and Phil Weinberg put together a 1,000 piece jigsaw puzzle.

Let us know how you've been passing the time.

List of Funds to Donate to at CBE

ABLEMAN LITURGICAL ARTS FUND - Provides programs, contemporary worship or special musical events during Jewish Music Celebration.

PAUL AND LILLIAN CRAMER MEMORIAL FUND - To purchase equipment, and to enrich school educational programs; to fund capital improvements and maintenance to Temple property.

FAMILY ASSISTANCE - For needy families.

HARRY AND ESTHER JACOBS MEMORIAL FUND - For Adult Education and other special programs.

KEIL-HERRMANN MEMORIAL FUND - To support annual Scholar-in-Residence lecture series.

BERNARD KRESHTOOL MEMORIAL FUND - For Living Judaism programs such as Adult Jewish Education.

MILTON & HATTIE KUTZ SCHOLARSHIP FUND - To help defray expenses of our youth at Jewish camps, conclaves, Gratz High School, as well as school tuition.

EDITH LABOVSKY MEMORIAL FUND FOR STUDENT VISITS TO ISRAEL - Assistance for Youth and Family Education.

DR. LEO AND JULIA B. BLUMBERG SCHOLARSHIP FUND - For the same such purposes as the **KUTZ FUND**.

DIRECTOR OF LIFE LONG LEARNING DISCRETIONARY FUND - for the Religious School

LIBRARY FUND - To purchase books for the library.

MARGARET MAY MEMORIAL JEWISH FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION FUND - For Jewish educational programs.

MAZON - A Jewish Response to Hunger - fundraising to help solve the problem of hunger.

RAYMOND AND ESTHER MCDONALD MEMORIAL FUND - For activities relating to the State of Israel.

RABBI GRUMBACHER MUSIC FUND - To promote Jewish music with guest musicians and purchase music.

PRAYER BOOK FUND - funding for prayer book and bookplates call the office for pricing.

RABBIS'/CANTOR'DISCRETIONARY FUNDS - To support Jewish causes, pursue acts of loving kindness, etc. **Rabbi and Cantor has a separate fund.**

ROSENTHAL JEWISH BOOK MONTH LECTURE FUND - To promote Jewish Literature and a biannual lecture.

SOCIAL ACTION FUND - To be used at the discretion of the Social Action Committee for local groups in need i.e. Sojourner's Place.

TEMPLE FUND - Undesignated contributions - for general congregation purposes.

VANCE BOLEN MEMORIAL FUND - To support Cadet Aides.

PEARL K. BREGMAN MEMORIAL FUND - fund available for use by the Caring Community Connection Committee.

ALICE SCHIFF MEMORIAL FUND - needs recommended by the Endowment Fund Committee and the Board of Trustees.

ADULT AND YOUTH CHOIR FUND - to promote and support the Adult and Youth Choir needs.

LEONA ELKINS SCHOLARSHIP FUND - awarding need based scholarship to students of CBE studying Hebrew or advanced Hebrew Studies at CBE, Gratz Hebrew High School or education programs in Israel.

RABBI HERBERT E. DROOZ & FLORENCE Z. DROOZ FUND – awards for scholastic excellence.

JUDGE STIFTEL AND YAFFEE FUND – needs recommended by the Endowment Fund Committee and the Board of Trustees.

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STAT FAMILY GIFT FUND- Religious School camp and Israel trip scholarships

HAROLD & BEATRICE SNYDER CAMP HARLAM FUND- For Camp Harlam Scholarships.

MILTON & GAIL WAHL FUND - subsidize the publishing of *The Orbit*.

THE MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE FUND - to assist families or individual to pay the minimum dues.

CARING COMMUNITY COMMITTEE – To support the Beth Emeth community with care baskets, driving needs, food, cards, etc...

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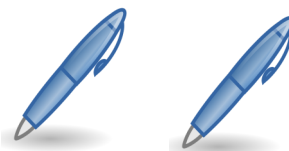
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Please remember to write legibly and to list which funds you would like your donation to go to. Please make your check payable to Congregation Beth Emeth. Also, *The Orbit* usually runs three weeks ahead of schedule so it may take three weeks for your donation to appear in *The Orbit* from the date you mail it. Thank you for your cooperation.



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Your Old Shoes Can Help Stamp Out Cancer Recycle Your Shoes



Did you know that your old, no longer used shoes can help to stamp out cancer? In cooperation with Community Recycling and Stand Up 2 Cancer (SU2C) **Congregating Beth Emeth** is taking part in a unique fundraising drive that we hope you will consider supporting. ***It will cost you no money!*** Participating is simple. **Congregating Beth Emeth** is collecting used shoes for reuse. This international shoe recycling program collects used shoes for distribution to poor regions all over the world (including areas in the USA). For each container filled with shoes a donation will be made to Stand Up 2 Cancer.

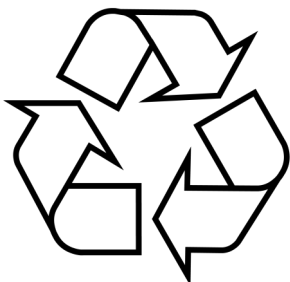
Our community will benefit as well. Not only will your recycled shoes help raise funds for SU2C, it will also keep more shoes out of our local landfills---and free up some space in your closet.

- **Drop off your used shoes in the shoe recycling container in the lobby of Congregating Beth Emeth** As each container is filled they are shipped to the Community Recycling organization for distribution to those in need. SU2C receives a small donation for each container that we fill.
- You get to free up some closet space while helping to reduce landfill waste
- Ask your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to participate

Thank you very much for helping to stamp out cancer.

DROP OFF YOUR SHOES to the shoe recycling box in the lobby at Congregating Beth Emeth

for information about SU2C please visit www.SU2C.org



Hospital Visits by Rabbi Robinson

Every morning when Jews worship, we recite these words from the Mishnah: "These are the duties whose fruit a person enjoys in this world, while the reward is saved for him in the world to come: ...acts of loving-kindness ... and visiting the sick..."

Whether or not we believe in a heavenly reward of some kind, clearly there is a sense that *bikur cholim*, visiting the sick, is an essential aspect of Jewish life. This is reaffirmed in the Talmud and other rabbinic writings throughout the ages. We read in the Babylonian Talmud, (Nedarim 39b if you want to look it up), "It was taught: There is no measure for visiting the sick. What is meant by, 'there is no measure for visiting the sick?' R. Joseph thought to explain it: its reward is unlimited. Said Abaye to him: Is there a definite measure of reward for any precept? But we learnt: Be as heedful of a light precept as of a serious one, for thou knowest not the grant of reward for precepts? But Abaye explained it: Even a great person must visit a humble one. Raba said: [One must visit] even a hundred times a day. R. Abba son of R. Hanina said: He who visits an invalid takes away a sixtieth of his pain. Said they to him: If so, let sixty people visit him and restore him to health?"

Sickness can take different forms, of course; from the aged shut-in to the post-partum mother, to the person recovering from surgery or in remission of chronic illness of any age. Regardless, as Jews, we have an obligation to reach out and be supportive.

There are many ways to do that. We pray our *mi sheberach* prayer every Friday. Our Caring Committee, led by Judith Insinga, strives to visit shut-ins and congregants in nursing homes, makes soup to take to those recovering from illness once they've returned home, and regularly checks up on those who need a little TLC. Our Brandywine Village Network provides opportunities for volunteering to help our seniors in Brandywine Hundred. Our Jewish Federation tries to send their chaplain to visit when Jews are hospitalized, regardless of affiliation. And, of course, I and the rest of the clergy team make calls and visits when someone is in the hospital.

Here's the problem, though. We can only visit, or check up on, or call people *when we know they are ill or hospitalized*. Yes, some-

times we get a list from the hospital, but not always. Yes, sometimes a friend might remember to call. But too often, we find out *afterwards*. And sometimes a long time afterwards, months or even a year after a person has had surgery or suffered an illness. No one should have to suffer without community support; that is what we're here for. **BUT WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOUR HELP.**

So, if you'll permit me, I have two requests for help:

1. **IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE IS IN THE HOSPITAL OR ILL, PLEASE LET ME AND THE CLERGY KNOW.** Please don't assume we know, and even if we do, I'd rather hear twice than not at all.
2. If you're capable of volunteering for the Caring Committee to help, whether it's writing cards or making soup or visiting the sick directly, **PLEASE DO.**

In this way, we as a community can fulfill those words of our tradition and, more importantly, do the work God compels us to do for one another.

Please note: During this time of crisis, we are unable to visit the sick in person, but can still visit by phone and email. So please continue to let us know if you or a loved one or friend is in the hospital or ill at home or in a facility.



For the Newborn



Sisterhood has the honor of mailing a beautiful mezuzah to the newborn infants and their happy parents, who are members of our Congregation. Please help Sisterhood perform this "Labor of Love" by calling Rosalyn Lieberman at 302-475-1531 or you may e-mail her at momroz7@aol.com, with your good news.



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