

# *B'nai Sholom Reform Congregation*

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***B'nai Sholom Reform Congregation is a Brit Olam Congregation in covenant with the world – because we seek the world we want, not the world as it is.***

## **JOIN US FOR PRAYER, MEDITATION, CELEBRATION AND STUDY**

Zoom links for services are sent out weekly.

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Friday, September 6	<b>KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
Saturday, September 7	EXTENDED STUDY OF THE PROPHETS (HYBRID)	10:00 AM
Friday, September 13	TOT SHABBAT	5:30 PM
	<b>KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
Saturday, September 14	TORAH STUDY (ZOOM)	10:00 AM
Friday, September 20	<b>KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
	<b>WITH SARAH AND AARON DAVIS</b>	
Saturday, September 21	TORAH STUDY (ZOOM)	10:00 AM
Friday, September 27	<b>KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE (ZOOM ONLY)</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
Saturday, September 28	TORAH STUDY (ZOOM)	9:30 AM
	<b>TORAH SERVICE</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
	<b>S'lichot Service</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>
Wednesday, October 2	<b>EREV ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
Thursday, October 3	<b>ROSH HASHANAH MORNING SERVICE</b>	10:00 AM
Friday, October 4	<b>KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
Saturday, October 5	EXTENDED STUDY OF THE PROPHETS (HYBRID)	10:00 AM

Visit <https://reformjudaism.org/learning> for each week's parashah.

***B'nai Sholom Reform Congregation, a Reform Jewish synagogue, is a community that fosters individual, family and congregational spirituality by engaging in worship and prayer, promoting learning on all levels, supporting each other's needs, bettering our community and our world, and forging connections with worldwide Jewry.***

***We take pride in being warm, welcoming, informal, progressive, open-minded, diverse, and participatory.***

***We strive to create a vibrant Jewish present, linking our ancient traditions with the promise of the future.***

## ***From Our Rabbi...***

When there is a leap year on the Jewish calendar, the extra month that gets added is Adar. We already have one of those, of course, so the leap year duplicates it. Adar is the month that brings us Purim (or, during a leap year, Purim Katan – *little Purim* – as well), and nobody really minds having a double dose of one of the happiest months of the year!

Although it wouldn't be quite as exciting, however, I think we might have been benefitted by doubling a different month: the month of Elul. Elul is the month that precedes Rosh Hashanah and the start of the new Jewish year. It's designated as a period of reflection, when we tally our missteps from the previous year, make our apologies to those whom we've wronged, and turn ourselves back towards the right path.

One traditional practice during Elul is the study of *mussar*, Jewish ethics. There are a variety of different traits discussed in Jewish literature. In a recent curriculum meeting, we picked out four to focus on this year with our B'Yachad religious school students, and since the study of *mussar* is helpful at any age, I thought I would share some brief words on those traits here:

***Anavah*** (Humility): *Anavah* is often associated with contracting our egos and making ourselves smaller. However, while we translate *anavah* as "humility," the quality of *anavah* is really about balancing how much space we take up in the world. We should refrain from calling an excessive amount of attention to ourselves or thinking that we are superior to others. But the reverse is also true: we should avoid putting ourselves down or staying too quiet when we can make a positive contribution.

***Chesed*** (Loving-kindness): The Talmud (Sotah 14a) teaches that the Torah promotes *chesed* from end to end – starting with G-d's kindness to Adam & Eve in making them clothes (Gen. 3:21) and ending with G-d personally burying Moses (Deut. 34:6). *Chesed* can take any form, based on the needs of the person you are trying to help — a kind word, a favor, a gift. When we fill ourselves with a spirit of loving-kindness, we may be better able to see what it is that would benefit the other person.

***Tzedek*** (Justice): *Tzedek* shares a root with the word *tzaddik* – a righteous person – as well as *tzedakah*, which we generally translate as charity. They share the meaning of bringing fairness and balance to the way others are treated. In Parashat Shoftim, we are instructed to set up a system of judges and officials to govern with justice (Deut. 16:18). Two verses later, we get the oft-quoted commandment: *Tzedek, tzedek tirdof* – Justice, justice you shall pursue. Why the repetition of *tzedek*? One popular interpretation is that it reminds us to pursue justice just-ly. The ends don't always justify the means; we must be upright in seeking justice.

***Savlanut*** (Patience): Some people are able to take annoyances in stride. For others, it's not so easy. You may find yourself quickly agitated, frustrated to the point of bursting. This is because we all have different amounts of *savlanut*. The study of *mussar* identifies patience as more of a skill than an inherent attribute. *Savlanut* comes from the same Hebrew root as the words "suffer" and "endure." So, patience can be defined as the ability to tolerate or carry a burden. Developing *savlanut* is like strength training: The more you build up your muscles, the greater the weight you can bear, and the more endurance you will have.

Wishing us all a year of continued learning and spiritual growth!

*L'shalom,*

Rabbi Weisbrot

## ***From Our President...***

As summer turns up the temperature and lowers our capacity to manage frustration, I begin to look toward fall ... cool nights outside by a fire and brisk breakfasts on the deck (if you're not retired yet, disregard this last bit), windows open and fresh air, and ultimately the High Holy Days. Sometimes they seem "looming" – asking considerable preparation and planning of us just when we are beginning to relax in the heat. But our High Holy Days also offer the allure of ascension – a chance to step outside our daily routines and spend time in contemplation of how life is and how we wish it to be. And with all that contemplation comes the opportunity for fellowship: the intimate Selichot night service which prepares us both to focus and let go, the Rosh Hashanah luncheons, the study group on Yom Kippur afternoon and the Break-Fast following the conclusion of Ne'ilah. I like to think that there is no way I exit the HHDs in the same state I went in.

I appreciate the optimism of Judaism, the idea that we are not born into sin, but as beings created in God's image. As we contemplate our failings and hope to be better, let's remember that we come into life already equipped with qualities that are God-like, such as compassion, honesty, generosity and courage. The idea that we are created in God's image suggests that these qualities may be dormant, but they're in there. We don't need to wait for the holidays to actualize, but in case the Dog Days of Summer distract and discourage us, hold on; Selichot and all that follows are just around the corner.

*L'shalom,*

Melissa Putterman Hoffmann

### **B'nai Sholom's 20s and 30s Group**

We are excited to announce the formation of B'nai Sholom's 20s and 30s group! The goal of this group is to instill a sense of community and friendship among the next generation of B'nai Sholom members.

Our first event will be held at the synagogue on **Sunday, September 15, at 10 a.m.** We will have the opportunity to get to know each other while enjoying a delicious brunch! A \$5 fee will help cover the costs of food and drinks.

Please save the date for our first event and watch your weekly e-mail for further details! If you have any questions, please contact Hailey Hanoufa ([haillepski@gmail.com](mailto:haillepski@gmail.com)).

## **Just Because You Will Never Use It...**

### **...Doesn't Mean *Family Promise* Can't**

Family Promise of the Capital Region is **in search of gift cards** for its fall fundraiser, *Doors to the Future*. If you have a card that you will never use, please donate it for the Gift Card Pull.

You can also help by soliciting a card from your favorite vendors and stores in amounts ranging from \$10 to \$20, or by purchasing a card.

B'nai Sholom is a Support Congregation for Family Promise, a grassroots, interfaith response for unhoused children and their families. Family Promise does not receive government funding and relies on grants and the generosity of the community to fulfill its mission.

Please contact Becky Marvin if you have a card to donate. THANK YOU!!

## Every Voice, Every Vote

Over the last couple of months, approximately 30 B'nai Sholom congregants have joined the Union of Reform Judaism's initiative, *Every Voice, Every Vote*. Postcard-writing gatherings have encouraged voters in Virginia to get out the vote, highlighted the need to protect reproductive rights in Florida and promoted the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment in New York. (Note that you will need to turn the ballot over to vote on the ERA.)

We will hold another postcard-writing gathering on Tuesday, September 17, at 1:30 PM and will send cards to residents of Georgia who face barriers to voting.

Please let Lois Gordon ([rgordon1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:rgordon1@nycap.rr.com)) know of your interest in participating. Our collective participation sends a strong message.

Thanks for your support!

## The Red Book Shelf

By Lois Gordon

Melissa began the last board meeting by asking people what they were reading. I happened upon *The Secret Lives of Booksellers and Librarians: True Stories of the Magic of Reading* by James Patterson and Matt Eversmann.

Frankly, it's not that sensational. However, there is a general agreement from those offering their stories that being able to help someone find a book that sparks or helps them is very gratifying. (The first story is from a bookseller at the Book House in Stuyvesant Plaza.)

For several years now, another congregant and I have been volunteering at The Red Book Shelf ([www.theredbookshelf.org](http://www.theredbookshelf.org)), an organization started by two women who wanted to get books into the hands of children who don't generally have access to them.

Groups of volunteers and sometimes students from SUNY or other organizations gather regularly to clean and repair new or gently used books. They are then placed on red book shelves located in public places throughout the community, where children can find them. In addition, the group works with community partners to facilitate workshops, writing contests and other ways to encourage readers.

**For the month of September**, B'nai Sholom's Social Action/Social Justice Committee is collecting **new or gently used board or picture books** to donate to The Red Book Shelf. This is especially important as the start of school approaches.

Please place your donations in the labeled box at the synagogue. THANK YOU!

## Shop, Sort, Clean, Stock

No one who has spent this summer in the Capital Region needs to be reminded about the weather. Rain, heat, wind and then some glorious days filled with sunshine, clear blue skies and little to no humidity. The aforementioned was not the day we chose. It was hot and rain was, once again, expected. But people need to eat and we had the funds, so off we traveled to Hannaford on Colvin Avenue in Albany to spend \$225. Tote bags and gift cards in hand, up and down the aisles, adding the prices to calculate how much we had spent and what hadn't been added to the cart from the list. Bravo! We came in ever so close.

Back to B'nai Sholom to sort, separate, bag and reload into the car, and off we journeyed to locate the three fridges we were asked to fill. Then came the cleaning. We were not going to place our precious groceries in anything but clean and organized spaces.

And then it happened. One of the refrigerators was warm. We followed the cord to its extension cord and all looked intact. What to do? It was, as mentioned, a very hot day. A lovely passerby shared that she had a working fridge to donate. To where have you vanished, nice woman? We filled it hoping the few people who had been watching us would help themselves and hopefully tell others on the block that the food had been replenished. A quick text to Jamella Anderson, who guides the operation of Free Food Fridges Albany (and Schenectady and Troy) to inform her of the problem, and then to our last location.

Hours had passed since the morning when we two had met up at B'nai Sholom. The project takes time. Ask anyone who has been fortunate enough to have participated in the shop, sort, clean and fill, they will tell you. Is it worth the effort? The question does not even merit asking because we know how important healthy food choices are for everyone. Do we wish we could fulfill this *mitzvah* more often? We can't, but if you feel that you can add a few fresh fruit, vegetable or dairy items to a Free Food Fridge, we ask that you consider doing so. Just please put the produce in the film bags found in your grocery store's produce section and divide fresh produce into portions.

If you are unfamiliar with where these refrigerators are located, here are the addresses:

8 Elm St., Albany (The Free School)

245 Lark St., Albany (In Our Own Voices)

488 Broadway, Albany (Albany Center Gallery)

153 Grand St., Albany (Radix Ecological Sustainability Center)

56 2nd St., Albany (Albany Barn)

100 Watervliet Ave., Albany (Honest Weight Food Coop)

621 River St., Troy (Collar Works)

49 Fehr Ave., Schenectady (Fehr Avenue Farm)

913 Albany St., Schenectady (Schenectady Community Action program)

We thank you for all you have done to make this work possible and ask you to please continue to purchase additional Hannaford cards and donate them to our Free Food Fridge/Fresh Food for Families fund. Our sacred writings tell us "to feed the hungry." (By the way, the rain held off!)

## **Donate Online Easily with the DONATE Button**

There's a great, convenient and secure way to donate to B'nai Sholom: through the DONATE button on the website. This is a safe alternative to sending checks through the mail, and you can use this feature for all your donations, including but not limited to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, Endowment Fund, Social Action Fund and tributes (but not temple dues – at least not yet). We're excited to offer this alternative and hope you explore it and the new website at <https://www.bnaisholomalbany.org>.

# A Few Minutes with the Torah

Spotlighting the outstanding divrei Torah written and delivered by congregants. Elizabeth Davis shared some thoughts with us at a recent Board of Trustees meeting.

## D'varim – Passing the Word

by

Elizabeth Davis, Secretary

When I heard the Board needed a volunteer to write a D'var Torah for the upcoming meeting, I volunteered. I enjoy doing them, and it had been about a year since I did the last one, so I figured it was probably “my turn” again. But then I remembered: this is actually just about *exactly* the same time of year, so I wondered if it would be the same parsha.

Turns out, it wasn't, but D'varim is oddly on that same theme: repetition. It's the start of Deuteronomy and consists of Moses reviewing some of the story that came before. It functions as a sort of preamble to the relisting of all the laws that form the core of the book – a “how did we get here.” And by “here,” Moses means on the brink of entering the Promised Land, a land where neither he nor any other of the people's previous generation of leaders will be able to follow. It often reads as a diatribe, where he comes off well and it's all the Israelites' fault for the fact that he and they won't make it in.

But for all its retelling, D'varim is really, at its heart, about new beginnings. Moses knows that whatever comes next, *he* is not going to lead the Israelites when they cross into the Promised Land. All he can do is draw on his experience leading them this far to try and guide the next generation of leaders. To this end, he recounts the story thus far and sets forth the lessons he draws from it.

The timing intrigued me, coming as it does near the start of our fiscal year, at the outset of our new Board President's term, and even in the heat of a national election year, and one where – no matter what happens – the next president will not be our current one.

“D'varim,” of course, are “words” and also “things”, and Moses uses a lot of words to impart his wisdom about a lot of things to a new generation. Leadership themes include:

- Coming up with a structure to make it possible to administer a large, complex society. In this case, appointing judges to arbitrate disputes fairly and impartially, without regard to wealth or power.
- Picking your battles (literally).
- What lessons to take from bad outcomes.

Commentators have noted that his recollection of many of the events described appears not to match the earlier versions, which are in third-person, and thus can perhaps be seen as more “objective.” For instance, he remembers the establishment of the court system as his own idea, whereas in Exodus, the idea came from his father-in-law, Jethro. As one commentator puts it, “Moses is retelling the stories as he experienced them, and in so doing, is both learning and teaching new lessons for the future.”<sup>1</sup> Time passes, memories change, perspectives are different and informed by any individual's phase of life.

As Melissa takes on the new and challenging role of Board President, I have been struck by the way that other members of the Board and the Rabbi have been working to bring her up to speed. She is hardly new to the congregation, but she is new to the Board, having stepped in directly from her role on the Ritual Committee. Even with a resume that includes many years of running services for the religious school and doing numerous other important *d'varim* in the congregation for decades, it has to be a bit like walking into the middle of a conversation.

Each of us has our own opportunity to be a Moses here, to share our version of recent or not-so-recent events. Members of the Board range from relatively new members of the congregation to those who have

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<sup>1</sup> Rabbi Sara Laufer, <https://reformjudaism.org/learning/torah-study/torah-commentary/dvarim-embracing-contradiction>

been here for decades, and their Board service ranges from continuous over the past several years, to a second go-around (like me) and even a past president. Sometimes, with all that collective institutional memory, a topic that is new to some of us can provoke a response of “this again?” from others.

But this parashah gives us the opportunity to remember that fresh eyes on old problems can sometimes yield new solutions. At least, it seems that that was G-d’s plan.

## **Spotlight on New Members: Gabriela Maraschin and Shay Reboh**

***Editor’s Note: One of a series of articles from the Membership Team to introduce those who have recently joined B’nai Sholom. This month we welcome Gabriela Maraschin, Shay Reboh and their three children: Yael, Yohan and Liv.***

This is Shay’s second time living in the Capital Region. He lived here for work from 2015 to 2018 and returned one year ago. Shay is from Brazil originally but spent part of his childhood in Israel. After finishing his Ph.D. in Brazil, he moved with his wife, Gabriela, and daughter, Yael, to France where they lived for the past 15 years. While in France, Shay and Gabriela had two additional children, Yohan and Liv.

Shay is a scientist in semiconductors at IBM. He and his team have been working on new technologies that hopefully will be on the market in a few years. Shay shared that it’s very exciting and challenging work. Gabriela worked as a TV reporter in Brazil but with the move abroad and no family close by, she changed her professional work so that she could care for her children. Having more free time and flexibility, Gabriela decided to start her own business as a jewelry designer. It’s her new way to tell stories, since she draws inspiration from the places they have traveled.

In their free time, the family enjoys their camper van and exploring new places. They also enjoy surfing, skating and biking. Shay recently renewed his interest in cycling. “It’s been great to discover the region with my bike. I’m still convincing the rest of the family to come with me,” he said.

When asked what attracted them to B’nai Sholom, Gabriela said, “We attended a Shabbat service at B’nai Sholom when we arrived in the Capital Region. I remember many people (members) came to introduce themselves and welcome us. We immediately felt at home. People are kind, curious and easy to connect with.”

“We lived most of the past 15 years in the French countryside, far away from any Jewish community or temple. Our move to the Capital Region is an opportunity to reconnect with our culture and religion, and especially bring my kids closer to Judaism. I want them to have the same strong sense of identity and belonging I have. I know Judaism will give them grounding and perspective to deal with any and every situation in their lives.”

When asked if there was anything else they wanted the congregation to know about their family, Shay said, “I would like to thank the congregation members for welcoming me, my wife Gabriela, and our kids Yael, Yohan, and Liv, so warmly. We are grateful to be joining this vibrant community! We are looking forward to getting involved in some activities, building meaningful relationships, enriching our spiritual lives and strengthening the bonds that make our community strong and resilient.”

Welcome Shay, Gabriela, Yael, Yohan and Liv!

## Adult Ed – Fall 2024

### • ZOOM WITH AUTHOR JESSAMYN HOPE – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 7:15 PM

B'nai Sholom will host via Zoom author Jessamyn Hope as she discusses her novel *Safekeeping*. This debut work is largely set in a secluded kibbutz in 1994, with a disparate cast of characters. Hope's novel, written from multiple perspectives, makes the reader feel a part of the tightknit and at times stifling community. In skillfully executed dramatic irony, Hope leaves the readers in a position of understanding far more about the residents than they do about each other. The *Boston Globe* called it "luminous, irreverent and ambitious," while the Toronto *Globe and Mail* characterized it as "a page-turner that satisfies all the cravings of escapist reading while meeting the real world head-on."

Hope's short stories have been widely published, received two Pushcart Prize honorable mentions and anthologized in *Best Canadian Essays* and *The New Spice Box: Contemporary Jewish Writing*. She grew up in Montreal, has long lived in New York City and is spending the year in Tel Aviv.

Multiple copies of Hope's books are available in both the Synagogue library and that of the local library system. Watch for the Zoom link in the weekly email.

### SYNAGOGUE SCHOLAR SERIES

#### • "MY FATHER THE ARMS SMUGGLER" – A TALK BY PHIL TEUMIM NOVEMBER 1, 2024 (after Shabbat service)

What do these things have in common: an Ashkenazi kid growing up thinking he's Sephardic, a song of Israeli freedom fighters, a radiant panel heater and a couple of boxes in the basement filled with dummy ordnance and disarmed munitions?

Come to B'nai Sholom to learn the answer. Long-time congregant Phil Teumim will talk about his father's role in smuggling weapons manufacturing machinery and technology to a defenseless Israel in the months immediately preceding and following Israeli Independence Day in May 1948, while British and US arms embargos were in place. Phil's father, Mota Teumim, then traveled undercover to Israel to set up a munitions factory using the smuggled machinery, only returning home to his wife and young children once the factory became operational.

The presentation will take place after the evening's Kabbalat Shabbat service.

#### • DOCUMENTARY FILM SCREENING: "ABOVE AND BEYOND"

In conjunction with Phil's talk, we are making available to watch via streaming the documentary "Above and Beyond." The film recounts the story of Jewish American pilots who, beginning in 1948, secretly fought for Israel in its war of independence, when the Israeli military was nascent. Produced by Nancy Spielberg, younger sister to Steven, this film celebrates the pilots who laid the foundation for the Israeli Air Force. Men of incredible bravery, they helped turn the tide of the war. It will be available to stream during the last week of October. Look for details soon.



## NEW COURSE

### • HISTORY OF THE ARGENTINE JEWISH COMMUNITY

**A two-session course – Wednesday, December 4 and December 11 @ 7 PM**

How did Argentina, a country nearly 8,000 miles from Israel, become home to the sixth-largest Jewish community in the world? And what stories of resilience lie behind this remarkable community? From the secret Jews who escaped the Inquisition and laid their foundations in a foreign continent, to the Jewish Gauchos, to a thriving and proud community in modern times, it's time to explore the past, present and future of the Argentinian Jewish community.

Join us for a two-part series that explores the history and culture of the Argentinian Jewish community from the 16th century to the present day. Discover the fascinating history of how Jewish immigrants first settled in rural areas before moving to the cities, and how South America, especially Argentina, provided a safe haven for those fleeing persecution. Learn about the political, economic, and social challenges Argentina faced, including the impact of the Holocaust and the two devastating terror attacks on the Jewish community in Buenos Aires. We will also explore the current state of Jewish life and how the attacks of October 7, 2023, sparked new challenges for Argentinian Jews.

Claudia Hercman is an Argentinian tour guide and translator. She also is a sculptor and painter whose main subjects are Memory and Uprooting, in honor of her four grandparents who emigrated from Poland to Argentina in the '30s. She has presented at synagogues and community groups across the United States.

Look for registration information in upcoming Bulletins.

## REMINDER!



**Invitations will be mailed by September 19 for the  
Rosh Hashanah Luncheon**

**Please RSVP by Tuesday, September 24**  
(even if you are unable to attend)

If you did not receive an invitation, please contact  
**Linda Strohl:**

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B'nai Sholom Rosh Hashanah Luncheons are a longstanding tradition that has been enjoyed by our members and guests for years. It is a wonderful way to visit with other congregants, reconnect with old friends and make new connections.

## ***Thank You!***

...to the fantastic Bulletin Brigade who fold and stuff the monthly Bulletins: Jim and Joan Savitt, Martha Rozett, Martie Teumim, Rema Goldstein, Anita Stein, Barbara Devore, Joe DeFronzo, Amy Sternstein, Deb Adler and Cheryl and Mark Reeder.

...to the following congregants who recently hosted an oneg Shabbat or kiddush lunch: Melissa Putterman Hoffmann, Judy Fruiterman and Rabbi Weisbrot; Susan Aron and Joe DeFronzo; Linda Strohl; Brenda Hazard and Steve Morse, in memory of Reverend Gerald Hazard.

## **The Congregation Notes with Thanks These Contributions:**

### **General Fund**

In Memory of **Nathan Green** by Randy and Ellie Davis

### **Book of Remembrance**

Gail Golderman and Rochelle Goldfarb; Howie and Bettina Stoller; Bruce and Edith Goldstein; Jim and Joan Savitt; Susan Aron and Joe DeFronzo; Joel Blumenthal and Dayle Zatlin; Philip Gilly and Rondi Brower; William Herbert and Judith Lee; Debra and Steven Nozik; Jeffrey Rosenbaum; Terry Royne; Kenneth Tannen; Marcia Tress; Mari Vosburgh; Joel Bloom and Julie Novkov; Howie Domfort; Lois Gordon; Sandra Rosner and Jeffrey Haas; Ann Shapiro and Barry Pendergrass; Maggie Tabak and David Smith; Eric and Maxine Goldberg; Barney Horowitz; Martha Rozett; Shari Whiting; Arthur and Rita Alowitz; Anne Hausgaard; Doug and Carol Smith; Melissa Putterman Hoffmann and Gary Hoffmann; Valerie Tabak and Jesse Dinkin; Jan Dobris; Jeanette and Steven Gottlieb; Matt Malsky and Nancy Newman; Marjorie Pass; Sharon and Mark Sklar; Lori Stuart; Mary Alice and Scott Wexler

### **Rabbis Discretionary Fund**

In Honor of **Rabbi Weisbrot** by Randy and Ellie Davis

### **Free Food Fridge**

Margaret Harbison; Ellie Davis

In Honor of **Cheryl and Mark Reeder** by Ben and Becky Marvin

### **Books for Babies**

In Honor of **Mallory Devore, granddaughter of Barbara and Jack Devore**, by Ben and Becky Marvin

*Please note, some donations will be recorded a month after they are received due to technical issues.*

The congregation mourns the recent passing of

Thomas Duerr, father of Laura Kaplan

*May his memory forever be for a blessing.*

**The following Yahrtzeits will be observed in September:**

**9/6**

Marvin J. Finkelstein\*; Arthur T. Singer\*; Franklyn Cole\*; Nathan Green; Louis Greenstein\*; Belle Schwartz; Martin Klein; Minna Katzin\*; Harold Quell; Arthur Jacob Sharp; Elaine S. Cashman; Ann Radosh; Lubi Radosh

**9/13**

Edith Cabell; Elsie Logwood; Morris Parets\*; Edward Hoffman; Ethel Link; David Engler\*; Vivian Quell; Julius Golderman; Sam Rauch

**9/20**

Marylin Ruben; Joseph (Norm) Ouellette; Ari Propp; Rifka Propp; Charlotte Sacks; Shari Knieling; Edward Lindquist; Alice Winston\*; Betty Herbert; Rose Levine Goldstein\*; Mollie Belkin Lazoroff\*; Henry Nussbaum

**9/27**

Martin Kleinfeld\*; Yetta Berman\*; Jakob Simon Krochmal; Arthur Nitka; Saul Toback; Irving Cherry; David Binewitch\*; Samuel Pock\*; Jeannie Bick; Rosemary Daly; Donald Goldberg

**10/4**

Asher Kaplan; Luci Shapiro; Kenneth L. Philo; Carrie Huang; Frederic Adler; Soloman Dachman

## Be On Guard Against Email/Text Spoofing Scams

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STAY ALERT! If you see a suspicious email or text message that claims to come from Rabbi Weisbrot or someone else at B'nai Sholom, double-check the email address or phone number of the sender – it may be a scam. When in doubt, **do not click on any links or attachments** and **do not reply** to the message. Send a fresh message to the correct address or number for the supposed sender or call them directly to confirm.

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**OFFICE HOURS:** TUE/WED/THURS/FRI 9:30 AM–4:00 PM

Articles and news received after the deadline are subject to omission. As a rule, the Bulletin deadline is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month. Adherence to the deadline is critical to ensuring that the Bulletin is sent out in a timely manner.

Period Covered

October  
November

Deadline

September 11  
October 9