CONGREGATION SHAARE EMETH

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FINDING UNITY IN OUR DIFFERENCES

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Finding Unity in Our Differences

By Rabbi James M. Bennett
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On October 7, Hamas attacked Israel, and the American Jewish community responded by being angry with each other.

―Anonymous

This may sound hyperbolic, yet it is not. After a few days of unity, the local and national Jewish community deteriorated into a profoundly polarized, contentious one. When tolerance, patience, compassion, and mutual respect were needed, we instead saw intolerance, impatience, anger, and disrespect rule, mirroring the state of our nation at large.

I have never felt more disunity and mistrust in our Jewish community and nation. Assumptions, loyalty tests, and judgmental prejudices abound, related to one’s position on the war between Israel and Hamas, Zionism, antisemitism, party affiliation and loyalty, racism, homophobia, democracy, and more.

This disunity is deeply troubling and un-Jewish. Judaism has always encouraged and nurtured respectful disagreement, if it is “for the sake of Heaven” (ie: for the sake of making the world a better place). Jews have often argued, sometimes quite vociferously, yet throughout our history we have seemingly never forgotten that we need one another and that we are stronger… when our voices are diverse. Lately, this sentiment seems quaint and antiquated.

For me and for many of my fellow clergy here and elsewhere, our recent experience has been an absence of a genuine, pluralistic openness of Jewish life. Many of us experience pressure, feeling attacked from all directions. We are too liberal for our more conservative members and too conservative for our more progressive ones. We are not devoted enough to the Jewish people or Israel if we voice a moral impulse towards humanitarianism and the obligation to care for all innocent people, not merely innocent Jews. We are attacked from the other end of the spectrum by those who claim that devotion to the Jewish people and the State of Israel is immoral, inhumane, and unacceptable, some even suggesting that the Zionist enterprise is inevitably and inextricably colonialist and nationalistic.

The job of clergy is to teach Jewish values… which speak to all of these issues, but doing so feels risky. We cannot make everyone happy and be true to our own values which is exhausting, frustrating and even infuriating.

War, terrorism, racism, hatred, and prejudice are terrible realities. Nonetheless, I choose to remain optimistic and hopeful. I believe that one can be a patriotic American while voicing disagreement with the policies and points of view of our nation and elected officials, and I believe that one can be loyal to the Jewish people and the State of Israel while being critical of the government or policies of Israel, and while voicing a commitment to the moral, ethical, humane treatment of all people, including Palestinians.

Apparently, some people disagree with me and the other clergy, as exhibited by their emails, letters, and verbal attacks. Some just complain, while some have threatened to leave the congregation, and a few have dramatically done so, some after decades of membership. Initially, a number have claimed that they are leaving because they are looking for a “less political” or “more spiritual” congregation, or one in which there is no “politics” at all, yet they go on to explain that the real reason they are leaving is because they disagree with the positions of the clergy – on Israel, on Palestine, on racism, on American politics. Many claim that they will be finding a congregation that better reflects their values. So, what is it? Do they seek someplace less political, or one that simply reflects their own “non-political” perspective?

To the members of this congregation, and, hopefully, to all the members of the St. Louis Jewish community that might read my words, I invite your respectful disagreement. I have always believed that our congregation is a varied community, one that welcomes and nurtures all opinions, however different, that come from a place of integrity and respect, even if they oppose each other, so long as they are consistent with our Reform Jewish values.

I know that some people who identify as more conservative or more liberal than our clergy have felt silenced or marginalized by our positions at times. I regret this deeply and seek to nurture a community in which all of us, including the clergy and the membership, feel free to share our ideas and to learn from each other, even when we disagree. I encourage all points of view so long as they are presented and shared in a respectful manner. Writing angry emails, making ad-hominem attacks upon our points of view, seeking to marginalize our voices, or leaving the congregation do not accomplish anything. In fact, these make matters worse. A community
in which each congregation is more of an echo-chamber of like-minded, narrow points of view is a weaker community.

I have always cherished the fact that Shaare Emeth is a “big tent” of ideas. I have always been grateful for the “freedom of the pulpit” that enables me and the other clergy to speak our minds, in a spirit of inclusiveness and based on Jewish values as we understand them. I have always appreciated that not every member of Shaare Emeth agrees with us, and that you often respectfully let us know when you do not. I encourage each of you to reach out to us personally, but respectfully, when you disagree. I especially encourage you not to leave the congregation when you disagree, but rather, to share your disagreement and recognize that diversity and respectful dialogue are among the great qualities of Shaare Emeth and are strengths that have made our Congregation great for 157 years.

**FEBRUARY WORSHIP & TORAH STUDY SCHEDULE**

*On Friday evenings, Nosh begins at 5:15 p.m. prior to Shabbat services, which take place in the Stiffman Sanctuary, unless otherwise noted.*

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<td>Friday, February 16, 2024</td>
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**HOLIDAY BUILDING CLOSURES**

*The Congregation Shaare Emeth Office and Shirlee Green Preschool will be closed:*

**Monday, February 19, 2024** in honor of President’s Day.
It's Nice To Meet You

By Craig Neuman, Executive Director
CNeuman@sestl.org

It is my distinct honor to join the Congregation Shaare Emeth family as the new Executive Director. For those of you unfamiliar with my bio, I grew up in St. Louis and went to preschool at Shaare Emeth before my family joined the great westward migration to Chesterfield. Upon graduating from Parkway Central, I attended the University of Michigan (Hail to the Victors!) where I majored in Psychology. Before I moved to Chicago, I spent three years touring colleges performing with a comedy troupe which I co-founded and then moved to Chicago to become an actor. I then had what I now refer to as my quarter-life crisis and decided to give up acting and devote my energies to Jewish communal service. I worked at the JCC of Chicago for 16 years before returning to Chesterfield and working at the St. Louis JCC for another 16 years. Over the course of those 32 years, I married my wife Amy (Glaser) Neuman and we built a family with two amazing children (Bella, 22, and Leo, 20) and one crazy dog (Lucy, 12).

As I contemplated what to share in this bulletin, the parable of Jacob’s ladder comes to mind. As you may know, in Genesis, we learn of Jacob’s dream where a ladder descended from heaven and angels traversed up and down. This dream is often used in the Jewish ethical movement known as Mussar, and I feel it’s also appropriate to describe my addition to the Shaare Emeth family.

First, just as a ladder has many rungs which a person must use to support themselves, I will be relying upon many people to support me in my role. I will need the support of members, clergy, and staff (and my family) in order to be a successful Executive Director.

Second, a ladder cannot stand unless it is leaning against a high place. Congregation Shaare Emeth is one of the pre-eminent Jewish institutions in St. Louis and, indeed, a leader in the Union for Reform Judaism. The individuals who came before us have raised the Temple to the great heights it has achieved, and I can only hope that I can sustain and raise us even higher.

And finally, if a person encounters difficulties, if they slip back or fall past a broken rung—all is not lost. One must catch hold of the next rung and start moving again. I know that I am going to make mistakes in this capacity—none of us is perfect. I thank you in advance for giving me the grace to learn from my mistakes and for being there to catch me when I fall.

I look forward to meeting those of you I don’t yet know and helping our beloved Temple to continue to reach forever upward.
Introducing Shaare Emeth’s Chesed (Caring) Committee Webpage

Where Caring Connects in a Click!

In the spirit of compassion and community, our Congregation has embraced the call to become caring angels, answering Rabbi Goldstein’s heartfelt charge on Yom Kippur. We are excited to announce the launch of our new Chesed/Caring Committee webpage, a platform that empowers each of us to extend kindness and support to our fellow congregants.

Whether you are in need of support or eager to lend a helping hand, our new webpage is the central hub for all Chesed-related activities. Here’s how you can take part:

I Need Help

If you or someone you know needs a ride to appointments, services, or a program, our caring volunteers are ready to assist. If you are recovering from illness, have limited mobility, or are adapting to change, we can provide meals right to your doorstep. Our volunteers are ready to provide a friendly visit or call to provide uplifting conversation or combat loneliness.

I Can Help

If you are ready to contribute your time and energy to support others in our community, we invite you to volunteer. Explore the opportunities available, from writing letters to providing rides, and sign up to make a difference.

There is not one person among us who would not benefit from an extra measure of kindness. There is not one person among us who does not have an extra measure of kindness to share.

— Rabbi Andrea Goldstein

Check it out at https://sestl.co/caring

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

with Rabbi Andrea Goldstein

Spiritual Direction is a practice that involves meeting with a spiritual director on a monthly basis to cultivate our ability to discern God’s presence, the presence of holiness, in all aspects of our lives – the celebrations, the struggles and each moment in between. Anyone can benefit from Spiritual Direction. You do not need to hold any particular image of God, or a belief in God at all. Rabbi Goldstein offers Spiritual Direction most Monday afternoons.

There is no cost for members of Congregation Shaare Emeth, though it is customary to make a donation to the Jewish Mindfulness Center of St. Louis after each session. The cost for non-Shaare Emeth members is $50 per session.

To set up a first appointment contact Stacy Jespersen at sjespersen@sestl.org.
## February Events

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<td><strong>LIVING ON A PRAYER</strong></td>
<td>10 A.M. • JEWISH MINDFULNESS CENTER</td>
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<td><strong>YOTZER OR: SEEING THE WORLD ANEW</strong></td>
<td>Join Rabbi Goldstein and Lucy Greenbaum in exploring the meaning, history, and development of traditional prayers that can be incorporated or adapted into a personal prayer practice. Register at jmcstl.org</td>
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<td><strong>AN INTERDISCIPLINARY EXPLORATION</strong></td>
<td>9 a.m. Breakfast • 9:30 a.m. Program • At Shaare Emeth</td>
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<td>Join Alicia for a unique Torah study and delve into the world of Jewish text through the combined lens of poetry and music.</td>
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<td><strong>DEEPENING OUR EXPERIENCE OF THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE</strong></td>
<td>9 a.m. The Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion</td>
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<td><strong>COMMUNITY-WIDE CONCERT</strong></td>
<td>3 p.m. at The J’s Staenberg Family Campus</td>
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<td><strong>JDAIM SHABBAT WITH GUEST MUSICIANS</strong></td>
<td>5:30 P.M. NOSH • 6 P.M. SERVICE IN THE STIFFMAN SANCTUARY</td>
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<td><strong>JEISH DISABILITIES AWARENESS, ACCEPTANCE, AND INCLUSION</strong></td>
<td>Join the clergy and Lucy Greenbaum as they welcome Rabbi Noah Diamondstein, Eliana Light, and Charlie Kramer, talented musicians, educators, and thinkers at the forefront of Jewish prayer, spirituality, and connection. Details at sestl.co/jdaim24</td>
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TUE

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TEXTING TUESDAYS
10 A.M. • LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM
HATIKVAH: ISRAEL’S ANTHEM
Explore the national identity and cultural significance of Israel's anthem. Together we will study the meaning of this anthem from its inception to now.

6 & 13 & 20 & 27
MINDFULNESS MEDITATION SIT
9 A.M. • ZOOM
Join Rabbi Andrea Goldstein for these weekly Mindfulness Meditation sits incorporating teachings and stories from the weekly Torah portions, Jewish prayer, and tradition. No meditation experience is necessary and all are welcome. Get the Zoom link in our Monday emails. Sign up at sestl.co/jmcemail

MON

12
SENIOR LUNCH
12 P.M. • SHAARE EMET
MAYBE IT’S YOUR MEDICATIONS: WHY WE NEED TO TALK • With Dr. Hedva Barenholtz Levy, PharmD: Join Shaare Emeth, United Hebrew, Temple Israel, and Temple Emanuel for lunch and an important presentation on how to empower yourself to ask key questions regarding your drug therapy. Email VCundy@sestl.org for details.

TUE

13 & 20 & 27
TEXTING TUESDAYS
10 A.M. • LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM
THE POWER OF REST IN A NON-STOP WORLD
An Exploration of Abraham Joshua Heschel's 'The Sabbath' With Rabbi Andrea Goldstein • During this three-week course we will read, discuss, and reflect on Rabbi Heschel's 'The Sabbath' and learn how Shabbat can enhance and deepen our connection to the sacred. Register at sestl.co/jll

SUN

25
SPIRITUAL PARENTING
9 A.M. • JEWISH MINDFULNESS CENTER
THE POWER OF REST & PLAY • Join Rabbi Goldstein as we learn, discuss, and share what makes parenting a spiritual practice and how Jewish wisdom can help guide us in our role as parents. The focus of this session will be incorporating the gifts of Shabbat into family life. Free & open to parents with children in grades preK-6. Registration is required at jmcsstl.org

TUE

27
MATRIARCHS TO MAMALAS
4 P.M. • VIRTUAL (ZOOM)
WOMEN IN POLITICS 2.0
To commemorate the third anniversary of Matriarchs to Mamalas, and in recognition of this presidential election year, we will come together (virtually) this month to discuss Women in Politics 2.0. You will receive a suggested reading list when you register and may read anything you’d like on our topic. Register at sestl.co/mm0224
Save the Dates for **PURIM WEEKEND 2024**

**SHUSHAN AFTER DARK**

**Saturday, March 23 at 7 p.m.**

It’s the grown-ups’ turn for some rollicking carnival fun! Test out the inflatables and all of the carnival games before the kids get their turn the next day. Enjoy some signature Purim cocktails and mocktails and a hamantaschen dessert bar. At 8 p.m. we’ll be treated to an audience-participation improv comedy show with ComedySportz that’s part spiel, part Megillah reading, and all hysterical.

**Sunday, March 24**

Join us in the Sanctuary at **10:30 a.m.** for Wonka’s Sweet Spiel Spectacular as we tell the story of Purim with a Willy Wonka twist.

Then, watch as Shaare Emeth transforms into a chocolate factory from **11 a.m. – 1 p.m.** during Willy Wonka’s Joyful Purim Carnival.

This fun-for-all-ages event will feature a special area of games for our friends ages 5 and younger, and a delicious lunch available for purchase from the amazing Purim Food Committee.

*Details & registration for both of these fantastic events are coming soon!*
Register for Camp Emeth for an Unforgettable Summer

By Laura Horton
LHorton@sestl.org

Camp information for summer 2024 is now posted on our website at campemeth.org! Take a look and register now, if you haven’t already. Camp Emeth is truly a special place to be in the summer, and I will continue to strive to make Camp Emeth a welcoming “home away from home” for all our campers and counselors as it has been for so many children in our community for over 35 years now.

Camp Emeth offers eight weeks of day camp for children entering Kindergarten through 8th Grade on the grounds of Congregation Shaare Emeth. Some campers join us for all eight weeks, while others pick the weeks that work for them and their summer schedules. Sign up early to secure your spot, as many grades will fill quickly. If your child’s grade has filled, be sure to join the waitlist so we can reach out if spots become available.

In addition to Camp Emeth, I’ve been busy planning fun, inclusive, and memorable events for Shaare Emeth’s 3rd-8th graders throughout the year. These youth groups are called SE345, for all current 3rd-5th graders, and SE678 for all current 6th-8th graders. Both youth groups have more events coming up this spring!

Please mark your calendars for the following dates if you’d like to join us and stay tuned for more details and registration links when they become available:

SE345

Saturday, February 24: Ice Skating at Steinberg Ice Rink in Forest Park (evening)
Saturday, March 9: Evening Event TBD
Saturday, April 13: Evening Event TBD

SE678

Sunday, February 25: Snow Tubing at Hidden Valley (afternoon)
Sunday, March 10: Afternoon Event TBD
Sunday, April 14: Afternoon Event TBD

Please reach out with any questions about Camp Emeth or SE345 or SE678 programs! If you’d like to be added to the SE345 and SE678 email lists, send me an email at LHorton@sestl.org.

2024 Camp Dates & Hours

June 10 – Aug 2*
Camp runs Mon-Fri from 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Morning Drop Off begins at 8:45 a.m.
Pre-Care: Drop off as early as 7:30 a.m.
Post-Care: Pick up as late as 6 p.m.
* There will be no camp on June 12, June 19, or July 4 – these weeks will be prorated to reflect four days of camp.

Work at Camp Emeth this Summer!

Entering 9th Grade and want to get some great volunteer experience in a fun camp setting? Apply to be a Counselor-in-Training (CIT) and spend part of your summer learning from our amazing camp staff by working alongside them as part of the Camp Emeth team!

Entering 10th Grade or above and want to help create unforgettable summer memories for kids in our community (and yourself)? Apply to be a part of the Camp Emeth team and learn how working in a summer camp setting like ours can help you grow as a leader and have fun while doing it! We have a variety of positions available, such as camp counselors and specialists, and will do our best to work around your summer schedule. Camp Emeth at its core is centered around our amazing staff which reflect our community.

Caring, creative, diverse, and compassionate are just a few of the words I would use to describe our staff.

Learn more about summer employment opportunities at Camp Emeth at campemeth.org or e-mail LHorton@sestl.org.
Leap into Shaare Emeth

This leap year gives you an extra day to take advantage of all of the programming we offer at Shaare Emeth. You can see a comprehensive list of the dozens of opportunities around Shaare Emeth on the membership page of our website: sestl.org/membership

We want to see you in our building to engage with you. There is something for everyone to participate in. Whether you are a new member or have been a member for decades, there is an opportunity to connect you with our community.

Your participation in our programming is vital to keeping our Congregation moving forward. It is how our mission is fulfilled. We want to help you get even more connected with our community. This is where you come in.

What interests you?
What do you want to learn more about?
What will deepen your connection to our congregation?

In this early part of the year, please think about where your passion at Shaare Emeth might be. We invite you to look at the myriad opportunities that await you.

Whether you are looking to connect with a particular age group, educate yourself through lifelong, Jewish learning opportunities, act as an agent of social justice, worship and pray, connect with the land of Israel, or help to guide our congregation’s future... there is a place for you.

For more information please contact Beth Kodner, bkodner@sestl.org or Emily Cohen, ecohen@sestl.org or call 314-569-0010.

Thank You, AV Club!

Thank you to our 2024 AV Club! With your generosity, we were able to keep our Shaare Emeth community connected with wrap-around technological services for members of all ages. Whether it was streamed worship services or life cycle events like funerals and B’Mitzvahs, Shaare Emeth was able to include everyone near and far as a connected community.

Please consider becoming a new or renewing AV Club member in 2024.

You can join online through your ShulCloud account or call the main office.

Thanks to our 2024 AV Club members:

- Akiva and Brachah Belk
- Robert and Gloria Berger
- Ronnie and Allen Brockman
- Ilene Brooks and Richard Scharnhorst
- Frederick and Stefany Brot
- Sheila Cohen
- Richard and Dianna Fine
- Wendy Flusser
- Lynne Fogel
- Arlene Goodman
- Larry and Natalie Goldman
- Richard and Sherri Goldman
- Randall and Nancy Green
- James and Jane Grossman
- George and Rita Heymann
- Sidney and Nancy Hirsh
- Phylis Kahn
- Arnold and Sharon Kaufman
- Dolores Kling
- Jacquelyn and Martin Lipsitz
- Ashley and Ann Loiterstein
- Gabriel Maayan
- Graham Moses III and Ellen Moses
- Marcia and Carl Moskowitz

Sue and Joel Picus
Gary and Marilyn Ratkin
John and Eunice Reichman
Sandi Rich
Earl and Laurie Rosenberg
Leah Rubin & Jeffrey Cohen
Linda Rubin
Jerome and Linda Sandmel
Fred and Sheri Seigel
Stanford and Andy Shanker
Gary and Janice Sherman
Michele and Patrick Siler
Dale and Merle Singer
Sandra Sher
Leonard and Sharon Smith
Alan and Ann Spector
Peggy Steinberg
Virginia Weiss
Harvey Weiss
Mazel Tov to our February B’Mitzvah students!

Mazel Tov to Zachary Pollock, child of Jason & Amy Pollock

Mazel Tov to Abby Schreiber & Lily Schreiber, children of Marc & Erin Schreiber

Mazel Tov to Reese Weinhaus, child of Corey & Emily Weinhaus

Simchas

Mazel Tov to Sheila Cohen on the birth of her great-grandson, Avraham Gavriel (Avi). Proud parents are Zoe and Yigal Goldstein. Grandparents are Beth Cohen and Harry Berman.

Welcome!

New Member Families

Carlee and Colton Ayers-Schalk

Beth and Chris Brozyna

Jessica and Andrew Kichura, with child, Jonah

Stephanie and Ramin Lalezari, with child, Talia

Marla and Jack McDonnell

Allison Neuman, with child, Lily Tzadok

Kim Phillips and Mary Ann Nye
We express condolences to Shaare Emeth members and families who have recently lost a loved one and sympathy to Shaare Emeth members who have had a death in their extended family.

**Condolesences**

Miriam Dennison
Earl Portnoy
Norma Rader  
   Wife of Edward Rader
Bernard Salky  
   Father of Ken (Molly) Salky
Rose Waldman

**Sympathy**

Debra Baker on the death of her mother, Brenda Solomon
Kenny (Barb) Bressler on the death of his father, Leo Bressler
John (Julie) Ernst on the death of his mother, Kathleen Ernst
Nanci Goldberg and Greg (Julie) Yawitz on the death of her sister and their aunt, Jane Glusman
Cheryl Perry on the death of her father, Richard Forheimer
Kelly Schumaker on the death of her aunt, Loretta Dobkin
Clifford (Joan) Segal and Andrea (Lawrence) Goldstein on the death of their Daughter-in-law and sister-in-law, Melinda Segal
Shirley (Andrew) Wise and Sam (Kelli) Wise on the death of their brother and uncle, Robert Sontag

**Perpetual Memorials**

A memorial has been established for:
Melford Berns  
   Established by Suzan Berns
Joanne Minnihan  
   Established by Kevin Minnihan and Family
Jan Stephanie Zeid  
   Established by Stewart Zeid
Ashley Zeid and Brittany and Andrew Jerram

Names of those remembered by a Perpetual Memorial are read during Friday Shabbat Services. They will also be remembered by yahrzeit date reminders sent to designated family members’ homes and are automatically included with the Perpetual Memorials in our memorial book on Yom Kippur. For more information on establishing a Perpetual Memorial, contact Stacy Jespersen at sjespersen@sestl.org or 314-692-5302.

Weekly Yahrzeit listings can be found online at sestl.org/yahrzeits.
**RABBIS’ SPECIAL FUND**

**IN APPRECIATION OF:**
Rabbi Bennett for officiating at the wedding ceremony for Matthew Fox & Alyssa Shannon
Barbara Cellar
Rabbi Goldstein for performing the stone dedication for Brenda Baron
The Baron Family
Rabbi Goldstein for the Mindfulness Zoom programs
Arlene Goodman
Rabbi Goldstein for officiating at the funeral for
Kay Diamont
Shelly Grossman, Mike Diamont and Rye Katz
Rabbi Goldstein for officiating at the funeral for
Ethel Mae Lerner
The Ethel Lerner Family—Gary, Dean, Donna and Eise
Rabbi Goldstein for her warmth and deep understanding of prayer and Torah
Jan Nykun
Rabbi Goldstein for performing the baby naming for
Zoe Sher
Debbie & Brian Sher
Rabbi Lori Levine for officiating at the shivas for
Jerold Granok’s family
Howard Granok
Shaara Emeth
Roma Wittliff

**IN HONOR OF:**
Rabbi Bennett for a speedy recovery
Larry Blath; Arlen & HowardFly; Randy Brickman;
B’Yachad B’nai Chodeth Group; Carol & Bruce Canis;
Shelley Cohen; Sheila & Robert Cohen; Sharon & Warren Danzinger; Sharon & Mark Feldman; Jan Fishman; Sherri & Rick Goldman; Arlene Goodman; Debbie & Karl Geyer;
Phyllis Kahn; Jackie & Ken Elehan; DeVrey Kling; Marsha & Simon Kools and Family; Linda & Bill Levin; Gail & Robert Markinning Jr.; Brenda & Joe Perles; Barbara Barenblatt; Present & Ran Present; Marilyn & Gary Rabin; Peggy & Alan Schaffer; Jay Seliger & Wayne Hoffman; Andy & Stan Shanker; Merle & Dale Singer; Ann & Alan Specter; Susan & Alan Witte
Amy & Rabbi Jim Bennett on the birth of their granddaughter, Aria Bayla Bennett
Barbara Cellar; Joyce & Larry Koller; Marsha & Bob Luft; Andy & Stan Shanker
Carole & Jay Goldstein on their 55th wedding anniversary
Swie & Leon Kravetz

**IN MEMORY OF:**
Clara & Saul Freedman, Henrietta & Rudolph Friedman and Sophie & Joseph Winesuff
Judith Friedman
Sandra & Rudy Mayer
Julie & Joel Meyer
Jerry Margolies
Mark Margolies
Arline & Meyer (Bud) Inger, Stuart Katz and Neil Stein
Judy & Jerry Sheinfeld
Irving Muller
Rina & Paul Renkin
Eileen Richman
Judy & Morris Selzman and Family
Harold Rosen
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