# Weigheregation BethShalom

**RFECEC Purim Parade** Friday, March 22 at 11:30 am Goldsmith Hall

## **PRS Purim Celebration**

Sunday, March 24 at 9:30 am Downstairs PRS students will make graggers and watch a Purim shpiel! Come in costume.

## Minyan & Megillah

Sunday, March 24 Morning Minyan at 9:30 am Megillah reading at 10:15 am Goldsmith Hall



**Purim 1000 Community Event** Sunday, March 24 from 2-5 pm Jewish Community Campus \$18 per family Register at PurimKC.org

## Community Megillah Reading

Monday, March 25 at 10:30 am Village Shalom or on Zoom Register at KCRabbi.org by 3/18

# Saturday, March 23 at 8:45 pm Theme: Kansas City Icons

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# Beth Shalom Reinvigorating Pillars Donor Program

### BY VICTOR WISHNA

Every member of the Congregation Beth Shalom community—anyone who pays dues; volunteers time and energy; invests in capital campaigns or fundraising events; enrolls students in preschool or religious school; and/or participates in our wide range of programming—is considered an honored "donor." Each of us contributes to the life of our synagogue, usually in more ways than one.

Some member families have taken it upon themselves to help ensure that our congregation remains financially sound. In 2005, Beth Shalom established a special program, Pillars of the Congregation, to honor those whose annual support—through dues and High Holiday Appeal contributions—surpasses the highest suggested level of membership. Perhaps you have noticed the names listed in the glass case in the foyer outside Goldsmith Hall. These 43 Pillar families (at latest count) represent 6% of the synagogue's membership and account for nearly 40% of the dues.

This year, Beth Shalom is taking efforts to reinvigorate our Pillars program. In addition to simply seeing their names on a wall (and showcased in listings during High Holy Day publicity), Pillars will enjoy special appreciation events that offer opportunities to build deeper connections—spiritually and socially—with our community, beginning this spring.

Our family decided to become Pillars in 2018. It began as a way to honor my late parents, Jeanette and Sheldon Wishna, and to carry on their commitment to Beth Shalom. However, we quickly came to see it as an obligation to our own present and the future. It only made sense that we should increase our support to match what Beth Shalom means to our family—emotionally, spiritually, socially, and practically, on a weekly basis. And once we took stock of what we considered our fair share of dues and our capacity for giving, the step "up" to Pillar was not a particularly daunting one.

Anyone who has so much as driven by Beth Shalom knows that we are, literally, building for the future. Our new sacred space represents a larger forward momentum, as we continue to solidify the bonds of our recent consolidation with Ohev Sholom, welcome Rabbi Talia Kaplan as our fulltime assistant rabbi this summer, and more. Knowing that our family is a small (though now slightly larger) part of the foundation on which we will see our future grow is its own reward.

If you are interested in talking more about the opportunity of becoming a Pillar, please feel free to reach out directly to me or to our executive director, Stefanie Williams, for more information at swilliams@bethshalomkc.org.



## Save the Date: Sisterhood Torah Fund Brunch Sunday, April 7 at 10:30 am

Everyone has the opportunity to participate in preserving, promoting, and perpetuating Conservative/Masorti Judaism by giving to the annual Torah Fund Campaign, which supports the Jewish Theological Seminary and other institutions that train our clergy and lay leaders.

Sisterhood's Torah Fund brunch will be held on Sunday, April 7. Everyone who makes a minimum \$18 donation to the campaign is invited to attend the brunch for an additional fee. Invitations will be mailed in the next month. The theme this year is *Kol Yisrael Arevim Zeh Ba'Zeh*, "All the people of Israel are responsible for one another," which is especially meaningful at this extremely challenging time.

Please send your donation to Milisa Flekier, 6827 W. 132nd Terrace, Overland Park, KS 66209, noting that it is directed to Torah Fund. Thank you in advance for your generosity. If you have any questions about contributions to the campaign, contact Milisa Flekier at mflekier@gmail.com.



Torah Fund pins are still available with a minimum donation of \$180.

## SAVE THE DATE Sunday, May 19 7:00 p.m. Yardley Hall

Congregations Beth Shalom and B'nai Jehudah are partnering to bring comedian **Alex Edelman's acclaimed Broadway show JUST FOR US** to Kansas City for a very special, onenight-only event.

"Brisk, smart, and belly-laugh funny... A cultural phenomenon!" — The New York Times Information on sponsorship opportunities and ticket sales to follow.







## A Dynamic Seder Practice Join us for the Women's Purim Seder: March 26

## BY HAZZAN TAHL BEN-YEHUDA

Many of us may feel that our Seder must be a certain way, but the way of the seder is change.

Most of us likely have precious memories of our parents' or grandparents' sederim, and deviating from that might be a tough sell. Perhaps you remember a Seder that was largely in Hebrew or even in Yiddish, perhaps there was lots of singing and huge fresh-cut pieces of horseradish, or perhaps you remember the corny

jokes that your dad or grandfather told Every. Single. Year. Maybe you remember holiday foods that were made with love year after year. You might even remember your family cleaning the kitchen and the entire house beforehand. It is that emotional memory that makes tradition so special, so important.

For me, the perfect seder features my mom's knadelach (matzah balls), my father's resonant voice leading all of us in so many songs, and my siblings and me having fun with most of the English readings, doing expressive acting out of the rabbis who managed to turn the 10 plagues into 250 plagues! The house smells like a feast awaits, and I know that you could eat off the floor – or any other surface.

Some of my most vivid core memories revolve around the Passover Seder, but the seder was never meant to be a static expression of Jewish practice. It is completely kosher, and possibly even incumbent upon us to revisit the seder aheadof-time year after year to continue to make sure it is meaningful to us so that every generation can connect to it the



way we were able to when we were young.

Our seder is impoverished by the trend to shorten it in the hope to make it feel more accessible to children as well as to adults who don't have the same level of Jewish learning as our parents or grandparents, or who are more removed from our Jewish spiritual life than generations past. Even sadder, it cheats our children from the same opportunities to connect emotionally with the experience. Instead of shortening your seder, there are amazing resources available from

your shul and online that you can use to make meaningful modern connections to each of the different aspects of the seder. There are websites that will help you to create a new hagaddah just for your family that includes readings that will stoke conversation at your table and provide the children with opportunities to engage. Rabbi Glickman, Rabbi Kaplan, and I are available to you if you need resources.

On March 26, the Sisterhood will host a Women's Seder. We will use the format of a seder for the program, but it will be very different from a typical Passover seder. The theme of our seder will be the evolution of freedom especially for women in the context of Jewish history, and the increased responsibility and power of women in our communities. Women, daughters, and granddaughters are invited to participate in this seder, to lift our voices and our spirits together, to prepare for Passover, and to celebrate ourselves and the women who came before us in the grand tradition of the evolution of the Passover Seder.

# **Happy Bottoms Diaper Madness**



Yes, it's March, so that means we're excited about not only basketball, but DIAPERS!!

Congregation Beth Shalom's Sisterhood is participating in Happy Bottoms Diaper Madness Campaign. Happy Bottoms is an organization which collects and distributes diapers for families in need. Donations can be made online (use the group name CBS Sisterhood) or physically by dropping off diapers in the box placed in the synagogue's office area. OR, to stretch your dollars even further, monetary donations can be made at HAPPYBOTTOMS.ORG (comment: CBS Sisterhood).

More information can be found on Beth Shalom's website or by contacting Susan Krigel at susankrigel@gmail.com or 913-908-9689.

## **TODAH RABAH!**

Contributions through February 9 are listed below. Thank you for thinking of us.

#### **BETH SHALOM GENERAL FUND**

#### In Honor of

Larry & Sally Gordon's 55th wedding anniversary Randall & Sandra Katcher

#### In Honor of

Josh Stein's new position Steve & Linda Hammer

#### In Honor of

Alan & Janice Wasserman's 50th wedding anniversary Randall & Sandra Katcher

In Memory of

Louis Burnstein Rosalyn Burnstein

In Memory of Sammy Rae Burnstein Rosalyn Burnstein

In Memory of

Samuel Epstein Stuart & Sharon Pase

In Memory of Sol Epstein Stuart & Sharon Pase

In Memory of Ann Federman Arthur & Diane

Federman

#### In Memory of Nathalie Rosenblum Michael & Karen

Gortenburg In Memory of

Rebecca Schreiber Michael & Karen

## Gortenburg

In Memory of **Ronald Stanley** Schreiber Michael & Karen Gortenburg

## In Memory of

Samuel Schreiber Michael & Karen Gortenburg

#### **BEVERLY &** HARVEY BODKER **ENDOWMENT** FUND

In Memory of Harvey Bodker Louis & Joyce Pack Boy Scout Troop 61

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In Memory of Dr. Gary Berger and Helayne Berger

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#### In Memory of Bertha Matters Gabriel & Sandra Seidman

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#### **EUGENE &** SHIRLEY NOVORR TOTS FOR TORAH **FUND**

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In Memory of Carol Kusnetzky Maxine Grossman

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In Gratitude of Hanan Steinzeig's successful surgery Hanan Steinzeig & Rita Brown

#### In Honor of Marriage of Hazzan Tahl Ben-Yehuda

and Luke McGlynn Jerald Enslein & Hannah Harris Randall & Sandra Katcher Carla Klausner Allan & Nancv Reichman Mark & Trudy Slatkin

#### In Honor of Rita Brown's birthday Hanan Steinzeig & Rita Brown

In Memory of Helen Steinzeig Hanan Steinzeia & Rita Brown

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In Honor of Harold Kaseff & Rhea Salasche Randall & Sandra Katcher

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Shirley Unell In Memory of Carol Kusnetzky

Shirley Unell

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In Honor of Jill & Ted Goldstein's wedding anniversary William & Jovce Shapiro

#### In Memory of

Francis Greenberg Jeffrey & Wendy Sitzmann

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In Memory of Phillip Goodbinder

Steve & Linda Hammer

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In Memory of Abe Labow (Abraham

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Sara Labowitz Randall & Sandra Katcher

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Jack Allen Shefrin Randall & Sandra Katcher

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#### POLSKY RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

In Memory of Joseph Rosenberg Deborah Rosenbera

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In Memory of Charles M. Bernstein Sharyn Bernstein

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In Appreciation of Rabbi David Glickman Deborah Rosenbera

## In Memory of

Abraham Alexander Edward & Cheryl Alexander

### In Memory of

Andy Reiz Mark & Trudy Slatkin

# Mazel Tov to Our March Anniversaries

## Sponsor a kiddush luncheon by contacting Melisa at 913-647-7281.

DAY	YEARS	DAY	YEARS
4	Kristopher & Lindsey Zeid	14	Stacy & Scott Winkler
6	Audrey Asher & Michael Lerner	16	Derek & Amy Gale
6	Alan & Allison Myers	19	Steven & Jennifer Paul
8	Joshua & Abigail Millan	23	Neal & Dana Schwartz
11	Norman & Alison Heisler 40	23	Alan & Eleanor Hoffman
11	Bruce & Suzanne Troen	26	John Goldberg & Marla Brockman
12	Joel & Diana Resnick	26	Thomas & Pamela Glickman
13	Sol & Nora Dublin	28	Jeffrey & Jamie Wordsworth
14	Joshua & Laura Galler	31	Louis & Joyce Pack
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# Mazel Tov to Our B'nei Mitzvot



Miriam Haller March 16

Miriam is the daughter of Leah and Valiant Haller and older sister of Veronica. She is the granddaughter of Jim and Barbara Schallheim (Salt Lake City, Utah) and Lawrence and Thais Haller (Cavetown, Maryland). The rest of her family live all over the world.

She loves cats, music, musicals, TV, books, swimming, playing in the snow. She wants to be an author, singer, or fashion designer when she grows up. "I'm sweet, I love my friends because they are my besties, and being a tween is tiring, 24/7."



Eli Antes March 30

Eli is the son of Jeremy and Danielle Antes, the oldest brother of Jonah, Gabriella and Caleb Antes. He is the grandson of Carl Antes and Sue Rogers, Barbara Bernstein and Saul Erlich and Donald and Debbie Rose. He loves learning new things about technology, enjoys playing video games and hanging out with friends. His tikkun olam project is collecting old electronics for recycling.



Do you enjoy working with children? Are you looking to make some extra money having fun? Rose Family Early Childhood is actively searching for camp staff for six weeks this summer.

Session One: June 10-June 28 (No Camp June 12, 13, or 19) Session Two: July 8-August 2

Options to work are MWF or M-F. Hours are 8:30-1:45 M-Th and 8:30-12:15 Fridays

Anyone who is interested should contact Judy Jacks Berman at 913-647-7287 or jjb@bethshalomkc.org



**RABBI GLICKMAN VISITS PRESCHOOL** 

Our preschoolers were excited to welcome Rabbi Glickman for a "preschool parlor meeting" and hear him teach!

## **Celebrate with the PRS families!**

BY CIVIA WHITE DIRECTOR OF POLSKY RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Come downstairs and you will see two new displays on the bulletin boards in the hallways of PRS. On one board is a fun display of the Hebrew birthdays of our students. The second board is decorated with a list of the Torah portions matched to the names of students in the bar and bat mitzvah class who are assigned those readings.

PRS kids are so excited to see their special lifecycle events decorating the walls of our school. This not only gives them a new way to connect with the Jewish year, but also prompts them to celebrate these important occasions together.

The learning continues in the classroom with lessons, games, and songs that teach the names of the Hebrew months and the holidays that fall in them. They are also introduced to the lunar calendar, Jewish years, and of course, leap years!

Wishing you and yours a very Happy Adar I. Can't wait to tell you what we have planned for Adar II and...Purim!

## **BARUCH DAYAN HAEMET** PLAQUES HAVE BEEN DEDICATED In Memory Of...

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Praised is the True Judge

Yahrtzeits Join us for morning or evening minyan to say Kaddish for your loved one. Check our website for service schedule.

#### MAR 1-21 ADAR I

Harry Agron Marý Aronson Juliús Bridges Robert Moris Coleman **Betty Edwards** Donald Ellis Milton Firestone Paul Goodman Ronald Goodman Dora Harrison Gittel Levine Jack Irving Poizner Anna Salvay Irene Schuman Joseph Shnayerson Rose Singmon Edward Stein

#### MAR 2-22 ADAR I

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#### MAR 3-23 ADAR I

Ben Asner Isidore Bernstein Herman Copaken Victor Davis Charles L. Finkelstein Anne Kay Fishman Pearl Fleider Jennie Gershon Anna Gross Sadie Katzman Jacob Kramer Joseph J. Poizner Mever Present William P. Rothschild Clara Sheftel Harriett A. Tilzer Mary Tonkin Frances Ulamperl

#### MAR 4-24 ADAR I Dora Brenner Sarah Carroll Samuel Diamant Sarah Gerber Rebecca Goldberg Rhetta Turkin Goldstein Jacob Goodman Jack Himmelstein Etta Katzman David Kramer Sarah M. Krantz Vrem D. Levens

Shirley Levine Mildred Egglstein Levinson Rabbi Marshall Miller Henry Zinn

#### MAR 5-25 ADAR I

Martha Fleider Abe Gordon Pearl Jacobs Rose Levy David Moses Rogovein Esther Shapiro Sol Stolov Ned Weiss

#### MAR 6-26 ADAR I

Louis Brown David Epstein Jacob Epstein Minnie M. Friedson Frances Rabicoff Haith Joseph Katzeff Harry Markowitz Charles Rosenthal Harriett A. Rosenthal Nathan Sieael Saul Siegel Joseph Šilverman Aaron Adolph Silvers

#### MAR 7-27 ADAR I

Isadore Becker Doris Bush Stanley Goodman Fannie Gordon Sam Greenberg Phillip Levine Julius Levitch Adolf Pucker Zlotta Schnider Ben Sosland Fannie Davis Stevens

#### MAR 8-28 ADAR I

Jette Bergmann Ruth Davis Dave Gardesky Gertrude Kaseff Lillian Leibson Reva Lindman Goldie Mallin

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### MAR 9-29 ADAR I

Jack Brams Harry Chaikin Marna Dolginoff Sophie Fein Dora Fox Rea L. Fried Esther Galitzky Minnie Mallin Sidney Ryweck Ethel Silberman Anne Singer Jacob Singer Fannie Sloan William Sosnow Rose B. Weiss

#### MAR 10-30 ADAR I

Rose Broudy Ida Deutch Maynard Gordon Minnie Markowitz Simons

### MAR 11-1 ADAR II

Evelvn Mae Kumin Philip Saper Minnie Skoler Harry Lewis Small

#### MAR 12-2 ADAR II

David Conant Louis Peltzman

#### MAR 13-3 ADAR II

Carol Davis Horowitz Slava Kantor Joseph Kopin Larry Krakow Ben Mays Ann Radetsky Toltz

#### MAR 14-4 ADAR II

Edna Fisher Sophie Gordon

MAR 15-5 ADAR II Solomon S. Chambers

Rose Frohlichman Minnie Harris **Charles Lewin** Isadore Nathanson Carl Zeff

## MAR 16-6 ADAR II

David M. Ginsberg

Hershel Goodman Anna Pelzerman

## MAR 17-7 ADAR II

Robert L. Hoffman Sheldon Sandler Samuel Tranin

#### MAR 18-8 ADAR II

Sophie S. Levin Hannah Markowitz Mollie Samuelson Morris Shlensky

MAR 19-9 ADAR II Esther Litman

#### MAR 20-10 ADAR II

Rudy Baruch Marga Joseph Annie Levin Frieda Potashner

#### MAR 21-11 ADAR II

Rose Agron David Stanley Hochberg Jacob H. Levine Henrietta Navran

#### MAR 22-12 ADAR II

Sol Blum Marilyn Bressel Benjamin Deitchman Samuel Goldberg Alice Goldsmith Rachel Lieberman

MAR 23-13 ADAR II Fannie Epstein

### MAR 24-14 ADAR II

Leo Blonsky Anna Kars David Litwack Myer C. Shapiro

#### MAR 25-15 ADAR II

Sol Fox Ethel Seliger

#### MAR 26-16 ADAR II

Samuel Baron Sidnev Berman Annie Bobrecker Morris Dobrowski Anna Glazer Helen Godock Alexander Mallon Nancy Lynn Singer Stanley Yukon

MAR 28-18 ADAR II Marvin Fishman Bess Kopin

MAR 27-17 ADAR II

Louis Horowitz

## MAR 29-19 ADAR II

Isadore Shafton

Morris P. Gordon **Tillie Schnider** 

#### MAR 30-20 ADAR II

Emanuel Copeland Sol Junsberg Mollie Shapiro Harry Shefrin Morley Steinberg

#### MAR 31-21 ADAR II

Issie Bernbaum Mary Brenner Al Deutch



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#### **RABBI TALIA KAPLAN GIVES SENIOR SERMON AT JTS**

Our very own Rabbi Talia Kaplan, rabbinic fellow, gave her senior sermon at Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) on February 7. The staff of Beth Shalom had a watch party to cheer her on.

Office Hours	913-647-7279			
MONDAY-THURSDAY	8:30 am - 5 pm			
FRIDAY	8:30 am - 3 pm			
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TUESDAY & THURSDAY	CLOSED			
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SATURDAY	CLOSED			
NATIONAL HOLIDAYS	9:00 am - 4:00 pm			
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	THURSDAY	12:30 PM - 2:30 PM	
	SUNDAY	9:30 AM - 12:00 PM	
	(When Sunday school is in session)		

Other Hours

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Daily Minyan

MONDAY-THURSDAY	7 AM AND 6 PM
FRIDAY	7 ам
SUNDAY	8 AM AND 6 PM

(Morning Minyan is in Goldsmith Hall and on Zoom. Evening Minyan is on Zoom exclusively.)