Thank you to...

...all of our valued members and volunteers! A big thank you to our maintenance staff for keeping the shul clean and safe all winter long.

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Be Your Own Haggadah

When I peruse the bookshelves of my office, I can see at least 30 distinct versions of the haggadah, the book used to guide us through the telling of the story of the Exodus from Egypt, as we do on the first two nights of Pesah. Some are straightforward text; some have wonderful artwork; some contain medieval commentaries; some contain modern, scholarly commentaries; others offer cartoons and photos and alternative readings and contemporary language and timelines, etc., etc.

All contain the essential questions that we ask: versions of, “Why on Earth are we talking about stories from 3,000 years ago instead of eating dinner RIGHT NOW!?”

What makes Pesah different from all other holidays is creativity: an opportunity to tell our story, the story of the foundational moment of the Jewish people and what that means to us today. At the seder, while we must tell the story (see Exodus 13:8, or Rabban Gamliel in Mishnah Pesahim 10:5), nowhere does it say that you must use the venerable Maxwell House haggadah! On the contrary - the best way to tell the story is not merely to read somebody else’s words, but to tell it in your own. Better, assign parts and have your family go to the living room and act it out. Even better, have everybody draw (in advance, of course) a portion of the Exodus story and bring your drawings to the seder and explain! Choreograph an Exodus dance! Knit an Exodus sweater! Use mah-jongg tiles to build a scale model of the pyramids at Cheops! Create a terrarium with the Israelites walking through the Sea of Reeds!

You get the idea. Be your own haggadah, and tell that story. Make it real for us today.

Good luck!

Hag kasher vesameah! Have a happy holiday!

Be sure you read through all of our Pesah (pg.13) and Shavu’ot (pg.21) information!

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A Message from Our President

Debby Firestone
President
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I welcome this opportunity to give you a brief update on my activities over the last few months as they relate to Beth Shalom.

This past winter I attended the USCJ’s Conference in Atlanta which was an enriching experience. In addition to the programmed activities, we had the opportunity to reconnect with old friends. Several members of our group spent time with Rabbi Werbow. I’m pleased to report he is doing very well and asked to be remembered to all. I also was with Shelly Scher (former member of Beth Shalom) now president of her synagogue in Cleveland. I was also able to reunite with other shul presidents who attended last March’s Sulam for Presidents workshop with me. It’s interesting to know that many of the issues we confront are hardly unique to our Shul. It was helpful to discuss some common concerns with other shul representatives. During the three days, I met with our USCJ regional representative, Mindy Gordon, and Aimee Close, a transformation specialist, to discuss the possibility and need for creating a new Strategic Plan.

My most meaningful convention session provided the opportunity to hear the energetic Rabbi Mike Uram, executive director of Hillel at University of Pennsylvania. Rabbi Uram described how he and his different teams of Hillel employees and volunteers are able to create several tracks of participation at Hillel on campus with activities by thinking outside of the box in programming and development away from the traditional Hillel environment which can be related to our synagogue attendance and our need to engage younger members and retain our older members.

Most recently, I attended several young member events at our synagogue. I was delighted and overwhelmed with the attendance at these two programs, Shababababa and Clues and Schmooze. Our synagogue’s younger members and guests have connected with Rabbi Jeremy, our Derakh Program Director. Our membership committee and several dedicated volunteers, with Rabbi Jeremy’s help have been able to create a win-win experience for these young folks. These are two meaningful ways we are beginning to provide a positive synagogue social experience which hopefully will bring younger members to our kehillah.

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Planning for Next Year

God told Moses what to do to get us out of Egypt. There was a plan and it worked. We read that plan and tell our children about it every year. That plan is detailed in the haggadah. There were many things omitted from the plan, but the result was worth it: here we are.

What was God’s plan once we left Egypt? “Moses, now that we’re free, what’s the plan?” “Well, I’m going to go up that mountain for a while and let you worry, then bring down a whole bunch of difficult rules which we never had, and then we’re going to wander aimlessly in the desert, eating mostly coriander seeds, always searching for water, occasionally fighting wars, and ultimately dying before we get to Israel. You probably won’t make it, but your children might.” “That sounds like an excellent plan.” I think there was a Monty Python episode like this.

We were all in it together - but we weren’t allowed to see the plan. Every time we complained about our situation, we were reprimanded. The miracle of the Jewish Nation is that we actually went along with the plan.

It is in these months that we develop the plan for next year. At our Annual Congregational Meeting, each member has the opportunity to vote on the budget, which is, in effect, the implementation of the plan. This year, we are also embarking on a review of our Strategic Plan - a longer term view of how to make our vision real. Each member has a hand in deciding how we go from Egypt to Israel. Of course, we’re not in Egypt, our destination need not be Israel, and it won’t take us 40 years. However, we are constrained by our deficit and freedom is a sustaining community, ever-enabling each person to draw closer to God. Our plan is not one superimposed by God (lo bashamayim hi). Rather, it is for us to create and carry out.

As we move forward implementing the vision, Derekh, and forging a path, please get involved and own it. Call it volunteering, or call it engaging with your community. HaMashiach will not come and tell us how to move forward, but you can.

Coffee with the Cantor: Perceptions of Modern Judaism

Come and participate in “Coffee with the Cantor” - a stimulating discussion group led by our Executive Director, Hazan (Cantor) Rob Menes.

This year we will be discussing “Perceptions of Modern Judaism.” How do Jewish customs and rituals interact with the Christian and secular world of North America? How is Israel perceived in America? Why is there still anti-Semitism in North America?

Throughout the year we will investigate sometimes controversial practices and discuss both the Jewish and non-Jewish reactions to them. Coffee will be provided by the Cantor!

Every Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. till 12:00 p.m in the Lehman Center.

Welcome to our newest staff members!

Katie Baynum
Front Office Receptionist

Amira Walker
ELC Operations
Save the Dates!

As we approach Passover, we inevitably think about all the hard work ahead. We clean out our homes of hametz, leavened items, we make our homes kosher for the holiday, and we prepare for our sedarim. Now of course, each of our sedarim has a different flavor, approach, and focus. That quality of Jewish ritual is a gift we each have, we can make it our own. Some of you might follow the “it’s all about the kids” approach, with games, activities, and silly songs. Others might do the “let’s learn all night” style, spending hours exploring each moment of the seder.

For me, I’m inspired by a story of Vilna Gaon, a famous Talmudic scholar, and his approach for my seder. It is said, in order to join the Vilna Gaon’s yeshiva, one must have already learned the whole Talmud. Upon arrival for acceptance, they would present the student with a page for study, which of course, they had already seen. They would watch to see how they responded. Those students who relied on what they had already learned were not accepted into the school, while those who learned it again, as if for the first time, were welcomed for study.

For some, we have seen the Hagaddah many times, reading words we have recited for decades. However, like the students of the Vilna Gaon, we can approach it as if it were new, because we are new. Each year we grow and learn and can derive new meaning out of ancient Traditions.

Hag sameah v’kasher, have a happy Passover!

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Growing Through the ELC

Jennifer Slattery
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Happy Spring, Beth Shalom! There are many amazing things that are happening in the Early Learning Center. The one highlight that I want to share with you is the enormous amount of professional development that is occurring for the educators. The reason for this is that the ELC is a Bonim Beyachad (Building Together) site. The Bonim Beyachad early childhood education initiative is a program supported by the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh.

One of the most exciting things is that 15 educators have come together to join a study group. We are reading the book *Working in the Reggio Way* by Julianne Wurm. It is about the Reggio Emilia philosophy and how it can be incorporated in Preschools in the United States. We have a wonderful consultant, Sandy Johns, provided by the Federation’s Jewish Early Childhood Initiative. The conversations and discussions that have come out of this study group have had a major impact on our school community. The educators shared ideas, insights, opinions, laughter, and Jewish values throughout the discussion.

Another amazing professional development is happening in our Valinsky Art Studio. Julie Lewinter, Art Studio Educator and I are receiving guidance on how to make our studio and art program the best it can be. We have created a new schedule where children have a longer amount of time to engage with art materials and new mediums. We will also engage in a whole school exploration of clay. In addition, Julie will have time set aside in her day to meet with teachers to discuss long term projects, observe students to better serve their interests, and to document the children’s learning.

I encourage you to contact me in the ELC office to set up a time to visit our Valinsky Art Studio and/or the ELC classrooms.

B’Shalom!

ELC Calendar

March - May 2018

**Thursday, March 1**
All School Family Purim Program - 1:00 p.m.

**Friday, March 9**
Shababababa - 5:45 p.m.

**Friday, March 30**
Erev Passover - 3:00 p.m. Close

**Monday, April 2 - Friday, April 6**
Passover Break - ELC CLOSED

**Friday, April 13**
Shababababa, Featuring Infants and Toddlers - 5:45 p.m.

**Friday, May 4**
Grandparent Shababababa - 5:45 p.m.

**Friday, May 11**
Grandparent and Special Friends Shabbat - 10:30 a.m.

**Monday, May 21**
Shavu’ot - OPTIONAL DAY

**Monday, May 28**
Memorial Day - ELC CLOSED

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Learning with J-JEP

I once stumbled upon an article which indicated that by the time a child reaches the age of eighteen, they have been praised and encouraged 30,000 times. However, a huge percentage of that 30,000 was by the age of three. On the other hand, by the same ripe age of eighteen we are discouraged and/or criticized 250,000 times. And though I am not certain about the level of accuracy, the statistic is equally believable as it is hard to swallow.

Did you know that J-JEP students attend between a total of 75 hours and 195 hours of Jewish/Hebrew education? You could balk at that and wonder why or how it is that we make such a big deal at our Celebration of Learning.

J-JEP’s Celebration of Learning is more than just a display of our students’ work and far more than just a party at the end of the year. The preparation for the event allows students and their educators to reflect on and articulate the exploration and learning that took place this year including the questions asked, the moments of discovery they encountered, and the friendships that were formed. Making a public display of the learning is an impactful and empowering opportunity to show how J-JEP makes every moment of Jewish learning count.

Please join us on April 29th at J-JEP’s 6th Annual Celebration of Learning, and appreciate that we engage in so much teaching and learning, deep conversation and questioning, awe and experience in that little amount of time.
At Congregation Beth Shalom, our Youth Department continues to thrive!

The Jews For Justice: A Shabbat Dinner and Discussion, was held on January 19th, 2018. The evening’s discussion focused on Untold Stories, focusing on Israeli Arabs. Beth Shalom’s teens facilitated discussions at each table for a multi-generational dynamic conversation. The teens crafted thoughtful and dynamic dialog. Kadima and BSUSY continue to meet for great snacks, pool and dodgeball during Lounge Nights in the Shear Youth Lounge. These Lounge Nights provide great opportunities for teens to spend time together and brainstorm new programs. Lounge nights are held for Kadima on the second and fourth Tuesdays and BSUSY meets the first and third Thursday of each month. We hope to see you there!

Beth Shalom USY would like to thank the following generous contributors who made Jews For Justice: Untold Stories possible!

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The Sisterhood Says

Judy Kornblith Kobell
Sisterhood President
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Sisterhood has been very busy these last several months. Having celebrated Hanukkah in December, we moved on to January and Sisterhood Shabbat. We were delighted to honor two of our accomplished congregants, Debby Gillman and Yael Silk. Many of our members participated in services and the entire congregation joined us for a delicious Kiddush luncheon. Also on this occasion, through our Sisterhood Flower Fund, we contributed beautiful artificial floral displays to enhance the Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary. A special thank you to May Chester for her amazing floral arranging abilities!

Our Sisterhood has been happy to support many of the congregational activities including Latkepalooza and the Purim Carnival. More recently, we coordinated with the Adult Education Committee and CORE to present a program on organ donation. It was very well received with an informative presentation and discussion. We hope to continue to sponsor more timely educational programs.

In April, we have scheduled our annual Torah Fund Brunch. We welcome all congregants to join us in supporting the educational facilities and programs of our Conservative Movement. The proceeds help to educate our rabbis, cantors and other Jewish educators.

Sisterhood also continues to offer beautiful Judaica and gift items through our Sisterhood Judaica Shop. Monies raised are used to support Congregation Beth Shalom in all its activities.

We look forward to working with Men’s Club and other committees to present programs of interest to the entire congregation. I hope many of you will join us and I welcome new ideas and suggestions.

B’Shalom!

Sisterhood Torah Fund Brunch
Sunday, April 22, 2018 • 10:00 a.m.
Samuel & Minnie Hyman Ballroom

We thank the 2018 Sisterhood Shabbat Contributors:

Marlene Behrmann-Cohen, Cheryl Blumenfeld, Dr. Ria David and Dr. Mark Perlin, Janis Davidson, Helen and Rich Feder, Debby and Nate Firestone, Ira Frank, Sondra and Richard Glasser, Arlyn Gilboa, Gillman-Kass family, Sam and Dorothy Greenfield, Lidush Goldschmidt, Sandy Hirsch, Vicky and Steven Hoffman, Rhoda and Richard Judd, Barbara Kaiserman, Judy and Gerry Kobell, Sarah F. Gillman, Ruth Lasday, Cindy and Scott Leib, Stefi Kirschner, Dorita and Manny Krifcher, Hadassah Max, Bunny Morris, Bernice and Jack Meyers, Gail Neft, Sabina Robinson, Dina Rayzberg, Elisa Recht Marlin, Natalie Rosenbloom, Barbara and Yale Rosenstein, Sharon and Steve Schwartz, Arlene and Lester Shapiro, Mindy Shreve, Silk-Fischbach family, Yvonne and Barry Stein, Rabbi Stephen and Lisa Steindel, Jane Yahr, Elinor Young, Elinor and Sanford Zaremberg.

We apologize for any errors or omissions.
Men’s Club Moments
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Men’s Club President
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I hope everyone is having a meaningful and enjoyable winter season. I further trust that you took a moment to notice various activities of the Men’s Club. It is important to remember that the Men’s Club provides an opportunity for the people of our congregation to connect. We offer educational events, community service events and social events as ways to bring our members together. We support the synagogue via our actions and through financial contributions. We are part of a larger Men’s Club organization through the Federation of Jewish Men’s Clubs.

Our Sweepstakes dinner that took place on December 9th, 2017 was very successful and attended by more than 100 enthusiastic supporters, who were excited to be part of the annual event!

Men’s Club spring schedule is busy with various programming, beginning with our successful World Wide Wrap and Men’s Club Sports Luncheon earlier in February. Coming up is the Men’s Club Shabbat, which will be on March 10, 2018. Please join us for this important event.

We are planning additional exciting programs and appreciate everyone’s role in our Men’s Club. As always, if anyone is interested in becoming more involved in Men’s Club or have any suggestions, please contact me via email at alexanderkiderman@yahoo.com as we always welcome new members, new ideas and your participation in our programs.

B’Shalom!

Thank you to our Men’s Club Sports Luncheon Sponsors:

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Flag Planting
Sunday, May 27, 2018 • 10:00 a.m.
Beth Shalom Cemetery
Families are invited to join the Men’s Club in placing flags at the graves of US Veterans.
Refreshments will be served.

We apologize for any errors or omissions.
Isaac Weissman-Markovitz will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah with his mother, Sarah Weissman, an attorney working at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, and Isaac’s father, Lee Markovitz, a practicing attorney for 33 years. Joining the celebration will be Isaac’s older sister, Bella Markovitz, who celebrated her Bat Mitzvah at Beth Shalom Congregation a few years ago. Isaac’s younger sister, Leike Weissman-Howe, who attends Beth Shalom pre-school, will be there too, looking up to her older brother as always. Isaac’s grandparents, Marvin and Rhea Markovitz, and Harvey and Merrille Weissman, will be there as well, with big smiles on their faces.

Isaac has been studying for his Bar Mitzvah, but this hasn’t stopped him from pursuing his main interests in military history and participatory sports. He is lucky to attend Community Day School (7th grade), which provides a progressive and nurturing environment for every student. B/M: 03/17/2018

Davis S. Morgenstern is the son of Donielle and Aaron Morgenstern, the brother of Josephine and Raleigh, and the grandson of Devra Davis and Richard Morgenstern. His family legacy at Beth Shalom stems back to his paternal great grandparents Harry B. and Jean Langer Davis. He is a student at the Community Day School. Since the age of four, Davis has studied Chinese and Hebrew. Currently, he is a Steinway Young Artist, and studies piano with Yeeha Chiu, a Steinway Master pianist. This summer he will attend his fifth consecutive summer in the Advanced Piano Program at the Interlochen Center for the Arts.

For the past seven seasons, Davis has been a regular attendee of Friday evening performances of the Grand Classics Series of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra at Heinz Hall. When he is not playing the piano, Davis can be found volunteering at the Friendship Circle of Pittsburgh, thinking up challenging science experiments, solving logic puzzles or playing catch or basketball with his father, mother and two sisters in their backyard in Squirrel Hill. B/M: 04/28/2018

Joseph Kitchen will become a bar mitzvah on April 14, 2018, at Congregation Beth Shalom. He is a 7th grade student at Community Day School where he plays soccer, basketball, track, and baseball. He enjoys spending time with his friends and family, going to Camp Young Judaea in Wisconsin in the summers, and playing video, board, and card games. He also likes to collect rocks, gems, and coins. He has two siblings. Naomi is in 9th grade at Allderdice and Benjamin is in 3rd grade at CDS. His parents are Rona Kaufman and Jimmy Kitchen. His grandparents Nechama and Shlomo Kaufman live in Philadelphia. His grandparents Jin Webber, Harold Kitchen, and Linda Poole live in Arizona. B/M: 04/14/2018

We look forward to celebrating all of our Benei Mitzvah as the year continues!
Countdown to Pesah 5778/2018

MA’OT HITTIN - PASSOVER Tzedakah Fund

From the beginning of the month of Nissan, we are especially sensitive to the needs of fellow Jews who may need our special help and support toward fulfilling all the mitzvot of the Pesah season. A form for donating to our Ma’ot Hittin fund is available on page 16.

BEDIKAT HAMETZ: THURSDAY NIGHT, MARCH 29

The traditional search for hametz on the night before Pesah falls this year on Thursday night immediately after sunset. The blessing for bedikat hametz, found at the beginning of most Haggadot, is recited and the kol hamira formula nullifying unseen hametz may be recited. Hold any found hametz for ritual burning the following morning, March 30. If you need help finding these prayers, please contact Rabbi Adelson.

SALE OF HAMETZ: FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 30, before 11:00 A.M.

One of the central commandments of Pesah is that we rid ourselves of all forbidden hametz in our possession. Individuals who fully observe Pesah do their best to eliminate hametz as far as possible and then traditionally resort to the procedure of “selling” any hametz which may have been packed away or missed. All hametz must be removed or sold by 11:00 a.m. A form for selling your hametz is available on page 15. Please return it to our office by March 30 in the morning.

FAST OF THE FIRST BORN & SIYYUM BEKHORIM: FRIDAY, MARCH 30

All first born should fast on the day before Pesah in commemoration of the deliverance from Egypt of the Israelite firstborn. The Rabbi offers a siyyum (public completion of study) which is followed by a festive meal at which all present may eat, and once having eaten, a first born need not fast that day. The siyyum and the se’udat mitzvah will be held this year on Friday morning in the Helfant Chapel and Palkovitz Lobby at 8:15 a.m., following the 7:30 a.m. morning minyan. This Special Siyyum Breakfast is sponsored by Stanley & Cherie Maharam in loving memory of beloved parents and grandparents Bess & Aaron Maharam.

BI’UR HAMETZ - FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 30

The ritual burning of the hametz found during Sunday night’s search should be completed by 11:00 a.m. The stove should be fully kashered and all cooking proceeds in Pesah pots with Pesah utensils only. Traditionally no hametz or matzah is eaten after this time.

Candle Lighting Blessing

#1 - Yom Tov Candle Lighting Blessing (1st, 2nd, 7th, & 8th Night)

Barukh atah Adonai, Elohenu melekh ha’olam, asher kidshanu b’mitzvotav, ve’tzivanu lehadlik ner shel Yom Tov.

#2 - Sheheheyanu Blessing (1st and 2nd Night Only)

Barukh atah Adonai, Elohenu melekh ha’olam, sheheheyanu, vekiyyamanu, vehigi’lanu lazeman hazeh.

#3 - Shabbat Candle Lighting

Barukh ata Adonai, Eloheynu melech ha’olam, asher kid-shanu b’mitzvotav, v’tsivanu l’hadlik neyr shel Shabbat.

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## Celebration of Pesah 5778/2018

### Pesah University • Thursday, March 15, 2018 • 7:30 p.m.

Is your seder suffering from the Maxwell House blues? Come and learn a few new tips and tricks from Rabbi Adelson to liven up your seder!

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**From Broken to Whole: A Communal Pesah Seder**

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Ma’ot Hittin - Passover Tzedakah Fund

With the approach of spring and Passover, it has always been the tradition of our congregation to establish a Ma’ot Hittin fund which will be used to help the impoverished Jews of our city and others in need to prepare for the great festival of liberation. It is our communal responsibility to provide the necessary food for a Passover Seder and for the observance of the holiday in general.

Please send us your contribution (checks should be made payable to Beth Shalom Ma’ot Hittin Fund) so that we have adequate funds to help the many Jews who will be turning to us prior to Passover. Your generosity will help make other Jewish families happy as they celebrate this holiday of freedom. Thank you.

MA’OT HITTIN - PASSOVER TZEDAKAH FUND
Online form available at www.bethshalompgh.org/maot-hittin-5778

Enclosed is my contribution in the amount of $______________ for the Ma’ot Hittin Fund. Please make check payable to Congregation Beth Shalom Ma’ot Hittin Fund. Thank you.

NAME___________________________________________________________________
ADDRESS_______________________________________________________________
PHONE__________________________________________________________________
EMAIL ___________________________________________________________________

SELLING OF HAMETZ — מיצירתו הפסחית

Hametz, not explicitly defined in the Torah, is described in rabbinic literature as being these five species of grain: wheat, spelt, oats, barley, and rye. Although matzah must be made from one of these, we are forbidden by halakhah (Jewish law) to eat, own, see, or benefit from any other form of these grains on Pesah. (Please note: rice, legumes, quinoa, corn, etc. are not hametz. See pg. 17 for more details.)

Prior to Pesah, we work as diligently as possible to rid our homes of all hametz. In the Torah we are instructed that “no leaven shall be seen or found in your possession during Passover.” Some people work towards eating up all of their hametz before Passover and give away or dispose of any that is left over. This is hard to do and for many it is not feasible.

Knowing of this hardship, the rabbis introduced a way for us not to own any hametz. Before Passover we sell the hametz to a non-Jew for Passover. After Passover, the goods all revert back into our ownership. If you want to know more about the intricacies of this custom, please feel free to ask Rabbi Adelson for details.

Please take the opportunity to fill out the form below and return it to the synagogue by 11:00 am on Friday, March 30 in order to have your hametz included in the sale.

It is customary to include a donation to support the vulnerable in our community. These funds will be contributed to Rabbi Adelson’s Discretionary Fund which is used to provide scholarships, offer assistance to those in need and to promote Jewish cultural, educational and religious activities.

_Hag kasher vesameah_ (A Happy and Kosher Pesah)!
_Rabbi Seth Adelson_

CONTRACT FOR THE SELLING OF HAMETZ 2018/5778
Online form available at www.bethshalompgh.org/selling-hametz-5778

I (We) __________________________________________ hereby fully empower and authorize Rabbi Seth Adelson to dispose of all hametz that may be in my [our] possession – wherever it may be: at home, place of business or elsewhere (knowingly or unknowingly). Rabbi Adelson has the full right to sell, dispose of and conduct all transactions in accordance with the detailed terms explained in the Hebrew contracts. The above power hereby given is meant to conform with all Torah and Rabbinic regulations to meet the requirements of Jewish law.

NAME(S):

LOCATION OF HAMETZ: ___________________________________________________

SIGN HERE: _____________________________________________

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Log on the Federation of Jewish Men’s Club’s website and register your participation. You can order candles for your synagogue today featuring artwork by renowned artist and survivor, Dubie Arie.

Stephen Neustein is a past President of our Men’s Club, a past of FJMC International Vice President, and a past International Chairman of the FJMC Yellow Candle Program

Each year, during the holidays of Pesah, Shavu’ot, Yom Kippur, and Shemini Atzeret, a special Memorial Service is held. It is a time when we honor the memory of our beloved departed family members. Yizkor Services are held on these four holidays and, in the tradition of the mitzvah of giving, an appeal is made for funds during the Yizkor Service.

Our Passover Yizkor Service will take place on Saturday morning, April 7 at approximately 10:30 am. It is appropriate to make a contribution in order to link the memory of dear ones to an act of loving kindness. If you wish, please fill out the form below with the name of the loved ones you wish to honor so that their names can be printed in Mishpachenu.

If you would like additional information regarding the Yizkor Appeal, please call the office at 412-421-2288. With grateful thanks for your continued support of our synagogue, and with all good wishes for the coming Festival.

I/We wish to contribute to the Passover 2018 Yizkor Appeal
Online form available at www.bethshalompgh.org/Passover-Yizkor-Appeal-5778

In memory of: ____________________________________________
(Please Print)

Enclosed please find my check in the amount of $___________.

Name: ______________________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________

Phone #: ____________________________________________________

Email: ______________________________________________________

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A Brief Pesah Kashrut Guide Kashering Utensils

A full description of kashering processes and listing of permitted foods can be found at: www.rabbinicalassembly.org/pesah-guide

The process of kashering utensils depends on how the utensils are used. According to halakha, leaven can be purged from a utensil by the same process in which it was absorbed in the utensil (kevolo kakh polto). Therefore, utensils used in cooking are kasher by boiling, those used in broiling are kasher by fire and heat, and those used for only cold food are kasher by rinsing in cold water.

A. Earthenware (china, pottery, etc.) may not be kasher. However, fine translucent chinaware which has not been used for over one year may be used if scoured and cleaned in hot water.

B. Metal utensils (wholly made of metal) used in fire (spit or broiler) must first be scrubbed and cleansed and then made as hot as possible. Those used for cooking or eating (silverware, pots) must be thoroughly cleaned and completely immersed in boiling water. Pots should have water boiled in them which will overflow the rim. The utensils should not be used for a period of at least 24 hours between the cleaning and immersion in boiling water. Metal baking utensils cannot be kasher.

C. Oven and Ranges - Every part that comes in contact with food must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned. Then, the oven and range should be heated as hot as possible for a half hour. If there is a broil setting, use it. Self-cleaning ovens should be scrubbed and cleaned and then put through the self-cleaning cycle. Continuous cleaning ovens must be kasher in the same manner as regular ovens. A microwave oven, which does not cook the food by means of heat, should be cleaned and then a cup of water should be placed in it. Then the oven should be turned on until the water “boils.” A microwave oven that has a browning element cannot be kasher for Pesah.

D. Glassware - Authorities disagree as to the method of kasher drinking utensils. One opinion requires soaking in water for 3 days, changing the water every 24 hours. The other opinion requires only a thorough scrubbing before Pesach, or putting it through the dishwasher.

E. Dishwasher - After not using the dishwasher for a period of 24 hours, a full cycle with detergent should be run. It may then be used for Pesah.

F. Electrical Appliances - If the parts that come in contact with hametz are removable, they can be kasher in the appropriate way (if metal, follow the rules for metal utensils). If the parts are not removable, the appliance cannot be kasher. (All exposed parts should be thoroughly cleaned).

G. Tables, closets and counters - If used for chametz, they should be thoroughly cleaned and covered and then they may be used.

H. Kitchen Sink - A metal sink can be kasher by a thorough cleaning and by pouring boiling water over it. A porcelain sink should be cleaned and a sink rack used. If, however, dishes are to be soaked in a porcelain sink, a dish basin must be used.

I. Hametz and non-Passover utensils - Non-Passover dishes, pots and hametz, whose ownership has been transferred, should be separated, locked up or covered, and marked so as to prevent accidental use.

Permitted Foods

A. The following foods require no kasher lePesah label when purchased before or during Pesah: fresh fruits and vegetables that have not been coated, eggs, unflavored tea bags, unflavored regular coffee, 100% Extra Virgin Olive Oil, whole or raw tree nuts, whole (unground) spices, fresh fish from a kosher source and fresh kosher meat or frozen, raw hekhshered meat (other than ground products as ground products with prohibited materials could be made on the same equipment).

B. The following products require reliable kasher lePesah certification (regular kosher supervision not being sufficient) whether bought before or during Pesach: all baked goods (tartel, matzah, any product containing matzah, matzah flour, matzah meal, Pesach cakes), all frozen processed foods, candy, canned tuna, cheeses, chocolate milk, decaf coffee, decaf tea, dried fruits, herbal tea, ice cream, liquor, non Grade A butter, oils, soda, vinegar, wine, yogurt.

C. The following foods require no kasher lePesah label but do require kashrut supervision if purchased new and unopened before Pesach: all pure fruit juices in plastic or glass bottles, filleted fish, frozen fruit (no additives), non-iodized salt, pure white sugar (no additives), unsalted Grade A butter, white milk.

D. Any processed food bought during Pesah must have a kasher lePesah label.

E. Any detergent, because it is not a food and it is not eaten, may be used for Pesah as long as it has valid kosher supervision.

Medicines: Since hametz binders are used in many pills, the following guidelines should be followed: If the medicine is required for life sustaining therapy, it may be used on Pesah. If it is not for life sustaining therapy, authorities differ in their approaches. Please consult with your rabbi. Capsules, because they do not need binders, are preferable to pills.

In December 2015, the Committee on Jewish Laws and Standards ruled kitniyot, or non-hametz grains and legumes such as rice, millet, chickpeas, fenugreek, etc., are acceptable for Ashkenazim to consume during Pesah provided the kitniyot have been checked 3 times before Pesah and were not stored with hametz. To read the full teshuvah, response, please go to: www.rabbinicalassembly.org/sites/default/files/public/halakhah/teshuvot/2011-2020/Levin-Reisner-KITNIYOT.pdf.
Reaching Out...

Beth Shalom Inclusion Initiative

We are part of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism’s Ruderman Inclusion Action Community, an initiative to transform Conservative congregations into truly inclusive communities for people with disabilities.

The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism provides expertise and consulting to members of RIAC, to help them develop comprehensive visions and action plans on inclusion.

We seek to recognize diversity.

Let Us Hear Your Voice!

A survey will be mailed to every member asking you, “What should be done at Beth Shalom to accommodate those with disabilities?” Please fill out this survey as it will help us to hear your needs!

Once completed please return it to our office. This process is confidential.

Inclusion Shabbat
Saturday, March 24th, 2018

Join us for an engaging conversation about how we can better our community for all who wish to be here.

Guest Speaker: Ed Frim
For the second time at a USCJ convention, Generation Y leaders from congregations and communities across North America gathered together for a Shabbaton and leadership training. Over three days, 18 passionate professional and lay leaders focused on (Re)Creating and Empowering Community, an extension of the USCJ convention theme, Dare Together.

With the mandate to “go below the surface,” as Rabbi Steve Wernick discussed in his opening address, the group did just that, challenging assumptions about what their generation wants out of Jewish life (“They just aren’t interested”), rethinking how they engage in Jewish communities and considering why they and others should be invested in the future of Conservative Judaism.

Based on what we heard and learned, here are tips for partnering with emerging leaders:

• Be Inclusive and Recognize Them as Part of the Community – Create a welcoming atmosphere in which they are part of the conversation, rather than looking in from the outside. Trust them as fellow leaders and listen to their insights and feedback. Instead of wringing hands about “the millennial problem,” ask them what they need, want and will help to create.

• Provide Training and Resources -- Provide opportunities for them to learn from others. Allow them to take their ideas, provide resources and support, help to bring them to fruition. Utilize resources such as Sulam for Emerging Leaders to enable them to form connections with each other, the rabbi and others in the community.

• Recognize Different Life Stages – Show the value of Judaism at EVERY stage of life. People are waiting longer to get married and have kids (if at all). Determine what this age group is looking for in your community and provide opportunities for them to participate in ways that fit their needs.

• Be Willing to Innovate and Take Risks – Be open to try new things. After you collect data, conduct focus groups, have community conversations, and learn what motivates and/or excites this community, tailor experiences that fit their interests and needs.

• Enable Them to Create Their Own Path of Engagement – Their Judaism may not look like their parents’ Judaism, but that does not mean that they are not searching for ritual meaning and exploration. Some come from interfaith families, some are converts, some grew up with very positive engaged Jewish experiences, and some are just starting to seek meaning in Judaism. Create experiences in which you can learn from and support their individual journeys.

• Provide Opportunities for Them to Gather with Others – Where possible, bring young Jews from different communities together. Let them learn from each other what works well, and what can be done better in creating and sustaining community.

• Relationships Matter – They need to find that they both have a relational experience and a purpose as part of the synagogue community. While they seek to be around those with similar life experiences, they are also looking to engage with others who have been there before.

And most importantly, please don’t call them millennials. As a descriptor, it is accurate. But they are used to hearing this term to describe a problem - a challenge to be overcome. Instead, call them what they are: Jews. Invite them to participate in every aspect of your synagogue.

Read the rest of the article on the USCJ’s website!
https://uscj.org/blog/lessons-learned-72-hours-with-millennial-leaders
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Annual Congregational Meeting

Congregation Beth Shalom

Tuesday, May 22, 2018
Samuel & Minnie Hyman Ballroom at 7:30 pm

Your Vote Counts!
Shavu'ot Service Schedule 5778/2018

First Day Shavu'ot

Saturday Evening  May 19
Minhah/Ma'ariv, 8:15 p.m., Helfant Chapel
Candle lighting after 9:15 p.m., berakhot below
Community-wide Tikkun Leil Shavu'ot, 10:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m., JCC, Squirrel Hill
Late-night Study with Rabbi Adelson, 1:00-2:00 a.m., The Adelson Residence
RSVP to Audrey Glickman: rabbiasst@bethshalompgh.org or 412-421-2288 x112

Sunday Morning  May 20
Early Morning Service, 6:30 a.m., Helfant Chapel
Morning Service, 9:15 a.m., Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom
Featuring Baby Bikkurim & First Fruits with participation by all of our children
Youth Tefillah, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Second Day Shavu'ot

Sunday Evening  May 20
Minhah/Ma'ariv, 8:15 p.m., Helfant Chapel
Candle lighting after 9:16 p.m., berakhot below

Monday Morning  May 21
Early Morning Service w/Yizkor, 6:00 a.m., Helfant Chapel
Morning Service, 9:00 a.m., Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary
Yizkor, after 10:30 a.m., Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary
Youth Tefillah, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Monday Evening  May 21
Minhah/Ma'ariv, 8:25 p.m., Helfant Chapel
Havdalah, 9:17 p.m.

BLESSINGS FOR KINDLING FESTIVAL LIGHTS FOR BOTH YOM TOV EVENINGS

Candle Lighting Blessing (On both nights, candles are lit from an existing flame. Recite both berakhot.)

Sheheheyanu Blessing

Parents of a new baby? New grandchildren in town for Yom Tov?
Rabbi Adelson invites you to bring all your babies to the bimah for
Baby Bikkurim  Sunday, May 20 at 11:30 am

Let us know you’ll be there!
RSVP to Audrey Glickman: rabbiasst@bethshalompgh.org or 412-421-2288 ext. 112
Thank You For Your Donations  
November 4, 2017 — January 31, 2018

Adult Education Donation  
In Honor Of:  
the wedding of Ilana Jolson to Dan Amodeo  
Sandra Hirsh
the wedding of Margalit Goldschmidt to David Jeffery Corbin  
Sandra Hirsh

In Memory Of:  
Batia Rascoe’s mother, Yehudit Scheinin  
Saul Shiffman and Joan Wagman
Beth Shalom Judaica Museum
In Honor Of:  
Lynn and Jeff Rosenthal’s children, Jessie Rosenthal and Lauren Demby’s wedding  
Paula Rubin

In Memory Of:  
Harold Foman  
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Early Childhood General Fund
In Honor Of:  
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Steve and Rachel Albert
Cookie Elbling
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Julian Elbling’s Birthday
Robert and Ann Albert
Barty and Yvonne Stein’s new grandson, Samuel Ellis Stein  
Joe Jolson and Sabina Robinson

In Memory Of:  
Harold Foman  
Nathan and Elinor Young
Lany Yahr  
Larry and Adrienne Savitz
Early Childhood TEACH Fund
In Honor Of:  
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Steve and Rachel Albert
Ari and May Chester’s wedding  
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Jeff and Lynn Rosenthal’s new grandson  
Cheryl Blumenfeld
Sharon Schwartz’s special birthday  
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Shelley Hanlon’s mother, Sandra Miller  
Honey Forman
Rabbi Morris Sklar and Minnie Sklar
Julian Elbling

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In Honor Of:  
Neila and Danny Bendas retirement and Danny’s 65th birthday  
Harry and Laurie Zionts
Harold Blumenfeld and Sheryl Riddle’s marriage  
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Ari and May Chester’s Wedding  
Rabbi Stephen and Lisa Steindel
Sharon and Steve Schwartz’s daughter Marla’s wedding to Ben Pournababi

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Sharon Schwartz’s birthday  
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*In Memory Of:*
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*In Honor Of:*
- Ian and Connie Pollack’s new granddaughter
  - Cheryl Blumenfeld
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  - Ruth Ganz Fargotstein

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  - Milton and Sarita Eisner
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  - Milton and Sarita Eisner
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  - Milton and Sarita Eisner
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  - Jacob and Sarah Straus
- Ari and May Chester’s Wedding
  - David and Marcia Hoexter
- The marriage of Ilana Jolson and Dan Amadeo
  - Phyliss Caplan
- Yale and Barbara Rosenstein’s new grandchild’s improving health
  - Phyliss Caplan
- Sharon and Steve Schwartz’s daughter, Mara’s wedding to Ben Pounabani
  - Phyliss Caplan

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November 5, 2017 — January 26, 2018

**November 11**
Sponsored by Sabina Robinson; Shoshanna Bamett and Michael Jolson; and Ilana Jolson and Dan Amodeo, in honor of Joe Jolson earning free public transit.

**November 18**
Presented by the Kiddush Club, and sponsored in part by Sheryl Riddle and Harold Blumenfeld for the honor and pleasure of announcing their pending nuptials.

**December 2**
Honoring the memory of Arnold H. Lazarus (z”l) and Belle G. Lazarus (z”l), paid for by the Arnold H. Lazarus and Belle G. Lazarus Annual Remembrance Fund.

**January 27**
Sponsored by Ben and Shayna Yogman in honor of the birth of their son and a special “happy birthday” to Judy Yogman.

**Nishum Avelim**
(Comforting Mourners)

November 5, 2017 — January 26, 2018

Family and friends of Bill Tarlo on his passing.

Paul Teplitz on the passing of his father Philip Teplitz (z”l).

The family and friends of Minnie Sklar and Rabbi Morris Sklar (z”l) on their passing.

Judith Kline and all family and friends of Marty Kline (z”l), on his passing.

Arthur and Janis Davidson on the passing of his mother, Clara (Prager) Davidson (z”l).

Family and friends of Dede Luterman (z”l).

Debby Gillman and Danny Kass on the passing of Debby’s father, Rabbi Neil Gillman (z”l).

Sally and Todd Levenson and Peggy and Joel Kundin on the passing of Sally and Peggy’s mother, Jeannette Kanner (z”l).

Batia and Todd Roscoe on the sudden passing of Batia’s mother, Yehudit Scheinin (z”l).

Robin and William Halpem on the passing of her mother and long-time active member Margie Herer (z”l).

Rabbi Howie Stein and Deborah Swartz on the passing of his father Robert Stein (z”l).

Charles and Jane Yahr on the passing of his father Lawrence Yahr (z”l).

Nancy and Sheldon Roth and all family and friends on the passing of long-time member and Nancy’s father, Russell Makrauer.

Shelley (Rob) Hanlon, on the passing of her mother, Sandra Miller (z”l).

Audrey and Ralph Silverman on the passing of Audrey’s beloved sister, Sylvia Boren (z”l), aunt of Dr. Stuart Silverman and Ellen and Bob Garvin.

Honey Forman on the passing of her husband, Harold Forman (z”l).

**Milestones – Mazal Tov!**

November 5, 2017 — January 26, 2018

Sharon and Steven Schwartz on the wedding of their daughter Marla to Ben Pourrabbani in New Jersey.

Lynn and Jeff Rosenthal on the wedding of their son Jesse to Lauren Demby on November 2nd in Charleston, S.C.

Pam and Robert Slayton on the birth of their grandson Jonah Murry Slayton on November 5th to Russell Slayton and Rebecca Lebow.

Cynthia and Eric Speck on the birth of grandson Dylan Zachary Speck on December 27, to Alex and Rachael Speck.

Fern and Alan Steckel on the birth of grandson Reid Jackson, son of Michael and Kari Steckel on January 11th.

New parents Jackie and Evan Stein, grandparents Barry and Yvonne Stein and Laura and Gary Friedman, and great-grandparents Dorothy and Richard Blank, on the birth of Samuel Ellis Stein, on January 18th.

Ben and Shayna Yogman on the birth of their son, on January 18th.

The members of the 2017 Judaism 101 class and their families on their joining the covenant of Abraham and Sarah, and being called to the Torah for a group aliyah.
**Se’udah Shelishit**

**Sponsors**

November 5, 2017 — January 26, 2018

**November 11**
Sponsored by Gil Schneider and Stefi Kirschner and family in memory of beloved father, **Maxwell Schneider (z’l)**.

**November 18**
Sponsored by **Natalie and Jeffrey Rosenbloom** in memory of **David A. Rosenbloom, OD. (z’l)**, beloved husband, father, and **Papa Doc**.

**November 25**
Sponsored by **Lea Davidson and Sanford and Elinor Zaremberg** and **Robert Zaremberg** in memory of beloved parents and grandparents, **Sara T. and Robert Davidson (z’l)** and **Ruth and Samuel Zaremberg (z’l)**.

**December 2**
Sponsored by the **Perlin and David Family** in memory of their dearly departed parents and grandparents, **Dr. Seymour Perlin and D’Arcy (z’l)** and **Freda Seeligsohn (z’l)**.

**December 9**
Sponsored by **Danny Kass and Debby Gillman** in memory of Danny’s mother, **Miryom Kass (z’l)**, who passed away on the 1st of Heshvan, this year.

**December 16**
Sponsored by **Harry and Laurie Zionts**, on the occasion of the first yahrzeit for Laurie’s mother, **Judith Shafran (z’l)**.

**December 23**
Sponsored in memory of beloved father, **Kenneth Bress (z’l)** by his children **Mindy Shreve, Bobby Bress and Danny Bress**.

**December 30**
Sponsored by Anonymous.

**December 13**
Sponsored by **Pat Weiss** in memory of **Audrey and Robert Weiss (z’l)** who were married 70 years ago - 1948.

**December 20**
Sponsored by **Gil Schneider** to mark the 98th yahrzeit of his grandmother.

**January 27**
Sponsored by **Helen and Richard Feder**, in memory of Richard’s parents, **Milton and Mildred Feder (z’l)**.

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**Host Your Event at Beth Shalom**

**CELEBRATIONS**

- Anniversaries
- Baby Namings:
  - Brit Milah
  - Simhat Bat
- Benei Mitzvah Parties
- Birthday Parties
- Fundraising Events
- Bridal Showers
- Weddings!

**MEETING SPACES AND MORE!**

**We Are:**
- Welcoming of individuals of all backgrounds.
- Sharing in one another’s life cycle events.
- Connecting people as friends.
- An engaging cohort of thinkers and learners.

Today we seek to welcome all people into our home who need a space to gather, learn, hold discussions, or celebrate life.

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March 2018 Calendar

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## April 2018 Calendar

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7:15 pm Kadima Lounge Night
7:30 pm EC Meeting

7:00 am Coffee w/Cantor
6:00 pm ELC Book Club

6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service
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6:30 am Early Morning Service
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9:01 pm Havdalah

Shavu’ot
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Shavu’ot ELC Optional Day
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7:30 pm Annual Congregational Meeting

10:00 am Coffee w/Cantor
6:00 pm ELC Book Club

10:30 am Shabbat Baboker
6:00 pm Hod veHadad and Dinner
8:20 pm Candle Lighting

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9:01 pm Havdalah

10:00 am Men’s Club Flag Planting

11:00 am Coffee w/Cantor
7:00 pm USY Lounge Night
Please reference this directory for updated staff and leadership contact information.

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From Broken to Whole: A Communal Pesah Seder

Pesah is the season of renewal, of healing.

The cycle of the seder begins with breaking the middle matzah, the afikoman. Why do we break it? To remind us that what is broken may be made whole again. In the telling (“haggadah”) of the tale of the Exodus, we learn that by emerging from the narrow place of Mitzrayim (usually read as Egypt), our nation was formed, our spirit renewed, and the wounds of slavery began to heal.

What is your Mitzrayim? We will gather as a community on the second night of Pesah to seek wholeness, to find strength in this ancient story that continues to bring us healing today. Come join us.

Beth Shalom Pesah Dinner - 2018

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