

Welcome to CBI, Leah!

We are excited to announce that Leah Bordman is joining our staff. Leah is going to hold a variety of responsibilities in our community from being a Co-Director of Keshet with Victoria Mayers, to coordinating our b'nei mitzvah program, song leading, and advising our youth and young adult groups.

Here is a message from Leah:

My name is Leah Bordman, and I am so excited to be re-joining your community in July! I

actually used to be a teacher in the religious school here when I was in college at Western! I grew up in Vancouver, WA in a small Jewish community similar to CBI, and spent every summer through college at URJ Camp Kalsman! After college, I moved to Jerusalem to study in a yeshiva called Pardes for two years, and then moved to Boston to attend Hebrew College for a dual Masters in Jewish Experiential Education and Jewish Studies. While living in Israel and on the east coast, I spent my summers at URJ Eisner Camp, a sister camp to Kalsman, and that is where I met my partner. After graduating, I spent a couple of years working as a youth director at a synagogue in Rye, NY. Last August, I married my husband Brandon at Camp Kalsman, and we are both so excited to be back in the Pacific NW.

I can't wait to meet everyone soon!

While Leah will be at Camp Kalsman for much of the summer, we will make sure there are opportunities to meet her. Many thanks to the Keshet Advisory Group in bringing Leah on board.



Leah Bordman

FROM THE RABBI

Reflecting on 10 Years



Each year, around this time, I think back to my first year as rabbi of Congregation Beth Israel. It is sometimes hard to believe that

Nicole and I arrived in Bellingham with a 2-year-old and 2-month-old way back in July 2012. In the grand scheme of time it is just a blip, but for me it really feels like ages ago. When we arrived, everything and everyone was new. (I had no clue how to even pronounce "Whatcom" or "Lummi.") This was a completely new landscape for us, coming from Los Angeles and feeling rooted in California. But quickly, with the embrace of this community, we began to feel more and more at home.

My heart is full as I realize that ten years have passed and I am about to begin my 11th year as your rabbi. And with my new rabbinic contract which extends my service to Beth Israel another 8 years, beginning next July 1, I think it's fair to say that we feel rooted in Bellingham. This is home for the four of us and we could not think of a better place to live our lives. The biggest contributor to this sense of connection is the synagogue community. Your continued support and friendship over this past

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From the President...

A Touchy Topic



Summer is here, although at the time of me writing this, it is still cold and rainy. On July 1 we start the financial new year of our Synagogue. This marks the time of renewing

our CBI financial pledge for the coming year. There are no other topics that make me more uneasy than discussing money, but it is a critical part of our CBI sustainability. Our budget allows us to pay our clergy, staff, security, and keep the building operational. And although our landscape team has done an amazing job transforming our grounds with plants and trees, they have yet to plant a money tree. This means that all of our operating funds come from our members' financial commitments.

We have a lot to be grateful for. We have a beautiful building that we own outright thanks to very generous donors over the years. We have dedicated members who continually contribute dues year after year. So if you were worried that this message was full of doom and gloom, rest assured. During a period of financial uncertainty and the pandemic, our synagogue is doing better than many across the country. More than half of the URJ synagogues surveyed showed a decrease in membership and dues over the previous two years. CBI on the other hand has been able to continue to grow in both dues and members. Even with inflation and increasing costs impacting all of our members. These economics impact CBI operating costs, too.

I am proud that we are a congregation that does not turn people away because of financial stress. We make this clear in our annual letter and our newly approved Financial Membership Commitment Policy. We set a target amount that we hope everyone can strive to meet or exceed. We also give guidance on suggested amounts based on percent of income or assets. This is ex-

plained in our financial pledge letter sent to all members.

I remember when my wife and I had two young kids and lived 40 minutes away. We rarely could attend services and there weren't many activities at the time for toddlers. In my head, I came up with a formula based on how often we used CBI and adjusted our dues accordingly. I was using a model that led me to choose what I wanted to support.

Unfortunately, this is not really how a synagogue works. Our costs don't vary with member use, and our member benefits are far more than attending a shabbat service. I see now that I wasn't seeing the big picture of supporting a Jewish community.

A good friend of mine has an annual membership at the Holocaust museum in Washington DC. At first, I thought, "that is silly, he is never there to take advantage of the membership pass. It would be far cheaper to just buy a one-day ticket when he wants to go." He told me that he really believes in their mission and he wants to support their efforts. It goes the same for our CBI congregation. I believe what CBI provides to the community is incredibly important; spiritual leadership, Jewish education, care and outreach (plus so much more).

Giving is a private matter for which we have the utmost respect. We created a single position called the Financial Sustainability Director (FSD) to discreetly help with financial pledges.

The last thing I want is to pressure our members in a time of financial stress. But I think it is important that everyone fully understands our policy.

We are so thankful to our members, the commitments they make, and the support they give. If you have questions about our dues, please feel free to reach out to me (president@bethisraelbellingham.org), Jodi Litt (our FSD) or Karen Sloss, our Treasurer.

Thank you, and I hope you have a wonderful summer.

Joshua Greenberg
President

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From the Keshet Center for Jewish Learning

Keshet News

BY VICTORIA MAYERS

With summer in full force it might be a challenge to think about Keshet now. However, the Keshet administration team remains busy at work planning for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year. We are currently reviewing various curric-

ulum programs, planning for guest and volunteer activities, and interviewing potential Keshet staff. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a teacher, a *madrich(a)*, or a volunteer, please contact the Rabbi at your earliest convenience.



I would like to thank all of our Keshet teachers for their dedication and commitment to our Keshet program. Unfortunately for us, Kevin Donner who taught 5/6 grade, and Miriam Buckman who taught 2/3 grade, will be stepping down to pursue other commitments. However, we might still see them in the Keshet halls as a specialist or substitute teacher.

Our volunteer program is an attempt to outreach to parents and our CBI community. There is no doubt that our students will benefit from having volunteers and parents contribute their time and energy to the CBI Jewish Sunday school experience. We are actively looking for volunteers to donate some time by sharing their various talents with our youth. Please reach out to our Keshet team to discuss how you can get involved. We also hope to bring back our monthly parent gatherings during Keshet, and give parents more opportunities to connect.

I must thank our Keshet Advisory Group (KAG) for their on-going support. This committee works endlessly behind the scenes and they are the silent laborers who collaborate with our Keshet leaders. Their commitment to our Jewish educational program is unprecedented and we are grateful for their time and efforts in working jointly with the Keshet leadership team as needed.

Also, I need to acknowledge the Keshet parents who took time to: work the annual garage sale, help with the family *onegs*, monitor and screen Covid cards, assist with security, and volunteer on Mitzvah Day. We cannot operate to our fullest capacity without the assistance and support of active parents. Thank you Tammy Dixon for being Keshet's parent liaison this year and for making sure we had coverage as needed. We look forward to engaging even more Keshet parents next year as we maneuver through the calendar year.

Finally, I would like to thank Andrea Shupack for her years of service at Keshet. After the High Holidays, Andrea will embark on an adventure of a lifetime. The Shupack family will be traveling to Israel and remain there for 9 months. Andrea will be studying full-time at Pardes toward her cantor and rabbinic ordination, and they are striving to have Evan and Aiden come back being fluent in Hebrew. We wish them well and look forward to receiving updates about their experiences.

Beginning July 1, I will be joined as Co-Director of Keshet by Leah Bordman. Leah joins us with years of Religious School experience and is currently serving as the director of education at Camp Kalsman this summer.

CBI received two grants from the SAMIS Foundation. The first grant is designed to offer an optional two-year informational class on Israel studies for incoming eighth, ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade students. The purpose of this new course is to 1) collaborate with Everett's Temple Beth Or (TBO) Hebrew School; 2) introduce our students to Israel history, geography, culture, and basic conversational Hebrew; and 3) offer attending teens the opportunity to travel to Israel with their cohort of friends from CBI and TBO. As we write this news announcement, the Keshet admin team, KAG co-chairs, and the leadership from TBO in Everett, are actively developing this new two-year Israel Studies program.

Parents are requested to attend the first class

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Bar Mitzvah



Elijah Cooper Wolfson will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, July 16, 2022. He is the son of Laura and Cassandra Wolfson, and the brother of Sydney and cat Midnight. Elijah will be an eighth grader at Kulshan Middle School in the fall. He loves creating with Legos, Questing with his friends,

skiing, and summertime on the lake in Vermont. Elijah is interested in causes such as helping the environment and gun violence. With his B'nei Mitzvah class, he is

supporting the Trevor Project, an organization providing crisis services, education, and advocacy for LGBTQ+ young people.

Elijah's family invites you to join them in celebrating this *Simcha*:

SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE
Friday, July 15, 2022 at 6:15 pm

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE
Saturday, July 16, 2022 at 10:00 am

Bat Mitzvah



Ruby Grace Simon will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday July 23, 2022. Ruby is the daughter of Coby Hoffman and Rich Simon, and the older sister of Jesse Simon. Ruby will be an eighth grader at Fairhaven Middle School in the fall. She plays the piano and the clarinet, and is an avid artist, reader, and

mathematician. She also recently participated in the Future Problem Solvers State Tournament. And she has

a small business with her brother, selling greeting cards at the local comic book shop.

Ruby's family invites you to join them in celebrating this *Simcha*:

SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE
Friday, July 22, 2022 at 7:30 pm

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE
Saturday, July 23, 2022 at 10:00 am

Bar Mitzvah



Evan Matthew Konikoff will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, September 3, 2022. Evan is the son of Isaac and Samantha Konikoff and the older brother of Emma. Evan is heading into his eighth grade year at The Franklin Academy, where he loves science, math and coding. He is passionate about

anything to do with space and astrophysics. Evan also enjoys video games and is an avid reader.

Evan's family invites you to join them in celebrating this *Simcha*:

SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE
Friday, September 2, 2022 at 6:15 pm

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE
Saturday, September 3, 2022 at 10:00 am

News about Golden Girls:

Golden Girls offers retired women a chance to get together for lunch and socializing with friends.

The group meets at noon on the last Wednesday of each month, and the restaurant location will vary. New members are always welcome, and you need not be a CBI member to join the group. Are you interested? If so, contact Rose Hurowitz at (360) 656-6508 or chasjhrose@verizon.net.

From the Social Action Committee

From Pride Parades to The Sacred Earth Fair

BY LINDA BLACKWELL

There are multiple social justice activities going on this summer in Bellingham. There are two Pride Festivals and a Sacred Earth Fair which we hope congregants can join and participate in together. At the synagogue, there are plans for a speaker from Climate Reality who will discuss climate change from a Jewish perspective. Finally, the Rabbi will lead a book group discussion on Dara Horn's *People Love Dead Jews: Reports from a Haunted Present* on August 30 (see the *Shul Shofar* back cover).

There are now two Pride Parades in Bellingham occurring this summer! These are "pop-up parades" meaning there is no registration and streets are NOT closed off. On Sunday July 17 there is a festival and LGBTQ events with business sponsorship from Boundary Bay, Rumors, and The Back Door. On July 30, WHATCOM PRIDE, a nonprofit community organization, has a pop-up parade and festival at noon. Both parades center around Depot Market and Waypoint park (though they go in opposite directions beginning to end). There is no long parade this year. Both parades are short and end at venue events. Congregants can make newly designed CBI PRIDE t-shirts to wear to these festivals. We are ordering design transfers and will have a fun work party to iron on the decals in the near future. Please keep checking *The Timbrel* for time and dates. We wish to thank all who submitted designs. Nora Mazonson has incorporated a number of the designs for these shirts.

During the May meeting of the Social Action Committee, we addressed how to aid refugee resettlement. It was decided we need a larger community effort for CBI to move forward with refugee sponsorship. We will continue to reach out to the larger congregation for interest and fundraising. We are going to be collecting items to donate to refugees via Jewish Family Services in Seattle. Items collected will be for kitchen and bathroom necessities. Please donate new or minimally used items in the Social Action Boxes at the synagogue or email Linda Blackwell for a list of items. Below are organizations requesting volunteers and financial support for refugees:

The local Christian organization, World Relief of Western WA is in Bellingham helping to place refugees, <https://tinyurl.com/mpz5jwkj>. We can also consider fundraising for Jewish groups helping refugees including HIAS, or the JDC. The URJ has a link to The World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ)

for donations to help Ukrainians, <https://tinyurl.com/jhz3sxfd>

We are planning to have a speaker in August to discuss climate change from a Jewish perspective. Dr. Barak Gale is a Volunteer Climate Reality Project Leader and has been Mentor at six global trainings. He serves as Chair of the Green Team at his Olympia Temple, where he also leads occasional services and chants Torah. In his retirement from optometry, he was trained and has given presentations to Jewish and other Faith communities, high schools, and Lions Clubs, throughout the U.S. and Canada. One of his favorite projects was organizing and facilitating a "mini climate summit" of Middle School classes, in New Delhi and Olympia. Dr Gale will help us understand climate activism as a spiritual and moral choice.

Another local perspective on climate activism, The Sacred Earth Fair, is offered by the Multifaith Network for Climate Justice:

An Affiliate of Earth Ministry on July 31. The Social Action Committee is participating and will have a booth at the Fair. The Fair will take place at Bellingham's Center for Spiritual Living from 1:00-5:00 pm on Sunday, July 31. It is an outdoor event that will bring together diverse faith communities for an afternoon of speakers, yoga, listening circles, Zen nature walks, booths and children's activities. Andrea Shupack will be singing at the end of the event with Naomi Pomerantz. Please come by and check it out.

Read more at <https://tinyurl.com/mreua3d6>

For questions and to join the Social Action Committee, contact Linda Blackwell at linda.blackwell@bethisraelbellingham.org.



Congratulations To Our 2022 Graduates!



Flora Booker graduated from Bellingham High School and will be attending Clark Honors College at the University of Oregon in the fall.

She is the daughter of Anna and Noah Booker and the sister of Julian.



Orly Lindner graduated from Interlochen Arts Academy in May. In the fall she will attend Northwestern University for a five year dual degree

program (BM in oboe performance and BS in biology/environmental science). She is the daughter of Serge Lindner and Deborah Oksenberg and sister of Avi.



Isaac Orloff just graduated from Sehome High School and will be attending WWU in the fall to study Music Composition. Isaac is the son of

Rebecca and Andrew Orloff and the brother of Kayla and Owen.



Olivia Probst graduated from Squalicum High School on June 11, 2022. She plans to attend Western Washington University in the fall

to pursue a degree in psychology and eventually become a mental health counselor. Olivia's family includes parents Marcy and Jeff Probst and brother Elliot.



Gail Shuster, daughter of Kendra Bradford and Todd Shuster, graduated from Sehome High School and is heading to Brandeis University this fall.



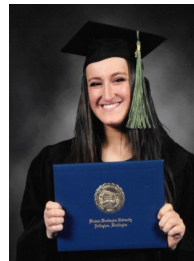
Neri Ziv-Maxim graduated from Bellingham High School in June. She plans to go on a gap year to Israel and volunteer in a kibbutz. Her *Emma*

also wants her to go to an Ulpan to work on her Hebrew :) Neri is the daughter of Orly Ziv-Maxim and Tom Maxim and sister of Elan.



Elianna Joelle Fred, daughter of Vermeda Fred and Danny Fred, and step-daughter of Dr. Rodney Shainbom, earned her medical degree on June 3, 2022 from Chicago Medical School at Rosalind Franklin University. She was also an honors student and was inducted

into the Alpha Omega Alpha national medical honor society on May 31. During her medical school training, Elianna published research relating to spinal fusion as a research fellow for the Hsu Research Lab at Northwestern University. Mazel Tov, Dr. Elianna Fred!



Audrey Sharfstein, daughter of Howard Sharfstein and Mary Francell-Sharfstein, graduated with a B.S. in Kinesiology from Western Washington University in December. She is currently an exercise specialist with Sports Physical Therapy in Everett and just earned a certificate in strength and conditioning. Audrey also plays rugby and volunteers with the Seattle Seawolves.



Raphael Schapiro graduated in June 2022 from Western Washington University with his Bachelor of Science degree in Manufacturing and Supply Chain Management and minor in Business Analytics. He will work this summer as a lifeguard at Camp Kalsman, and then move to Seattle to work for Boeing in

supply chain management. He is very excited to experience new things, places, and people!



Ben Sokol graduated with Distinction in Chemistry, Summa cum Laude from Colorado College, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry and a minor in Molecular Biol-

ogy. After taking a few months off to relax and travel, he'll be joining Pfizer Boulder as a scientist, working on cancer drug development. We were overjoyed to be able to attend graduation in Colorado Springs and celebrate this wonderful *simcha*. Pictured left to right, Adin Sokol, Else Sokol, Ben Sokol, Aunt Marion von Hollander, Russell Stolzoff, Aunt Cara Hoving.

Practicing The Jewish Value of *Tzimtzum*

BY JASON BENHEIM
BAY YOUTH GROUP ADVISOR

As Jews, we're blessed with a collection of familiar values like *tzedakah*, *chesed*, and *tikkun olam*, and we spent plenty of time learning, discussing, and practicing these values everywhere from our Keshet classrooms to NFTY events like Spring Kallah.

But the Jewish mystical tradition of Kabbalah offers some more esoteric yet equally valuable concepts that might inspire us. My personal favorite is the fun-sounding concept of *tzimtzum*, which can be translated as "contraction" or "retreat."

How can we understand "contraction" as a Jewish value? According to 16th-century Kabbalist Isaac Luria, the very first step of creation was not "let there be light," but rather God's infinite presence "contracting" in order to make space for the light, the air, the land, and all the rest—including human beings and all other living things. Through this cosmic act of *tzimtzum*, God, who might've been content to simply take up all the space in the universe forever, instead chose to grant other beings their own space to exist, grow, and thrive.

Given that human beings are created *b'tzelem elohim* (in God's image), we too can practice *tzimtzum* on a smaller scale. We do so any time we refrain from "sucking all the air out of the room"—that is, by resisting the urge to dominate a conversation, so that others might have their say. Also, every parent, teacher, or leader surely knows the feeling of wanting to step in and "take care of things" for their apparently incapable children, students, or subordinates. But *tzimtzum* reminds us that reducing our own involvement is ultimately necessary for others to develop and become independent.

Serving as Congregation Beth Israel's NFTY-BAY Youth Group Adviser this year has been both a privilege and a joy. Incidentally, this role also involves practicing



tzimtzum, since adult advisers are meant to simply provide support while BAY teens take on the real responsibility of planning monthly events themselves. From apple-picking to ice-skating to a sunset picnic on the beach, this year's youth leadership board—Aviva Weinstein, Ben Sommers, and Rebekah Sommers—have impressed me with their ideas for activities that brought the youngest adults in our community together.

Now that summer has arrived — along with the birth of our first child! — it's time for Carly and I to perform one final act of *tzimtzum* as Youth Group Advisers and hand the reins over to Leah Bordman, CBI's new Keshet Co-Director and Youth Group Advisor. Given Leah's extensive experience working with Jewish youth at Camp Kalsman and elsewhere, she's a perfect fit for the role. Along with her other responsibilities, working with BAY will be one more way for her to establish roots in the CBI community. We wish her all the best, and look forward to hearing about the amazing events that she and the youth leadership board come up with next year.

In the meantime, we hope you all have a wonderful summer—one that balances both growth and retreat.

Governance Committee

BY KEN LEVINSON

The mission of the Governance Committee is to facilitate improved structure, communication flow, and operations of the CBI congregation. With the approval of the Board, the Governance Committee helps create a more effective, accountable, and open structure in which the congregation, Board, committees, Rabbi, and staff

work together cohesively, efficiently, and effectively.

Governance spent the last several months seeking to fulfill our mission by developing a Grievance Policy and Procedure at the request of the Board. The Grievance Policy, which goes into effect July 1, 2022, provides members of the CBI community a confidential avenue to address potential breaches of, or grievances related to, the CBI Code of Conduct. The Ombuds Committee, newly created by the Grievance Policy, will review all submitted concerns and work collaboratively and confidentially with

the involved individuals to achieve appropriate and timely resolution.

Looking ahead, the Governance Committee will be focused on analyzing and developing policies regarding CBI committee formation and structure, a procedure for establishing goals, and a charter for each of our indispensable CBI committees. Our hope is that this work will provide the CBI community with improved coordination between various committees and more clarity to the Board and membership regarding the considerable work shouldered by our committees.

Faces in Our Community: Linda Blackwell and David Goldman

BY LINDA HIRSH

At the sound of the beeper, a doctor abruptly stops what he or she is doing — and if the medical problem is urgent, makes a beeline for the patient who needs help.

That presented a challenge for doctors Linda Blackwell and David Goldman, who had three children. When on a family outing, each parent drove a separate car, carried a phone and a beeper so if one got called, the other could stay with the children.

But despite having busy parents, the Blackwell/Goldman children were not shortchanged. One bonus for the children was the ritual of “a weeklong birthday celebration with multiple parties,” David said. “And Linda baked really creative cakes for each child.” The ideal was a balance of work and family.

Both Linda, a family practice physician, and David, a neurosurgeon, were raised in the Midwest. Linda was born in Montreal, Canada, where her father was a medical student. The family moved to Platte City, Missouri where her father, her strongest influence, practiced medicine. They later moved to Columbia, an academic town she now considers her hometown. She was active in scouting and backpacked through her school years. She participated in marching band and ushered at the Cleveland Symphony at Case



David Goldman and Linda Blackwell

Western Reserve University where she was an undergraduate — evidence of her love of music. This also is where friends introduced her to Judaism.

“I had no real religious education, except I enjoyed the hymns my grandmother and aunt played together on the piano,” she said. “Nature and music is where I experience spirituality. Community prayer also makes me feel sanctified and blessed.”

Linda was drawn to Family Practice since she liked collaborating with patients on preventative health care.

David grew up in University City near St. Louis, attended public schools and had his bar mitzvah at a reform synagogue there. It is one of those six degrees of separation that member Steve Ban, who had emigrated from Hungary,

lived on the same street. He met David at a Whatcom County Medical Society social hour.

“I was talking with some friends when I hear this loud nasal voice shouting, ‘Is that Steve Ban from Westgate Ave. in U. City, Missouri?’,” Steve said. “Since I am older than David, he remembers me as the big kid on the block; we hung around with the same kids. This connection provided a natural segue for our friendship in Bellingham.”

In the late 60s, the University City “was a mix of youth culture, black power, and the peace movement, all dancing to Motown music,” said David, adding that he participated in every activity from writing for the school newspaper to playing bass for a rock band. Then

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Tikkun Leil Shavuot, Confirmation, Noah Aronson Concert, Kalsman Shabbaton



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session with their students on September 18 to learn even more about the program and its expectations. Gaby Mayers will be the teacher for the CBI class and the teacher for TBO will be their rabbi, Rachel Kort. Upon completion of the two-year program, enrolled students will have the option to travel to Israel in the summer of 2024. In order to ensure that all students wishing to travel are able to go on the trip, fundraisers will be set up and an Israel Trip Scholarship Fund will be created. We are all very excited to be able to

offer this amazing opportunity for our students and school.

It is our intention to continue offering the Israel Studies Program to future high school students. We are planning on being able to offer the youth trip to Israel on a recurring basis. If you have younger students in Kesher and you think you might be interested in receiving information about this new program, please reach out to the Kesher leadership team.

Our second grant awarded from SAMIS is the Moving Traditions curriculum. This renowned program focuses on families with students of B'nei Mitzvah age. The Rabbi will be leading the

students, and a few times during the year also their families, through the various lessons designed to deepen their engagement with this milestone.

By now you have received the Kesher registration information and link. We encourage you to register as soon as possible, and take advantage of the early bird discount, which ends on July 15. Having students register early helps tremendously with planning and hiring staff.

We look forward to the 2022-2023 school year as it is quickly approaching.

And don't forget to join us on Sunday, August 7 from 9:30-11:30 am for our annual Kesher pool party!

LINDA BLACKWELL AND DAVID GOLDMAN*Continued from Page 8*

artificial intelligence captivated him. His school sent him to Washington University where an MIT physics professor mentored him. He attended New College, Sarasota, Florida as an undergraduate. In medical school, he worked on medical computer applications, and later developed many other uses.

Linda and David met in an anatomy dissection class at the University of Missouri medical school in 1979. "We were attracted to each other by a love of music, our quirky senses of humor, and the mysterious forces of human chemistry and biology," both said.

They married in 1984. When they finished fellowships at Oregon Health Science University in Portland, Oregon, another physician in the program invited them to visit Bellingham. They moved in 1990, deeming it a good place to work and raise a family. Despite hurdles, they were successful parents. And now Brian, 36, is a software engineer, Joe, 33, is also a software engineer and video game designer, and Lauren, 30, is a nurse practitioner.

Linda and David are now retired. They enjoy sailing, hiking and camping. David teaches and works on medical projects. The CBI stitchery group, gardening, and books occupy Linda. "I have been a voracious reader my whole life," she said. "However my friends know I read the endings of books first." She also meditates. The practice "has waxed and waned but has brought me gratitude," she said.

Busy careers did not keep them from volunteering. Early on, the shul trained the children for B'nai Mitzvah and was the scene for Linda's conversion to Judaism. Activities increased with the prospect of the new building. Linda now chairs the Social Action Committee. David, once a CBI Board Chair, also co-chaired the Capitol Campaign Committee. He served on the synagogue task force. Along with the

Finance Committee, he now co-chairs the Audio Visual Task Force, one project upgrading video equipment for services through Zoom.

"Linda and I feel grateful to belong to such a loving, caring, supportive, growing and thriving Jewish community," he said.

The Kvelling Corner

Mazel Tov to Henry Curme and Karen Bailor on the birth of their daughter **Lyra Olivia**, born on June 1st, 2022.



Leslie and Rick Adelstein are proud to announce the arrival of their first grandchild, **Selah**

Ivy, born on June 5, 2022 and weighing 7 lbs., 13 oz. She is the daughter of Ari and Amy Adelstein, who live in Bellingham.



Welcome **Oren Prosper**! He is the son of Jason and Carly Benhaim, born June 10, 2022

News for CBI's Events and Rentals

BY KATIE EDELSTEIN

Woohoo! Congregation Beth Israel is finally open and available for members and non-members to utilize the facility to celebrate large and small events such as luncheons, group functions, and much more. The Events and Rentals Committee met during the time Congregation Beth Israel was closed and discussed what was unique about Congregation Beth Israel's facility, why members and non-members should consider using our facility and what changes would attract more prospective renters. Here are **ten** reasons why the facilities at Congregation Beth Israel could be a perfect fit for your upcoming event or function:

1. Space to host different types and sizes of events, functions, and meetings: sanctuary area can host 315 people, social hall area can host 375 people but when combined together can host approximately 700 people; intimate spaces are available to host 12-55 people per space; large back patio can host approximately 600 people; large outside sports field is available to host outdoor parties or sport's team events.
2. All caterers and vendors are welcome to provide their services at Congregation Beth Israel.
3. Building provides elevator access to all floors with restrooms on every level and a lower-level kitchen.
4. Beautiful piano is available for use when renting the Sanctuary and Social Hall areas.
5. Congregation Beth Israel is surrounded by landscaped grounds.
6. Large parking lots with handicap accessible parking spaces are located near the building.
7. Available use of tables, chairs, and pop-up tents at no additional expense with a rental of the sanctuary, social hall areas or back patio.
8. Special rates for CBI members that are comparable to other Whatcom County facility venues.
9. Extra special rates for CBI members Monday through Thursday (Note: CBI members who are part of an outside group who would like to use CBI's facility Monday through Thursday can take advantage of this special offer, but he/she must be present and responsible for the function).
10. Streamlined procedures and forms are now available to expedite the rental process.

Congregation Beth Israel's Events and Rentals looks forward to collaborating with individuals and groups who are interested in using the facility to ensure their experience is one that meets their event/function's objectives while maintaining the decorum and sanctity of CBI. So why not consider checking out Congregation Beth Israel's venue when planning your next celebration, meeting or event/function? For more information, contact Katie at events.rentals@bethisraelbellingham.org to find out how Congregation Beth Israel can meet your expectations.

Anniversaries

July 1	Dashka & Jacob Garretson	(# 15)	Aug. 9	Miah & John LaMont	(# 7)
July 2	Orly & Oleg Ravitsky	(# 16)	Aug. 11	Serge Lindner & Deborah Oksenberg	(# 20)
July 3	Robin & Bert Curtis	(# 51)	Aug. 13	Tamar & Shawn Clarke	(# 22)
July 3	Warren Rosenthal & Amy Whiting	(# 35)	Aug. 14	Kevin Donner & Angie Lee	(# 18)
July 3	Andrea & Josh Shupack	(# 17)	Aug. 15	Isaac & Wendy Blum	(# 24)
July 6	Rebecca & Tom Oliver	(# 25)	Aug. 15	Henry Curme & Karen Bailor	(# 7)
July 7	Yaniv & Meredith Attar	(# 15)	Aug. 15	Ray Wolpow & Diane Leigh	(# 21)
July 9	Vermeda Fred & Rodney Shainbom	(# 5)	Aug. 16	Mark & Teresa Sommers	(# 20)
July 9	Gregg Orlik & Howard Fuller	(# 14)	Aug. 17	Margaret Bikman & Jay Saxton	(# 47)
July 9	Mark & Helen Packer	(# 27)	Aug. 19	Shala Erlich & Warren Cornwall	(# 21)
July 9	Ted & Penny Schuman	(# 55)	Aug. 20	L.K. Langley & Lindsay Wells	(# 17)
July 10	Anna & Noah Booker	(# 23)	Aug. 20	Ken & Regan Levinson	(# 16)
July 11	Cierra & Peter Burkill	(# 2)	Aug. 21	Gayle Gordon-Martin & Stephen Martin	(# 35)
July 12	Gary & Trisha Adelstein	(# 35)	Aug. 24	Kayla Schott-Bresler & Ian McCurdy	(# 9)
July 13	Sara Geballe & Steve James	(# 14)	Aug. 25	Warren & Marybeth Taranow	(# 26)
July 18	Christoph & Geraldine Reitz	(# 30)	Aug. 25	Shelley & Jay Wolfman	(# 52)
July 19	Ruth & Arthur Ingberman	(# 66)	Aug. 26	Miriam & Greg Schwartz	(# 21)
July 21	David & Katie Edelstein	(# 49)	Aug. 27	Daniel & Sharona Feller	(# 44)
July 21	Andrew Schwarz & Leslie Garrison	(# 9)	Aug. 27	Emil & Tannia Hecht	(# 51)
July 26	Jack & Karen Fisher	(# 49)	Aug. 27	Barry & Kathi Paluch	(# 19)
July 30	Orly Ziv-Maxim & Tom Maxim	(# 26)	Aug. 29	Steve & Janis Ban	(# 46)
Aug. 1	Alyson & Brooke Kassen	(# 12)	Aug. 29	Avi & Corinne Hecht	(# 10)
Aug. 1	Jerry Witler & Mary Knight	(# 12)	Aug. 30	Linda & Allan Hirsh	(# 63)
Aug. 2	Sylvia & John Williams	(# 8)	Aug. 30	Leah Kiviat & Ian Horton	(# 14)
Aug. 4	Josh Greenberg & Anita Meyer	(# 26)	Aug. 31	McNeel & KJ Jantzen	(# 20)
Aug. 6	Dan Ohms & Janine Shaw	(# 22)			

Did we miss your anniversary? Call the office at (360) 733-8890 or email office@bethisraelbellingham.org with the month, day, and year of your special day.

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FROM THE RABBI*Continued from Page 1*

decade have made all the difference. When I speak with shul members, regardless of how long they have been at CBI, I also get the sense that it's the close-knit communal feel of our synagogue that means the most to them.

Life has been challenging these past couple of years. Covid fractured the community in a variety of ways, though we did grow in membership during this time. And I am grateful for how we have persevered through all of this. Nevertheless, the essence of who we are, of being a synagogue "where everybody knows your name" has taken a step back and it will be some time before everything feels like it once had. I know this will happen as this is who we are.

As we slowly return to pre-Covid activities and service schedules, I would love to (re)connect with you. Reach out and let's meet for coffee, chat in my office, play backgammon, or even take a walk together. As I begin a new decade as your rabbi, I really want to deepen my relationships with each of you. You are the reason why I love Beth Israel. You are the reason my family calls Beth Israel and Bellingham "home." Thank you for your love and support all these years. I am truly grateful.

RABBI JOSHUA SAMUELS

Birthdays**JULY 2022**

7/1 Sue Guenter-Schlesinger
7/2 Meg Jacobson
7/2 Brooke Kassen
7/3 Jaxon Mann (16th)
7/4 Sharona Feller
7/4 Mark MacDonald
7/5 David Goldman
7/5 Julie Hunter
7/5 Ayla Oliver (16th)
7/5 Jaelle Oliver (16th)
7/6 Dan Raas
7/6 Josh Shupack
7/7 Michelle Beller-Siegfried
7/7 Rabbi Joshua Samuels
7/8 Daniel Ingberman
7/8 Gary Lazarus
7/9 Robert Spector
7/10 Stevie Coleman
7/10 Nali Lippman (15th)
7/11 Max Naiman (12th)
7/12 Litav Langley
7/12 Avi Lindner (16th)
7/12 Iris Parker
7/12 Mark Sommers
7/13 Jack Fisher
7/14 Olivia Probst (18th)
7/14 Shelley Wolfman
7/15 Michelle Banks
7/15 Peggy Hanley
7/15 Rick Levine
7/15 Evan Shupack (7th)

7/17 Jay Saxton
7/18 Ruth Shuster
7/19 Lior Somers (14th)
7/20 Leah Kiviat
7/20 Nicky Naiman
7/20 Isaac Orloff (18th)
7/20 Melissa Schapiro
7/22 Miles Bryant
7/23 Noah Booker
7/23 David Robinson
7/23 Lindsay Wells
7/24 Jeff Popp
7/26 Eliza Bastow (9th)
7/26 Avi Cohen (6th)
7/26 Julia Kassen (10th)
7/26 Larry Stahlberg
7/27 Jesse Naiman
7/27 Rebekah Sommers (15th)
7/28 James Finley
7/28 Allan Hirsh
7/29 David Edelstein
7/29 Evan Konikoff (13th)

AUGUST 2022

8/1 Mary Francell-Sharfstein
8/1 Diana Lindner
8/1 Nora Seltz (12th)
8/2 Gabriella Genut (7th)
8/6 Gilead Goldman (7th)
8/6 Arona Henderson
8/6 Barry Paluch
8/7 Amy Whiting

8/8 Leigh Squires
8/9 Henry Curme
9/9 Jacob Morrill Zarrow (2nd)
8/10 Joan Wayne
8/10 Patty Yust
8/12 Victoria Garfinkle
8/12 Paul Sarvasy
8/12 David Smith
8/13 Mara Donner (9th)
8/13 Noni Schultheiss
8/14 Patrick Crane
8/16 Miah LaMont
8/17 Avi Hecht
8/17 Andy Ingram-Monteiro
8/20 Jerry Eisner
8/20 Jordan Genut
8/20 Toby LaPlante (12th)
8/21 Marla Finkelstein
8/21 Janine Shaw
8/22 Maeve Hammerstrom (4th)
8/22 Wendy Holtzman
8/22 Andrea Shupack
8/23 Chloe Braunstein (10th)
8/24 Flora Booker (18th)
8/24 Donna Solomon
8/25 Vermeda Fred
8/26 Jake Lebovich (20th)
8/26 Sylvia Williams
8/27 Jesse Simon (10th)
8/28 Wendy Miller
8/30 Terrah Short

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From: *Patrick Crane*

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With thanks to the Beth Israel congregation
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From: *Jerry & Marilyn Eisner (Rivka, Avram & Tova Eisner)*

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 * Elinor Pravda
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IN APPRECIATION:

To the CBI community and Kesher, for what they have been to me and my daughter Lucita this last year.
From: *Jeff Galbraith*

For the opportunity to attend Shabbat services and Torah study as a non-member, and for CBI's presence and ministry in Bellingham
From: *Sharon Benton*

To the CBI community
From: *Frederick & Myrna Loceff (Bellingham)*

IN HONOR OF:

Gabriel Witte, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah
From: *Rick & Tracey Levine (Mark Packer)*

Fran Levy, with appreciation.
From: *Ken & Marguerite Ryan (Everson)*

Linda Blackwell
From: *Miles Bryant & Sarah Bauman*

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IN HONOR OF:

Andrea Shupack
From: *Miles Bryant & Sarah Bauman*

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

Victoria & Gaby Mayers – in memory of their beloved son, Jonathan
From: *Katie & David Edelstein (Rick & Tracey Levine)*

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Roby Blecker
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IN HONOR OF:

*Janis Ban
 *The CBI Board of Directors
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Becki Van Glubt and family – in memory of her beloved mother, Regina Hiatt
From: *Phyllis Mazur*

Hank Levine – In memory of his brother, Lenny
From: *Leslie & Rick Adelstein*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

My beloved father, Nathan Lassman
From: *Bernice Loober*

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YOUTH GROUP FUND

IN HONOR OF:

The 5th/6th Grade Kesher kids
From: *Kuk Sool Won martial arts program*

ISRAEL TRIP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

We are proud to announce the establishment of the **Israel Trip Scholarship Fund**. All donations to this special fund will help support our students going on a CBI-sponsored trip to Israel in June 2024 as participants in our exciting new Israel studies pilot program, "MASSA: a teen journey toward Israel and self-discovery." For more information about the program, contact Rabbi Samuels or Victoria Mayers.



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July/August 2022 Shabbat Service Schedule

PLEASE NOTE: All services and Torah study will be accessible on Zoom. Each Friday evening and some Saturday morning services will be **hybrid**, allowing congregants and visitors to worship in the sanctuary, provided they are masked at all times and maintain social distancing. Proof of vaccination is no longer required, but vaccination is strongly encouraged. This schedule is subject to change, so please watch the weekly *Timbrel* or the Beth Israel website for updates .

Friday, July 1	6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Family Service	Saturday, July 30	9:30 am Torah Study (<i>Parashat Matot-Masei</i>)
Saturday, July 2	9:30 am Torah Study (<i>Parashat Korach</i>) 10:45 am All-music, Contemplative Service with Andrea Shupack – on Zoom	Friday, August 5	6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Family Service
Friday, July 8	6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	Saturday, August 6	9:30 am Torah Study (<i>Parashat Devarim</i>) 10:45 am All-music, Contemplative Service with Andrea Shupack – on Zoom
Saturday, July 9	9:30 am Torah Study (<i>Parashat Chukkat</i>) 10:30 am Shabbat morning service – in person and on Zoom	Friday, August 12	6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat service
Friday, July 15	6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service, with leadership from Elijah Wolfson	Saturday, August 13	9:30 am Torah Study (<i>Parashat Vaetchanan</i>)
Saturday, July 16	10:00 am Bar Mitzvah of Elijah Wolfson – in person and on Zoom	Friday, August 19	6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Friday, July 22	7:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat service, with leadership from the Ma'Ayan Shir ensemble and Ruby Simon	Saturday, August 20	9:30 am Torah Study (<i>Parashat Ekev</i>)
Saturday, July 23	10:00 am Bat Mitzvah of Ruby Simon – in person and on Zoom	Friday, August 26	7:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat, with leadership from the Ma'Ayan Shir ensemble
Friday, July 29	6:15 pm Fifth Friday "Shabbat at Home." No service, but Rabbi will lead blessings over Zoom.	Saturday, August 27	9:30 am Torah Study (<i>Parashat Re'eh</i>) 10:30 am Conservative-style, lay-led minyan – on Zoom
		LOOKING AHEAD:	
		Friday, Sept. 2	6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service, with leadership from Evan Konikoff
		Saturday, Sept. 3	10:00 am Bar Mitzvah of Evan Konikoff – in person and on Zoom

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Yahrzeits

Observances follow the Hebrew calendar, unless the secular date is requested, and are read on the Shabbat prior to the observance date.

Friday, July 1

Benjamin Heller	7/3
Cora Quiggle	7/3
William Beck	7/4
Chase Jimmy	7/4
Faye Goldberg-Miller	7/5
Virginia Hunter	7/5
Eva Rosenberg Kiersky	7/5
Nathan Lassman	7/5
Morris R. Hecht	7/6
Doris Zemel	7/6
Lisa Furth	7/7
Lillian Markell	7/7
Jacob Schlitt	7/8

Friday, July 8

Sue Groper	7/9
Naftalie Mottel Jaffe	7/9
Beatrice (Bea) Moss	7/9
Gary Snyder	7/9
Eric O. Sonneman	7/11
Arthur Miller	7/12
Stanley Sklar	7/14
Sandy Thompson	7/14
Myer Horwitz	7/15
Albert Shankman	7/15

Friday, July 15 and Saturday, July 16

Kathleen Clendenen	7/16
Shelly Mazur	7/16
Willa Faye Singleton	7/17
Robert B. Hanley	7/18
Edward Witte	7/18
May Meyers	7/19
Bernice Shear	7/19
Sophie Streitman	7/19
Earnest Ban	7/20
Hugo M. Fisher	7/20
Goldie Bettman	7/21
Hannah Samuels	7/21
Harold Korn	7/22

Friday, July 22 and Saturday, July 23

Berte Fischel	7/25
Jack Meyers	7/25

Charles Cohen	7/28
Steven Cohen	7/28
Leaine (Lee) Farkas	7/28
Alan Mazonson	7/29
Gail Siskind Sternlicht	7/29

Friday, June 29 (No Shabbat service – will be read on July 22/23)

Martha Rosenthal	7/30
Abraham Kassen	7/31
Philip Kahn	8/1
Dottie Leonard	8/1
Rose Marks	8/1
Annie Schwartz	8/1
Sydney Goldman	8/2
Walter Mayers	8/2
Did Frantz	8/4
Josefina Pombo de Rubiano	8/4
Alfred Steinmetz	8/4
Goldie Dorfman	8/5

Friday, August 5

Joseph Folk	8/6
Kaufman Katz	8/6
Harriet Miles Bryant	8/8
Daniel Kushner	8/8
Janet Miller	8/8
Jacob Berger	8/9
William Fox	8/9
Norman Codd	8/10
Edith DeVisser	8/11
Fred (Fritz) London	8/11
Ira Benjamin Dement	8/12
Marvin Tartak	8/12

Friday, August 12

Anita (Fragner) Cornell	8/13
Richard Gorelick	8/14
Simon Sokol	8/15
Harold A. Schwartz	8/17
Shirley Zell	8/18
Liam Balton	8/19
Rose Z. Blecker	8/19
Bernard M. "Bun" Jaffe	8/19
Jack Wilson	8/19

Friday, August 19

Norbert Cohen	8/20
Melanie Smith	8/20
Josef Zimmerman	8/20
Betty Bloomfield	8/23
Sheldon Miller	8/23
Joseph Feiger	8/24
Abraham Luster	8/24
Arthur J. Miller	8/24
Merrie Schriro	8/24
Jose Pereira Assuncao	8/25
Stanley Holtzman	8/25
Sarah M. Gordon	8/26
Mary Ann Perper	8/26

Friday, August 26

Rose Horowitz	8/27
Max Feldman	8/28
Wally Moritz	8/28
Lenore Lackowitz	8/29
James Bourne	8/30
Keith Baker	8/31
Rebecca Shapira de Lindner	9/1
Robert Siegfried	9/2

ONEG means pleasure. It is certainly pleasant to enjoy *onegs* again in our community.

Friday night *onegs* have begun through May and perhaps Saturday lunches will begin soon after. Many congregants are not yet ready to join in person services or host an *oneg*, so hosting will be voluntary and arranged month by month. Covid Task Force guidelines will be observed.

Please contact Joan Wayne jawayne2@gmail.com or Sarah Witte sntwitte@yahoo.com to volunteer to host. Thank you.

In Memoriam

Zichronam l'vrachah ~ May their memories be for a blessing

Our congregation offers heartfelt condolences to Becki Van Glubt on the loss of her mother, **Regina Hiatt**, who passed away peacefully on April 29, 2022, surrounded by family. She was 80 years old.

We were very sad to learn of the passing of former long-time Beth Israel congregant **Stanley Yacknin**, who died on May 26, 2022 in San Rafael, California, where he had been living with his son, Ed. He was 96 years old. Stan was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 69 years, Rosalie, in 2018.

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Tuesday, August 30, 7:00 pm

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Join us for an in-person discussion of acclaimed author Dara Horn's newest book, *People Love Dead Jews*. Known primarily for her works of fiction, including *The World to Come* and *Eternal Life*, Horn, a Jewish writer from New Jersey, reflects on subjects in her book that few have seen in the same way. According to her website, "Dara Horn challenges us to confront the reasons why there might be so much fascination with Jewish deaths, as emblematic of the worst of evils the world has to offer, and so little respect for Jewish lives, as they continue to unfold in the present."

A *Washington Post* book review writes that Horn "ends this riveting, gorgeously written book as Jews have done across the millennia: by engaging the past, embracing the present and facing toward the future."

Dara Horn is the recipient of two National Jewish Book Awards and the Reform Judaism Fiction Prize among many others. She received her doctorate in comparative literature from Harvard University, studying Yiddish and Hebrew. She has taught courses in these subjects at Sarah Lawrence College and Yeshiva University, and held the Gerald Weinstock Visiting Professorship in Jewish Studies at Harvard.

