



Social Justice Tzedek Tzedek Tirdof

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IT'S TIME FOR BOARD NOMINATIONS!



We will be starting our annual process of identifying the next group of CBE Board of Trustees. Serving on CBE's Board is an honor, privilege and rewarding work. Members elected to the Board are eligible to serve up to two 3-year terms. We are looking for Board members who are passionate about our community and bring a well-rounded skill set in addition to specific skill sets in the fields of finance, development, or legal. Do you know someone in our community who has the leadership skills and passion we seek? Please be on the lookout for weekly emails in January where there will be opportunities to nominate a fellow congregant or self-nominate for this year's Board openings. If you have questions about the process or serving on the Board, please reach out to Kerry Kent at KIK317@gmail.com.

WORSHIP

Friday Evening, January 2

Parashat Vayechi

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Services

Saturday Morning, January 3

9:30 am Torah Study with George Forrest

Friday Evening, January 9

Parashat Sh'mot

5:30 pm Ruach Shabbat Services

Featuring Grades 6 and 7

Followed by a Congregational Shabbat Dinner

Saturday Morning, January 10

9:30 am Torah Study with Cantor Short

Friday Evening, January 16

Parashat Va'era

5:30 pm Shabbat Tzedek

Followed by a Dinner & Discussion

Saturday Morning, January 17

9:30 am Torah Study with Rabbi Weitzman

Friday Evening, January 23

Parashat Bo

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Services

Saturday Morning, January 24

9:30 am Torah Study with Andrea McNellis

Friday Evening, January 30

Parashat B'shalach

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Shirah Services at Beth Emeth

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Services at Avila

Saturday Morning, January 31

9:30 am Torah Study with Stephen Weitzman

Friday Evening, February 6

Parashat Yitro

5:30 pm Ruach Shabbat Services

Featuring Grades 4 and 5

Followed by a Congregational Shabbat Dinner

Saturday Morning, February 7

9:30 am Torah Study with Rabbinic Intern Spencer Mandell

Friday Evening, February 13

Parashat Mishpatim

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Services

Saturday Morning, February 14

9:30 am Torah Study with Andrea McNellis

Friday Evening, February 20

Parashat T'rumah

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Services

Saturday Morning, February 21

9:30 am Torah Study with Andrea McNellis

Friday Evening, February 27

Parashat Tetzaveh

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Services

Saturday Morning, February 28

9:30 am Torah Study with Rabbinic Intern Spencer Mandell

A MESSAGE FROM OUR RABBI

Rabbi Greg D. Weitzman



Looking to the Horizon: Mission, Vision, and Our Sacred Future

One of the most stirring commands in the Torah appears in *Parashat Shoftim*: “*Tzedek, tzedek tirdof—Justice, justice shall you pursue.*” Three short Hebrew words that have shaped Jewish thought and action for generations.

The doubling of the word *tzedek* immediately caught the attention of our sages. Torah is economical with language, so the repetition must be intentional. One interpretation teaches that justice must be pursued through just means; we cannot achieve noble goals by compromising our values. Another interpretation suggests that justice is not a one-time accomplishment but a lifelong pursuit—it requires persistence, humility, and constant renewal.

A third interpretation looks inward, teaching that the command addresses two realms of justice: the justice we pursue in the wider world and the justice we cultivate within ourselves and our communities. This dimension feels especially resonant for us at Congregation Beth Emeth.

Outwardly, our community is deeply committed to *tzedek*. Many of you volunteer in the region, support organizations that serve the vulnerable, and show up when our neighbors are in need. This outward-facing justice work is part of what makes Beth Emeth such a proud and principled presence in the Capital Region.

But the Torah also calls us to look inward—toward justice within our own gates. What does the pursuit of *tzedek* look like inside our congregation? It looks like creating a culture where every person feels seen, valued, and welcomed. It looks like speaking with kindness even across

disagreements, showing patience when tensions arise, and grounding our decisions in integrity. It means striving for transparency, shared responsibility, and trust as we shape the future of Jewish life in Albany.

This inner pursuit of justice is quieter than public activism. It does not come with headlines or rallies. But it is no less sacred. Judaism teaches that justice begins not only in the public square but at home—in our relationships, our institutions, and our daily interactions.

*Tzedek, tzedek tirdof—Justice,
justice shall you pursue.*

As we continue our cultural and communal work at Beth Emeth—strengthening a mission-centered understanding of giving, deepening learning and prayer, caring for congregants across life stages—I see the words *tzedek*, *tzedek tirdof* offering powerful guidance.

Moving from a person-centered culture of giving to a community-centered one is, at its core, a pursuit of justice. It affirms that our synagogue belongs to all of us, across generations. It reminds us that sustaining Jewish life is a shared responsibility—not held by a few, but carried collectively. Generosity takes many forms: showing up, volunteering, supporting programs,

welcoming newcomers, lending a hand, and giving financially when we can. All of this is *tzedek*.

The pursuit of justice also shapes how we talk with one another about our hopes and concerns for Beth Emeth. It means listening deeply, acknowledging different experiences, and remaining anchored in compassion even when we disagree. Judaism does not mandate unanimity; it calls us to argue with respect and love.

In this season, as winter invites reflection and renewal, the Torah's words provide a spiritual compass. They ask us to consider:

- What injustices in the world am I being called to address?
- What relationships in my life need healing or greater understanding?
- How can I help make Beth Emeth an even more just, compassionate, and mission-driven community?
- Where in my daily life can I pursue justice with more intention?

Often the pursuit of *tzedek* is not dramatic. It can be as small—and as profound—as showing up for someone who is grieving, offering support to a family in need, or choosing empathy in a tense moment. It looks like helping a child feel confident in Hebrew school, checking in on an older member, or celebrating a teen stepping into Jewish adulthood. These small acts do not make headlines, but they build the world we want to live in.

Our tradition teaches that we are not expected to finish the work, but neither are we free to turn away

from it. Justice is a shared, ongoing, sacred pursuit—one that shapes who we are and the community we strive to be.

My blessing for us in the months ahead is this: may we hear the doubled call of *tzedek* as an invitation and a guide. May we act with courage in the world and with compassion at home. And may our synagogue continue to be a place where justice is not only taught, but lived.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Robin Sobol



A Heartfelt Thank You

Over these past weeks, I have been reminded, deeply and personally, what it truly means to be part of a sacred community.

Following the death of my beloved husband, I have been held up by a tapestry of kindness woven by so many of you. The meals, the calls, the cards, the quiet check-ins, the hugs that said more than words ever could, every gesture has been a thread of comfort. You showed me, not in grand declarations but in simple, steady acts of care, what *kehillah*, community, truly is.

There is a well-known teaching from Pirkei Avot:

"Al tifrosh min ha-tzibur," "Do not separate yourself from the community."

In times of joy, we feel the beauty of this truth. But in times of loss, we discover its power.

As I navigate this new chapter, I am learning to move forward gently, one day at a time, sometimes one breath at a time. And on the days when taking the next step feels difficult, your support has given me the strength to keep going.

I have always known Congregation Beth Emeth to be warm, generous, and steadfast. But now I have experienced its heart in a way I never imagined I would need to. You surrounded my family and me with love when we could not stand on our own. You reminded me that grief is not meant to be carried alone, and that healing happens in connection with God, with tradition, and with one another.

As we move into the holiday season, I want to wish each of you a happy, healthy, and safe time with the people you love. May the New Year bring moments of joy, peace, and renewed strength for all of us.

Thank you for walking with me. Thank you for lifting me. Thank you for being the kind of community that turns sorrow into strength simply by showing up.

May we continue to care for one another in this same spirit because, as you have shown me, community is not something we belong to; it is something we build together, moment by moment, act by act, heart by heart.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Jill Rafferty-Weinisch



Although this bulletin will arrive in your mailbox at the beginning of 2026, as I write this, I haven't yet completed three weeks at Congregation Beth Emeth.

And yet, in this short time, I've already experienced such a wide range of moments that speak deeply to the heart of this community.

In this short time, I've seen again and again what makes this community so special: generosity, purpose, and warmth. These qualities shine through in the way we worship, learn, celebrate, volunteer, and care for one another. They show up in quiet conversations after services, in the laughter of students arriving for religious school, and in the countless small acts of kindness that happen here every single day.

On Wednesday afternoons, the building hums with the sound of children heading to religious school. Their energy fills the halls, and it's impossible not to smile. It's a real point of pride to be part of a congregation that invests so deeply in nurturing the next generation.

At a time when food insecurity in the Capital Region is so visible and urgent, I've been amazed by the scope and impact of our Soup Kitchen — and by the dedication of the volunteers who have kept it going for forty years. Together we exceeded the fundraising goal for the second annual Wisely Dupiche Turkey Give-Away in just days! By the time you read this, 75 turkeys will have been delivered to local families, along with pans and spices to make a proper feast (courtesy of the Sisterhood). The generosity of this community is inspiring.

One of my first experiences here was participating in the funeral service for a beloved member of the

congregation. Even in the sadness of that moment, I found it deeply moving to observe how our members surrounded the family with love and care—how people showed up not only with words, but simply by being present. It reminded me that community is built not just in moments of joy, but also in times of loss and vulnerability. Standing together in grief is one of the most essential expressions of who we are as humans.

And then, last night, I found myself humming along to camp songs at the Hootenanny Watch Party, surrounded by laughter and stories from summers at Crane Lake Camp and Camp Eisner. It didn't matter who knew all the words or how long it had been since they'd last sung them—the spirit of fun and togetherness in that room transcended generations.

I'm so grateful to everyone who's taken the time to welcome me—to share your Beth Emeth stories, your hopes, and your love for this congregation and the people in it. Every conversation helps me understand a little more about what makes this place so special and how I can best serve and support our shared journey.

As we move forward into a new year, I look forward to many more moments together—of reflection and celebration, of learning and laughter, of building an ever-stronger, ever-more-inclusive community focused on Beth Emeth's bright future.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Sara Salitan-Thiell



Learning and practicing fairness, kindness, and standing up for what's right are topics that are taught in all schools everywhere, and they sound like complicated lessons. But here however, at the Einhorn Center for Jewish Education, these are the cornerstones of our work. Through classroom lessons, routines, activities, and relationships, we work hard to practice being fair and standing up for what is morally right, teaching, and living these values for our students to see for themselves.

How, you may wonder?

With students as young as toddlers in our Discovery Room (our playroom) where children learn to share and take turns and in school-age classrooms, we ensure everyone is included. We adults do our best to model these behaviors, too, by admitting our mistakes and apologizing when necessary. And as a first year principal, I've had to do a lot of that!

We stand up for others by talking to a trusted adult when something seems amiss or unfair. This behavior is a norm in our school because our teachers work hard to build relationships with their students and their parents, so everyone feels safe and supported. And at the Einhorn Center, we work to build a love of Judaism, so that students will learn to stand up for Jews in every place they travel.

We practice empathy by listening to others' feelings and stories, trying to understand what someone else is going through, and trying to understand what it's like

to walk in others' shoes. Our 6th graders spend the year learning about both American Jewish history and Holocaust history, and much of this is taught through video testimony. Our 7th graders are spending the year in preparation for B'nai Mitzvah and learning pre-leadership skills so that they can give back to our school and community once they have reached the milestone of becoming a Jewish adult.

We look to find ways for students to help others in the greater community. Whether that's making tactile Chanukah cards for Jews who are blind, or our Jr Choir singing at Avila for folks who might not get visitors, learning about recycling and taking care of the Earth, or working at the Soup Kitchen, even the smallest hands can make a difference.

All of these activities build confidence and teach that practicing justice involves courage and responsibility. We're so proud of the mensches we get to teach weekly, and appreciative of our families supporting this work!

FALL RECAP!



OUR TEMPLE FAMILY

IN MEMORIAM

Beth Emeth recognizes with profound sorrow the death of our members and extends sympathy to those in our congregation who have lost a loved one.

Alan Koldin

Husband of Myrna Koldin
Father of Hillary Koldin
Father of Andrew (Cindy) Koldin

Eleanor Krouner

Mother of Lynn Applebaum
Mother of Todd Krouner

Robert Krouner

Father of Todd Krouner
Father of Lynn Applebaum

Robert Madison

Husband of Shelley Madison
Brother-in-law of Judy Glatt

Caryl Newhof

Aunt of Jan Reiss-Weitzman

Fred Simon

Husband of Shirley Simon
Father of Joel (Ruthie) Simon
Father of Beth (Michael)
Harwood

Ted Sobol

Husband of Robin Sobol
Father of Paula (Chris) Priore
Father of Allison (Richard) Saylor
Brother of Stephen (Anita) Sobol

LET'S CELEBRATE!

Congregants are acknowledged on their special birthdays (from age 35) and anniversaries (from 10th) in multiples of 5 years.

January Special Birthdays

Chad M. Bernstein
Justin Birzon
Susan Debronsky
Mark Friedman
Peter Gerstenzang
Eunice Golderman
Jay Hurewitz
Michael Keyser
Jonathan Mildenberg

David P. Morrison
Nancy E. Roth
Betsy Ruslander
Marc Salisch
Keith Simon
Jeffrey Sukloff
Muriel Wilson
Susan Wollner

February Special Birthdays

Barbara Baker
Susan Bierman
Karen Geduldig
David Giwerc
Mark Glaser
Diane Hallenbeck
Mary Hartman
Paul B. Lipman
Michael Lipnick

Lisa Mayron
David Miller
Amy Price
Stuart Rosenberg
Anne Rosenblum
Malcolm Z. Roth
Harold Sokol
Henda Strasser
Mel Waldman

January Special Anniversaries

Susan and Andrew Sommers ~ 40 years

February Special Anniversaries

Lisa Freedman and Meg Hughes ~ 35 years
Irene and Alan Richter ~ 45 years

MAZAL TOV TO...

Mazal Tov on the Wedding of Max Dembling and Katie Scott:

Son of Dan and Laura Dembling

Grandson of David and Frances (z"l) Dembling

WE WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS...

From September 30, 2025 to November 15, 2025

Fred Abramson
Amy Gordon
Maxwell Klainberg

Toby and Nicholas Landau
Rachel and Samuel Warner



You and your family are cordially invited to join
Rabbi Weitzman, Rabbi Shpeen and Jill Rafferty-Weinsich

for a SUNSHINE BRUNCH

_____ FEBRUARY _____
SUNDAY 08 AT 11 AM
_____ 2026 _____

Aloft Hotel
202 SE 5th Ave
Delray Beach, FL 33483

\$40 per person

Please RSVP to Rose by Friday, January 30.

We can't wait to see you!

Brunch will include assorted pastries, seasonal fruit, kugel,
bagels, Lox and more. Please join us for an afternoon of
great food and even better company!

Parking is complimentary Seating will be assigned

To reserve your spot and seating
preferences, contact Rose at
518.436.9761 ext. 240 or
Rose@CBEAlbany.org.

THE FUTURE IS NOW! CBE'S MISSION, VISION, AND VALUES TASK FORCE IS LAUNCHED!



This fall, we put out a call to the **CBE community**—and you answered! As we embark on the crucial work of revisiting **CBE's Mission, Vision, and Values**, the response from our congregation was nothing short of **overwhelming!**

We are thrilled to announce the incredible congregants selected to represent the diverse heart of our community and serve on this foundational Task Force:

Elizabeth Bauer
Steven Einhorn
Cheryl Gelder-Kogan
Karen Glaser
Jarah Moesch
Andrew Safranko
Harold Sokol
Ilene Stein

This powerhouse team had their **inaugural meeting in October** and will continue to collaborate monthly over the next year to shape the path forward.

Your voice matters! Over the coming months, there will be multiple opportunities for all congregants to share their opinions and viewpoints as we delve into this vital effort. This is the work that will help **guide our community into an inspired future!**

Questions or feedback? Please reach out to the dedicated Task Force Chair, Kerry Kent, at KIK317@gmail.com.

CANTORIAL SEARCH

Julie Safranko



For nearly 50 years—from my childhood to the present—I have had the privilege of witnessing the spiritual leadership of **Cantor Stahl, Cantor Groper, Cantor Schechtman (z"l), Cantor Kohn, and Cantor Short**. These talented individuals have been the heartbeat of our congregation, guiding my family and me through decades of learning, worship, and significant life cycle events. Because of these deep-rooted bonds, I was truly humbled when asked to chair the search committee for our next Cantor.

Our Committee and Mission

Our search committee is a diverse group of congregants. Each member is a thoughtful, informed individual who understands the gravity of this responsibility.

I am honored to work alongside **Garry Sanders, Karen Kaufman-White, Josie Kivort, David Lieberman, Adam Mandel, Poppy Eisenberg, Robin Sobol, and Rabbi Greg Weitzman**. Together, our mission is to identify a Cantor who will honor our rich traditions while helping to lead Beth Emeth into a vibrant future.

The Search Process

Identifying the right leader is a delicate and complex undertaking. We have already reached several key milestones:

- **Application Submission:** Our formal request for a new Cantor has been submitted to the American Conference of Cantors (ACC).
- **Candidate Review:** We have received several applications and are currently in the process of narrowing the field.
- **Consultation:** The committee has met frequently to align on the specific needs and aspirations of our congregation.

The coming winter and spring will be an intensive period for our team. Following initial committee interviews, our top finalists will visit Albany for a final round of evaluations.

Looking Ahead

Our ultimate goal is to select an exceptional Cantor to welcome into the Beth Emeth family by **July 1**. We are committed to a process that is as rigorous as it is respectful of our community's history.

If you have any questions or thoughts you would like to share, please feel free to reach out to me at **JulieSafranko@gmail.com**. Thank you for your continued support and trust.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY CALENDAR

**JAN
01**
THUR

New Year's Day - Office Closed

**JAN
02**
FRI

5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Services

**JAN
03**
SAT

9:30 am Torah Study with George Forrest

**JAN
04**
SUN

9:30 am Religious School
9:30 am Sunday Discoveries
11:00 am Soup Kitchen with Crew Chief Joe Bierman

**JAN
05**
MON

6:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting
7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh - Virtual

**JAN
07**
WED

4:30 pm Religious School
5:30 pm CBEYG
7:00 pm Sisterhood Book Club

**JAN
08**
THURS

6:30 pm Brotherhood Card Night

**JAN
09**
FRI

5:00 pm Pre-neg
5:30 pm Ruach Shabbat Services Featuring Grades 6 and 7
Followed by a Congregational Shabbat Dinner

**JAN
10**
SAT

9:30 am Torah Study with Cantor Short

**JAN
11**
SUN

9:30 am Religious School
9:30 am Sunday Discoveries
9:30 am Knit & Nosh - IN PERSON
10:00 am Brotherhood Monthly Meeting
11:25 am All School Tefillah

**JAN
12**
MON

7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh - Virtual

**JAN
14**
WED

4:30 pm Religious School
5:30 pm CBEYG

**JAN
15**
THUR

9:00 am Mah Jongg
7:00 pm Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Interfaith
Scholarship Program at the Macedonia Baptist Church

**JAN
16**
FRI

5:30 pm Shabbat Tzedek
Followed by a Dinner & Discussion
with Guest Speaker Stacy Dedring (see page 20)

**JAN
17**
SAT

9:30 am Torah Study with Rabbi Weitzman
1:00 pm Sisterhood Walk

**JAN
19**
MON

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Office Closed**

**JAN
21**
WED

4:30 pm Religious School

**JAN
22**
THUR

11:30 am NNORC Birthday Potluck
6:30 pm Trivia at the Warbler

**JAN
23**
FRI

**Cantor Short and Rabbinic Intern Spencer Mandell go to
Washington D.C. for L'Taken!**
5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Services

**JAN
24**
SAT

9:30 am Torah Study with Andrea McNellis

**JAN
25**
SUN

9:30 am Religious School
9:30 am Sunday Discoveries
9:30 am Knit & Nosh - IN PERSON
1:00 pm Cross Country Skiing at Pineridge

**JAN
26**
MON

7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh - Virtual

**JAN
28**
WED

4:30 pm Religious School
5:30 pm CBEYG

**JAN
29**
THUR

6:00 pm Sisterhood Dinner Out

**JAN
30**
FRI

Shabbat Shira
5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Services at Beth Emeth
5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Services at Avila

**JAN
31**
SAT

9:00 am CBE & Me: Tu BiShvat
9:30 am Torah Study with Stephen Weitzman

FEB 1
SUN
9:00 am Brotherhood Monthly Meeting
9:30 am Religious School
9:30 am Sunday Discoveries
9:30 am Knit & Nosh - IN PERSON
11:00 am Soup Kitchen with Crew Chief Mia Sager

FEB 2
MON
Tu BiShvat
6:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting
7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh - Virtual

FEB 4
WED
4:30 pm Religious School
5:30 pm CBEYG

FEB 5
THURS
6:30 pm Brotherhood Card Night

FEB 6
FRI
5:00 pm Pre-neg
5:30 pm Ruach Shabbat Services Featuring grades 4 & 5
Followed by a Congregational Shabbat Dinner

FEB 7
SAT
9:30 am Torah Study with Rabbinic Intern Spencer Mandell
1:00 pm Sisterhood Walk

FEB 8
SUN
9:30 am Religious School
9:30 am Sunday Discoveries
9:30 am TLC
9:30 am Knit & Nosh - IN PERSON
11:00 am Florida Brunch 2026 (in Florida!)
11:00 am Carnegie Deli Pick-Up

FEB 9
MON
7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh - Virtual

FEB 11
WED
4:30 pm Wednesday Religious School
5:30 pm CBEYG

FEB 12
THURS
5:30 pm Yom HaShoah Candle Bagging

FEB 13
FRI
5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Services

FEB 14
SAT
9:30 am Torah Study & Breakfast Nosh in memory of Susan Kushner (z"l) with Andrea McNellis

FEB 16
MON
Presidents' Day
Office Closed
7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh - Virtual

FEB 19
THURS
6:30 pm Trivia at the Warbler

FEB 20
FRI
5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Services

FEB 21
SAT
9:30 am Torah Study with Andrea McNellis

FEB 23
MON
7:00 pm Sisterhood Knit & Nosh

FEB 25
WED
4:30 pm Religious School
5:30 pm CBEYG

FEB 26
THURS
11:30 am NNORC Birthday Potluck

FEB 27
FRI
5:30 pm Erev Shabbat Services

FEB 28
SAT
9:30 am Torah Study with Rabbinic Intern Spencer Mandell



A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

Lita Carbone



Looking Ahead at Donations for 2026

Trying new things is always challenging. The early stages can cause hiccups and slow down a process that always seemed to flow well before. There are growing pains that come along with these changes and sometimes we learn that we need to go back to basics. One of those changes this year was our donation process. After receiving feedback from members, I have made it a priority to revisit this for our donors and staff.

Your support through monetary contributions is nothing short of incredibly generous and we deeply value your continued support toward the future of Beth Emeth. While the handwritten notes were lovely, it became apparent that the time commitment of generating them created a bottleneck in our workflow, leaving us with a backlog of notes that were not sent out in a timely fashion. Going forward, we will be dividing up the workload so more team members are involved in generating these at an efficient pace. The following fund categories will have thank yous and acknowledgements distributed by these teams:

- **Education/Youth Funds:** Einhorn Center for Jewish Education team
- **Clergy Funds:** Clergy team
- **General/Other Funds:** Additional Support Staff
- **Brotherhood/Sisterhood Funds:** Brotherhood and Sisterhood
- **REYUT Fund:** Reyut Committee

If you prefer not to receive a thank you letter for your contributions, please provide a note with your cash/check or make a note in the Payment Notes section on the Donate page before you submit your online donation.

Thank you all for your understanding and patience as we navigate this process!

ENDOWMENT PROPOSALS

Our Endowment Committee is soliciting proposals from investment firms to provide investment management services for our investment account.

CBE seeks investment services for future legacy gifts and the current endowment in accordance with CBE's Investment Policy. Given the significance of the Endowment to our congregation, we are seeking someone who will steward our capital safely with focus on long-term growth. There may be ancillary services required throughout the engagement, but managing the endowment funds is the immediate and most important need for this relationship. **If you are interested in receiving the full RFP kindly indicate your interest via email to Chad Bernstein, Endowment Committee Chair, at Bernstein.chad@gmail.com no later than January 15, 2026.** All information received and discussed shall remain strictly confidential. We thank you for your attention to this matter and look forward to working with you.



ASK BUBBE...

Advice from a Jewish Mother

Dear Bubbe, my daughter Shira asks: "How can we pursue justice (tzedek) when it's so dark and cold? Can't we just wait for spring?" —Waiting for the Sun

Bubbe: Nu, Shira, if we only did mitzvahs in the sunshine, we'd be as useless as a screen door on a submarine!

We celebrate Tu BiShvat in the dead of winter for a reason. Even when the ground is frozen, the sap is already rising deep inside the trees. The most important growth happens when no one is looking.

Tzedek is the same way. We don't wait for the world to warm up; we are the ones who warm it up! Every act of fairness is a seed planted in the frost. So, put on your boots, grab your heart, and go be the light.

Just wear a scarf, okay? You'll catch a chill!

With love and kugel, Bubbe

SUSAN B. SHPEEN Z”L MEMORIAL DONOR DINNER AND CONCERT

SAVE THE DATE

**CBE Sisterhood’s 15th Annual Susan B. Shpeen (z”l)
Memorial Donor Dinner and Concert**

June 14 at 5:00 pm

at Congregation Beth Emeth

The Mamales

Be on the lookout for registration soon!

UPCOMING SISTERHOOD EVENTS

The Hills Are Alive at Proctors!

Join us for a matinee performance of *The Sound of Music* on **Saturday, March 22 at 2:00 PM**. We have only 20 tickets available, so act fast!

- SH/BH Members: \$85
- Non-SH/BH Members: \$90
- Deadline to purchase: February 13

Don’t miss out on this timeless classic—secure your seat today by going to CBEAlbany.org, clicking Upcoming Events, and searching for “Sound”. Use the code SHBH for the member discount on the payment page!

January Mah Jongg

Save the date for our Mah Jongg Tournament on **Thursday, January 15!** You can register today by going to Upcoming Events, searching for Mah Jongg, and going to the event page for the registration form. Thank you!

Sisterhood Book Club

On **Wednesday, January 7, at 7 PM** we will be discussing *Kantika* by Elizabeth Graber. Join us for conversation, nosh, and a community of book lovers.

BROTHERHOOD: WHERE COMMUNITY COMES TO LIFE

President of Brotherhood Jay Hurewitz

Schmooze with us!

Thanks to our Brotherhood member Stephen Weitzman, we've added a new event on our monthly Brotherhood calendar. We are now meeting in the evening once a month to exchange ideas on current Torah topics, connecting, and sharing as we learn and debate that month's topic.

Each month, we will gather for a relaxed and meaningful "Torah Schmooze" — a chance to connect over coffee, camaraderie, and conversation rooted in Jewish wisdom. Whether you're a seasoned scholar or just Torah-curious, come share insights, ask questions, and enjoy the spirit of brotherhood. No preparation needed, just bring your curiosity and a good sense of humor!

Our first Brotherhood Torah Schmooze in November revolved around "What is it to be Jewish?"

I can't read or write Hebrew; I never study Torah and I rarely go to temple. I wear a Jewish star and eat a bagel and lox or a brisket sandwich religiously. I'm Jewish. Or am I? What does it mean to be Jewish? Is Jewish identity an accident of birth? Is it culinary? Is it cultural? Or, is there an action required in order to be Jewish? We discussed how the Torah, Rabbinic sages like Maimonides and Rashi, and 21st century traditional and Reform Rabbis have defined Jewish identity.

Our second Brotherhood Schmooze in December discussed Chanukah.

Ask anyone to tell you how Chanukah began or why we celebrate for eight days and they are sure to tell you of a sacred jar of oil, 8 nights of miracles (and possibly presents), a few battles, and a temple cleansing. But, for all intents and purposes, this was not the case. We put another light on Chanukah as we discussed how it has been viewed by Jews over thousands of years, why the Talmudic Rabbis asked "What is Chanukah" (that it should even be celebrated); why it has become a popular major holiday in America; and what Chanukah's significance is for all Jews in the 21st century.

We hope you will join us for our Monthly call as we gather to learn, share our thoughts and opinions, and connect with each other. No prior Torah Study experience or advanced Jewish knowledge is necessary.

Judaism and Civic Engagement Panel

Join us on **Sunday, March 15 (9:00 am – 11:30 am)** for an insightful panel discussion on Judaism and Civic Engagement. This session brings together spiritual leadership and field professionals to examine the theological and practical foundations of Jewish advocacy.

Key discussion points include:

- **The Mandate:** Understanding the Reform movement's historical commitment to social justice.
- **The Jewish Voice:** Identifying unique perspectives Jews bring to contemporary policy debates.
- **The Toolkit:** Practical ways to engage with local and national government through a faith-based framework.

Gain a deeper perspective on the "Jewish political issues" of today and learn how to effectively represent your values in the civic arena.



CBEYG Apple Bake:

This year's CBEYG's Apple Bake event was a big success with a great attendance and over 80 pies baked! Thank you to all of the Beth Emeth families that purchased pies this year to support our youth group. Keep your eyes out for the 2026 pre-orders.

Join Us Every Wednesday!

CBEYG members meet every Wednesday at 5:30 pm in Wolk Hall to enjoy a rotating selection of food, laugh and catch up with friends, and fun, high-energy programs planned by the youth group board! Many of our programs are connected to Jewish traditions and holidays, keeping everything exciting, meaningful, and tied to our religion and culture.



Welcome Andrew Kauffman!

Andrew Kauffman is excited to return to Congregation Beth Emeth as the CBEYG Advisor after previously serving in the role from 2014–2018. A lifelong member of CBE, Andrew is thrilled to be back working with our teens and reconnecting with the community.

Andrew and his wife recently moved back to the Capital Region and are enjoying being closer to home—along with their dog, Winnie! Outside of CBEYG, Andrew runs North River Marketing, an agency focused on helping organizations tell their stories and build meaningful connections. He grew up attending Eisner Camp, an experience that continues to inspire his love of Jewish community, leadership, and youth engagement.

You can reach Andrew at CBEYG@CBEAlbany.org or by phone at (518) 339-4852.



Shabbat Services at Avila with Rabbi Weitzman

Followed by a Shabbat Dinner! For Avila Residents.

Friday, January 30, 5:30 PM

More Info? Want to RSVP?

Contact Joan Friedman 518.496.5527

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Honoring Shabbat Tzedek: An Evening of Justice and Action

Featuring Stacy Dedring

Friday, January 16, 2026
5:30 pm



How do we transform our prayers into practice? On **Shabbat Tzedek**, we pause to honor the pursuit of justice (Tzedek) and our collective responsibility to care for the vulnerable among us.

As it is written in Isaiah 58:7, we are called “to share your bread with the hungry and to bring the poor, the outcast, into your home.” This year, we put those words into action by welcoming a special guest to our community.

Service & Guest Speaker

Friday, January 16 at 5:30 pm During our Shabbat service, we are honored to host **Stacy Dedring, Director of Advocacy at the Regional Food Bank**. Stacy will share her expertise on the current state of food insecurity in our region and how we, as a faith community, can advocate for a world where no one goes to bed hungry.

Dinner & Discussion

Following the service, join us for a catered community dinner and a deeper dive into the evening’s themes. This is a unique opportunity to:

- **Engage:** Participate in a Q&A session with Stacy Dedring.
- **Learn:** Discover the systemic roots of hunger and the vital work of the Regional Food Bank.
- **Act:** Explore tangible ways our congregation can make a lasting difference.

BEAUTIFICATION

This fund enhances our building with beauty, including flowers for our bimah and in our chapel.

Donations listed were received by November 30, 2025.

Shabbat of October 24 - 25

Jiggs Englander in memory of Irving Englander

Shabbat of November 21 - 22

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Shabbat of November 27 - 28

Ruth Friedlander in memory of Sam Rockford

Shabbat of December 5 - 6

Ruth Friedlander in memory of Louis Zweig

Shabbat of December 12 - 13

Kathleen Meyers in memory of Howard Meyers

Shabbat of December 26 - 27

Aimei and Caplan Murray in memory of Gail Robin Caplan

Marcia Greenberg and Family in memory of
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Shabbat of January 2 - 3

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Shabbat of January 9 - 10

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Shabbat of January 16 - 17

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Joan D. Goldstein

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Shabbat of January 23 - 24

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Anne Alpart Feldman

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Janice Beth Rosenthal

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The Warheit Family in memory of Walter S. Warheit

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Shabbat of January 30 - 31

Marla Blumenthal in memory of Samuel Richard Blumenthal

Elizabeth and Jerry Goldstein in memory of J. Harold Doling

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Stephen Stracher

Jeffrey Wennar in memory of Alan Wennar

Shabbat of February 6 - 7

Susan and Brian Debronsky in memory of Jerome Irwin Ruzow

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Shabbat of February 20 - 21

Caroline Sommers and Family in memory of Miriam Sommers

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Shabbat of February 27 - 28

Lisa, Max, and William Brown in memory of Stanley Freedgood

Lisa, Max, and William Brown in memory of Herman Rosenbaum

Karen and Steven Fein in memory of Renee Pearlman

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Perpetual Memorials ensure that Kaddish will always be recited for your loved ones. Each year the name is added to the Kaddish list and a plaque is hung in the Chapel or Sanctuary. Notices are sent to remind you of the upcoming yahrzeits and names are listed in the Bulletin.

To learn more about Perpetual Memorials, contact Rose Buell at 518.436.9761 x240 or email Rose@CBEAlbany.org.

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Sanford Soffer
Miriam Spector
Sandra Storfer
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Gerald C. Benjamin

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Hersh Dembo
Estelle Freedman
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Joan Goldstein
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Shabbat of February 20-21

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Shabbat of February 27-28

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 Samuel Farfield
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FROM THE ARCHIVES...

100 years ago

From Rabbi Emeritus Scott Shpeen

Two articles that appeared in the **TIMES UNION** during the winter months of 1926 are of particular note pertaining to Congregation Beth Emeth.

The first is an article about a terrible fire that ravaged Calvary Baptist Church and displaced that congregation. As was done at other times when Trinity United Methodist Church, Westminster Presbyterian Church, and The First Unitarian Society all suffered fires, Beth Emeth opened the doors of the Temple downtown so that Calvary Baptist Church could use our sanctuary to conduct their Sunday morning services beginning in March of 1926.



The second article was a **FULL PAGE AD** taken in the newspaper underwritten by “men and women who believe that if this country is to meet successfully the problems confronting it to-day, there must be, first of all, a greater recognition of the spiritual side of life.” The bulk of the page was an article written by Congregation Beth Emeth Rabbi Marius Ranson entitled, **“GO TO CHURCH AND PRAY: A PSYCHOLOGICAL ANALYSIS”** and he specifically mentions that “It is therefore natural and highly essential that we worship together, for the highest plane of religious feeling cannot be realized save in social prayer...”.

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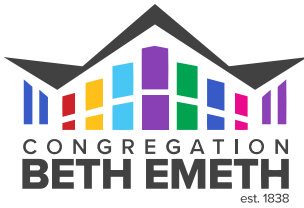
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