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The purpose of this congregation shall be to worship God in accordance with the faith of Judaism; to cultivate a love and understanding of the Jewish heritage; to strengthen the ties within the Jewish community; to strengthen the bonds of loyalty with the Jewish people everywhere; to bring nearer the Dominion of God on earth through an emphasis on the principles of righteousness and harmony in society at large, and to engage in social action projects in pursuit of social justice and Tikkun Olam (repair of both the human and nonhuman components of the world).

FEBRUARY 2021

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, Board Meeting 1/18/21

From the board:

Welcome to new members Amira & Bob Silber and Catherine Rogers!

The board continues to gather thoughts and insights from our membership as we begin 2021. In addition, we are developing a five-year plan, and modified our January meeting to focus on crucial elements.

Rabbi's report: Rabbi Grumbacher continues virtual services and arranging Adult Education, Including a joint session with Rabbi Nagel to discuss the Color of Love and a just announced session with Baltimore rabbis Elissa Kohen and Gustav Buchdahl in February. Rabbi Grumbacher has weekly meetings with Religious School students and families (Wednesdays) and a confirmation student. He is also working with those interested in "choosingJudaism"{

Pulpit Search Committee: The committee has been very busy assessing applications and beginning the process of our goal of a full time rabbi. We are early in the process, but the committee is cautiously optimistic.

Building (& Grounds): Our HVAC system was successfully repaired. Our roof will need replaced. In the next year or so. Discussion is underway regarding our options and gathering cost. estimates, including selecting a roof that would support solar panels.

Finance Committee: The committee reports that while we are financially stable, we will need to find ways to support elements of stated future plans.

These options are under further discussion:

- Option 1 – A dues Increase
- Option 2 – Increasing membership
- Option 3 – Reduce expenses
- Option 4 – Fundraising

A combination of these options is most likely. Securing a rabbi was identified as our priority. The board approved a recommendation by the Social Action Committee for a donation to Habitat for Humanity for an upcoming project.

Peace-

Michelle

FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

“Reform Judaism: What it Was, What it Is, What it Should Be”

A Discussion of our Movement's Evolution

with Rabbi Gustav Buchdahl and Rabbi Elissa Sachs-Kohen

(My favorite and my second favorite Baltimore rabbis)

Sunday, February 28, 10:00 via Zoom

Most of you know that as a graduate of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati and my affiliation with a member congregation of the Union for Reform Judaism throughout my rabbinic career, I am a Reform Jew. And I'm proud of it!

I've seen changes from the time I was ordained until the present, changes in our prayerbooks, in our rituals, in our garb, in our music, in our standing within the general Jewish community. Many of these changes, as I've often said, are welcome; some leave something to be desired. But since it's REFORM Judaism and not ReformED Judaism – a continuing process, not a movement mired in some bygone past – change was and continues to be inevitable.

Rabbi Gustav Buchdahl is my first cousin, my only cousin for that matter. His mother and mine were sisters. Ordained from HUC-JIR in Cincinnati in 1963, he was the rabbi of Temple Emanuel in Baltimore his entire career having retired in 2000. A few years ago demographic changes among other reasons resulted in his congregation being absorbed by Baltimore Hebrew Congregation; and considering my cousin said things extremely positive about the way he and the members were treated (and continue to be), it was the best thing that could have happened.

My cousin grew up in the same congregation as did I, the Hebrew Tabernacle of Washington Heights in upper Manhattan, a congregation that boasts five of its own having been ordained, something special for a congregation relatively small.

Rabbi Elissa Sachs-Kohen, to whom I have given the honorary title of my second favorite Baltimore rabbi (and she is), needs no introduction. But I will anyway since there are surely a number of you who know she is a product of Beth El Congregation (the daughter of Andy and Janet Kohen), but don't necessarily know about her path once she left “the Burg.” She graduated from the University of Michigan with a B.A. in theater and drama. Ordained by HUC-JIR in 1999, she served for five years in a congregation in West Hartford, Connecticut before coming to Maryland. As a rabbi in Baltimore Hebrew Congregation for sixteen years I guess she can be considered one of my cousin's rabbis. I believe he would heartily agree (and if you knew him as do I that is an unparalleled compliment!). She has made a name for herself in the general Baltimore community, serving on various boards; and at BHC she focuses her work on racial justice, immigration, poverty and environmental issues.

A lot of history and a lot of experience define the rabbinates of these two colleagues. How they view our movement from when they began their individual journey until now is at the heart of our discussion. I encourage you to put down the date and time on your calendar (or in your phone) and plan to participate. I am confident that this will be most informative.

Leadership

Rabbi: Peter H. Grumbacher

President: Michelle Ornstein

Vice President: Amanda Friss

Treasurer: Ron Rubin

Secretary: Phil Renick

Corresponding Secretary: Gale Clemons

Trustee: Lester Mintzer

Trustee: Eric Rynar

Trustee: Ron Ornstein

Past President: Andy Kohen

At large member: Rachelle Dorne

At large member: Roni Goldberg

Sisterhood Presidents: Sherri Alt + Rebekah Greenfield

Men's Club President: Lester Mintzer

Religious School Principals: Dara Hall + Liz Webb

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YAHREZEITS

02 Emmanuel Loewner	1894 Member	
Harry Weiss		
Morris Myers		
04 Helen Margulis Simon		Fred Simon's Mother
Saul Perlman ` ``	2010	Milton's Brother
05 Fannie Wise ``` `	1877 Member	
Pauline Peck		Beverly Zindler's Mother
06 Rae Trubitz		Mark Trubitz' Mother
09 Fannie Goldsmith	1933 Member	
Hortense Wise		
Harry Moodnick	1982	Ann Mintzer's Brother
10 Jennie Auerbach	1987	Suzi Trubitz' Grandmother
Ada Robinson	1975 Member	Josh Robinson's Mother

12 Abel Miller	1945 Member	
Hannah Nusbaum	1937	
13 James Moneyhun	2003	Hillary Krohn's Son
14 A J Goldenthal	Member	
Rosella Wender	2003 Member	
15 Fannie Loewner Ney	1946 Member	Eddie Ney's Grandmother
17 Gloria Simon	2011	Dale Brothers' Mother
19 Ruth Frankel	1975	Dave Frankel's Mother
20 Lillie Hirsch	1956 Member	
Anna Rodbell		Herb Rodbell's Mother
A J Goldenthal		Marilyn Goldenthal's Husband
21 Adolph Wise	1928 Member	
22 Emanuel Klingstein (Cap)	1971 Member	
24 Charles Moore		Cleda Frankel's Father
Milton Mitchell		Jerry Minskoff's Brother
25 Julia Hirsch Canning	1945	
Samuel Loewner	1894	
Herman Heller		
Sydney Nathanson		
Joseph Strauss	1983	Mark Strauss' Father
26 Ida Fielder	2002	Arnie Kahn's Mother-In-Law
Rabbi Lynne Landsberg	2018	
28 Sam Lane	2007	Stuart Liss' Uncle

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Happy New Year! Religious School has been going great! Our awesome in-person teachers have created a safe learning environment for all of our participants. We have 10 in-person students attending regularly in Alef, Gimmel and Dalet and several students in Bet and Gimmel class are learning remotely during Religious School on Sundays, while others are taking advantage of 'home schooling'. Many are participating in Virtual Family Connect, a weekly family zoom session led by Morah Liz with Rabbi Grumbacher. Thanks to everyone for your support during these interesting times!

Stay well!
Morah Dara & Morah Liz

DONATIONS

Michael & Maureen Goldberger – Yahrzeit - Sadye Goldberger

Arnold Kahn – Yahrzeit – Lester Kahn

Louis & Carol Schepp – Yahrzeit Memorial Fund – Estelle Robinson

Michael & Nancy Clayman – Yahrzeit Harry Clayman

Cindy Baron – Memory of Shirley Baron

Ruth Straus – In honor of Mark Straus

Bary & Ruth Berger – in honor of Ruth's Parents – Joan & Henry Botnick

Judy & Stu Liss – Yahrzeit – Helen Rotkin Levenson – Judy's mother

Eugene Schreiber – Yahrzeit – Elaine Schreiber

Louis & Carol Schepp – Yahrzeit Memorial – Henry Robinson

SOCIAL ACTION

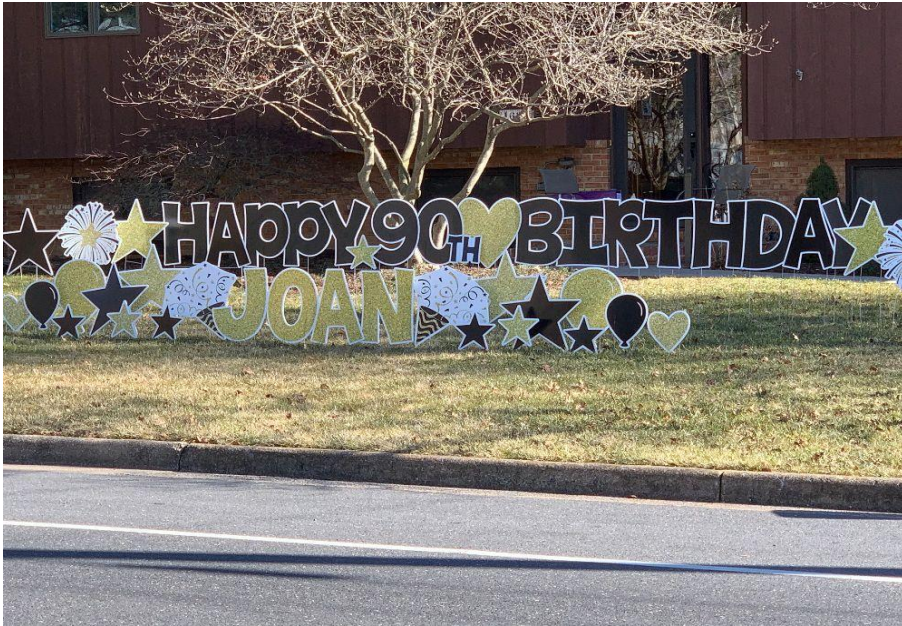
The Social Action Committee is in the process of establishing an email list of congregants who would be interested in receiving emails about matters related to social action and social justice, both in our local communities, as well as globally. Areas of concern, events, learning opportunities, efforts and actions, may be addressed. Many of us are inundated with electronic mail. But during these unusual and difficult times, social action/justice outreach is challenging. Yet it is ever important to remain vigilant, staying informed and if possible, engaged. If you would be interested in being included on this email list, please let Linda Kohn know: kohnlx@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PHOTOS



*****New items only please ******

<p><u>ASSAULT RESPONSE & SAFETY ITEMS:</u> New Prepaid 30 Minute Phones Cell Phones (Wiped/Deleted/With Chargers) Jogging/Sweatpants (M,L,XL, 2X,3X) Sweatshirts (M,L,XL,2X,3X) T-Shirts (M,L,XL,2X,3X) Women's Underwear (6,7,8,9)</p> <p><u>BABY ITEMS:</u> Diapers (Sizes 4,5,6) Baby Wipes Double/Triple Strollers Diaper Rash Ointment Swim Diapers Baby Bottles Sippy Cups Pack & Plays Baby Bath Tubs Baby Toys Breast Pumps</p> <p><u>BEDROOM ITEMS:</u> Twin Sheet Sets Pillows Twin Comforters Blankets</p> <p><u>CLEANING SUPPLIES:</u> Brooms and Dustpans Buckets and Mops Toilet Bowl Cleaner Disinfectant Wipes Glass Cleaner Bleach Lysol Spray Dish Soap Pine-Sol</p>	<p><u>BATHROOM SUPPLIES:</u> Bath Mats Shower Curtains Shower Liners and Hooks Bath Towels Hand Towels Liquid Hand Soap Wash Cloths</p> <p><u>PAPER PRODUCTS:</u> Kleenex Toilet Paper Paper Towel Plastic Cups Zip Lock Bags</p> <p><u>MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:</u> Laundry Soap Laundry Baskets Beach Towels Sunscreen Planners Headphones Prayer Mats USB Flash Drives Shoes (New) Clothing (New All Sizes & Genders)</p> <p><u>FOOD & DRINK:</u> Cold Cereals Canned Goods (Soup, Vegetables, etc.) Juice Coffee Tea Dry Coffee Creamer Sugar Individual Packaged Children's Snacks Hot Chocolate</p>	<p><u>KITCHEN SUPPLIES:</u> Plastic Forks Plastic Spoons Paper Cups/Bowls Cups for Hot Beverages Plastic Dishes/Cups/Bowls Pots, Pans, Skillets Baking Pan/Cookie Sheet Garbage Bags Food Storage Containers with Lids Aluminum Foil Plastic Wrap Dish Towels Dish Sponges/Scrub Brushes Coffee Filters</p> <p><u>PERSONAL CARE ITEMS:</u> Shampoo & Conditioner Body Wash Hand & Body Lotion Deodorant Feminine Hygiene Products Hand Sanitizer Wide Tooth Combs Hair Brushes Dental Floss Shaving Cream Razors</p> <p><u>HAIR CARE PRODUCTS FOR PEOPLE OF COLOR:</u> Hair Grease (Olive Oil, Coconut Butter, Etc.) Hair Lotion Satin Scarves/Bonnets Hair Moisteners Curl Restorer/Definer Detangling Spray Detangling Conditioners Rubber Bands</p>
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOAN
12/22/20

FEBRUARY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
10am Religious School	First Day of Black History Month					
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
SHORTY Meeting						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Valentine's Day	Presidents' Day (regional holiday)				7:30pm Shabbat Service w/ Rabbi Grumbacher	
	6:30pm Board Meeting					
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				Purim Eve		
28	1	2	3	4	5	6
10am Adult Education	First Day of Women's History Month					