#### Yahrzeits this week

Jan 13-3 Shevat Harvey Ellis Berebitsky Sam Bubman Svra Cohn Francis Garlin Fave Menzer Henry Newman Rose Pinchouck Robert Roberman Rose Shane Lena Shapiro Clarence Spitzer Joan Starkston Frieda Tecktiel **David Telpner** Corrine Wolff Mollie Zelkowitz

Jan 14-4 Shevat Sam Abrams Anna Adler Isadore Gentner Harold Golden Ruth Milstein Philip Schoeneman

Jan 15-5 Shevat Svlvia Billowitz Arlene Bizar **Edith Goobler** Harry Heftman

Abraham Kaplan Sherwin Malkin Bessie Modneck Martin Prager Joseph Solomon Edna Speaker Izak Taksin Fred Wertheimer

Jan 16-6 Shevat Dr. Jerome **Abrahams** Louis Cohen Irving Cowan Fred Drucker Sam Goldman Ethel Israel Arnold Levy Pauline Rosenthal Fay Steinberg Sam Wolfson

Jan 17-7 Shevat Herman Friedman Jacqueline **Futterman Guv Shachar** George Slan Ruben Spivak

Jan 18-8 Shevat Michael Bosse Hillard Crost

Max Gotteiner Harry Greenberg Stuart Letwat Ida Rabin Eleanor Roth Julius Sklair Richard Sloan Oscar Wasserman

Jan 19-9 Shevat Ruth Baker George Blum Reuben **Brookstone** Sue Chunowitz Carol Gene Cohen Dave Ein Bruno Fischer Shirley Jacob Jerome Natenberg William Resnick June Sabin Marshall Smulson

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Shabbat -Vaera

## Shabbat Shalom and Welcome to Congregation Beth Shalom!

We seek to enrich the lives of our congregation through ever-evolving ideals of observance, life-long learning, and acts of kindness from this generation to the next. We are committed to meeting the spiritual, educational and social needs of our members through the practice of Conservative Judaism in an all-inclusive manner. We seek to encourage involvement and create a sense of belonging by serving our community, the Jewish people, and the State of Israel.

We hope you enjoy worshiping with us. Following services, please join us for kiddush luncheon and introduce yourself so we may personally greet you.

Rabbi Aaron Melman • Senior Cantor Steven Stoehr • Rabbi David Chapman Dr. Bob Spector, President • Rabbi Carl Wolkin, Emeritus

# Mazel Toy to Ali Dulman and Steve Minkus on their upcoming marriage.

Link to online Live Streaming (copy and paste into browser) https://www.bethshalomnb.org/pray/live-streaming/ Link to Siddur Sim Shalom (copy and paste into browser) https://www.bethshalomnb.org/pray/siddur-sim-shalom/

Many members of our congregation have had allergic reactions to perfume and/or colognes. We are asking that if you could, please keep this in mind and refrain from using these products in the future. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

#### Schedule of Services

In-Person & Live Stream, Sunday & Legal Holidays @ 8:45 AM Monday-Friday @ 7:45 AM Sunday-Thursday @ 7:45 PM

## CBS has now returned to daily in-person Minyanim.

Please take an active role in our community by helping us make Minyan every morning & evening.

- Masks are now optional, if you are more comfortable, please continue to wear your mask.
- If you're not feeling well, you should not attend any worship services, events, or programs, in person, at CBS.

#### Thought to Ponder:

God puts Moses in the "role" of Pharoah (Ex. 7:1). Have you ever felt called to play a new "role" in life?

## Acknowledgements

The Kiddush is hosted by: Charles and Suzanne Minkus in honor of Steven Minkus and Ali Dulman's Auf Ruf, The Congregation, Sisterhood and the Laven Family Shabbat Celebration Fund.

#### **Mark Your Calendars**

CBS Main Office closed for
MLK Holiday
Scholar in Residence
ShabbaTONE and 5th Grad
Shabbat
Shabbat with a Twist
Sisterhood Shabbat with
Birthday Selahbrate
Ark Adventures
Anniversary Shabbat
Selahbrate
CBS Annual Fundraiser

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## Congregational Gifts for S'machot

B'nai Mitzvah receive gifts from the congregation, Sisterhood, Men's Club, JUF, the Youth Commission and Rochelle Zell Jewish High School.

Gifts presented to those celebrating aufrufs and babynamings are provided by the Zaransky Family Ticktin Jewish Community Memorial Fund.

## Synagogue Etiquette

In keeping with the spirit of Shabbat and to respect your fellow worshipers, please refrain from taking photographs, smoking and writing. If you must be accessible, please set your phone on silent. Please do not use your cell phone anywhere inside the building.

If you have any questions, please see one of our volunteer Shabbat Ambassadors or Greeters.

We invite you to visit www.BethShalomNB.org for more information about Beth Shalom and our many events, classes and programs happening throughout the year! All CBS religious services are live streamed.

## Today's Torah Reading

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#### This Week's Parashah

"I have heard the cries of the Israelites," says God, "and I will now fulfill my promise to them, redeeming them from slavery and bringing them into the land which I promised to their ancestors." Moses relates God's words, but the Israelites refuse to listen. God instructs an unwilling Moses to speak to Pharaoh. How can he convince Pharaoh, Moses wonders, if even the Israelites will not listen to him? God tells Moses to have Aaron accompany him as spokesman. When Pharaoh refuses to allow the Israelites to journey into the wilderness to worship God, the plagues begin. First, the Nile river and all the water in Egypt turn to blood. This is followed by an infestation of frogs. However, Pharaoh's magicians are able to duplicate these calamities. When the plague of lice afflicts the land, the magicians tell Pharaoh that it is the finger of God. Only when God afflicts Egypt with the fourth plague, wild beasts, does Pharaoh begin to soften, offering, finally, to allow the Israelites to go. Once the plague is removed, Pharaoh changes his mind. The fifth plague (cattle disease), the sixth plague (boils), and seventh plague (fiery hail) torment the Egyptians, and Pharaoh is once again forced to give in. But as soon as the hail ceases. Pharaoh's heart is hardened and he refuses to release the Children of Israel, Moses and Aaron go to Pharaoh demanding in the name of God that the Israelites be permitted to leave Egypt to worship God in the wilderness, but Pharaoh refuses to agree to their plea.

## Today's Haftarah

Ezekiel lived in Babylon during the days of the exile, and was a master of mystic dreams and visions. Like Jeremiah and Isaiah, he fortified his people's faith in God's forgiveness, but unlike them he stressed the great need for structured ritual as a basis for a religious revival. The haftarah begins with a scene of Israel restored to its land from exile. Then Ezekiel turns to Egypt with a fury. He compares Pharaoh and his nation to a sea monster whom God will feed to the beasts and the birds. Egypt will be made desolate by God and its people will be dispersed. Eventually, the Egyptian people will be restored to their land. but this nation, which subjugated the

Children of Israel, will be humbled, and Israel will have been strengthened.