

## Temple Beth Shalom



# The Shofar

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Tammuz/Av/Elul 5780

July/August 2020

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### A Prayer of Hope by *Rabbi Naomi Levy*

We are frightened, God,  
Worried for our loved ones,  
Worried for our world.  
Helpless and confused,  
We turn to You  
Seeking comfort, faith and hope.  
Teach us God, to turn our panic into patience,  
And our fear into acts of kindness and support.  
Our strong must watch out for our weak,  
Our young must take care of our old.  
Help each one of us to do our part to halt the spread of this virus  
Send strength and courage to the doctors and nurses  
In the frontlines of this battle,  
Fortify them with the full force of their healing powers.  
Send wisdom and insight to the scientists  
Working day and night across the world to discover healing treatments.  
Bless their efforts, God.  
Fill our leaders with the wisdom and the courage  
To choose wisely and act quickly.  
Help us, God, to see that we are one world,  
One people  
Who will rise above this pandemic together.  
Send us health God,  
Watch over us,  
Grace us with Your love,  
Bless us with Your healing light.  
Hear us God,  
Heal us God,  
Amen.



**Yahrzeits**  
*May Their Memories Be a Blessing*

**July 3-4/11-12 Tammuz**

1 – Abe Koplen  
3 – William Albert Nakdimen

**July 10-11/18-19 Tammuz**

6 – William Marks  
8 – Irving Goldstein  
9 – Harry S. Greenberg  
11 – Jonathan David Manheim

**July 17-18/25-26 Tammuz**

12 – Samuel Aaron Lantor  
13 – Joseph Stendig  
14 – Sarah K. Harris  
15 – Walter J. Feibelman  
15 – Joseph Gleicher  
15 – Mrs. Jacob Hoffman  
16 – Barbara Manheim

**July 24-25/3-4 Av**

19 – Sam Lazarus  
22 – William Herbert Hoffman  
23 – Ruth Abrams Koplen  
24 – Helen Kramer

**July 31-August 1/10-11 Av**

27 – Janet Harris Lewis  
28 – Cyla Gleicher  
28 – Bessie W. Koplen  
31 – Margaret B. Kushner

**August 7-8/17-18 Av**

1 – Adam Becher  
3 – Jennie S. Lantor  
4 – Sydelle Gerber  
4 – Carol Conner Popek  
5 – Herman G. Koplen

**August 14-15/24-25 Av**

9 – Goldie Levine  
10 – Kate Cohen  
11 – Henry Rubin  
11 – Julian S. Sater  
12 – Fannie Kirsten Platt

**August 21-22/1-2 Elul**

17 – Bertha Warshaw  
20 – Ben B. Fuchs (Fox)

**August 28-29/8-9 Elul**

26 – Ruth Feibelman  
27 – Jerome B. Kushner  
28 – Rose Schein Manheim  
29 – Mamie Zietz Singer

**September 4-5/15-16 Elul**

30 – Bessie Halperin Jaiven  
30 – Rabbi David M. Kushner  
31 – Harry Harris  
2 – Sarah Heiner  
3 – Ida Novakoff  
4 – Josephina Sierra de Loper



## Temple Beth Sholom Donations

Eddy and Joan Fraifeld

- In Memory of Patrice Kramer

Sam and Faye Kushner

- In memory of beloved grandmother Sara Rebecca Whitten Kushner, father-in-law Harry Binder Stein, and our friends Eileen Stendig and Buddy Rippe

Peter and Jo Ann Howard

- In memory of our parents Louis Sager, Lee David Howard and Eleanor Howard, brother Lee Evan Howard and Uncle Morris Sager

Mr. Holland S. MacDonald (Blanch, NC)

- A donation to your temple in these troubled times



## Sisterhood Building Fund Contributions

Ronnie Mand, 799-3434

**Please remember the Sisterhood Building Fund** for Sympathy, Mazel Tov, Thank You, and Speedy Recovery. The list is endless. Your contributions are used to beautify our temple.

Steve and Ronnie Mand

- In memory of Patrice Kramer

Kevin and Melanie Vaughan

- In memory of Patrice Kramer

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**Let's welcome Shabbat together each week.  
Watch for your weekly invitation for Zoom.**

### **JULY**

Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:30 p.m.	"Zoom" Shabbat Service – Jo Ann & Peter Howard
Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 p.m.	"Zoom" Shabbat Service – Jo Ann & Peter Howard
Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	"Zoom" Shabbat Service – Jo Ann & Peter Howard
Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 p.m.	"Zoom" Shabbat Service – Jo Ann & Peter Howard
Friday, 31 <sup>st</sup>	7:30 p.m.	"Zoom" Shabbat Service – Jo Ann & Peter Howard



### **AUGUST**

Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 p.m.	"Zoom" Shabbat Service – Jo Ann & Peter Howard
Friday, 14 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 p.m.	"Zoom" Shabbat Service – Jo Ann & Peter Howard
Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup>	7:30 p.m.	"Zoom" Shabbat Service – Jo Ann & Peter Howard
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 p.m.	"Zoom" Shabbat Service – Jo Ann & Peter Howard

## WITH OUR CONGREGATION

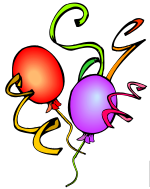
Asher Brandon Caplan graduated from the University of Virginia with Highest Distinction in Media Studies and Philosophy. He received an Academic Achievement Award for his accomplishments in Media Studies as well as the Lewis M. Hammond Award for Outstanding Philosophy Major. This summer he will be working with the UVA Institute for Public History as a research fellow assigned to the Danville Museum of Fine Arts and History. In the fall, he will continue his studies at the University of Virginia within a year-long Masters of Arts program in Media, Technology, and Culture. Mazel Tov to Asher and his proud parents Carol and Mike!

Welcome

**Diane Krome** has moved back to the area and is eager to rejoin us.  
**Jason Eisner and family** are looking forward to be part of our congregational family.

Our wishes for good health are extended to **Belinda and Bernard Baker, Carol Caplan, Faye Kushner, Lynne Loper, Joan Newman** and **Charles Silverman**

We know that some of our congregants become ill, have surgery, or suffer an injury between The Shofar publications, so please know that we extend a prayer of comfort and continued recovery to those who are not specifically named.



## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

**July Birthdays:** 10 – Susan Dufour; 14 – Michael Amick; 15 – Faye Kushner; 18 – Rabbi Estelle Mills; 20 – Darcy Amick; 21 – Rita Green; 21 – Mark Stanley; 22 – Melanie Vaughan

**August Birthdays:** 3 – Sam Kushner; 18 – Noah Kramer; 23 – John Lantor; 29 – Matt Harris

**August Anniversaries:** 20 – Joan and Eddy Fraifeld



During the coming months, please continue to fill your Silver for Sisterhood boxes. When you're ready to turn in your money, just pour it into a baggie, put a note inside and leave it inside the Howard's front door. This is an easy way to support the Sisterhood Building Fund which in turn benefits the temple!



## WHAT'S HAPPENING in JULY and AUGUST



Peter and Jo Ann will host Shabbat services on Zoom during the months of July and August. Right now we have a small group and hope more of you will join us. If you will need a prayer book just let us know. You will receive an invitation each week in order to join the session. If you can't use your computer, you can use your phone.



Uplift another congregant's spirits by giving them a call! It only takes a few minutes and it will make a big difference in their day and yours!

## WHAT WE DID IN MAY and JUNE



Our annual Congregational Meeting was not held, but everyone received reports for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. The majority of you returned your election ballot and our Board will be:

**Officers:** President – Jo Ann Howard, Vice President – Michael Caplan, Secretary – Sam Rippe, Treasurer – Peter Howard

**Managers** – Mira Becher, Bonnie Brumfield, Sam Kushner, and Susanne Singer



Our last Nosh and Knowledge with Rabbi Klirs was all about Yiddish...vocabulary, stories, jokes, and music. Everyone who attend this Zoom session really enjoyed themselves!



## **A Little Chelm Humor is Good for the Soul!**

### **Chelm Redux**

Two men from Chelm were watching the 11:00 news featuring a story about a guy jumping off of a bridge.

Chaim says to Yankel "I bet you \$10 he jumps."

Yankel says, "Okay, I bet you \$10 he doesn't jump."

They watch the rest of the broadcast. The guy jumps so Yankel goes to give Chaim the money.

Chaim says "I can't take your money, I saw the 10 O'clock news and they showed the same story."

Yankel says "So did I but I didn't think he would jump again!!!"

### **Chelm's First Medical Student**

Chaim Yankel, a resident of Chelm, made his neighbors proud by being the first member of his town to be accepted into medical school.

While making rounds, a doctor points out an X-ray to a group of the medical students.

"As you can see," he says, "the patient limps because his left fibula and tibia are radically arched. Chaim Yankel, what would you do in a case like this?"

"Well," ponders Chaim Yankel, "I suppose I'd limp too."

### **Chaim Yankel is a Father**

Chaim Yankel was a new father! His wife Ruchie decided to leave the new baby with him for the day while she went out to do some shopping. When Ruchie returned, she went to check on the baby. The smell was overpowering. She found the disposable diaper full and leaking. She was furious!

She confronted her husband, "Chaim Yankel! What's the matter with you? Didn't you bother to check the baby's diaper all day?"

Chaim Yankel responded, "Why you are so angry! The box says it's good for up to eight pounds!"



**JULY - AUGUST 2020**

**Danville**

*Martha Woody, President*

When I wrote for the last Shofar, we were six weeks into sheltering in place and still getting used to the “new normal.” Two months later, the pandemic appears to be worsening and there is no end in sight. Larger issues – especially the racial inequities in our country that the pandemic has exposed and the violence against people of color – compete with the personal difficulties, large and small, that beset us – a friend becomes a widow, a family trip that must be canceled, the daily grind of lockdown that both over- and underwhelms.

Bear with me while I take a side trip here. I recently finished a book entitled “Grateful” by Diana Butler Bass, whose premise is that “gratitude embodies the wisdom of humanity’s greatest spiritual teachers: the love of neighbor. Gratitude takes us from abstract belief to living compassion in the world.” (p. 187). We are all both beneficiaries and benefactors, and I know of no place where that is truer than Hadassah, the Women’s Zionist Organization of America.

The Hadassah Medical Organization has provided outstanding leadership in stem cell and immunotherapy research that holds promise in treating diseases such as ALS and melanoma. Hadassah advocates for gender equity in medical research (did you know that 55% of deaths from hypertension are women, but only 38% of clinical trials on high blood pressure include women?) and has as one of its basic tenets the right of all human beings to access appropriate health care. Most recently, Hadassah has been advocating for quality, affordable diagnosis and treatment of infertility issues.

In response to the death of George Floyd and other victims of racially motivated violence, Hadassah has released the following statement:

*Hadassah stands in solidarity with communities of color and with all those from Jewish and other communities denouncing all aspects of systemic racism. As an organization and as individuals, we must listen, question our own biases, and speak out against racism and bigotry in our country. Our hearts go out to our members, staff, and community partners of color, and we pledge to continue serving as allies in this fight.*

We are the beneficiaries of Hadassah’s work in medical research and in advocacy, and we are benefactors as well. It is through our support, financial and otherwise, that Hadassah’s efforts can continue. You will soon be receiving yet another appeal to contribute to this life-saving (on many levels!) work. When you do, please be as generous as you can during these difficult times.

As always, thank you for your part in tikkun olam, the healing of the world. Please continue to be careful, stay safe, and be healthy!

*Martha*





**Watch your inbox or your mailbox for this year's **Donor** invitation. We will have a inspiring speaker who is so excited about Hadassah. Where will it be? On Zoom!! And you can sip on your beverages and food items of choice while you enjoy the program. Looking forward to seeing you on Zoom!**

**This article is definitely worth taking a few minutes to read!**

Leading a COVID-19-Free Hospital—a Vision Beyond the Virus at Hadassah

[www.hadassah.org](http://www.hadassah.org) | News & Stories

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Tamar Elram, director of Hadassah Hospital Mount Scopus, has been in the very unusual situation of running a large hospital that does not have to provide medical care for COVID-19 patients. The Hadassah Medical Organization administration had made the decision in early March to dedicate a whole building (the Round Building) at the Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem campus to COVID-19 patients, thereby leaving the entire Mount Scopus hospital campus and the rest of the Hadassah Ein Kerem campus free to treat patients with regular illnesses without fear of infection from the coronavirus.

That does not mean, however, that all the patients who come to Hadassah Mount Scopus' Emergency Room (ER) are free of the virus. But, thanks to a recent 18-month renovation and expansion, the ER is divided into two parallel sections, one for regular patients needing emergency care, and one for patients who are suspected of having COVID-19. The latter are tested and, if positive for COVID-19, are immediately transferred to the Hadassah Ein Kerem Round Building for treatment.

During a June 24 webinar, hosted by Hadassah International, Dr. Elram explained that one of the essential elements a hospital has to plan for during this pandemic is the flow of patients. To ensure that those who are suspected of having COVID-19 do not infect others, a hospital needs a separate entrance to the ER and a separate bay for ambulances carrying potential COVID-19 patients, so that regular patients and the staff caring for them do not have to pass through an area that might be contaminated by COVID-19. This includes elevators, bathrooms, and showers.

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Applauding her outstanding leadership team, Dr. Elram noted that her staff are trained in emergency management and have shown incredible initiative in thinking out of the box and in making crucial decisions in a time of uncertainty. Quick decision making is essential, she said, such as in deciding who to test for COVID-19, including the people who accompany the patient to the hospital. This is vital to keeping a hospital free of the virus.

Another very important Hadassah innovation is the testing of every staff member for COVID-19 on a regular basis, even if they are asymptomatic. That way Hadassah personnel can be sure they are not infecting others. The testing policy has led to a very high morale among the staff, and the policy has become a role model for other medical institutions in Israel, who have now followed suit.

Dr. Elram brought out that, during the pandemic, many people with regular medical problems have been afraid to go to any hospital for fear of being exposed to the coronavirus. In addition, Israel's Ministry of Health instructed all hospitals to stop doing elective procedures, with "elective" defined as any procedure that is not an emergency, including things like ultrasound tests for pregnant women.

Because Hadassah Mount Scopus is COVID-19 free, and patients can come and go without fear of contracting the virus, Hadassah's leadership decided to perform elective procedures there. But, Dr. Elram related, the public is still anxious about coming to a hospital during the pandemic, so the hospital's overall number of patients is still lower than usual.

The patients of Hadassah Mount Scopus' Center for Children with Chronic Diseases, however, continue to come for their regular treatments. The Center is renowned for its compassionate, integrated care, and the parents trust Hadassah to make sure that their children are safe at all times.

Asked about her vision for Hadassah Mount Scopus beyond COVID-19, Dr. Elram noted that the pandemic has afforded her some unexpected opportunities. With the reduction in the number of patients seeking care at Hadassah, she has been able to move forward with her "list of future projects." As she explained, although the original Hadassah Mount Scopus is an old historic building, and improvements and renovation must take place without changing the exterior, there is available land on the campus for additional buildings. Dr. Elram is taking advantage of this. A perfect example is the new Rehabilitation Center, now under construction.

Despite the pandemic, Hadassah Mount Scopus continues to grow and to provide the best possible cutting edge and compassionate medicine to the residents of Jerusalem and beyond.

## Rays of Hope and Celebration



Our Danville members continue to “light” menorahs and share their sentiments. You too can participate throughout the year when you would like to share your feelings, events taking place, or just because. Each menorah is just \$18. Make your check payable to Hadassah and mail along with your sentiments, to Jo Ann Howard, 326 Rosemary Lane, Danville, VA 24541. Looking forward to hearing from you!

Mira Becher

My entire menorah is in memory of Patrice Kramer who was a very special woman.



Carol Caplan

My menorah is in memory of the victims of COVID-19 especially dear friend, Mr. Thomas Campbell and in honor of the people who continue to fight the virus including Mrs. Barbara Campbell and others. The lights are for the support of our mail carriers, grocery store workers, pharmacy workers, teachers, nursing home staff and all of the essential businesses who are all there for us and most importantly our health care workers especially Mrs. Kim Caplan, my daughter-in-law on the front lines and Dr. Michael Caplan and in honor of Aaron, Kim, Mike and Asher Caplan my wonderful family. Stay Safe and Be Well! Carol Caplan



Denise Johnson

One for all my Danville friends.  
One for my dear friend Ruth Feibelman and others whose Danville memories I love.  
One for my parents and brother Dos  
One for the survivors I work with at The Florida Holocaust Museum.  
One for the health and safety of everyone in our Danville Hadassah and elsewhere.  
One for hospital staff everywhere.  
One for all who maintain essential services.  
One for all who help by staying home.



Jo Ann Howard

Lights for the joy Patrice Kramer brought to her family and friends.  
Lights of memory of her creative ways of teaching religious school.  
Lights of hope that Bryna and Noah will carry on her legacy of love and compassion.

Lights for the joy Rabbi Green found in life, especially through his music.  
Lights of memories we have of Dawne and Dan's wedding, Maya's baby naming, and Amanda's conversion.

Lights of hope that Mort's legacy will be carried on with joy by family and friends.

Lights for the joy Rabbi Rieser found in life, especially with family and in his sharing his passion for Judaism.

Lights of memories we have of wonderful visits in Florida and a wonderful High Holy Day season in Danville.

Lights of hope that Louis' legacy of compassion and a love of learning will be carried on by family, students, and friends.

