

Temple Beth Sholom



The Shofar

Tevet/Shevat/Adar 5781

January/February 2021

The Sun Still Shines Through the Stained Glass Windows and in Our Hearts

Jo Ann Howard, President

As I was getting ready to type Happy New Year 2021, I picked up our Activities Booklet from last year to see what had been planned at the beginning of 2020. We had a Tu B'Shevat Seder in February and "It's Never Too Early for Purim" at the beginning of March. We had such a wonderful time at both events, and then...our doors were shut due to the COVID-19 pandemic. And now, here we are at the beginning of 2021 and those two holidays are right around the corner...earlier on the secular calendar and right on time on the Jewish calendar.

The sun is still shining through our stained glass windows.

Let's pause for a minute to reflect on what it meant to shut our doors. Rabbi Klirs conducted her monthly Shabbat services and adult education on a prerecorded Zoom feed in March, April and May. Peter and I (with blessings from the Board) tried Zoom live starting on May 22nd and have only missed two Shabbats since then! In the fall we were invited to join Temple Emanuel's Zoom services for Rosh Hashanah 5781 and Yom Kippur. We had our own Zoom services for Sukkot and Simchat Torah. We even celebrated the second night of Chanukah together! Those of us who meet on Zoom have enjoyed welcoming Shabbat and celebrating holidays as a "family".

The sun is still shining through our stained glass windows and in our hearts.

Looking ahead, Tu B'Shevat is at the end of January and Purim is at the end of February. We're going to make these events happen...yes, on Zoom and I hope more of you will join us. Our sense of community is so important. Lighting candles together, reciting prayers, sharing special moments, kvelling when our younger members participate, meeting new friends...**these are the things that keep our doors open in our hearts!**



Yahrzeits

May Their Memories Be a Blessing

January 1-2/17-18 Tevet

28 – Nathan Lantor
30 – Julius Novakoff
1 – Shirley Levy
1 – Ella Friedman
1 – Jacob Cohen

January 8-9/24-25 Tevet

3 – Michael Becher
3 – Jacquie Koplen
5 – Aaron Bane
5 – Selig Heiner Kingoff
5 – Trudy Silverman
6 – Daniel Barrs
6 – Russell Denny
6 – Betsy Fresco
6 – Henry Nakdimen
8 – Jennie Rossnier Costin
9 – Jacob Hoffman
9 – Herman Mueller
9 – Herbert “Hup” Sater

January 15-16/2-3 Shevat

10 – Hyman Jacobs
15 – Irving Maxwell Heiner
16 – Sol J. Levy

January 22-23/9-10 Shevat

19 – Dr. Henry Moskowitz
20 – Sol Kingoff
20 – Celia Barg Jacobs
21 – Jane Carol Harris
21 – Edna Brodtkin Goldstein
21 – Kate Lazarus
22 – Isaac Berman
23 – Dora Lubin

January 29-30/16-17 Shevat

24 – Barnett Katzman
24 – Alvin H. Rosenstock
25 – Sylvia Heyman
25 – Minnie Miller
26 – Helene Koplen Navell
27 – Harry Abrams
28 – Lillian W. Kramer
28 – Dora R. Rosenstock
28 – Elias Salamon
29 – Hyman Kravitz

February 5-6/23-24 Shevat

1 – William H. Kay
1 – Edna LeBof
2 – Esther Newman
4 – Yetta S. Schreibfeder

February 12-13/30 Shevat-1 Adar

9 – Bessie Berman
10 – Mary Abrams
13 – Sonia Lubin Rippe

February 19-20/7-8 Adar

15 – Dr. Louis Herman Calisch
16 – Aaron Lazarus
16 – Hyman Nakdimen
17 – Henry Lowenstein
18 – Fannye Sater

February 26-27/14-15 Adar

21 – Rosa Bane
21 – Anna K. Kelson
22 – Albert Koplen
24 – Mayme Newman



Temple Beth Shalom Donations

Dearest Friends,

Your generosity is overwhelming. We are so blessed to be considered a part of the Temple Beth Shalom family. We pray all in this precious congregation are doing well. Please accept our tithe as a sign of commitment and as a way to say "We miss you too!"

Very sincerely and with much love,
Jim and Marcy Heffinger

Sam and Faye Kushner – We remember dear friends Sigge Navell, Alvin Newman, and Mary and Ellis Halperin; Rabbi Benjamin Kelson; and Dr. Samuel Newman; Beloved Aunt Jean F. Kushner

Peter and Jo Ann Howard – In memory of beloved mother Eleanor Sager
In Honor of John Lantor's retirement; In Honor of Charles Silverman's 89th birthday;
In Memory of Don Loper's sister

Sam and Faye Kushner express gratitude to all who work to keep our temple strong.



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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**Let's welcome Shabbat together..
Watch for your weekly invitation for Zoom.
Watch for additional events which may be added.**

JANUARY

Friday, 1 st	No Service	Happy New Year 2021!
Friday, 8 th	7:30 p.m.	"Zoom" Shabbat Service
Friday, 15 th	7:30 p.m.	"Zoom" Shabbat Service
Friday, 22 nd	7:30 p.m.	"Zoom" Shabbat Service
Friday, 29 th	7:30 p.m.	"Zoom" Shabbat Service



FEBRUARY

Friday, 5 th	7:30 p.m.	"Zoom" Shabbat Service
Friday, 12 th	7:30 p.m.	"Zoom" Shabbat Service
Friday, 19 th	7:30 p.m.	"Zoom" Shabbat Service
Friday 26 th	7:30 p.m.	"Zoom" Shabbat Service

WHAT'S HAPPENING in JANUARY and FEBRUARY



Peter and Jo Ann will continue to host Shabbat services on Zoom during the months of January and February. We have a small group and hope more of you will join us on your computer, laptop, or phone. Come and learn some new songs and prayers, meet some new people, and feel the warmth of welcoming Shabbat. If you need a prayer book just let us know. You will receive an invitation each week in order to join the session.



TU BISHVAT

The 15th of Shevat on the Jewish calendar—celebrated this year on Thursday, January 28, 2021—is the day that marks the beginning of a “new year” for trees. Commonly known as Tu Bishvat, this day marks the season in which the earliest-blooming trees in the Land of Israel emerge from their winter sleep and begin a new fruit-bearing cycle.

We mark the 15th of Shevat by eating fruit, particularly from the kinds that are singled out by the Torah in its praise of the bounty of the Holy Land: grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates. If tasting any of these fruit for the first time this season, remember to recite the *Shehecheyanu* blessing. (A blessing recited on joyous occasions, thanking G-d for "sustaining us and enabling us to reach this occasion." This blessing is recited before the standard "*Ha'etz*" blessing recited on fruit.)

One of our Temple Beth Sholom traditions is to have a Tu B'Shevat Seder. Stay tuned for more information.



The month of Adar is the happy month and we certainly don't want to feel sad about missing Purim at the end of February. It's not on the calendar on page 3, but we'll let you know all the important information in plenty of time so that we can have a celebration on Zoom!



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

WHAT WE DID in NOVEMBER and DECEMBER



In December we had a Zoom Shabbat/Chanukah service. Before we lit the Shabbat candles we lit our Chanukah menorahs for the second night and sang Maoz Tzur, the song usually sung after lighting the menorah. Then we welcomed Shabbat with a short service. The rest of our time was spent singing, sharing our favorite menorahs and enjoying Chanukah trivia. Some of the questions were: Where in the Tenach is the Chanukah story found? (It's not!) What do the letters on the dreidel mean? ("A Great Miracle Happened There" (Israel)). One letter is changed on the dreidels in Israel which changes the meaning of the phrase. What is the letter and what is the new meaning? (In Israel, the letter peh (for the Hebrew word "po," meaning "here") replaces the letter shin to spell out "A Great Miracle Happened Here.")

It was exciting to have so many people join us that evening!



Tikkun Olam: Thank you to those of you who participated in the two opportunities to help make the world a better place. **God's Storehouse's Shred out Hunger** in the Dan River Region and the **Danville-Pittsylvania Cancer Association's Shoe Collection** to support the agency and small businesses in developing countries were both successes.



WITH OUR CONGREGATION

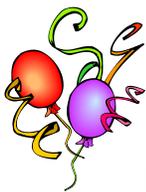
Mazel Tov to **John Lantor** on his retirement, which actually started six months ago! It was bittersweet closing the doors of Lantor's, a family-run women's clothing store in downtown South Boston. It was started by John's grandfather, Sam Lantor, in 1906 and successfully continued for 114 years. John ran the business for the past 44 years. Enjoy your retirement, John!

Mazel Tov to **Diane Krome** on the marriage of her grandson Reese Krome to Corinne Sink on October 3, 2020. It seems just like yesterday that Reese was part of our Temple Beth Sholom family.

Mazel Tov to **Thomas Clark** on his new job with Supply Resources. We know you must be very happy.

Our wishes for good health are extended to **Belinda Baker, Carol Caplan, Joe Eisenberg, Faye Kushner, Lynne Loper** 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

January Birthdays: 2 – Jasmine Eisner; 10 – Don Loper; 13 – Robert Fryman;
17 – Susanne Singer; 21 – Bernard Baker; 22 – George Brumfield; 23 – Belinda Baker

February Birthdays: 6 – Mira Becher; 7 – Karen Mandel; 9 – Carol Caplan;
27 – Michael Caplan; 29 – Rebekka Stanley

Message from Ronnie Mand, Sisterhood President



Hopefully there's an end in sight
Then Sisterhood can resume its might.
Joining together for thought and fun
Enjoying being with everyone.
Helping our temple with whatever task,
But until then, please stay safe and
Wear your mask.



Thank you to these families for filling and refilling their Silver for Sisterhood boxes during the first half of this Sisterhood fiscal year:

Caplan, Howard, Loper, Mand, Rippe, Vaughan

Do you need a Silver for Sisterhood box? Just give Ronnie a call.



A Little Humor is Good for the Soul!



Yankele: "Look at that bunch of cows!"

Moshele: "Not bunch, herd!"

Yankele: "Herd what?"

Moshele: "Of cows."

Yankele: "Heard of cows? Of course I've heard of cows!!"



Abba: "Shmuli, please can you have a look at the left turn signal on the car and tell me if it is working or not?"

Shmuli: "Of course I can, Abba. Yes ... no ... yes ... no ... yes ..."



Avraham: "Waiter, waiter! I'm in a hurry, will my matzah be long?"

Waiter: "No sir, it will be square!!"



Chaim: "Doctor, doctor I think I'm shrinking!"

Doctor: "Well, you'll just have to be a little patient!!"



JANUARY – FEBRUARY 2021

Danville

Martha Woody, President

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As I write this, Chanukah (that's my preferred spelling) is fading in the rear view mirror and by the time it is read we will be celebrating the new year of 2021. For most of us, the past year has been a mixed bag with lots of negatives and surprisingly, some unexpected positives as well. Our Danville Hadassah chapter had barely begun our 2020 activities when we were forced by the pandemic to postpone and then cancel several events. Not to be deterred, we developed new technical skills, like how to arrange a Zoom meeting, and then were able to connect with members who no longer reside in this area - an added bonus! We will take these skills with us and hope to see many of you at our virtual events in 2021! Please put this one on your calendar **now**: **Aliza Bricklin, Southern Seaboard Region President, will visit our chapter virtually on Sunday, January 17th at 4:00 p.m. and we hope you will attend.** More information will follow, including the Zoom link, in the very near future.

This past year has been a struggle for many individuals and organizations, especially as finances are concerned, and Hadassah is no different. The Danville chapter really came through in this regard, big time, with an amazingly successful Angels of Mercy campaign, in addition to other fundraisers throughout the year. Thank you to everyone who worked on and contributed to our various philanthropic efforts! With so many good causes in need, your support for the important work of Hadassah is even more greatly appreciated. We all know that "every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end" (Dan Wilson, Semisonic). I know that we are all looking forward to an end to the pandemic and its restrictions on our ability to travel, see loved ones, even to share a coffee with friends. At the same time, many of us have dug deep and given generously to help others in any way that we could during this difficult time. Let's bring that same generosity and enthusiasm to Hadassah's efforts in medical research and treatment, advocacy, and support for Israel in 2021. Thank you for all you do to prove "the power of women who do"!

What Happened in our Danville Chapter in 2020

Despite the pandemic, we were able to complete our fundraising projects, as well as meet on Zoom so we could be together.



No Show Super Bowl Party – We kicked off the year with a no show event to support the 360 Degrees of Healing Campaign and raised \$1,000.



Rays of Hope and Celebration – This year-round project has given members a way to virtually light a menorah at a meeting and/or send a mazel tov, get well, or an expression of sympathy to a friend or family member. We raised \$594 for Greatest Need.



Virtual Donor Event – Our annual Donor event was held in July this year and was highlighted with a presentation by Sharon Goretsky, our Southern Seaboard Organizational Vice President. Sharon's inspiring speech gave us an inside look at what was happening at our Hadassah hospitals during the pandemic. We raised \$2,015 which was designated for Greatest Need this year, and we had a wonderful time visiting with those who attended.



New Year Card – Thank you to Carol Caplan for chairing this project. We had 39 families participate and raised \$776 which went to Young Judaea Scholarships..



Angels of Mercy – Ronnie Mand and Jo Ann Howard have continued to co-chair this project. We thank Mira Becher, Carol Caplan, Jo Ann Howard, Ronnie Mand, Melanie Vaughan, and Martha Woody for securing 80 business ads. We thank the 34 Danville Hadassah members who supported Angels of Mercy with a personal contribution as well as the 122 non-Hadassah members. Even during this time of uncertainty we were able to raise over \$14,000!



Birthday/Anniversary Cards – Thank you to Dawne Lucas for continuing to chair this project. She works on it year-round in order to send out the birthday and anniversary cards each month. Thank you to those of you who participated. We raised \$1,283 which not only supported Youth Aliyah, but brought a smile to the faces of those who will receive birthday and anniversary cards in 2021.



Chanukah Show and Tell – We had a wonderful time on Zoom sharing our favorite Chanukah items and any stories that went along with them. It was a lot of fun to see members we wouldn't see if the meeting/program was held locally.

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!



Ronnie Mand



I light an entire menorah in honor of Grandma Bessie Koplen who started our Angels of Mercy project in 1950.

I light a second menorah for: Betsy, Steven, and Jo Ann's birthdays, the Caplans, a successful Angels of Mercy, members of our chapter, our AVP Leah Cohen, a very happy Hanukkah to all, and a new occupant in the White House.



Melanie Vaughan



I light an entire menorah for my mother with hopes that I will be able to visit her in the near future.

I light a second menorah for positive thoughts to uplift us; for our families; for Hadassah; for the whole world.



Martha Woody



I light this menorah for my husband who has been so helpful during this time; my son Nathan now in L.A., Bernie and Adriane; Eleanor and Alice ~ our granddaughters who are the light of our lives.

I light a second menorah for Hadassah: Aliza, our wonderful President; Sharon, our OVP, Leah, our AVP, our Danville Board members, and all of our members.



Jo Ann Howard



I light an entire menorah in memory of my mother, Eleanor Sager.

I light a second menorah in honor of my family: Peter, Dawne, Dan, Maya, Jonathan and Faith; and the other members of our Hadassah Board: Martha, Melanie and Ronnie, who have worked so hard this year to make sure that despite the pandemic we had a productive year.



Leah Cohen



I light an entire menorah for Maya.

I light an entire menorah for Yotam.



Susan Dufour

I light this menorah to wish each of you a blessing; and good health and joy this holiday to my family, sister, brother and their families.

Let's be reminded about what makes Hadassah so special



Hadassah Collaborates to Develop a Face Mask that Kills the Coronavirus

The Hadassah Medical Organization, the Israel Institute for Biological Research (IIBR) and Tera Novel, an Israeli start-up company, have collaboratively developed an innovative antiviral and antibacterial mask, which contains a disinfectant that has been proven to be 99.99 percent effective in killing the coronavirus.

Called GERMS OVER, the mask's patented technology has been under development at IIBR for a number of years. Its formula neutralizes resistant bacteria and viruses and prevents infection and further spread of the disease. Tested in a dedicated department at IIBR, the technology and mask were recently approved by Israel's Ministry of Health. The Israel Institute for Biological Research also developed Israel's COVID-19 vaccine, Brilife, which is now launching Phase II clinical trials at Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem and Tel HaShomer's Sheba Medical Center. Shortly, the trial will be expanded to other hospitals around the country. [During Phase I, about 80 individuals were inoculated with the vaccine at Hadassah](#) and Sheba. No serious side effects were reported.