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## Nomination of Officers and Trustees

This is to advise that in accordance with Article VII, Section 4 of Beth David's Bylaws, the Nominating Committee has nominated the following members of the congregation to serve as Officers of the congregation or on the Board of Trustees. Elections for these positions will be held at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, June 11, 2023 at 8:00pm via Zoom.

### **Officers:**

President -- Rodd Bender\*

Executive Vice President -- Jane Horwitz\*

Vice President -- Josh Broker \*

Vice President -- Marjorie Volpp\*

Chief Financial Officer -- Jesse Deutsch\*

Treasurer -- Steve Saltzman\*

Secretary -- Susan Frant\*

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Immediate Past President -- Lisa Miller\* (no vote required)

(\* denotes individual currently holds Officer position)

### **Board of Trustees:**

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Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Miller  
Chair of the Nominating Committee



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## **Beth David Annual Meeting - Agenda June 11, 2023, 8:00pm**

- I. Song/Welcome/Invocation - Rabbi Kalisch and Cantor Goodlev
- II. Beth David Community Highlights - Rabbi Kalisch and Cantor Goodlev
- III. Three Paths to a Thriving Future Update:
  - A. Overview and Recap: Benchmarking, Three Paths, and Campaign for Beth David - Rodd Bender
  - B. 2022-23 Initiatives - Rabbi Kalisch, Rabbi Koppel, Rodd Bender, Jane Horwitz, Marjorie Volpp
- IV. Chief Financial Officer Report - Jesse Deutsch
- V. Strategic Priorities Task Force - Rodd Bender
- VI. Sisterhood Report - Cheryl Harper
- VII. Honoring Outgoing Trustees - Rodd Bender
- VIII. Election and Installation of Officers and Trustees - Rodd Bender and Rabbi Kalisch
- IX. Closing - Rabbi Kalisch and Cantor Goodlev

## OFFICER REPORTS

### **President's Report/Slide Presentation Rodd Bender**



### **Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Finance Committee Report Jesse Deutsch, CFO and Finance Committee Co-Chair Steven Saltzman, Treasurer and Finance Committee Co-Chair**

Together, the Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer, and Finance Committee monitor Beth David's financial activities and health, both short term and long term.

The Finance Committee is tasked with:

- reviewing the monthly operating statements
- developing the annual operating budget
- reviewing proposals to improve the finances of Beth David
- reviewing proposals for larger expenditures
- reviewing any policy or event, whether at, or outside of, Beth David (e.g., COVID-19) that may impact the financial results
- providing recommendations to the Executive Committee, as needed, which then provides input and brings vetted recommendations to the Board of Trustees for consideration and approval

Developments during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023:

- Payoff of the remaining balance of the WSFS mortgage
- Maintained paid membership unit count
- Received two grants totaling \$35,000 to offset security expenditures
- Continued to receive pledges to the Challenge Campaign established in response to the loan payoff donations

Last year the Board passed a deficit budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. Fiscal 2023 was a difficult year from an operating performance perspective for several key reasons - primarily lower-than-budgeted receipts for membership commitments, religious school tuition/fees, and general unrestricted donations, as well as the decision not to make a formal Yom Kippur appeal, which collectively drove Beth David's projected deficit to

approximately \$(183,000). This projected deficit is based on several conservative assumptions related to operating receipts thru June 30, 2023 (including the results of the mid-June fundraiser), so the committee expects the final deficit to be slightly less.

The balance in Beth David's "rainy day" fund was approximately \$404,000 at April 30, 2023. We will need to dip into this fund to cover the current year operating shortfall, leaving a balance of approximately \$221,000 (based on the projected current year shortfall).

Many steps are needed to turn around this operating deficit. Some actions have been completed, such as paying off the mortgage, which has eliminated ongoing expenses for debt service. Others will take more time, such as increasing the school headcount and post-b'nai mitzvah engagement – we are optimistic that our investment in hiring a full-time education director will help us achieve those goals. Other ideas to generate revenue from Beth David's physical plant will require more creativity due to significant zoning constraints imposed on the congregation when we moved to Lower Merion in 1985; our leadership has been actively working to make progress on this issue.

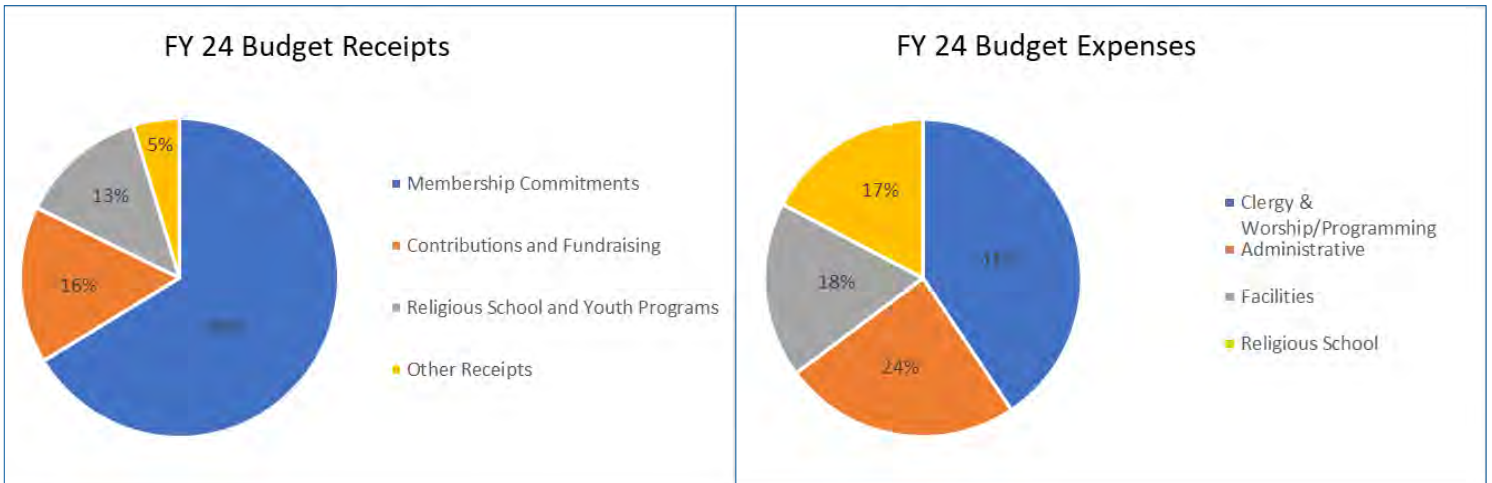
We understand that this message will be sobering for many of our congregants, but we're facing a real financial challenge with no immediate, easy solutions. Everyone must be aware of the existential threat to our community. It is important to understand that Beth David is not alone with respect to rising operating costs and stagnant membership counts, as these trends are impacting many synagogues across the country.

Beth David currently has 299 member units, including 23 lifetime members (and excluding courtesy members). A strong net increase in our membership would tremendously improve Beth David's financial condition. If every member committed to recruiting one new family to just visit Beth David and check it out, that action could translate into a significant turnaround in our finances in a short time period.

As you have all experienced personally, costs are rising, especially utility costs, and these trends have impacted Beth David as well. As a result, the Board has made an informed decision to approve increases in both basic membership commitment levels and religious school fees by approximately 2.5% for the coming fiscal year. The security fee, building fund, and voluntary giving levels above Basic Commitment have not changed.

For Fiscal Year 2024 Beth David is expecting an operating budget deficit of approximately \$(127,000) which is smaller than the projected deficit for Fiscal Year 2023.

The following two charts show the breakout of budgeted receipts and expenses:



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## AUXILIARY REPORTS

### **Beth David Sisterhood (Women of Reform Judaism) Year in Review 2022-2023**

In the past year, we continued to provide enriching and entertaining programs including:

- A lecture and video program on the history of the Broadway show and film, *Funny Girl*
- An informative presentation by Hallie Ruvin on the international Sesame Workshop program
- Hamentaschen baking and distribution of Mishloach Manot (Purim bags) to all congregants. \$1,200.00 of the proceeds from congregants' donations were donated to two food security organizations, Mazon and Mitzvah Food Pantry
- Broadway Bound sold out for a day trip to see one of two Broadway shows. It is the first day trip since Covid 19 curtailed live programming.
- Yoga with Ilene Rosen was live monthly during Religious School with some participants via Zoom.
- Four book clubs. Three are via Zoom, and the new one taking place during Religious School is live
- Our end of year program will be a wine tasting with an expert on June 11, 2-4 pm. Free to paid Sisterhood members and members can bring guests for a modest fee. All participants must pre-register.

The Mishloach Manot and Broadway Bound are successful fundraisers. The Purim project is also a community builder. ORT Honey, Passover candy, Mah Jongg Cards and Hanukkah Candles were also fundraisers.

With the income from our dues-paying members and the support of the congregation for the various sales and especially the Purim bag program, we were able to donate over \$4,000.00 to Beth David Reform Congregation including sponsorship of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary fundraiser. Smaller, but still important donations and gifts went to:

- B'nai Mitzvah students – monogrammed kiddush cups given jointly with Beth David Men.
- Women of Reform Judaism, our umbrella organization which supports, among other things, training of Reform rabbis and cantors, youth programs, and social initiatives on a national and international platform. We are bringing in some younger women and plan to send two of them to the WRJ North American convention next year, with significant underwriting so we can train them to be future leaders.
- WRJ's Atlantic District which supports youth programs on a local level.

Congregants will soon receive information on joining Sisterhood, ways to participate in our activities and an invitation to join our leadership team. *Remember, without you, we are one woman short.*



PURIM BAKING 2023

**Beth David Men, We Are Mensch  
President, Jim Castello**

September of 2022 had Beth David Men banding together to assemble the sukkah to allow for multiple celebrations of Sukkot for various groups of Beth David students and congregants. Last year I said that every year we hope it will get easier to assemble and once again it proved challenging to the group to pull it together. Thanks to everyone who helped and looking forward to building together again this year.

In addition to our Sukkah building, September welcomed back in person High Holiday services. BDM were once again instrumental in providing ushers to welcome congregants back and help insure that services went off without a hitch. Thanks to all of the ushers for your time and good humor.

In what we are hoping becomes an annual December tradition for the men's club, we prepared over 300 latkes using flat top griddles in support of the Beth David Parking Lot-ke Party. 90 lbs. of potatoes and onions were shredded, pressed and fried by an intrepid group of Beth David men and were enjoyed by the attendees. I am just now getting the sweet smell of latkes out of my clothes!

We are planning on supporting all of these efforts once again in 2023 and welcome new members of the men's club to volunteer to help. Anyone interested in participating please reach out to me at [jcastello@bdavid.org](mailto:jcastello@bdavid.org).

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**SH'MA SMALL GROUPS REPORTS**

**Art Appreciation Sh'ma Small Group  
Cheryl Harper and Lisa Miller, Co-Facilitators**

We had an enjoyable time together sharing a mutual appreciation of art through a Jewish lens. Our exploration of the visual arts included a varying range of topics and took us to several different venues over the course of the year.

We started with a group trip to the Modigliani Exhibition at the Barnes Museum. Our next gathering was held at Lisa Miller's home, where Cheryl Harper led a follow-up discussion to the Barnes trip. Rebecca Stein volunteered to be the first rotating discussion leader for the next meeting. Rebecca put together an amazing video presentation on the Israeli artist Sigalit Landau, which we discussed together at the home of Amanda Becker. For the next topic and venue, we switched gears and travelled downtown to see *Rising Sun: Artists in an Uncertain America*, a joint exhibition at PAFA (Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts) and AAMP (African American Museum in Philadelphia). We found some of the artists' interpretations of whether the sun was rising or setting on the experiment of American democracy to be parallel to or illustrative of our own stories as Jews in America and beyond. We hope the next art appreciation adventure will be just as fresh, fun, and discussion-worthy.



Taking in Modigliani at Barnes Museum exhibition



Contemplating "the Delegate" by Rose B. Simpson at PAFA, part of the Rising Sun exhibition

**Communal Table - Empty Nester Happy Hour Sh'ma Small Group**  
**Debra Kauffman and Lisa Miller, Co-Facilitators**

The Empty Nester sh'ma group was created to foster friendship, support, and connection among Beth David parents with kids currently taking flight to college, grad school, a new job, or new a residential location. A diverse group totaling 15 Beth David parents participated throughout the year. We met at various local restaurant/bar establishments - Aldar, Lola's Garden, and DanDan - where we enjoyed appetizers, cocktails, and shared casual conversation around the table. We focused on topics like how we continue to stay in touch with our kids, the dynamic shifts when our kids come home for extended visits, how meals change when kids leave home, and our personal bucket list goals. We found we had much in common. It's been a fun, low key way to meet other Beth David empty nesters and we are looking forward to having more happy hour conversations in the future.

**Positive Aging Sh'ma Small Group**  
**Marya Margolis, Facilitator**

The Positive Aging Small Group met on six Sunday mornings from Nov 13, 2022 to June 11th, 2023 from 10:00-11:30 AM in-person at members' homes for a light brunch with an occasional Zoom add-on as needed for those who could not attend in-person. The group includes 13 members who have been long-time participants. The topics for discussion included Death of Loved Ones, Housing Needs for Seniors, Steps to Age Exuberantly, What Does Aging Well Mean, and other informal subjects. Marya Margolis was the organizer and facilitator of the group.

The members of the group have bonded well over the four years we have been meeting. There was a greater sense of intimacy and connection as we changed to meeting at homes, rather than by Zoom or at the Synagogue. Discussions were always lively, with a level of comfort sharing personal and intimate thoughts and experiences related to the topic of the session. The focus has been on the power of listening to and learning from others, speaking from one's own experience, and the presence of a shared experience in aging. Everyone seemed to enjoy getting to know each other better and strengthening relationships. The group unanimously agreed that we would like to continue meeting in Fall 2023 after the summer break

**SSDO - Suburban Singles Dining Out**  
**Sandy Portnoy, Facilitator**

Suburban Singles Dining Out was conceived as a way for singles to meet other singles who live close to them and are Beth David members. We are trying to build a bond among the members of this group - to meet new people, discuss issues around Beth David and Judaism, and to enjoy a meal together. There is a list of Beth David members who are interested in this group, whom I email each month with details of the next outing. There is no commitment to attend each session. Unlike other Sh'ma groups, we welcome new members, as long as they are single. We meet monthly, usually on the second Sunday of the month, generally for lunch in the nearby suburbs. Our first meeting was September 21, 2021. We have met monthly ever since. Members also suggest restaurants, and each person pays for her own meal. Anybody who is interested in joining can contact me either by phone or email.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Cemetery/Har Hasetim, Friends of the Gladwyne Jewish Memorial Cemetery**  
**Neil Sukonik, President**

2022 was a year marked by much progress at the cemetery.

Highlighted by the well-attended fifth annual Stephen J. Anderer Day of Service in October, numerous volunteer groups helped stabilize the trails and the areas among the graves.

Additional railroad ties were laid around the conserved grave sections on the upper plateau, which is the first area



you see when crossing through the entrance gates. The ties help delineate each section of these graves and contribute to the positive look of the cemetery.

Joe Ferrannini, of Grave Stone Matters, continued with his exceptional efforts, completing two additional sections of graves. An area within the cemetery that approximates a finished condition so that visitors and potential donors can see what is possible throughout the entire cemetery is almost entirely complete.

An initiative was approved to place name plates on numerous trees throughout the cemetery so that visitors can view the many different species that exist.



Headstone translation efforts progressed. We expect to create a photographic database for all the Graves, starting with those that Joe Ferrannini has completed.

### **College Age Connection Caryn Rudy and Jennifer Finkelstein, Co-Chairs**

This year's College Connection program mailed care packages to our college aged-kids for Rosh Hashana and Purim, and hand-delivered some Hanukkah treats. This way, our young congregants know we are thinking of them while they are away from home—and welcoming them home for break when the dates align!

This year, 8 congregant volunteers helped brainstorm package items, ordered these items, assembled the packages, then mailed/delivered them directly to the kids along with a letter written by our Clergy and Professional Staff.

Thank you to our Beth David College Age Connection volunteers for all of your work this year: Deb Kauffman, Barb Helpin, Robyn McKnight, Amy Rubinoff, Rebecca Stein, Lisa Miller, Marjorie Volpp, Jennifer Finkelstein and Caryn Karmatz Rudy.

If you would like to be a College Age Connection volunteer this coming year, please contact Lisa Miller, [lmiller@bdavid.org](mailto:lmiller@bdavid.org).

### **Family Promise of the Main Line (formerly Interfaith Hospitality Network) at Beth David Marc and Amy Leader, Co-Coordinators**

Over the past year, the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) transitioned to a new name, Family Promise. The mission, goals, and support offered to families in need of housing remains the same, while only the name has changed. During the past year, we also transitioned back to in-person hosting after more than two years of virtual hosting. Most of the Beth David volunteers returned to supporting in-person hosting, while a few retired and a few new volunteers joined the ranks. In addition to our support of families seeking immediate housing, Family Promise

continues to also support families that recently graduated from the program. In the spring of 2023, at the annual Family Promise fundraiser, we all celebrated Vicki and Steve Lipoff, who were recognized for their many years of support and dedication to the organization.

Family Promise of the Main Line is a local nonprofit organization which, with a consortium of local churches and one synagogue, maintains a network to support homeless families as they transition to permanent housing. Guest families spend one week at a time at each congregation from dinner until early morning. Days are spent at the day center in Norristown, which provides school transport for the children, and facilitates securing housing, job training, placement services and classes in parenting and budgeting. As of June 2023, Family Promise of the Main Line is seeking a permanent new director after their previous director, Allegra Cressman, left after roughly 5 years of leadership.

We are always seeking volunteers! Congregants interested in getting involved have many ways that they can contribute. Volunteer opportunities include:

- Providing family dinners in the evening
- Overnight hosting, which is the easiest task to perform, yet the hardest position to fill. Please consider spending a night at Beth David and helping sustain this program.
- Setting up classrooms and the kitchen for the guests to stay in relative comfort
- Purchasing supplies for the week (breakfast and snack foods)
- Takedown, including removing beds, lights, alarm clocks and signs so school can be in session on Sunday morning
- Laundry duty – Laundering all linens and blankets.
- Contributing supplies as needed for the day shelter or Beth David

Please contact Marc Leader at [marcleader@gmail.com](mailto:marcleader@gmail.com) to learn more about getting involved. Special thanks to Joel Hirsh who is the Beth David representative to the Family Promise Board of Directors.

## **Membership Report**

### **Jane Horwitz, Executive Vice President (de facto Chair)**

As the receding pandemic enabled us to gradually return to in-person activities, our membership recruitment efforts have continued their upward trajectory. Since June 2022, we have welcomed 24 paying membership units, an increase of 6 (33%) over the same period during the previous year. Of these, an equal number joined as School and Regular members. While some successful recruitment can be attributed to our participation in Jewish community events, use of social media (e.g., Facebook, Patch, NextDoor) and occasional press pick-up about our events [see description in next paragraph], our best tool for garnering new members has been positive word-of-mouth generated by our existing congregants as well as our clergy and staff.

Maintaining the engagement of these existing congregants was paramount, and we approached this with more routine scheduling of activities (e.g., tot programming in conjunction with monthly Shalom Shabbats) and a great deal of creative energy. A highlight occurred during the High Holidays, when a team of 9 members pitched in to produce 300 jars of Tunisian Pumpkin Jam which was subsequently delivered to congregants' homes by another group of volunteers. Extra jars were delivered to the Bethel AME Church in Gladwyne as part of our ongoing partnership. The *Jewish Exponent* was contacted, resulting in a feature story – complete with pictures - which appeared on September 28. <https://www.jewishexponent.com/synagogue-hopes-for-jam-packed-sweet-new-year/>

Despite such initiatives, we continue to face challenges related to membership retention, with 28 units leaving the Congregation this past year (of which a third had been members for 2 years or less), an increase of 50% over the previous 12-month period. Much of this decline can be attributed to expected causes such as life cycle events, relocations or job changes, but this is an area where more information is needed and preemptive attention should be increased.

Fortunately, Shul Cloud – our new software database management system – is helping us to move in this direction. Timely access to data enables us to produce accurate reports and initiate follow-up to membership inquiries and other issues. The ability to share information among staff, clergy and lay leadership is improving collaboration and reducing redundancy. We are confident this will help lay the groundwork for further improvements in membership efforts from first point-of-contact through ongoing outreach and support.

**“Shared Shabbat” Report**  
**Marjorie Volpp and Lauren Steinfeld Knoll, Co-Chairs**

*Rave Reviews on Inaugural “Shabbat Shared”*

On May 19th we had our inaugural Shabbat Shared - a new program that provides the congregation with an opportunity to build connections outside of our building by sharing a Shabbat meal with others in a welcoming home hosted by members of our community. This event was in lieu of services at Beth David.

We had a total of four host families and 33 guests for a total of 41 participants. The hosts were given freedom to organize their dinners in terms of the number of guests, the menu and theme. The guests were given information about our four featured dinners, including our hosts' general location, meal preferences, and interests. We omitted other details, such as the exact address and the names of our hosts so that their selection would be based on the geography and interests of the hosts and participants would be encouraged to meet new people.

We received several emails from congregants who were unable to attend expressing hope that we offer this event again. We also received rave reviews from all of the guests,

*“The evening went extremely well! Our guests were a delight to host”.*

*“We appreciated the prayers and discussion questions from the Rabbi. We did it all, questions, prayers, music and homemade challah”.*

*“Dinner was lovely. You and your husband are wonderful hosts. The food was superlative, the house conducive to a crowd, and the opportunity to meet Beth Davidites that we didn’t know was really fun”.*

*“We had a wonderful night last night. So thankful we were able to participate”.*

We hope to offer this program annually.



## Social Action/Social Justice Report Coordinators: Helene Bludman and William Madway

Our social action activities this year covered many issues and causes, and resulted in several notable successes. Here are the highlights.

### Collection Drives

Beth David members can always be counted on to participate in food, book, toy, and other collection drives in support of individuals and charitable organizations in our community. Among the drives that stood out:

- Our annual Sukkot food drive where over 40 volunteers, including youngsters, met in the sukkah, and packed over 200 dinners on behalf of Caring for Friends (formerly Aid for Friends). We also wrote postcards to registered voters to remind them to vote, enjoyed a pot-luck dinner, and sang Sukkot songs.
- We actually carried out two food-related drives simultaneously for Thanksgiving. Beth David members brought 20+ turkeys, 3 boxes/bags of stuffing, countless side dishes, veggies, and desserts, which were packed up and delivered to Ebenezer Temple Pentecostal Church. While this was taking place upstairs in the Atrium, downstairs in the Social Hall and kitchen, students in our Religious School prepared 250 meals to share with the clients of Caring for Friends.
- Beth David members spread some holiday light and joy to families of Mastery Charter Harry Elementary for our Hanukkah Mitzvah project. Volunteers packed up 25 gift baskets filled with books, puzzles, food, and more donated by congregants. We work closely with the school's social worker, Cynthia Clark, who identifies families in need of support, helps us come up with a wish list, and distributes the gift baskets we assemble.



### Voter Engagement Action with RAC-PA

Under the umbrella of the Pennsylvania Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC-PA), Beth David helped create and implement a statewide voter engagement campaign, "Every Voice Every Vote." Building on our significant contributions last year to the process of drawing new election districts for the PA House and PA Senate, which largely ended partisan gerrymandering in the PA House, RAC-PA turned its attention to voter registration and voter turnout. We focused on segments of the population with historically lower voter registration and turnout rates often due to voter suppression tactics.

Beth David partnered with OnePA, the PA League of Women Voters, the New PA Project Education Fund, and POWER Interfaith's Main Line Chapter. Our actions included phone banking, postcarding, tabling at community events, and recruiting congregants to serve as poll workers. We also worked to provide Beth David members with voting information, particularly those members who are or about to turn 18 and/or are away at college. We also distributed postcards and made calls for the U.S. Senate runoff election in Georgia.

The actions of members of Beth David and other RAC-PA congregations contributed to the stronger than expected voter turnout in PA. Voter turnout for the 2022 midterm election was 54.3%, compared to 51.4% in the previous midterm election (2018). PA was one of only 8 states where 2022 voter turnout was higher than in 2018.

Another area where the impact RAC-PA's redistricting and voter engagement work can be seen is in the historic increase in the number of BIPOC and LGBTQ candidates elected to office, including:

- The election of the first African American candidate to the PA Lieutenant Governor's office.
- The election of an African American candidate to a newly created PA House district in Norristown.
- The election of the first African American woman in PA history to the U.S. House of Representatives.
- The election of the first Latina from Reading to the PA House.
- Lancaster elected its first Black, queer PA state representative.
- The first-ever candidates of South Asian descent were elected to the PA House.

### Gun Violence

Beth David continued to play an active role in various efforts to reduce gun violence in our region and state through our involvement establishing a coalition of Reform, Conservative, and Reconstructionist synagogues in Southeastern PA, and our participation in CeaseFirePA's *Common Agenda to End Gun Violence Coalition*. Through the synagogue coalition, which includes Main Line Reform Temple, Rodeph Shalom, and Beth Am Israel, we sponsored an exhibit of works created by the *Souls Shot Portrait Project* and several community education events.

In partnership with CeaseFirePA, Beth David members traveled to Harrisburg for the organization's *March For Our Lives Pennsylvania Advocacy Day*. Members met with state lawmakers and attended a meeting of the PA House Judiciary Committee, which responsible for coming up with legislation to address the gun violence problem. Later in the spring, we participated in CeaseFirePA's outreach to members of the Judiciary Committee intended to bring the four bills that comprise the *Common Agenda to End Gun Violence* to the floor for a full vote. This outreach effort was effective, and the bills were scheduled for a full vote to take place May 22. Once again, Beth David members rose to the challenge and made calls and sent emails to their representatives in the House. On May 22, two of the four bills passed on a bipartisan basis. These bills will now move to the PA Senate, which will require an even more concerted effort as the PA Senate is decidedly pro-gun. But we at Beth David will redouble our advocacy efforts in order to see to it these bills become law.

### Environment & Climate Changes

The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC), the social justice arm of the Reform Jewish Movement, recently launched its 2023 national social justice campaign. The campaign is called Power for Purpose: The Reform Movement's 2023 Campaign for Climate Justice Campaign. Cantor Goodlev is a member of the campaign planning team, and Beth David is strongly committed to supporting the campaign. <https://rac.org/take-action/reform-movements-2023-justice-campaign>

The strategic focus of the campaign is on urging the Biden administration to quickly adopt strong standards limiting pollutants, such as soot, mercury, carbon, and smog (ozone). These pollutants are released into the atmosphere through the burning of fossil fuels – coal, oil, and gas – that poison our air and water and accelerate the climate crisis. As we engage in this work, we are cognizant that these threats disproportionately affect Communities of Color.



The first major action of the campaign was the *DC Day of Action* on May 10. Over 200 Reform Jews and clergy, including three Beth David representatives, descended on Capitol Hill to speak with their members of Congress to push for support for sweeping rules and regulations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and limit the release of pollutants into our air and water. Participants met with 100+ members of Congress, on both sides of the aisle, to deliver this message.

The PA participants met with Senator John Fetterman and his staff. We then split up to hold meetings with our member of the House of Representatives. Beth David members met with staffers for Congresswoman Madeleine Dean and Congresswoman Mary Gay Scanlon.

These three meetings were very positive, with the lawmakers (or the staffers) expressing full support of the RAC's priorities and strategies, and pledging to meet with us at the end of the summer, in person or virtually, to update us on their progress.

More actions will be taking place this summer and in the fall. Leaders of Beth David's social action team will reach out to Beth David members to seek their input and participation.

### **Spring Fundraiser- Beth David Diamond Jubilee Janet Schwartz and Susan Garber, Co-Chairs**

The June 16 Shabbat is going to be wonderful. It is very meaningful that we chose to honor our 50 Year members. They are our friends and mentors and the ones who brought us to this moment. An extra special feature of Friday night will be the time line of the early days of Beth David around the walls of the Social Hall. Lastly, we can't forget the food. We'll have a yummy home baked Oneg Shabbat!

The Saturday night Jubilee is shaping up to be very extraordinary. We have over 120 people signed up. There is a wonderful video with the members who were there at the beginning of Beth David giving us their stories of the early days. A live auction with our very own Karen Wilson as our auctioneer. Music from Broadway put together by our incredibly talented Cantor with an assist from Pavel Zarukin and several members of the choir. There may be guest appearances by the Rabbi and a few congregants!

I want to thank our volunteers:

#### Friday Night

Jeff Saltz and Lisa Miller

Deb Kauffman, Jackie Saltzman, Lynne Kaye, Ed Grinspan, Helene Bludman, Janet Schwartz

#### Saturday Night

Janet Schwartz and Susan Garber

Susan Frant, Helene Bludman, Karen Wilson, Susan Bricklin, Lisa Miller, Susan Levinson, Susan and Jan Cohen Dickler, Steve Saltzman, Toby Gang, Joanne Fischer, Barb Helpin, Debbie Wimmer, Val Rossman, Tuli Cnaan, Miles Barel

Auction Donations by:

Ginny and Ben Kendall, Jim Castello and Dara Klein, Jane and Richard Horwitz, Michael Knoll and Lauren Steinfeld, Rodd and Cary Bender, Mark and Deborah Livingston, Susan Garber and Ed Brown, Harry and Dinah Engel

Thank you also to our hardworking staff who makes this all possible:

Executive Director Jill Cooper, Rabbi Kalisch, Cantor Goodlev, and Facility Manager Tony and Suzie Artis.





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**ANNUAL COMMITMENT AND FEES 2023-2024**

Please consider one of the higher commitment levels if your circumstances allow - the Supporter level approximates our per-household break-even cost.

NOTE: First year members pay 25% of the Basic level, second year members pay 75% of the Basic level.

**ANNUAL COMMITMENT**

Membership Type	Description	Basic	Supporting	Partners	Builders
<b>Family</b>	Couple age 36-65 as of 7/1/23, includes children through age 29	<b>\$3,400</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$7,500</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Single Family</b>	One adult age 36-65 as of 7/1/23, includes children through age 29	<b>\$2,160</b>			
<b>Senior Family</b>	Couple age 66 as of 7/1/23, includes children through age 29	<b>\$2,160</b>			
<b>Senior Single Family</b>	One adult age 66 as of 7/1/23, includes children through age 29	<b>\$1,360</b>			
<b>Young Family</b>	Single/couple/family age 30-35 as of 7/1/23	<b>\$900</b>			
<b>Young Adult</b>	Single/couple/family through age 29 as of 7/1/23 and not a child of a current member	<b>\$350</b>			

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FEES**

	<u>Basic</u>	<u>Supporting</u>
Grade K	<b>\$ 180</b>	<b>\$ 360</b>
Grades 1 - 2	<b>\$1,130</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>
Grades 3 - 7	<b>\$1,370</b>	<b>\$1,800</b>
High School Grades 8 - 10	<b>\$ 360</b>	<b>\$ 500</b>
Optional at Home Hebrew	<b>\$ 180</b>	<b>\$ 360</b>

**ADDITIONAL FEES**

Security	<b>\$175 per family unit</b>
Bar/Bat Mitzvah	<b>\$1,600</b> (\$600 deposit/\$1,000 balance)
Confirmation	<b>\$525</b>

**BUILDING FUND**

**\$3,600** Payable over 6 years, first year deferred  
(not applicable to Young Family or Young Adult categories)

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## **ADDITIONAL DONATION OPPORTUNITIES**

**The Fund for Beth David** – *Donations at any level are greatly appreciated*

### **Tree of Life**

*Commemorating special occasions*

Small Leaf	\$ 540
Medium Leaf	\$ 900
Large Leaf	\$1,800
Stone	\$3,600

**Memorial Plaques** \$ 500

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