



**BETH DAVID**  
REFORM CONGREGATION

*Seek. Learn. Do.*



**ACHAREI MOT - K'DOSHIM**

**TORAH**  
Leviticus 16:1-20:27

**HAFTARAH**  
Amos 9:7-15

**April 24-25, 2026 / 8 Iyar 5786**

## Counting the Omer on Shabbat ספירת העומר

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ עַל סְפִירַת הָעֹמֶר:

Praised are You, Adonai our God, who makes us holy with mitzvot, commanding us to count the Omer.

*Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu melech ha'olam asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu al s'firat ha'omer.*

**Shabbat, April 24-25 || 23rd day of the Omer**

Hayom sh'loshah v'esrim yom,

הַיּוֹם שְׁלוֹשָׁה וְעֶשְׂרִים יוֹם,

shehem sh'loshah shavu'ot ush'nei yamim la'omer. שְׁהֵם שְׁלוֹשָׁה שָׁבוּעוֹת וּשְׁנֵי יָמִים לְעֹמֶר:

Today is the twenty-third day, making three weeks and two days of the Omer.

**Torah Study**  
**Saturday, April 25**

Please join us on Saturday morning for Torah Study in the library  
from 9:15am to 10:30am.



Rabbi Beth Kalisch  
Cantor Lauren Goodlev  
Executive Director: Daniel M. Ricken, PhD  
Director of Education: Rabbi Elisa Koppel  
Director of Early Childhood Programs:  
Sarah Gladwin Camp

Board President: Jane Horwitz  
Rabbi Emeritus: Henry Cohen, z"l  
Cantor Emerita: Lilia Kazansky, z"l  
Educator Emerita: Susan Levey

## SHIVA

Berta Bolotin, mother of Zoya Zarukin & mother-in-law of Pavel Zarukin

## SHELOSHIM

Jolene Goldenthal, Mother of Peter Goldenthal & Mother-in-Law of Madelaine Sayko  
Hazel Kagel, Sister of Lynne Pastor & Aunt of Miriam Buchanan (Adam)

## Yahrzeits

Harry Adler  
Ruth Brenner  
Herman Burt  
Adeline Burt  
Doris Edelstein

Frederick Eisman  
David Gordon  
Norma Wilentz Hess  
Evelyn Kaplan  
Lillian Krenzel  
Lillian Kurcias

Allen Jay Levin  
Ray Hamil Prince  
Camille "Bubbles" Sklaroff  
Martha Zack  
Lynn Zuckerman  
Israel Zukroff

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**Join us to celebrate Rabbi Elisa Koppel's time at Beth David!  
Friday, May 1, 5:45pm**



In addition to all of the others updates in Beth David this week, we want to call your attention in particular to the celebration on Friday, May 1, when we will recognize and thank Rabbi Elisa Koppel, our outgoing Director of Education, for her four years of dedicated service to our community. While Rabbi Koppel will continue to serve as our Director of Education through June, we will take the opportunity on May 1 to express our gratitude and extend our best wishes as she prepares to start her new chapter of Jewish leadership.

**Please join us for Shalom Shabbat with dinner at 5:45pm, followed by a special service at 6:30pm.**

Please register using this QR code and help make this a memorable occasion.

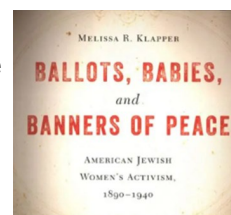


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**Ballots, Babies, and Banners of Peace:  
American Jewish Women's Pre-World War II Activism  
Sunday, May 3, 10:00am**



American Jewish women have always been involved in a variety of social and political causes. Come learn more about their long history of involvement in making change in the world around them. **Dr. Melissa R. Klapper** is a professor at Rowan University.



**Blood Drive at Beth David**  
**Sunday, May 3, 9:00am-2:00pm**



Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit **RedCrossBlood.org** and enter: BethDavidReform to schedule an appointment.



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**Save the Date for Shavuot Picnic**  
**Thursday, May 21, 5:00pm**

Featuring our annual Torah Table, bouncy house, ice cream truck, and tons of sweet things (including blintzes)!

Make your favorite recipe for our inaugural Cheesecake Bake Off!



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**Pride at Beth David!**



June is Pride Month! Please join us as we show our support for the LGBTQ+ community. Programs will include rainbow challah baking with Cantor Goodlev on June 4 and Shabbat Under the Stars on June 5. Stay tuned for more information!

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**Annual Meeting**  
**Sunday, June 7, 7:00pm**

Make your voice heard! Vote for next year's board and budget. The Annual Meeting will be taking place over ZOOM at 7:00pm on June 7. All members are welcome to attend. We hope to see you online!

More information and ZOOM link coming soon.



## Calling All Families of Graduating Seniors!



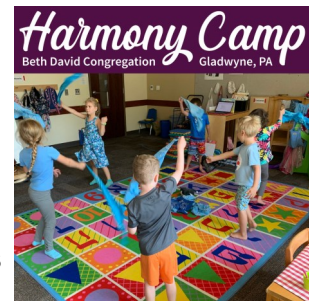
Does your child have plans for their future post-graduation? We'd love to know! Whether your child is planning on college, an internship, a job, and/or something entirely unique, please share with Daniel Ricken at [dricken@bdavid.org](mailto:dricken@bdavid.org) so that we can do something special to honor all that they will go on to accomplish.

## Harmony Camp at Beth David August 10 – September 4

Harmony Camp is an arts-based program grounded in Jewish values. Kids will be actively engaged in creative play and projects. Dance, music, and art fill our days and the teachers cultivate an environment valuing community and helping kids build friendships. We make great use of the grounds at Beth David, spending time outside in nature every day.

Each Friday our clergy lead a beautiful age-appropriate Shabbat for everyone. Harmony camp is designed for kids ages 2 to 7 years, and we look forward to welcoming your kids and grandkids to this warm, loving, joyful experience.

Signup week-by-week, choose which days you need early or late care. We'll have outdoor water play in the summer as well!



Have you heard? We know the LMSD is starting late, so for our last week of camp (8/31-9/4), we will also open an older classroom to welcome campers ages 8 and 9 to join in the fun!

Questions?  
Contact Sarah Gladwin Camp  
at [preschool@bdavid.org](mailto:preschool@bdavid.org).



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- All phones and chargers
- Wires/Cables
- Cable Boxes/Routers
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- Remote Controls



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