



Kol Sholom * קול שלום *Beth Sholom Synagogue's Voice of Peace*

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A special issue dedicated to the future of Beth Sholom

Congratulations to our graduates!

Beth Sholom had an incredibly bright and active group of graduates this year. Each one is amazing. Here are just some of the honors and awards they have received. Good luck to each of you!



High School Graduates

Aaron Bresinger, son of Charles and Diana Bresinger

Aaron graduated from Lausanne Collegiate School and will attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor where he received a scholarship. He graduated summa cum laude and was in the National Honor Society and the Beta Club. He served as captain of the varsity basketball team and co-captain of the varsity lacrosse team and was named Male Athlete of the Year for 2007-2008.

Jessica Greenberg, daughter of Roy and Paula Greenberg

Jessica graduated 4th in her class at Ridgeway High School and will attend Tulane University. Her awards include Builder Awards in Honors World History, Pre-AP English, and AP Spanish, two gold keys in the Scholastic Art and Writing Competition, Choir Hall of Fame, and Ridgeway Hall of Fame. She was also a member of the National Honor Society (serving as secretary), USY (VP), Mu Alpha Theta, Key Club, and National Society of High School Scholars.

Ajay Cohen, son of James and Alka Cohen

Ajay graduated from Houston High School and will attend Tulane University, where he was awarded the Presidential Scholarship. He received the Merit Award for National Spanish Examination and was a top five finisher in the Shelby County Spelling Bee. He is an accomplished guitar player, an Eagle Scout with bronze, gold and silver palm, and a black belt in Tae Kwon Do.

Daniel Ellen, son of Jonathon Ellen and Rose Ellen

Daniel graduated from Houston High School and is going to University of Colorado in Boulder. He won awards for Most Outspoken in Debate Club and Best Overall Academic Effort. He played varsity soccer, started a new AZA chapter, and was on the newspaper staff.

Lane Feler, daughter of Claudio and Laurie Feler

Lane graduated from St. Mary's and will attend Georgetown University. She graduated cum laude with highest honors and was a National Merit Scholar Finalist. Her Mock Trial Team won the State Competition and competed in the Nationals. She is a graduate of the MJCC Markell School of Dance.

Evan Harris, son of David and Lisa Harris

Evan graduated in to top 10% of his class from Ridgeway High School and will attend the University of Colorado in Boulder. He was a member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, varsity soccer team (serving as captain), ultimate Frisbee team ((also serving as captain) and he won the AP Builders Award in AP Physics.

Molly Himmelstein, daughter of Stevan and Carol Himmelstein

Molly graduated cum laude from St. Mary's and will attend Duke University. She was awarded the prestigious Coca Cola Award. She was in the National Honor Society, History Honor Society, Beta Club, and Mu Alpha Theta, and was a Commended National Merit Scholar.

Nathaniel Kastan, son of Michael and Kathryn Kastan

Nathaniel graduated magna cum laude from MUS and will attend Williams College. His honors and awards included the Scholar Athlete Award, Wellford Award, awards for outstanding student in science and French, and the Faculty Cup for General Excellence for overall excellence.

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Judith Lansky, daughter of Mitchell and Joyce Lansky

Judy graduated from Ridgeway High School and will attend the University of Maryland where she will be in the Global Communities. She was in the top 20 in her graduating class and was president of National Honor Society and president of our USY Chapter. She is a graduate of Bridge Builders and winner of the Jane Ross Volunteer of the Year Award for Special Bowling. She also won a Shelby County Teacher's Child Award and played soccer and lacrosse at Ridgeway.

Anne Ostrow, daughter of Louis and Bridget Ostrow

Anne graduated from St. Mary's and will attend the University of Alabama where she will be a Blount University Scholar. She graduated cum laude with highest honors and was in National Honor Society. She was a Commended National Merit Scholar.

Benjamin Pelz, son of Frederick and Debra Pelz

Benjamin graduated from MUS and will attend Vanderbilt University. He graduated magna cum laude, was an AP Scholar, National Honor Society member, Commended National Merit Scholar, and he lettered in basketball. He was a member of MUS State Championship Team in 2006. He is a graduate of Bornblum Solomon Schechter School.

Lindsay Scheidt, daughter of Rudi and Caryn Scheidt

Lindsay graduated from Ridgeway High School and will attend the University of Michigan on an academic scholarship. She ranked #19 in her class and was a Senior Scholar. She also played soccer and lacrosse for four years at Ridgeway.

Hannah Shaffer, daughter of Brian Shaffer and Rachel Markovitz

Hannah graduated from White Station High School and will attend Washington University in St. Louis on a Lien Scholarship - a merit scholarship in social studies. She graduated 7th out of 471 in her class. She was a National Merit Scholar Finalist.

Hannah Skahill, daughter of John Skahill and Brona Pinnolis

Hannah graduated from Ridgeway High School. She will be in Israel next year through Young Judea's Year Course to study fashion design. Following that year, she will attend Hofstra University majoring in journalism. She graduated in the top 5% of her class and was a member of the National Honor Society. She is active in theatre and has appeared in both musicals presented by the drama department.

Corey Steinberg, son of Kenneth and Jill Steinberg

Corey graduated from Ridgeway High School and will be attending the University of Colorado in Boulder. He was a member of National Honor Society.

Eric Strumminger, son of Michael and Susan Strumminger

Eric graduated from Ridgeway High School. Eric received an academic scholarship in Biomedical Engineering to study here and abroad at the University of Illinois. He was a member of National Honor Society, in the top 20 in his class, an AP Scholar with Distinction, and he was selected for the Ridgeway Hall of Fame.

College Graduates

Laura Albert, daughter of Sylvia and Irwin Albert and granddaughter of Anna Schultz

Laura graduated from Kansas University. She won the College of Education Senior Leadership Award. She is in a five-year Masters Program and will do an internship in Gifted Education next year.

Carrie Alexander, daughter of Jeffery and Ellen Alexander and granddaughter of Elaine Alexander

Carrie graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and was the recipient of the 2008 Student of Award of Merit from Penn Alumni, given in recognition of her service to University. She was vice chair of the senior class gift drive, founder and facilitator of Penn Student Government Steering Committee, coordinator of freshman outward bound pre-orientation program, and vice chair for education of student government nominations and elections committee. Carrie graduated magna cum laude with honors in cinema studies.

Benjamin Kastan, son of Michael and Kathryn Kastan

Benjamin graduated from Washington University with Cum Laude Award and the Humanitarian Award. He will work for a year in political science and international studies before going to Law School in 2009.

Paul Moinester, son of Susan and David Moinester

Paul graduated from Washington University with Honors. He was a Truman Scholar and President of the Student Body. He is interested in political science and environmental studies and plans to work for the Department of Transportation in Washington, DC.

Emily Schwimmer, daughter of Cary Schwimmer and Debra Schwimmer

Emily graduated from the University of Florida magna cum laude. She will work for a year and go to graduate school.

Abby Wilensky, daughter of Nathan and Pamela Wilensky

Abby graduated cum laude from Vanderbilt University in 2007. This fall she will start in the Cleveland Institute Music Conservatory, attached to Case Western University. Abby plays the violin.

Brian Twersky, son of Steven and Fran Twersky and grandson of Rosalind and Arthur King

Brian graduated from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. His major was Event and Hospitality Management and he plans to work in the hotel or tourism industry.

Congratulations to all our graduates and their families. And please forgive us if we've forgotten someone...

Conversations About Our Future

More than 200 congregants representing 150 memberships of the Beth Sholom family attended at least one of the recent "Conversations About Our Future" held in May. Designed to facilitate input into the Blueprint for Progress strategic plan, five meetings were held to accommodate as many of our members' schedules as possible.

After welcoming the membership and acknowledging past mistakes, President Rose Morrison provided an overview of the formation of the Blueprint Committee. Bruce Newman, a past president and co-chair of the Blueprint Committee, reviewed the Blueprint in detail. At the conclusion of his presentation, the floor was opened for questions and comments. The majority of the discussion related to finances and fundraising, personnel, affiliation with USCJ, communications, and membership.

Members of the Executive Board, the Board of Directors, and the Blueprint for Progress Committee attended these sessions to respond to questions and comments relating to their areas of responsibility.

At the conclusion of the Q & A period, President Rose encouraged those in attendance to get involved in the areas of interest to them. Sign-up sheets were provided and the follow-up from those meetings has begun. Committee meetings will begin over the summer with final recommendations to the Board expected as soon as this important work is completed.

If you missed these meetings and are interested in becoming involved in this important process, please contact the Beth Sholom office at 683-3591 for referral to committee leaders.

Mazel Tov...

on the birth of Carol Lipman's granddaughter Hannah Gail to parents Leslie and Adam Lipman,

and the birth of Margie and Harold Steinberg's granddaughter Evelyn Beatrice B. Conroy to parents Jennifer and Grant.



Hats off to our volunteers!



The children of Coleman Elementary, Beth Sholom's adopted school, had lots of support for learning this year, thanks to our group of volunteer tutors. We salute Gail Walzer, Ron Cooper, Rose Goldfarb, Fran Twersky, Myrna Halpern, and Carol Himmelstein, led in this important effort by Susan Moinester.

Plans are underway for the coming school year. If you want to join the team, or if you are interested in carpooling to Coleman, contact Susan Moinester at susan@connectusa.us or call 680-9889.

Congratulations to Andrea and Craig Sander!

They're the winners of the \$50 gift card for the most purchases on their grocery cards during the Passover shopping spree between March 1 and April 30.

And thanks to everyone for using the Kroger and Schnucks cards to bring in those contributions to Beth Sholom!

Are you an internet shopper? Log on to www.igive.com and turn those purchases into donations to the synagogue. Just register Beth Sholom as your cause and start shopping!

Our sincere condolences go to Joe Kirsch on the loss of his brother Jack Kirsch, to Johnnie Hadley on the loss of her brother James D. Stone, and to Lauren Spiegel on the loss of her mother Edythe Ratowe.

**Join your July minyan captains
at Shabbat mincha/maariv and havdallah services
and on Sunday evenings:**

Saturday, July 5	Marsha Bender and Alayne Shoenfeld	7:45pm
Sunday, July 6	Bob Cohen and Bill Fargotstein	6:00pm
Saturday, July 12	Claudio Feler and Jeffrey Kay	7:45pm
Sunday, July 13	Michele Less and Sandy Lipman	6:00pm
Saturday, July 19	Anthony Morrison and Lindsey Olswanger	7:45pm
Sunday, July 20	Skip Rossen and Sanford Shefsky	6:00pm
Saturday, July 26	Dot Bilsky and Jerry Siegler	7:45pm
Sunday, July 27	Amy Slovis and Herb Slovis	6:00pm

The Beth Sholom Office is now closed on Mondays, but the staff will be happy to serve you Tuesdays through Fridays from 8:30am until 4pm.

**Check out the news, photos, calendar of events, and many articles of interest on our fabulous new and improved website:
Go to www.bsholom.org !**



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