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THE ISRAEL/PALESTINIAN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

by Rabbi Martin P. Beifield, Jr.



Rabbi Martin P. Beifield, Jr.
Sophia and Nathan Gumenick Senior Rabbi

The latest round of peace negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians ended recently amid recriminations and acrimony. There were four immediate reasons for the breakdown. First, the Israeli government declined to carry out the last scheduled release of prisoners. Second, Israeli officials announced new construction in the occupied territories. Third, the Palestinian Authority applied for membership in many international and U.N. bodies which are open only to

sovereign states. Fourth, the Palestinian Authority and Hamas signed a reconciliation agreement. The real cause of the breakdown was not any one or even the combination of these factors. The real cause was the inability of both sides to make the necessary compromises to even move the talks along let alone reach an agreement. We are now in the blaming stage, with both sides blaming the other for the breakdown.

Lots of people, including some with much greater insight and experience

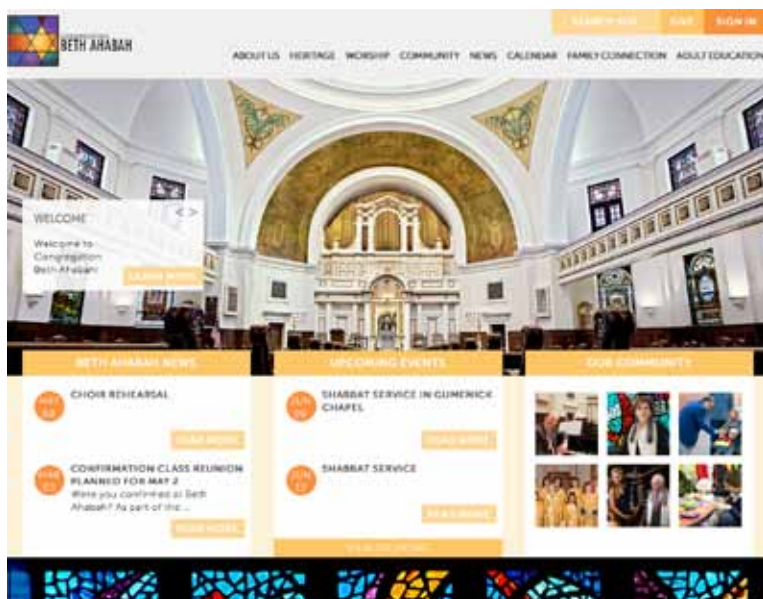


than I have, predicted that the talks would not succeed. Many of them are content to say, "I told you so." Personally, I give Secretary of State Kerry credit for having invested so much of his time, energy, and personal prestige into the talks. Kerry believed there was an opportunity for success, and as long as the sides were talking there was a chance for an unexpected breakthrough a productive concession or a compromise. The opportunity may have been likely or slim, possible or remote but one can't ever be sure unless one tries. He did, and I don't fault him or the effort.

Does the failure of yet one more set of negotiations mean that we should abandon the idea of a two-state solution to the conflict? I don't think so. I am convinced that the only reasonable solution, whenever it comes, involves

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two states – Israel, a Jewish state, and Palestine, a Palestinian state. There are people on both sides of the divide who dream about one state from the Mediterranean Sea to the Jordan River. This solution is a recipe for disaster and permanent conflict since each side imagines that the one state will be favorable to their political and religious orientation. Similar talk of a bi-national state, with both sides living harmoniously with each other and respecting each other's dignity, is delusional and out of touch with reality. The two peoples need a divorce not a marriage.

Does the failure of yet one more set of negotiations mean that we should abandon hope and end all discussion between the two sides? I don't think this is the right approach either. Giving up will strengthen the extremists and

bring both sides more violence and instability. So how to move forward? All of the previous negotiations have included a provision that any agreement had to include an "end-of-conflict" clause. In other words nothing is settled until everything is settled. This precondition ought to be dropped. Instead the two sides should focus on issues on which there is less division and therefore a greater likelihood of agreement. For example, there are economic issues, like development projects and the creation of enterprise zones, which lend themselves to easier agreement. There is also a distinct possibility that the sides are within range of an agreement on a border between the two countries. Other issues are going to remain a stumbling block for a long time. The Palestinians clearly can not bring themselves to recognize Israel as Jewish state. The gap between the

two sides over the status of Jerusalem and Palestinian refugees is as wide and deep as the Grand Canyon. Every attempt so far to decide all the outstanding issues at once has failed. To me it now makes sense, as the next phase of negotiations, to agree to put off certain issues and try to resolve others. This approach will lessen the chance of widespread violence, create some concrete examples of success, and build some trust and goodwill. It will also improve security for Israelis and day-to-day life for Palestinians.

I believe this approach makes sense, and it is worth a serious try.



A Mitzvah Day moment captured by photographer Terry Schultz.

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Back Row from Left to Right: Rabbi Jesse Gallop, Zachary Jacobs, Harrison Fratkin, Adam Jacobs, Evan Leibowitz, Rabbi Martin P. Beifield, Jr.

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Front Row from Left to Right: Elinor Dinkin, Ethan Gale, Emma Silverman, Madeline McElgunn, Carly Schwam, Joshua Evans,

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THINGS I WISH I HAD KNOWN...

by Russell M. Finer, FSA



Russell M. Finer, FSA, Executive Director

Things I wish I had known before I went out into the Real World...

A person needs only two tools. WD-40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move and it should, use WD-40; if it moves and shouldn't, use duct tape.

Any and all compliments can be handled by simply saying "Thank You" though it helps if you have or say it with a Southern accent.

Some people are working backstage, some are playing in the orchestra, some are on stage singing, some are in the audience as critics, and some are there to applaud. Know who and where you are.

Never give yourself a haircut after three margaritas.

When baking, follow directions; when cooking, go by your own taste.

Never continue dating anyone who is rude to a waiter.

If you tell a lie, don't believe it deceives only the other person.

The five most essential words for a healthy, vital relationship are "I apologize" and "You are right".

Everyone seems normal until you get to know them.

When you make a mistake, make amends immediately. It is easier to eat crow while it is still warm.

If he says that you are too good for him - believe it.

I've learned to pick my battles: I ask myself, will this matter one year from now? How about one month? One week? One day?

If you wake up breathing, congratulations! You have another chance!

Living well really is the best revenge.

Being miserable because of a bad or former relationship just proves that the other person was right about you.

Be really nice to your friends because you never know when you are going to need them to hold your hand.

BECOMING AN EAGLE SCOUT

by Justin Skiles


My name is Justin Skiles and I thought it would be a good idea to surround myself with crumbling gravestones. Lucky for me, most of the gravestones at the Hebrew Cemetery would fit this description. Many were over a century old, coated in dust, and covered in lichen. So, in August of 2013, I donned my Boy Scout uniform and took on the project of cleaning said gravestones.

With my eighteenth birthday and time limit to get my Eagle Scout Award both quickly approaching, Mr. Finer approached me. He knew that achieving the rank of Eagle, Boy Scouting's highest honor, requires a service project, and wanted to help me. He told me that

a number of the older headstones at



Hebrew Cemetery headstones were in dire need of a good cleaning. Throughout the years, they had become too shmutzy to read the names and dates on them. Mr. Finer and I hoped that by cleaning the grave stones, we could make them more legible. I liked the idea of having an Eagle Project that



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was both helpful to the Jewish Community and unique in a kind of creepy way, I took Mr. Finer up on his offer!

On the morning of my Eagle Project, I loaded buckets, spray bottles, and a

BY-LAW CHANGES APPROVED AT ANNUAL MEETING

At our annual meeting on May 9, the Congregation approved several amendments to our by-laws. The overall goal of the amendments is to improve the operational efficiency of our lay leadership and senior staff while maintaining or improving the level of engagement and participation by congregants in the governance and operation of Beth Ahabah.

The key changes to the by-laws include: (1) eliminating the Executive Committee which will expand the Board of Managers' engagement and decision-making responsibility and eliminate redundant discussions; (2) changing the number of elected members on the Board from 15 to a range of eight to 15 (in addition to the five officers and professional staff); (3) reducing elected managers' terms from three years to two years, allowing for a faster transition to new people and infusion of new ideas and perspectives (the ability to extend a manager's term for one term will continue); (4) creating a Programs Coordination Committee (PCC) with the purpose of providing oversight and coordination of Congregational programs and activities comprised of auxiliary presidents or their designees, committee chairs or their designees (not including the chairs or designees of the Leadership Development, Audit, Personnel, and House and Grounds committees); (5) creating a standing Personnel Committee (which was one of the functions of the Executive Committee); (6) identifying the standing committees as the new PCC, Communications and Marketing (new), Beth Ahabah Cares,

Family Connection (a new standing committee including Religious School Committee and Family and Youth Programs subcommittees), Religious Practices, Adult Programming and Education, Council for Social Justice, Membership, Finance, House and Grounds, Audit and Leadership Development; (7) eliminating the requirement that standing committee chairs must be Board members; and (8) expanding the ability to communicate and vote by electronic means.

Note that the reduction in the number of elected managers to eight will be phased in over a transition period by 2019. The range of eight to 15 elected managers provides flexibility to increase or decrease the board based on the needs of the Congregation. All current managers may serve out their terms, including those managers elected on May 9, 2014. In any scenario, two of the eight elected managers will be filled by representatives of Beth Ahabah's Women of Reform Judaism and Brotherhood.

I would like to thank Ron Kasoff, Robert Freed, Charley Scher, and Rabbi Beifield for their thoughtful efforts in crafting the amendments and their consideration and incorporation of many of the changes that were communicated to them in response to the various notices advising congregants of the proposed changes.

If you have any questions, please feel free to let me know.

Chuck Rothenberg, President



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brother of Bernice (Ionel) Kahn

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brother of Ben (Jill) Kutner

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Lauren & Elie Chitman on the birth of their daughter, Olivia Chitman born March 21, 2014.

Jim Weinberg recipient of 2014 Chesed Award .

Bonnie Eisenman on being elected as a new board member of the Southern Jewish Historical Society.

Kathryn Marks Merritt who has been appointed as a Disability Advocate on the Commonwealth of Virginia's Health & Human Services Statewide Independent Living Council.

Tony Markel for being selected to the Junior Achievement of Central Virginia's Greater Richmond Business Hall of Fame.

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SISTERHOOD NEWS...

Where has the time gone? Even though it's been two years, it seems like only yesterday that Meg Marshak was elected to serve as President of Congregation Beth Ahabah's Women of Reform Judaism

Under Meg's leadership and with the help of our members, CBA Sisterhood provided support for temple activities, had a tea party to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of WRJ and hosted the 2014 Mid Atlantic WRJ interim. We also launched "Half the Sky" a congregation wide social action initiative.

I want to thank Meg for being a wonderful leader, mentor and most important, friend. I am happy to report that she will be staying on the Beth Ahabah WRJ Board as



immediate past president.

As incoming President I have some mighty big shoes to fill. Our Sisterhood board will meet over the summer to develop our programming schedule for the coming year.

One event that is already scheduled is the 225th congregation anniversary picnic that will take place Sunday, September 7th at Maymont Park's Children's Farm Lawn. Please be sure to mark your calendars for this fun and historic event!

Along with programming, our Sisterhood will be involved in some much needed administrative activities such as revising our by-laws and developing a mission statement.

Please let me know if you are interested in participating in any of these planning activities.

Beth Ahabah Women of Reform

Judaism appreciates your support and involvement in Sisterhood activities. As incoming President, I encourage and welcome any questions or suggestions you may have. We are stronger together!

Have a wonderful summer!

Yours in Sisterhood,
Beryl Holzbach
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Mitzvah Day moments captured by photographer Terry Schultz.

BROTHERHOOD NEWS

by John Marshak, President

Brotherhood continues to provide support for activities that benefit the congregation. Most recently we supported Mitzvah Day two ways. First in conjunction with Sisterhood, we provided 150 bag lunches, including turkey sandwiches, for those volunteering for the various afternoon projects. Secondly, Brotherhood used the Goldberg to build, from kits, three dining-type tables for CARITAS clients that were moving into their first residents. Many children as well as adults enjoyed participating in this project.

To support the Sunday School, we provided a hot dog, picnic lunch that

celebrated Israel's Independence Day in a nearby park. It was a pleasure to see about 150 cherubs and their parents enjoying the festivities.



Upcoming, we will be providing *onegs* for this summer's *Shabbats* in the Park. Rabbi Gallop will be doing the services. While parents will be providing the evening's meal, Brotherhood has agreed to provide the desserts.

As we plan for next year, we encourage any man interested in supporting the congregation with a little of his time to join the Brotherhood by contacting me, John Marshak, President at jjmarshak@vcu.edu.

Mitzvah DAY WRAP UP!

Mitzvah Day, Sunday, April 27th was a big success thanks to our committee chairs and volunteers of all ages! We sincerely hope that everyone had a lot of fun and felt GREAT about doing *mitzvot* as God's angels on Earth. It is fitting that our program was held on Earth Day weekend as our goal was to make the world a better place through *tikun olam*, repairing the world we live in and by living life to our fullest and working within our global community! We appreciate everyone's positive energy on the many meaningful projects and programs. Our theme for the day, "Keep calm and *mitzva* on," seemed just right! As Abraham said, "Here I am," and so did you in response to our call for *Mitzvah* Day volunteers.

Approximately 50 volunteers packaged 10,000 freeze dried meals for Stop Hunger Now. Many thanks to Sharon Brager and Sarah Kim for their leadership on this enormous project. Watching volunteers of all ages working together was most inspiring. Thanks to Kevin and Naomh Hudson for leading the cooking group at St. James's Church, and to Kim Leibowitz for coordinating the baking of desserts in our congregational kitchen for the Hospital Hospitality House.

Elizabeth Thalhimer Smartt led a group that painted 205 inspirational stones for placement at the cemetery as a way for visitors to remember their loved ones. Thanks to Pete Rose Landscaping who donated the river stones for this project.

Other groups of volunteers helped around the Temple and at the Hebrew Cemetery. Renate Falck and her crew cleaned and landscaped and planted an herb garden outside the Temple. Volunteers led by Jay Kelley worked on the Hebrew Cemetery cleanup.

Steve Ashe and his volunteers prepared and delivered lunches to the homeless at Monroe Park. Laura Savage coordinated our Blood Drive—many thanks to all who donated blood. John Marshak coordinated the construction of three awesome wooden tables for Caritas. Miri Eynan led a group of volunteers who wrote 70 cards and letters to our U.S. troops thanking them for their service.

Keep Calm and Mitzvah On!

Dean Whitbeck led a group that created screen prints and posters for the Visual Arts Center. Thanks to Jeff Marks of Promotional Considerations for working with us on the design of our "Keep Calm and *Mitzvah* On" T-shirt. T-shirts, sold to benefit ARC, are still available at only \$10.00! Please contact Russ Finer at the Temple office if you are interested.

We did especially well with our collections in the Religious School classrooms. Many thanks to our teachers and to all of you for being so generous. We collected 36 art supplies for the Visual Arts Center, which provides services to all ages in our community; 21 pairs of eyeglasses for the Lions Club; 11 cell phones for battered women and the military; 481 toiletries for Comfort Camp; 105 toys and supplies for infants and young children; 397 books for the homeless; and 45 pet food and supply items for dogs and cats. Thank you to *Ruach Chadash* for their wonderful music as everyone worked on their *Mitzvah* projects.

Others were on hand to help raise awareness about important issues

around the globe. Laura Davidson led *Half the Sky*, a Sisterhood program to raise awareness about endangered women in our world. Heidi Levinson and Karen Hough provided information about the Homeless Lunch program at Mount Moriah Church, where Temple volunteers work throughout the year. Peggy Friedenbergl answered questions about genetic testing, and Terry Schultz, a representative of HCA, and her mom, Marilyn Lowenstein, provided a poster exhibit with information about safety and fall prevention in observance of National Occupational Therapy Month. Beryl Holzbach of Sisterhood and her group of 50 volunteers created 83 lovely blanket squares for the pediatric unit at MCV and 1000 breast cancer awareness cards for the Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation.

Many thanks to Rabbi Beifield and Sarah Beck Berman for their inspiring messages at our opening ceremony held during Religious School *Tefillah*; to Ramona Brand for her excellent story telling; to Hannah Piracha for leading our *Mitzvah* Day songs; to Tony Wharton for his help publicizing *Mitzvah* Day; to Lori Lacy and the other Temple employees who helped coordinate the volunteers; to Matthew Cook for creating the "happy" *Mitzvah* Day slideshow on the Temple website; to Heather Dinkin and Karen Olshansky for their assistance; and to Russell Finer, for his guidance during the planning stages and his leadership throughout the day.

It has been our sincere pleasure to coordinate *Mitzvah* Day 2014. We're already looking forward to next year's event! Please send us your ideas!

Thanks,
Sharon Bassell, Debbie Cook &
Terry Schultz



A Mitzvah Day moment captured by photographer Terry Schultz.

BETH AHABAH CARES

Can Use Your Wonderful Assistance

Beth Ahabah Cares is looking for volunteers to make bereavement telephone calls to members who have recently had the loss of a loved one. Training will be provided and your personal satisfaction will warm you time and time again. To volunteer or get more information, contact Lori Skiles at 804.346.2684 or llskiles@verizon.net

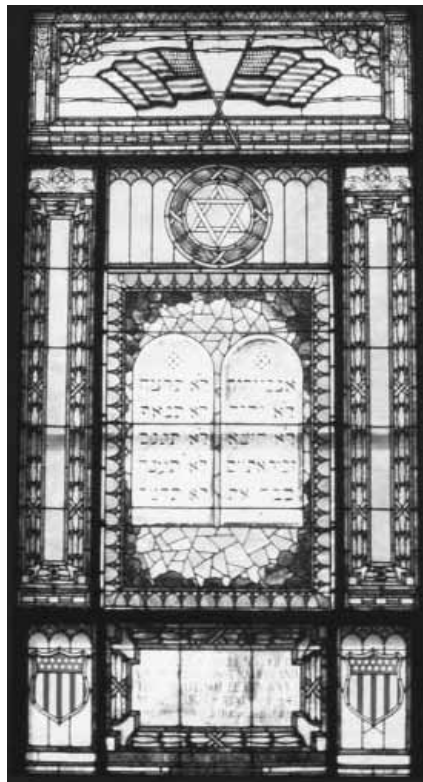
Part-time Job Opportunity @ BAM&A

As many already know, Grace Zell will be taking a professional giant step when she begins studying for her Master's Degree in Information Studies at McGill University in Montreal, Canada. Her two years at BAM&A have shown her that this is indeed her career path and the degree will unlock many doors for her.

Her departure creates an opportunity for someone looking for part-time employment. The position is ideal for a person considering a career in museums or libraries, or for an empty-nester in search of meaningful work in a quiet, scholarly environment.

Interested? Contact David Farris or Bonnie Eisenman at 804.353.2668 or bama@bethahabah.org.

TREASURES FROM THE MUSEUM & ARCHIVES COLLECTION



The Binswanger Window

Most of you are very familiar with this month's "Treasure from the Collection," but do you know the store behind it? Of all of the windows in the sanctuary, The Binswanger Window remains unique.

Donated by H.S. Binswanger, but not dedicated to any individual or family group, this window is "commemorative of peace resulting from World War (I)." "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, and they shall not learn any more war;" and "the effect of righteousness is peace."

The craftsmen who designed the window used subdued tones of blues, greens, purples, whites and reds for background imagery. The only vivid colors are the American flags in the top section and the shields in the lower corners. In addition to these American symbols, the window also features the two tablets of the Ten Commandments and a Star of David. This window occupies the unique role of representing our desire for peace, as well as our pride in being American Jews. To learn more about this window, or the other stained glass in the sanctuary, please contact the Beth Ahabah Museum & Archives at 804.353.2668 or bama@bethahabah.org

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The Beth Ahabah Museum & Archives and the Hebrew Cemetery Company join forces for a significant project.

A cooperative effort between the Museum & Archives and the Hebrew Cemetery Company will soon result in a set of records for Hebrew Cemetery that is both complete and accurate.

In the past it has been necessary to consult multiple sets of records in order to determine who is buried where, when they were born, when they died, and who their family members were. These records consisted of books, cards, lists, and even the tombstones themselves. Complicating this is the fact that each time a piece of information is read in one place and written down in another, there is a chance for error to creep in.

For the past six months Bill Thalhimer, Chairman of Hebrew Cemetery Company and Grace Zell, Docent/Administrative Assistant in the Museum and Archives, have been working diligently on combining and reconciling these varied sources of information. This has involved many hours of study in the Archives, the Cemetery Co. office, and at the Cemetery itself (rain or shine).

The result of this effort will be a computerized record that goes far



Milhiser Circle at Hebrew Cemetery

beyond the typical listing of who is buried where. It will also identify grave locations that are "owned" but unoccupied, and those that have not yet been reserved by individuals or families. This additional information will not be searchable online like the Burial Database, but will be available to the Cemetery Company officers

and Beth Ahabah staff members who administer the operation. Please note that I used the word "reserved" rather than "purchased" in mentioning the process of acquiring grave lots. We don't actually buy these small pieces of real estate, only the right to be buried in them.

With one place to go for information, the likelihood of seeing information that is anything less than completely accurate is eliminated. In addition, with only one place to record new information, there will be little chance that future transactions will go unrecorded.

We may be 225 years old, but we are definitely up-to-date. There may be snow on our roof, but there's fire in our furnace!

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BAM&A depends on volunteers like you who love history and are interested in learning more about the history of the Richmond Jewish community. Help catalog and file new acquisitions, assist with gallery tours.

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- The Entertaining Mrs. Calisch
- That You'll Remember Me:
Jewish Voices of the Civil War
- Commonwealth & Community

Museum Hours:

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The Museum & Archives is located next door to the temple office on Franklin Street.

Please call in advance for group tours; if you have visitors who require special treatment; or if you need to visit outside of our usual working hours. We will do our best to accommodate you.

Richmond Jewish Trivia:

Many of the German Jews who settled in Richmond in the early and mid 1800s came from the same town, Hagenbach, in Bavaria. These families included the Hutzlers, the Mittledorfers and the Milhisers.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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JULY:

FRI 4	<i>Oneg Shabbat</i> Shabbat Service	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
FRI 11	<i>Oneg Shabbat</i> Shabbat Service	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
FRI 18	Shabbat in the Park at Bryan Park <i>Oneg Shabbat</i> Shabbat Service	6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
FRI 25	<i>Oneg Shabbat</i> Shabbat Service	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.

AUGUST:

FRI 1	<i>Oneg Shabbat</i> Shabbat Service	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
FRI 8	<i>Oneg Shabbat</i> Shabbat Service	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
FRI 15	Shabbat in the Park at Bryan Park <i>Oneg Shabbat</i> Shabbat Service	6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
FRI 22	<i>Oneg Shabbat</i> Shabbat Service	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
FRI 29	<i>Oneg Shabbat</i> Shabbat Service	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.

carton of Photo-Flo to clean the stones into the back of my dad's van. My family drove through the city to the cemetery where I started to set things up. I was unsure of how many of my fellow scouts would show up to help me, as is customary during Eagle Projects. I was understandably excited, then, to find that I had a great turn out, especially on such a hot day. Once everyone had arrived, I did a quick demonstration on how to properly clean the headstones, and then supervised as they got to work.

Initially, I was concerned about meeting my goal of having forty headstones cleaned that weekend. To my immense relief, I realized within the first hour that I had nothing to worry about. What I had planned on achieving throughout the weekend was done in a matter of hours! My team and I ended up cleaning twice the number of headstones that I had planned. Thanks to Mr. Finer's suggestion of working at the Hebrew Cemetery, I was able to have a fun, successful, unique, and very personal Eagle Project. I officially became an Eagle Scout last November and had my celebration ceremony in May. I will forever remember the experience of cleaning the dust and lichen off of gravestones for my Eagle Project.

Come One, Come All!

to a very special picnic
celebrating the 225th anniversary of our congregation.




SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7


12 Noon to 4 p.m.

Maymont Park's Children's Farm Lawn

The fun includes barbeque, music, games—including a Corn Hole tournament—juggling lessons, hayrides, petting zoo and more!
Everyone is invited to attend.

Watch for your invitation this summer!





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SHABBAT IN THE PARK

Come and celebrate a song filled Shabbat in the Park

Friday, July 18th
Friday, August 15th
Bryan Park Shelter #1

4308 Hermitage Road

6:00pm

Service followed by drinks and dessert oneg

Please feel free to bring your own picnic basket for a pre-service dinner beginning at 5:30pm

For more information contact Rabbi Gallop at rabbi.gallop@bethahabah.org.

There will be a parallel service held in the Gumenick Chapel on these evenings.

