

Beth El Newsletter

We Belong Together

*Spring
happenings...*

Café 76:

**Yom Ha'Atzmaut
Celebration**

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May/June 2024 - Nisan/Iyar/Sivan 5784

WE STAND WITH ISRAEL

Please join us as we mark this joyous occasion
and honor our beloved **Hazzan Alisa Pomerantz-Boro**
on her 20th Anniversary at Congregation Beth El!



Hazzan: *The Musical*

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Thursday, May 16, 2024

6:00pm Cocktails & Hors d'Oeuvres Reception

7:00pm Program

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Event Co-Chairs

Meredith & Andrew Becker

Robyn Greenberg Gelernt & Bill Gelernt

To RSVP, become a sponsor, or place an ad in the Keepsake book
or the evening's Playbill, please visit: bethelsnj.org/hazzan-themusical

For more information, contact Alicia Drozen, Events & Programs Manager,
at adrozen@bethelsnj.org or 856.281.9983

CLERGY CORNER



Dear Friends,

This edition of the BEN is appropriately dedicated to the upcoming beautiful celebration of a major milestone in the long history of our congregation, the 20th anniversary of the work of our amazing Hazzan Alisa Pomerantz-Boro. Speaking personally, there is no better *bima* partner that a rabbi could ask for. But the truth is that "*bima* work" is only a small fraction of the effective efforts Hazzan shares on behalf of all of us and from which I and all of us benefit greatly. Her profound insight, sensitivity to the individuality of everyone she meets from youngest child to most seasoned congregant, and as you well know, her uncanny ability to infuse a special energy and optimistic uplift to every event and conversation of which she is a part is inspiring to me and to all of us.

But the "*bima* work" 'aint nothin' either! We are blessed to hear her voice week after week, davening on our behalf, leading us in melodies old and new, interweaving contemporary settings with the classical "*nusach*" of every service of the year, encouraging and sometimes compelling us to raise our voices together with hers. Who has not enjoyed a game of "name that tune" following the blessing of the new month? I know that whatever sermon theme I focused on there would likely be a thematically appropriate setting for the *chatzi kaddish* that introduces *musaf*. And no, she does not get any advance notification! Of course her High Holiday leading brings both joy and tears and propels us through those days and into the year in an optimistic, uplifted spirit.

Have I mentioned her work with our youngest kids, who love to come up and strum her guitar and are completely certain they are playing it professionally while she encourages them? Everyone should at some point come to a Friday morning "Shabbat party" or a "Prayers in Pajamas" to see this energy, enthusiasm, and uncommon ability to connect in action, and I hope you will. And also to a "Service From the Heart," which engages our students and young adults with special needs in the joy of singing out however they want to, always with Hazzan's full encouragement and characteristic emphasis on full inclusivity. All were innovated by our Hazzan, and all happen regularly as a result of her efforts.

We are blessed to have such an empathetic "connector" as a leader of our Beth El, and as our one and only Hazzan. Generations of B'nai Mitzvah students trace their success on that special day to her efforts, and her appropriate challenge to them to stay involved, engaged, and motivated to live out their Jewish identities (including the occasional friendly wager the loss of which results in the requirement to read Torah!) is powerful and lasting. Our cadre of amazing Torah readers exists thanks to her dedication to coordinating existing participants and training up new ones through "Chanter with the Cantor." Adult Ed, choir, pastoral care work, representing us in the community and in our Movement... I could go on!

Hazzan, we thank you, we thank your Stephen, your Rebecca, and your Josh, and your wonderful parents for sharing you with all of us. We are grateful, and we celebrate with our whole hearts this beautiful anniversary of an incomparably special person and inspiration. Now try to sit back and enjoy it!

Finally I want to express my and our congregation's great gratitude to the committee of volunteers and professional staff who have conceptualized, organized and produced a memorable and joyful event - you are, in one of our Hazzan's favorite words, "AMAZING!"

B'shalom,

Rabbi David Englander

SHOMRIM

GUARDIANS OF CONGREGATION BETH EL

שומרים

Shomrim is an inclusive giving program designed to allow benefactors to commit one time during the year to support the annual activities and operational needs of Beth El.

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Hilary & Harry Platt
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Ilene Rosen & Todd Rowan
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Anonymous

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It is hard to believe that it has been a whole year since I became president of Beth El. I have learned so much and have gotten to work with so many incredibly talented people, and I look forward to the next year as I continue my term of office. One of the big perks of being president is working with our amazing Clergy and Staff. I

cannot emphasize enough how lucky we are to have such a dedicated and caring Team, working hard every day, to meet the needs of our congregation. And while they all deserve to be honored for all of their hard work, this month we will come together as a congregation to honor our beloved Hazzan Alisa Pomerantz-Boro for 20 years of dedicated service to our *shul*.

Any time you walk into our building you can hear the beautiful voice of our Hazzan. Whether she is davening, teaching B'nai mitzvah students, singing with the choir, or encouraging others to find their voices, Hazzan is there, day after day, doing what

cantors do, and then some. Hazzan has enhanced our services tremendously with her uplifting and creative melodies, she has entertained us on many occasions with her concerts and coffee houses, and she brings much joy to our Early Childhood Center children and families during their weekly Shabbat parties.

Hazzan is more than just a beautiful voice, she is a beautiful person, inside and out. Probably one of the most beautiful people I know. Hazzan is always there to celebrate simchas with us, brings us much comfort during difficult times, and will make time, anytime, if you need to talk. Hazzan is an amazing teacher, a strong leader and a dear friend.

On Thursday May 16th at 6pm we will honor Hazzan Alisa Pomerantz-Boro for all she does for us, and all she has done for us over the last 20 years. It will be a very special evening of songs, tributes and surprises to show our very special Hazzan just how much we love and appreciate her. I hope you will consider joining us for this incredible evening.

B'Shalom,

Faye L. Shapiro

OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



This month we will be honoring Hazzan Alisa Pomerantz-Boro for her 20 years as Beth El's cantor! She has touched so many lives here through a variety of lifecycle events and special moments, and encourages everyone to get involved in our services. Hazzan is a role model for our congregants, she is an example of inclusivity,

and is passionate in her belief that there should be no labels. My family was fortunate to have a personal experience with Hazzan for our daughter's Bat Mitzvah, and witnessed first hand just one of the many reasons she is beloved by our *shul*. I hope you will attend our big event on May 16 and be LOUD AND PROUD with your support for THE HAZZAN!



I'd also like to wish Roberta S. Clark, our Development & Membership Director, a fond farewell and to offer my gratitude for her dedication to Beth El for the past year. She's been an invaluable member of our team, connecting with leaders, volunteers and members in so many different ways. She also lent her tremendous organizational skills to our capital campaign, Bayit Va'Lev. We wish her well as she embarks on her new endeavor as the Director of the JCRC in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



Finally, welcome to Marissa Kimmel, our new Engagement Director. Prior to joining Beth El, Marissa was the Director of Membership & Programming at Temple Sholom in Broomall, PA. She grew up in Voorhees, and she is excited to return to the area. As the Engagement

Director, Marissa will focus on membership, partnering with our leaders and volunteers to create meaningful connections and opportunities, and supporting our development and fundraising efforts. She is married to Dave, and they have two young children, Violet and Dawson.

Josh Laster

BETH EL EDUCATION



As we all know, our world has changed since October 7th. For the past six months Israel has been on the forefront of our minds with everything that we do here at Beth El. Our building outside displays "Beth El Stands with Israel" signs. Images of hostages are spread throughout the Sanctuary. A Shabbat table is set on our *bimah* for our hostages when they return. Hatikvah is sung at the end of every ECC Havdalah, Religious School Service, as well as Shabbat morning services. Now more than ever, we need to show our support of Israel.

As a Jewish educator, it is my responsibility to be a leader and a support to my students of all ages particularly at a time when the Israel-Hamas war and the rise of antisemitism have impacted our lives as Jews right here at home.

In the beginning of March, I was honored to be invited to participate in the inaugural three-day conference, "Zionism: A New Conversation" with 110 rabbis across denominations to talk about Israel. The conference, sponsored by the Lisa and Michael Lefell Foundation, The Paul E. Singer Foundation and the Maimonides Fund, offered a variety of session topics. Topics included reengaging youth when discussing Israel, creating allies, understanding social media, and answering the hard questions and reclaiming Zionism. Speakers included educators, leaders from Zionist organizations such as Zioness and Boundless, and leaders from the LGBTQ, Black, and Latino communities. Featured presentations included New York Times opinion columnist Bret Stephens, Rep. Ritchie Torres who is known as a pro-Israel progressive, and Reverend Johnnie Moore, president of the Congress of Christian Leaders.

After three days of intense conversations, discussions, and *Hevrotah* study of how to target anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism, I personally came home full of optimism knowing that we are not alone in the work we have to do. With support of Jewish leaders around the country and with leaders of other faiths who are friends of the Jewish people, I know that together we will be able to stand strong against anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism.

And to continue the necessary work, I am honored to be serving as co-chair of the Jewish National Fund's USA Educators' Mission to Israel this summer. I will travel with 35 other Jewish Educators from across the country to Israel as we join other educators from around the world. During this mission we will be visiting important sites, preparing supplies for soldiers, and learning lessons relevant to our theme of Educational Leadership. I am looking forward to bringing back everything I will learn to Beth El.

There are many ways you can support Israel right here in our community. Join us for our annual Community Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration on Monday, May 13. Come show your solidarity as we begin the evening at 6pm with a Yom Ha'Zikaron ceremony with remarks from Capt. (Res.) Zoe Marks, Director of Overseas Operations of YATAR Israel and a performance by local Religious School and Kellman Brown Academy students. We will then begin our Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration with Israeli dancing, crafts, vendors, Israeli food for sale, and a Laser Light Show for families of all ages. Our evening will conclude with an important JNF Panel Discussion: "Impactful Responses to October 7 in Israel and Around the World."

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend a Mazal Tov to Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro for her twenty years of service here at Congregation Beth El. Hazzan is truly an inspiration and it is an honor to have the opportunity to work with her every single day. Hazzan will be participating in our Yom Ha'Zikaron ceremony where she will sing a prayer for Israel and the Israeli Defense Force. We hope you will join us as Israel needs us more than ever.

Am Yisrael Chai!

Rabbi Nogah Marshall
Educational Director



BETH EL EDUCATION



Our ECC is more than just an early childhood center. For our children, the ECC is a home away from home. It is a place where they know that they are loved and cared for. It is a place that launches lifelong friendships and a love of learning. It is a place that lays the foundation for a love of Judaism and tradition.

For the past few years, our ECC PTG has generously supported our initiatives and have consistently organized parents for volunteer efforts for a multitude of ECC events and Holidays. I am thrilled to announce that as a parting gift of the 2023-24 PTG, they have graciously co-sponsored the anticipated launch of a brand-new language program for our ECC students for the 2024-25 school year. This program will introduce our children to weekly Hebrew lessons, starting at the age of 2 years old. There is no better gift to a child than enhancing their education with the gift of language. We could not be more grateful to Erin Rolo and Allie Greenberg for their stewardship of our PTG this year and thank them for their unceasing support and guidance. A great big thank you to Keri Smotrich for her support as our ECC Chair; and lastly, thank you to all of our amazing parent volunteers!

While we are speaking of thanks, a big part of what makes our ECC so special is our weekly Shabbat Party. Every Friday morning Rabbi Englander and Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro lead our ECC in bringing in the magic of Shabbat, with our friends and families, with music and dance. The heart of our Shabbat is our Hazzan, whose positivity, love and joy are felt by everyone in our ECC. We are so grateful for our Hazzan and wish her the biggest MAZAL TOV on celebrating 20 years with Beth El! We can't wait to see what the next 20 will bring!

We are looking forward to another fabulous summer with our ECC Camp Kaitana!

Ayelet Mittelman
ECC Director



Mazal Tov TO OUR B'NAI MITZVAH



AVA RAY CHHABRIA - MAY 11

Parents: Heidi & Brian Chhabria
Siblings: Zachary and Darby
Grandparents: Allan & Shelly Brenner,
Audrey Ruth Chhabria (z"l)

*Mitzvah Project: In honor of her friend
Dr. Stacy Lewin Farber, Ava raised*

money (over \$1800) and awareness for ALS - directing all contributions to Compassionate Care ALS (CCALS.org). Ava created videos sharing information about ALS - the effects on patients, families and caregivers.



GRAYDEN LUKE KRATCHMAN - MAY 11

Parents: Jodi & Michael Kratchman
Siblings: Dylan and Lincoln
Grandparents: Shelly & Allan Brenner
and Judy & Arthur Kratchman
Great Grandmother: Doris Bell

Mitzvah Project: Grayden volunteers every

week for the ACHaD basketball Squadron at the JCC. It is a program where individuals with special needs join their peers to develop basketball skills through drills and gameplay.

Social Action at CONGREGATION BETH EL

Beth El Social Action has made such an impact this year! Thank you to our chairperson, Marla Rosenthal and all our wonderful volunteers. Join us in putting our values in action by signing up for one of our upcoming opportunities. Scan the QR code below to see what's available or to suggest new volunteer opportunities.

This is a list of all of the causes and organizations we have helped since September 2023:

American Red Cross
Attic Youth Center
BookSmiles
Boys & Girls Club
Cathedral Kitchen
Center For Family Services
Emmanuel Cancer Center
Eyal's Flowers
Gift of Life
Goodwill
IDF Soldiers
JAFCO - Family Matters
Jewish Relief Agency
JFCS
JFCS Food Pantry
Leveling the Playing Field
Lion's Gate
Michael Levin Lone Soldier Foundation
NJ Dept of Children & Families
Operation Yellow Ribbon
Project Linus
Raab Goodwin Holocaust Museum
Ronald McDonald House
Sunrise Association
Unforgotten Haven
Voorhees Animal Orphanage
Voorhees Township Police Dept



For more information, contact Alicia Drozen at adrozen@bethelsnj.org or Social Action Chair, Marla Rosenthal, at socialaction@bethelsnj.org

HAWAIIAN DRESS INVITED!

Habonim's Annual

END OF THE YEAR BBQ

**THURSDAY,
MAY 30
6-8PM**

Featuring our master BBQ Chef **ALAN BLUMENFELD** & our in-house Chef **SHAVIT MOSHE**

\$28 per person

Mail your check payable to 'Beth El Habonim' to **Sharon Deutsch** - 66 Hopewell Rd, Marlton, NJ 08053 (Memo line: BBQ)

Questions? Contact Judy Simkin lensim@comcast.net or 856.829.2651



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 Anonymous (2)

BELL LIBRARY NEWS



Amy Kaplan Congregation Librarian

Mysteries, love stories, historical fiction, fictionalized biographies, and so much more... Our shelves are filled with outstanding novels that entertain and inform. There's no need to wait in long queues to borrow books by favorite

authors such as James McBride, Daniel Silva, or Naomi Ragen – you can borrow them right here from the Beth El library.

The library will be closed for the summer months (July and August), so now is the perfect time to come in and borrow books to enjoy on those long, lazy days. Here's a guide to some of our most recent acquisitions:

How about some contemporary stories – romance, adventure, maybe a touch of mystery:

By The Rivers of Babylon by Mary Glickman
The Chateau by Jaclyn Goldis
The Echo of Old Books by Barbara Davis
Hope by Andrew Ridker
Kissing Kosher by Jean Meltzer
The Lover by Rebecca Sacks
The Marriage Box by Corie Adjmi

Maybe you'd like to try some historical fiction – including novels set during and after the Holocaust, as well as stories set in earlier days in the U.S. and elsewhere:

Coronation Year by Jennifer Robson
The Golden Doves by Martha Hall Kelly
Hotel Cuba by Aaron Hamburger

Leaving Eastern Parkway by Matthew Daub
Once We Were Home by Jennifer Rosner
The Trouble With You by Ellen Feldman

Or you'd enjoy some not-quite- biographies; they're fiction, but inspired by the lives of well-known Jewish people:

Bessie by Linda Kass (inspired by the life of Bess Myerson)
Fifth Avenue Glamour Girl by Renee Rosen (inspired by the life of Estee Lauder)
The Majority by Elizabeth L. Silver (inspired by the life of Ruth Bader Ginsburg)

And be sure you don't miss these novels by favorite authors:

The Collector by Daniel Silva
The Enemy Beside Me by Naomi Ragen
The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride
The Wind Knows My Name by Isabel Allende

Come explore; you're sure to find books you'll want to read!

The Library is open: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:30am – 12:00pm.



#BookTok LIVE is your place to talk about books! Join us for a lively discussion as we share updates about the books we're reading and hear about what others have read (books do

not have to have Jewish content). We'll meet on **MAY 13 and JUNE 10, Noon – 1:00pm** in the library. Bring a dairy of vegetarian lunch if you wish, and we'll talk! For more information, call the Library.

Dear College Students and Parents,

We hope you had a wonderful school year and you enjoyed receiving your packages as well as letters from Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro and Rabbi Englander.

We at the College Connection Program are preparing for the 2024-25 school year! With the help of dedicated volunteers, along with assistance from Alyssa Gross and Marsha Flager, we assemble and send out packages three times a year to undergraduate students in college. Our first fall package for the New Year and Sukkot should be sent out around September 19. We will need updated addresses for all college students previously enrolled and those entering college for their freshman year, no later than September 3.

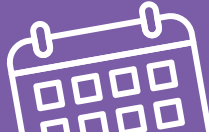
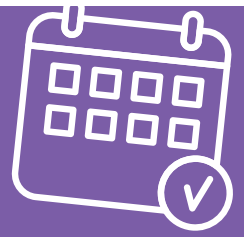
Parents and students, please reach out to Jackie Bernard at 4bernards@comcast.net or Audrey Snyderman at audreysnyderman@gmail.com to obtain the form. Parents and congregants who would like to assist in the College Connection Program are asked to email or call Jackie at 856.630.0585.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

at a glance!



Prayers & Pajamas

Fridays, May 3 & June 7 at 5:30pm



Celebration Shabbat

Fridays, May 3 & June 7 at 6pm



BookTok Live

Mondays, May 13 & June 10 at Noon



Community Yom HaShoah Observance

Sunday, May 5 at 7pm



Cooking with Chanie Apfelbaum

Wednesday, May 8 at 7pm (at TBS)
Part of **Braid. Spice. Cook!** Jewish Cooking Series



Café 76: Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration

Monday, May 13 at 6pm *Details on pg.16*



The Children's Tile Mural: A Bayit Va'Lev Project for ECC & Religious School Families

Tile Painting Dates: *Details on back cover*
Wednesday, May 15 from 5-7pm
Sunday, May 19 from 11am-12pm
Tuesday, May 21 from 9-10am



Hazzan: The Musical

Thursday, May 16 at 6pm
Spring Fundraiser honoring our beloved
Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro's 20 Anniversary
at Congregation Beth El! *Details on pg. 2*



Lag B'Omer BBQ & Gaga with the Clergy

Sunday, May 19 at 11:15am
Toiletry collection to benefit
Operation Yellow Ribbon



Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, May 28 from 2-7pm



Habonim End of Year BBQ

Thursday, May 30 at 6pm *Details on pg. 8*



KaHaL Lunch & Learn

The Nuts & Bolts of Shavuot with Rabbi Marshall
Saturday, June 1 at 12:30pm



Sisterhood Torah Fund Brunch

Sunday, June 2 at 9:30am



Keshet Trip to Dorney Park

Sunday, June 2



7th Annual Golf Classic & Game Day at Ramblewood Country Club

Tuesday, June 4 *Details on pg. 13*



Pride Shabbat

Friday, June 7 at 6pm



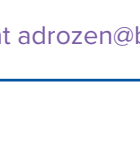
Gender Affirming Clothing Swap

Sunday, June 9 at 1pm



Shavuot

June 11-13



Jewish Heritage Night @ Phillies

Tuesday, June 18 at 6:40pm

Juneteenth Jewbilee

Wednesday, June 19 at 6pm

Habonim Naomi Miller Concert

Thursday, June 20 at 1pm (at TBS)

Splish Splash Shabbat

Friday, June 21 at 5:30pm

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MAZAL TOV TO

B'NAI MITZVAH:

Jenna & Alexa Molotsky, and to their parents **Debbie & Lee Molotsky**
Mara Lowenberger, and to her parents **Ellen & Michael Lowenberger**, and grandmother **Ilene Berman**
Jordyn Seltzer, and to her parents **Brandi & Greg Seltzer**
Brianna Cedar, and to her parents **Staci & Jeff Cedar**

BIRTHS & NAMINGS:

Bobbie & Steve Wenick on the birth of their great-grandson in Israel, **Amichai Lehmann**
Michael & Samantha Winer, on the naming of their son, **Levi Elliot Winer**
Arlene & Harris Colton on the birth of their third great-granddaughter, **Hanah Nita Ojserkis**
Nancy & John Kravitz on the birth of their granddaughter, **Remy Jade Kravitz**, daughter of **Adam & Richa Kravitz**
Beth & Josh Brodtkin on the birth of their granddaughter, **Talia Blair**, and to great-grandmother, **Miriam Brodtkin**
Staci & Craig Tinkelman on the birth of their grandson, **Noah Henry**, and to great-grandparents, **Carl & Sydney Tinkelman**
Karen & Dave Schlessel on the birth of their grandson, **Zev Jack Levy**



ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS:

Arlene & Harris Colton on the engagement of their grandson, **Skyler Colton** to **Lauren Kerner**
Valerie & Larry Gross on the engagement of their son, **Seth Gross** to **Georgie Kirsch**

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS AND OTHER GOOD NEWS:

Adam Cooper was promoted to the rank of Captain in the U.S. Navy
Marc Snyderman was named one of the Top 15 Entrepreneurs to look out for in 2024 by @msn
Drew Duboff performed in Fiddler on the Roof at the Ritz Theatre
Dr. Eric Grossman celebrated his thirteenth birthday (February 29th!) and Bar Mitzvah at Congregation Beth El
Barbara & Martin Sharofsky's daughter, Rabbi Abbi Sharofsky, received the Interfaith Works Faith and Community Partnerships 2024 Community Service Award for her work in intergroup relations through the JCRC of Greater Washington
Jordan Segal placed 4th in the NJSIAA NJ State wrestling tournament in Atlantic City
Melody & Craig Taylor celebrated their grandson Amir's Bar Mitzvah; their granddaughter Ayalah's completion of service in the Israeli navy as a combat soldier; and their grandson Aitan's start in the Israeli army (Proud parents Shira & Boaz Gura)

*We want to celebrate everyone's simchas, accomplishments, and achievements.
Email Claudia Sternberg at cssternberg@bethelsnj.org to share your special news!*

ZICHRONAM LIV'RACHAH

WE MOURN THE PASSING OF:

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More Beth El Happenings



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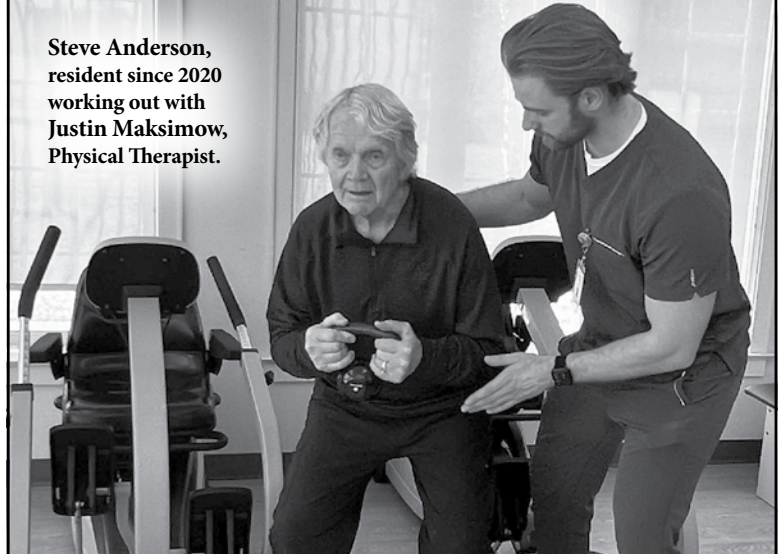
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