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High Holy Days Are Coming!

In this most unusual year, we are finding new ways to observe the holidays. Some will be very familiar -- traditions that we can follow while also minimizing the risk of exposure to COVID-19. Some will be completely reimagined to meet the needs of this moment. Here are some of our plans...

Order High Holy Day Prayerbooks before August 20

So you can follow along with our online services, consider purchasing your own *Mahzor Lev Shalem*. Members can order through BIC for \$36 per book.

Personal Moments in front of the Ark: August 20-September 25

For the past several years, individuals and families have stood before the open Ark during Ne'ilah at the end of Yom Kippur. This year, we are offering this opportunity between August 20 and Yom Kippur. Schedule your private time on any weekday by contacting the office. Resources will be provided.

Order Lulav/Etrog Sets by September 4

Shaking the Lulav and Etrog during Sukkot is a meaningful and low-risk activity! Never ordered your own before? This may be the year to start! Lulav/etrog sets cost \$40. Contact the office to place your order by September 4.



S'lichot: Saturday night, September 12

Join us online for a film and discussion. Details coming soon.

Rosh Hashanah Online Services: September 18, 19, 20

Friday, Sept. 18: Zoom Schmooze at 5:30, service follows at 6:00. Both days: all ages service 9:00-10:30am, youth/family programming 10:35-11:25, main service resumes at 11:30 and ends at 1:00. See page 5 for youth/family program info.

Tashlich / Shofar: Sunday afternoon, September 20 at Vilas Park

Come hear the Shofar in conjunction with Tashlich. Afternoon times will be assigned based on registrations. We hope to accommodate all who wish to participate in person -- appropriately distanced and following other risk-reduction precautions. Contact the office to register by September 15.

Erev Yom Kippur Online Services: Sunday, September 27

Kol Nidre begins at 5:30 sharp.

Yom Kippur Online Services: Monday, September 28

Shacharit and Torah service 9:00-10:30am.
Youth/family service 10:35-11:25am.
Sermon, Yizkor, and Musaf beginning at noon.
Not online: After Musaf, walking meditation, weather permitting.
Mincha at 5:00. Ne'ilah at 6:00pm, Final Shofar at 7:40pm.

Sukkot & Simchat Torah Celebrations: October 2-11

Online Yom Tov services October 3, 4, 10 & 11.
October 2-9: Reserve the BIC sukkah for your family or *quaranteam*.
October 7: Gather 'round the firepit by the sukkah! Register by October 5.
October 11: Simchat Torah like you've never seen it before! See page 2.



Thoughts from the Rabbi...

מחשבות *Makh'shavot: A Torah for Our Time*

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As this newsletter goes to press, Beth Israel Center is closed. Staff are mostly working from home, but coming in when necessary and taking all appropriate safety precautions.

Please do not drop by or expect to come in to the building until further notice.

Please DO continue to call and email us!

Next Centerite Deadline:

October 6, 2020

Thanks to David Balkansky for underwriting the color printing of this issue of the Centerite in honor of his children and grandchildren.

Since the pandemic exiled us from our sanctuary, we often begin our daily davening by singing together:

ועשו לי מקדש ושכנתי בתוכם



“Make me a sanctuary, and I will dwell among you” (Exodus 25:8), our attempt to construct a virtual tent of meeting, uniting one heart to another and inviting the Divine Presence to spread her wings over us. At first, it felt novel

and a little awkward, to gather on screens for prayer, study, counseling, and meetings. It felt strange and lonely to sing along from home, while muted on the screen. Gradually, we warmed up to the medium. Now, we sway, clap, drum, laugh, and cry on screen with much more ease. It no longer feels silly; it feels real.

At this time of year, in preparation for the High Holy Days, we ask ourselves who we really are. The pandemic has shown that our BIC family are thinkers and givers, connectors and uplifters, caregivers and comforters. We are ponderers, grievers, activists, and agitators. Perhaps most of all, we are learners, discovering what this moment is teaching us about who we are.

I am privileged to study this summer in a Hadar Institute fellowship cohort of rabbis. We contemplate, and will eventually produce, Jewish wisdom gleaned from deep reflection on what we are learning at this time, and how Judaism will be different, when the pandemic is over.

I want to write the Torah (the “teaching”) of this moment with all of you! The thoughts and feelings we are experiencing as we figure out how to celebrate, mourn, and practice as Jews and as human beings are shaping us in ways that we do not yet know. The tensions we are experiencing are exposing cracks in the foundations of what we thought we believed and what we believed we knew. These challenges are teaching us what we need most.

Where am I going with all of this? Simchat Torah!

Figuring out how to adapt our Fall holidays to the pandemic conditions mostly has been a matter of figuring out the details: which technology, which pages in the *Machzor*, where and how to blow the Shofar, how to make our sukkah available. But what about Simchat Torah, the holiday at the end of it all, when we savor being together less formally, singing and dancing with our Torah scrolls? How can we possibly celebrate Simchat Torah as we have traditionally?

We can't. So we are going to do something totally different to accomplish the same goals of feeling close to one another and close to Torah. Instead of dancing with the Torah, we are going to take hold of Torah, starting at the beginning of Elul (August 20). On Simchat Torah, we will read our very own contemplative Torah together. It will be a sacred communal offering written by a *kahal* that has things to say about what we are leaning from this time.

Stay tuned for more details. For now, start paying attention to what your heart wants to express. Here are some questions to get you started:

- What new aspects of yourself and your relationships are you noticing?
- What parts of your religious life feel more important to you now, and what parts are you questioning?
- What rituals and faith practices have become more prominent, or meaningful, to you?
- What parts of your religious life do you miss the most, and what does that yearning teach you?
- How has Shabbat taken on new dimensions for you?
- What has been your spiritual journey during this time? Where is God in that journey?

I am excited to receive your thoughts in paragraphs, sketches, snippets, poetry... and placing them into our communal offering and testimony. Our Torah.

With Love,

Rabbi Betsy
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President's Column

Be Most Careful in this New Land

In Devarim, Moshe speaks to the Israelites before they cross into Canaan, listing for them what they must remember to do as they begin the next stage of their journey without him. Moshe shares his admonition --

וְנִשְׁמְרֶתֶם מְאֹד לְנַפְשֵׁיכֶם

For your own sake, therefore, be most careful (Deut. 4:15) -- as every step beyond the desert is fraught with dangers both seen and unseen. In this time of COVID-19, when we venture out of the relative safety of our homes to complete essential tasks, go on a socially distanced walk, or connect via Zoom, we share a version of Moshe's guidance with each other - be most careful.

And we are. The COVID-19 task force meets weekly to review the latest research and best practice guidelines for how to operate our building and our programming. The Board of Directors is engaged with the visioning of how we actively foster community and caring when the most caring thing we can do is not be in close physical proximity. Our remarkable professional staff, who work with extraordinary dedication to serve us all, have engaged with the new reality with skill, thoughtfulness, and love. We are faced with many questions without clear answers, attempting to thread a needle we can only barely see. We miss what we can't do right now and

find gratitude in the social and spiritual connectedness we create and discover.

I feel as if we have entered into a new land, again, and much of the landscape is foreign, yet Beth Israel Center remains stable, vibrant, and beloved. In May I started my term as president, when the scale of the disruption of the pandemic was coming into focus. In many shuls an unexpected transition in the midst of an emergency would slow the necessary work of the organization. Our Board, professional staff, committees and kahal, are rooted in purpose and have continued with the tasks at hand at the speed required of the moment. I want to extend my deep thanks to Rabbi Betsy, Elissa, Matt Banks, the entire staff and Board of Directors for supporting me and my work for the last three months. I continue to be honored and humbled to serve as President and hope to see you all, in person or on-line, soon.

L'shalom,

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Annual Membership Meeting: Tuesday, August 11, 7:00pm, Online

Calling all members! Come one, come all to this year's Annual Meeting -- more convenient and streamlined than ever before! From the comfort of your own home, join us on Zoom to hear just three short talks -- from the Rabbi, the President, and Finance VP Marci Katz about our budget. Then bring your questions about the detailed reports that were sent to all members in July.

If you haven't received this important packet containing annual reports from committees and staff, please contact the office. We'll gladly resend it. The packet was emailed to all members for whom we have email addresses and mailed to those who don't have email access.

We will also elect new Board Officers and Directors and thank those who are completing their Board service this year.

When else can you vote twice in one day? (August 11 is also our state primary.)

Membership Renewal

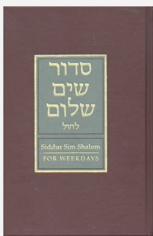
Around the time of this year's Annual Membership Meeting (August 11), we will be sending letters to all members asking you to renew your membership support before September 1, the start of our fiscal year. Watch for this important mailing in mid August.



Book Dedications

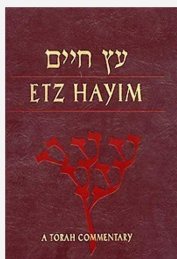
The next time you're looking for a way to honor a special person, couple, family or occasion, or memorialize a loved one, consider dedicating a prayerbook!

For \$36, you can dedicate a weekday *Siddur Sim Shalom*,



for \$54 a High Holy Day *Mahzor Lev Shalem*,

and for \$72 an *Etz Hayim Chumash*.



(Our Shabbat & Festivals prayerbooks, *Siddur Lev Shalem*, are all dedicated.)

Call Sarah or Elissa at (608) 256-7763 or email office@bethisraelcenter.org and tell us in whose honor or memory the book(s) should be dedicated, and we'll take it from there.



From the Executive Director's Desk

Some Things Remain the Same....

As we navigate our new normal of not being able to gather in large groups to sing, eat, laugh, celebrate and support each other in person, I am struck by what remains



unchanged, even as it seems we are reinventing so many of our routines.

Rosh Hashanah will come.

Orchards will be full of apples, yet our sanctuary will

not be full of people (at least not in person). See page 1 and watch your email for more about our Tashlich and Shofar blowing plan for September 20.

Yom Kippur will come. We will fast and turn our thoughts to *teshuvah* and the day will end with a Shofar blast -- which will be heard over our live stream.

Sukkot will come. Many of us will build sukkot and eat, drink, perhaps even sleep in our temporary huts. If we invite people outside our immediate families into our sukkot, we are likely to invite fewer people this year.

Shemini Atzeret will come. There will be a Yom Tov / Shabbat service on October 10, including Yizkor, but it will be live streamed, like most of our services. (Keep reading.)

Simchat Torah will come. We will not dance with our Torah scrolls, but we will have a uniquely moving Simchat Torah celebration -- a totally

different kind of dance. (See the Rabbi's column on page 2.)

Shabbat will come, every week!

As we have since March, we will continue to gather on Zoom starting at 5:00 each Friday to schmooze before services, which start at 5:45. When it starts getting dark earlier, we will move our weekly Zoom schmooze to Saturday evening, after Havdallah.

Also starting after our new LiveControl live stream system has been installed, we will aim to constitute a minyan in our sanctuary and stream Erev Shabbat and Shabbat morning services more often. Thanks to Jewish Federation of Madison for supporting our investment in live stream equipment.

Emails will keep coming. If you are not already receiving emails from Beth Israel Center, please subscribe! Click "Get E-News" on our website, or drop me a line. I'll gladly add you to our list.

We are making and changing plans, often on short notice, as we learn more about what is possible while minimizing risk and upholding above all else the Jewish value of *pikuach nefesh*, preserving life.

We will stay connected! Please keep in touch, take advantage of what we're offering, and let us know what else you need.

We're here for you. That, for sure, remains the same.

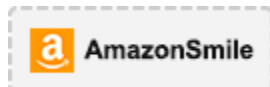
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From the Education Director's Desk

Davar Acher -- A Different Way of Looking at Things

The Talmudic rabbis once had a hearty discussion about the meaning of Deuteronomy 6:5 "And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might," the text we know as *V'Ahavta*. They discuss how and what it means to love God with heart, soul and might, coming up with interesting and some farther afield interpretations of the verse, but they also introduce an increasingly important concept to us-- Davar Acher, another way of looking at things.

These last few months have kept us both on our toes and at home. We've had to "davar acher" almost everything-- learning at home, working at home, holding Sedarim and life cycle events over Zoom, families being together for days, weeks and months with no breaks. We've had to re-examine and re-imagine almost everything about our daily lives and our cycle of time.

As I write this, 13 children and 2 staff members are down the hall at Beth Israel Center enjoying a distanced, mostly outside, significantly different summer experience than anyone planned. Our name -- *Machaneh Randall* (Camp



Randall), our participants -- BIC students in 4th-11th grade, most of whom had Jewish overnight camp cancelled this summer, our hope -- to *never* have to do this again, our theme -- Davar Acher! We should be at overnight camp -- Davar Acher! We're here at our BIC home! We love to play basketball, but team sports aren't distanced enough? Davar Acher! We'll play a safer game of knockout or horse. Singing, even while masked, may be dangerous, but praying without singing is hard? Davar Acher! We'll collage, dance, and chalk our tefillot.

I think this concept hit home for

me the first week of *Machaneh Randall*, when our staff Moira Wilson and Shira Forester brought an art project to the participants to further illustrate the "Davar Acher" idea. They had each student pour paint on paper and then fold it in half, creating an ink-blot test-like page. After the paint dried, the group sat in a wide circle and each student said what they saw in their creation. After the artist's initial explanation, others jumped in with "Davar Acher!" and explained what



they saw. Reading art like texts, recognizing other and other's interpretations and meaningful collaboration, all while making the best of a very bad situation (indeed, wishing they were "not here")-- what more could we ask for? And look at the community we've created here for all our children!

While we're not yet ready to announce our plans for Talmud Torah and other fall education programs, you can be sure that we're taking this Davar Acher attitude and applying it as we move forward. None of this (pandemic, isolation, etc.) is what we would have picked, if given a choice, but Davar Acher! We're doing what we can to keep focused on our main topic - creating a "... vibrant center of Jewish learning spirituality, community and experience... while providing the building blocks of a comprehensive Jewish education", while seeking necessarily alternative ways of getting there.

Beth

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High Holy Day Youth Program

On both days of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur, we will offer a Zoom service for families with children in primary grades and younger.

Adults and children together can find us on Zoom, 10:35-11:25, on September 19, 20 and 28.

More info coming soon!



Online Learning With Rabbi Forester

Tea & Torah

Tuesdays 4:00-4:45

Bring a cuppa whatever you're drinking and study literary gems with Rabbi Forester.

Wednesday Wisdom

4:00-4:45

Learn with Rabbi Forester in this series on halachic decision-making.

Online classes, weekday services, and other gatherings are being offered on the Zoom platform. Links can be found in regular emails to the congregation.



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*pending election on August 11.

The Beth Israel Center Board of Directors ensures the financial health and future of our shul, and sets policies that honor our mission and vision. You should know whose hands your synagogue is in, so we are telling some of our Board members' stories on these pages. If you'd like to read previously published profiles of current board members, you can find them in our online Centerite archive, on our website, under About Us. See the list on page 7.



Steve Jellinek

When did you join the congregation and why? My wife, Bobbie, and I joined as full time members about five years ago, sometime after we made Madison our permanent residence. We had also joined in the mid-2000s, when we were still living mostly in New York. We joined in 2015 because I needed to be connected to a shul and we were not comfortable at the other congregations in town. After attending a couple of times by myself, I was so impressed with the feel of the congregation that I brought Bobbie with me. It so happened that Francie was the greeter that day. The rest is history. She welcomed us not only to services that day, but to the circle of cool older people she and Herb hang out with. We were hooked.

Tell us a little bit about yourself. We have had a house in Madison since late 2003 and visited regularly; several times a year for a couple of weeks or so at a time. The draw was our grandson, Josh, who was born in March of that year (his parents were a factor we considered too). We lived in NY on the Upper East Side at the time. In 2012 we switched primary residences and bought a house around the corner from Andrea, Paul, and Josh, and our grand dog, Wilbur. We sold our UES apartment and bought a studio on the Upper West Side. Now we visit New York several times a year (pre-COVID-19, that is). Our daughter, Rachel, and her family live in Arlington, Mass., just outside of Boston. Pre-COVID-19, we got the whole family together twice a year, in the summer at Cape Cod and during the winter school break here. We are fortunate to have Andrea et al so close and spend a lot of time with them, although at 17, Josh is harder to pin down than when he was younger. Pre-covid, we traveled quite a bit, in addition to our regular visits back East. We also entertained a lot and enjoyed hosting dinner parties with shul friends and neighbors. We are hoping to resume all of that later this year and next. I like to go for rides in the countryside, visit local and state parks, read, go to concerts, ride my bike on Madison's great trails, bake outstanding cookies and desserts, take afternoon naps, and smoke an occasional cigar (but not in the house!).

And your professional background? I worked for the Federal Government in Washington, DC, for almost twenty years. After ten years at the IRS, I joined the staff of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) in the Executive Office of the President (it's a long story). I was at CEQ 1971-77. In 1977 I was appointed by President Carter, and confirmed by the Senate, to be the Assistant Administrator of EPA responsible for regulating pesticides and industrial chemicals. After Ronald Reagan's election I left government to start a consulting business. I sold the business in 1998 and "retired" in 2000. I have done some independent consulting since 2000. I expect 2020 will be my last year doing so.

What is your favorite thing to do at Beth Israel Center? My favorite activity—alas—is attending Shabbat services and the kiddushim that follow. I am hoping we can resume some kind of in-person Shabbat experience in the near future. Kabbalat Shabbat is a close second. The Zoom services are very good, considering, but I can't wait to get back to schmoozing and singing in shul.

Where else might we have seen you at BIC? I was on the search committee that selected Rabbi Forester. I am currently a member of the Development

Previously Published Profiles

if you'd like to read more profiles of current board members and you haven't kept every issue of the *Centerite* as a keepsake, you can find them in our online *Centerite* archive. Look on our website, under About Us.

Here's a guide to which Board members were profiled when:

Livia Asher	August 2015
Matt Banks	August 2015
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Jennie Edes-Pierotti	November 2014
Steve Goldstein	August 2017
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Marci Katz	February 2019
Jeff Mandell	February 2019
Laurie Nagus	November 2015
Judy Pierotti	May 2015
Nadav Shelef	February 2016
Regina Vidaver	February 2017
Ziva Wear	May 2018

Committee. Pre-COVID-19, Bobbie and I were on the BIC Meals on Wheels crew. I am currently a shadow member of the Social Justice Committee.

When you were asked to join the Board, did you say yes right away? Yes. I was honored by the request and saw it as an opportunity to get more personally involved in decision making on important synagogue issues.

Tell us something that may surprise people about you. Shirley Temple (you can Google her) was a colleague of mine. No kidding! She was interested in the environment, and in the early 1970's, she was a Special Assistant to the Chairman of CEQ. She was a lovely person.



Michal Engelman

When did you join the congregation and why? Late 2013. Josh (Garoon) and I had just moved to Madison that summer and were expecting the twins, who were born in November. It was clear to us that we wanted to be a part of this community, though it took us a couple of years before we became active members. Because twins.

Tell us a little bit about yourself. I live with my husband Josh, my 6 (and a half!) year old twin boys Ziv and Stav, and our dog Ziggy on the near west side of Madison. Since the pandemic started the main things I do for fun involve taking the kids on bike rides, eating dinner and reading by the firepit, and enjoying Josh's craft cocktails. I'm an associate professor of sociology at UW-Madison (though my PhD is in public health). I study the demography of aging and health, focusing especially on how exposure to social and economic disadvantage through the life course shapes inequities in longevity and health in later life. I came to Madison seven years ago, after a short stint on the faculty at the University of Chicago. Before joining the Board, I served on the search committee that brought us Rabbi Forester. Since then, I've been a member of the shul's evaluation committee and security committee.

What is your favorite thing to do at Beth Israel Center? Watching my kids play with other kids and form friendships that cross age boundaries. Now that the twins are getting older (and before the pandemic) I've enjoyed getting to know (and having uninterrupted conversations with) other adult members of the congregation.

When you were asked to join the Board, did you say yes right away? I talked to Josh about it, because when people have to balance jobs, kids, and community work, there are always tradeoffs and someone has to pick up the slack. He was very supportive and encouraging, because this community is something we care a lot about, so I said yes.

What do you hope to accomplish as a Board member? Helping increase the sense that Beth Israel Center is both a home and a center. My goal is to help it be a more inclusive institution that actively engages both a broader set of its members (so more people feel truly home here) and the wider Madison community.

Tell us something that may surprise people about you. I was born in Israel, and my first language was Yiddish. My family immigrated from the USSR to Israel in the 1970s, and my grandfather, who shared a home with my parents, was my main caregiver when my parents were at work. Though he knew five languages, Hebrew and English weren't on his list, so we spoke Yiddish. My parents thought that a toddler speaking Yiddish was pretty cute, so they encouraged it. I eventually learned Hebrew when I started going to preschool, and English at age 10, when we moved to the United States.



By Word of Mouse

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Yasher Koach to the 2019-20 MOUSY board officers:

Maya Becker
Mia Kurzer
Mirra Blehert
Debbie Rudin
Leila Loeb
Yael Rosenblatt

This dedicated group, along with Youth Director Deborah Hoffman, planned an incredible year of adventures, including our favorite Shabbat Schmooze Kabbalat Shabbat service and family dinner, No Sew Fleece Blankets, MOUSY Gets Real - Conservation 101, 8th Grade Welcome Breakfast, MOUSY Makes A Meal, and MOUSY Escape Room ... always adding a bit of creative play to Jewish tradition.

Heartfelt farewells to the class of graduating seniors:

Gaby Baum
Maya Becker
Rowan Cody
Ilana Greenspan
Max Ivry
Debbie Rudin
Eliya Syvertsen

Chazak v'Ematz (Be Strong and of Good Courage) in your future endeavors.

Our first-ever online quorum of mice participated in Jewish civics by exercising their Jewish right to vote on Sunday morning, May 24 at our annual MOUSY Elections. Mazal tov to MOUSY's 2020-21 Executive Board officers:

Co-President Mirra Blehert

A senior at West High School, I love to go sailing with family and friends. A member of my school's chapter of National Honors Society (NHS), I volunteer as the blood drive coordinator. In this role, I help to organize blood drives through the Red Cross, by both recruiting and helping to check in the donors. My favorite class was physics, because I enjoyed the emphasis on class discussions about discoveries that explain how the physical world works. The coolest place I have ever been is Iceland, because the entire country is full of natural formations that we were able to explore and admire.

Co-President Rhiannon Wilson

A senior at West High School, I like to go paddle-boarding with my family. My favorite subject is math, because I like challenging problem-solving. The coolest place I have ever visited are the Galapagos Islands, because I went swimming with sea turtles. A surprising fact about myself is that I spent a semester in Berlin.

Co-Executive VP Leila Loeb

A senior at East High School, I love to go camping with my family, especially in northern Wisconsin. My favorite Jewish holiday is Sukkot, because all the sukkah sounds are very cool and the weather is great. The coolest place I have ever visited is probably Prague or Budapest, because there is so much history there. A Jewish value that I live by is Tikkun Olam, because we have one planet and it's our obligation to take care of it.

Co-Executive VP Yael Rosenblatt

A senior at Middleton High School, I enjoy hanging out with my friends and family. The coolest place I have ever visited is the Dead Sea in Israel, because it was so fun to just float in the water with no effort and collect salt crystals. My favorite school subject is biology, because when I get older, I want to become a doctor. My favorite Jewish holiday is Hanukkah, because who doesn't love presents?

Co-Operational VP Rotem Arad

A sophomore at Memorial High School, I like to play tennis, paint, and hang out with my friends and family in my free time. My favorite school subject is biology, because I am interested in the structure and function of the human body. One of my favorite Jewish holidays is Passover, because it's during spring, which is my favorite season, and I love the big family get-togethers.

Co-Operational VP Baila Becker

A sophomore at Middleton High School, I joined the community service club, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) to help others. We make friendship bracelets for children in Belize, make beds and toys for dogs and shelters, and do other helpful projects. One of my favorite Jewish holidays is Chanukah because I like to spend time with my family lighting the candles and eating delicious food. The coolest place I have visited is Universal Studios, where they have fun rides and I spent the whole day with my cousins and sisters. A Jewish value I try to live is feeling proud and confident about being Jewish.

Social Action/Tikkun Olam VP Jacob Kianovsky

A senior at Columbus High School, I have been spending a lot of time with my friends outdoors, and enjoying some relaxed family meals. I really enjoy history, because I love to learn about how we have changed our world over

time. I like Shabbat and have very fond memories of it. Having Shabbat dinner with people I care about has always been an opportunity to check in and reflect on the week before. The Jewish value of *Shivyon Erech Ha'adam* (equality of human life) is very important to me. I try to live it by thinking of people as people first rather than anything else. In this, I avoid thinking of anything that may separate us or make us stand opposed to each other, until I work to recognize their humanity and value.

9th Grade Representative Jane Lowy

A frosh at Memorial High School, I love going out to concerts, plays, and other events with friends and family. My favorite school subject is band, because I love music and it's always been one of my favorite things in life. The coolest place I have ever visited is Humboldt Redwoods State Park in California, which is a beautiful area with lots of trees and wildlife. One thing that may surprise you about me is that I have a record collection with about 250 albums, gathered over three years.

MOUSY Remembers Yom HaShoah



MOUSY and Kadima Talk Race, Protests, and Social Justice



Pictured participants (L to R): Benny Witkovsky, Baila Becker, Rhiannon Wilson, Jacob Kianovsky, Nathaniel Richmond, Kol Goldman, Rabbi Forester, Eliana Zimbauer, Dafna Copelovitch, Josh Pierotti, Leila Loeb, Amira Pierotti

Convening, COVID-19-style

'MOUSY Remembers Yom HaShoah with #evastories', was our first Zoom youth program since we began the quarantine. Twelve teens shared their thoughts and feelings after viewing an Instagram video that documented the experiences of a Hungarian-Jewish teenager during the Holocaust. Kol HaKavod to Israeli Shlichim Danielle Man and Tal Ben-Yishay for leading us in this meaningful discussion.



Following the killings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and many others, and the nationwide protests that came after, MOUSY and Kadima teens reflected on what they were seeing and hearing, talked about white privilege, and explored racial justice through a Jewish lens. Kudos and thanks to Kadima advisor and UW-Madison sociology Ph.D. student, Benny Witkovsky, for facilitating this compelling conversation in the BIC backyard.



Social Justice Activities Update

Position Statement and Pledge to Action in Support of Black Communities

In the aftermath of the murder of George Floyd on May 25, 2020, the Beth Israel Center Board of Directors adopted a position statement and pledge to action. The full statement is posted on our website and was emailed to members in June.

Here is an excerpt:

Leviticus (19:16) tells us that we may not stand idly by while our neighbor's blood is shed. Today, we know with bitter urgency that we have no less an obligation not to stand idly by while our neighbor's breath is stopped.

We know also that we cannot stand idly by, ignoring the many other forms of assault—physical, psychological, economic, environmental, legal, social—committed against our Black neighbors.

We will stand in solidarity with Madison Black communities and with Black communities throughout the country rising up against police violence, against white supremacy, and against the social order which has oppressed Black people in America for 400 years. We will take our place in the long and challenging struggle to change the beliefs, policies and institutions that perpetuate inequities. We pledge partnership with local Black churches and Black-led organizations working for racial justice. And we affirm our belief

Cooking for COVID-19 - Lasagnas for The Beacon and CMC

When it came to our attention that the pandemic has resulted in long lines at food pantries and meal kitchens, Beth Israel Center got to work!! Thanks to all of our members who baked delicious commercial size lasagnas and thanks to those who delivered them to the Catholic Multicultural Center and The Beacon. In May, June and July we delivered a total of 58 vegetarian lasagnas that each fed 25 people. That's 1450 meals!

Our friends at both food sites have expressed their appreciation and would like us to continue. So the Social Justice Committee is asking for volunteers to bake vegetarian lasagnas and help deliver them on August 12, September 9 and October 14. We will send you the recipe and deliver an empty pan to your front door step. The baked lasagna will be picked up from your door step.....no personal contact. We also need volunteers to pick up and deliver pans.



Want to help? Please email Cynthia at cynthiaraehirsch@gmail.com and let her know what you can do and which days.

Cooking for COVID-19 2 - The Road Home / Healing House

Beth Israel Center has provided volunteers and other forms of support to The Road Home for decades. The Road Home, which supports homeless families, recently changed its shelter practices, and we've missed working with this excellent agency.

Now they have a different kind of opportunity for our volunteers. The Road Home's Ambassador congregations, including Beth Israel Center, provide dinners for residents of Healing House, with each volunteer group taking one week at a time. BIC's next week begins October 18, and we will be taking on additional weeks going forward. Email socialjustice@bethisraelcenter.org with any questions or if you would like to help the week of October 18.



Porchlight Men's Shelter

Beth Israel Center members have been serving meals at Porchlight's Emergency Shelter for Men for decades. In response to the pandemic, Porchlight has temporarily moved the men's homeless shelter from the cramped basement of Grace Episcopal Church to the Warner Park Recreation Center.

In this location, the men practice social distancing and those who may have been exposed to the virus can be isolated. Men showing any signs of COVID-19 are quickly transferred to hotels that are set up to care for COVID-19 patients. Also, volunteers are not serving meals.

Porchlight volunteers help perform health assessments on the men as they arrive at Warner Park each afternoon. If you are interested in volunteering in this or other ways, please contact Kim Sutter, Director of Services, at ksutter@porchlightinc.org or (608) 257-2534.



“First Fruits” Food Drive

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our food drive leading up to Shavuot in June!

Thanks, too, to Corliss and Bill Karasov for delivering (on a very rainy day!) the donations to Food 4 Thought's program *Thea's Table*, which provides food, snacks, and other supplies for families with children who are experiencing homelessness or other crises.



Meals on Wheels

For many years, Beth Israel Center volunteers have delivered meals to elderly and disabled Dane County residents as part of the Meals on Wheels program of Home Health United (now SSM Health at Home).



This program has been defined as an Essential Service, so, as of press time, Beth Israel Center volunteers were continuing, with new safety precautions in place, to deliver meals.

Some of our regular volunteers are not able to continue doing this work as they are at-risk themselves, so the need for volunteers who are at lower risk has increased.

Our volunteers provide about 10 lunchtime meals on weekdays (except Jewish holidays) throughout the year. Each route takes about 1½ hours. Meals on Wheels volunteers see first-hand the benefits they provide: helping people maintain independence and remain in their own homes, as well as receiving a nutritious meal.

For more information about Meals on Wheels and how to volunteer, please call Larry Bensky at (608) 238-2569.

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that all human beings share in the Divine image and equally deserve respect and dignity.

The statement names some of the specific steps Beth Israel Center is taking and will continue to take to support Black communities in Madison and across the country.

We will...

- *educate ourselves and each other*
- *call out racism when we encounter it*
- *use our voices, both individual and collective, to amplify calls to action and the demands of Black communities*
- *center the voices of Jews of Color in our congregation and in the broader community to ensure the inclusion of all Jewish perspectives as we wrestle with institutional racism and white supremacy in our society;*
- *cultivate relationships of mutual aid with local Black churches and Black-led organizations;*
- *share information about Black organizations fighting to defend Black ...and... encourage those who can to assist these organizations*
- *work first to define and then to pursue a long-term racial justice project to engage BIC members.*

And we embrace for today the truth which Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel wrote in 1963: "The hour calls for moral grandeur and spiritual audacity."

Beth Israel Center stands with our Black community because we know that Black Lives Matter.

Yahrzeits

11 Av / August 1

Ben Berman
Maurice Parisek
Pearl Shaffer

12 Av / August 2

Norman Dachman
Reva Diamond
Celia Mullin
Mary Victor

14 Av / August 4

Blumeh Dubrov
Morris Heifetz
Frederic Lewis
Matthias Neuman
Smith
Isadore Rubin
Lydia Sananes Lohr

15 Av / August 5

Gregory Boissonault
Julius Cohen
Solomon Epstein
Harry Charles
Hirschfeld
Ovsey Machlis
Morris Winer

16 Av / August 6

Irving Feit
Isidore Russ

17 Av / August 7

Nathan Borenstein
Ann Gusinow

18 Av / August 8

Shirley Epstein
Macky Gaberman

19 Av / August 9

Ralph Musin
Benjamin Elihu
Rothblatt
Dorothy Zukerman

20 Av / August 10

Felix Belin
Jane Grady
Bernard Joseph
Mary Wigonitz

21 Av / August 11

Edith Lande
Herman Lazarov
Archie Loeb
Beatrice Sinaiko
Marlowe

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Volunteer Appreciation

Rav todot (many thanks) to our recent...

Torah and Haftarah Readers, and daily and Shabbat Service Leaders:

Matt Banks, Harvey Barash, Mark Copelovitch, Esther Criscuola de Laix, Susie Drazen, Gila Drazen, Yonah Drazen, Rick Ezell, Rabbi Betsy Forester, Aaron Friedman, Joshua Gabai, Josh Garoon, Jamie Goldberg, Daniel Goldman, Louise Goldstein, Steve Goldstein, Gerry Greenfield, Leslie Greenspan, Joe Hellerstein, Lisa Hellerstein, Si Hellerstein, Bill Karasov, Sara Karon, Steve Kessler, Daniel Levitin, Ruth Litovsky, Adam Mednick, Don Miner, Jon Pollack, Bill Schwab, Aaron Rock-Singer, Fran Schrag, Bill Schwab, Sion Shabtaie, Aharon Shelef, Sarah Silverman, Jonathan Singer, Merle Sternberg, Jeanne Swack, Ethan Swagel, Gabi Swagel, Oren Swagel, Rayla Temin, Jim Wear, and Elan Weinstock

The above list also includes members who were unable to contribute to our Shabbat Services due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are thankful to them for practicing, learning new Torah portions, and of course, lending their talents to our kahal.

More special thanks to those who gave d'verei Torah during our daily minyanim and Kabbalat Shabbat services: Matt Banks, Marsha Cohen, Mark Copelovitch, Megan Diermeier, Josh Gabai, Josh Garoon, Fran Schrag and Sarah Silverman.

Cooking for COVID-19 - Lasagna Cooks and Delivery Crew:

Donna Anderson & Steve Kessler, David Baum & Ruth Litovsky, Larry & Janice Bensky, Jane Bernstein, Marsha Cohen, Beth and Dafna Copelovitch, Cher Diamond, Susie Drazen, Nancy Feingold, Eve Fine, Beth Fisher, Aaron & Dawn Frank, Joshua Gabai, Louise Goldstein, Patricia Green-Sotos, Laura Heisler, Billie Hellerstein, Cynthia Hirsch, Becky Holmes, Bobbie Jellinek, Sally Jones & Aaron Friedman, Corliss & Bill Karasov, Sasha Kerlow, Jeff Lindholm, Judy Pierotti, Nancy Resnick, Felice Rudin, Leora Saposnik, Sally Schrag, Diane Seder, Sue & Russ Shafer-Landau, Nadav Shelef, Lucyna Shenker, Karen Shevet Dinah, Bob Skloot, Merle Sternberg, Ziva Wear, Beth Weber

Cooking for COVID-19 - Healing House Dinner Chefs:

David Baum & Ruth Litovsky, Nancy Feingold, Leslie Grant, Billie Hellerstein, Russ & Sue Shafer-Landau, Leora and Eliav Saposnik, Merle Sternberg



Volunteer Spotlight: Maya Desai

Maya Desai, a senior at West High School, has been helping out the professional staff and lay leadership behind-the-scenes with her proficient and creative electronic, video, and graphic skills.

She compiled the video version of the committee and staff reports that was emailed to all members in July in advance of the Annual Membership Meeting, and she has been designing E-flyers for our MOUSY and Kadima youth programs.

Maya is pursuing her interest in film-making in college and hopefully professionally.

Thank you Maya for your expertise and enthusiasm!

If you have time or talent to give to Beth Israel Center, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Deborah Hoffman.



Mazal Tov to...

- The four members who reached the age of mitzvot since May: Simon Mednick, Alex Dolin, and Lela Desai. The Mednick, Dolin, and Desai families have each made different decisions about how to celebrate this milestone in their lives. Up next: Isaiah Loeb, whose bar mitzvah ceremony will (God willing!) be an outdoor gathering at Beth Israel Center on August 22, following our COVID-19 practices.
- Michael & Lainie Minkoff, on the birth of their son Samuel Asher Minkoff in May, and to brothers Eitan and Ori, grandparents Debbie & Joel, Aunt Caren & Uncle Ari, Uncle Josh & Aunt Kaylee, Uncle Ben & Aunt Sarah, and cousins Eva, Ammi, and Astella.
- Harris and Katie Kraus, who were married in July.
- Nina Pressman and Ben Siebert, who were married in July.
- Isaac Brodkey and Megan Diermeier, who will be married on August 7.
- Eliza Mednick for being accepted into a national cohort of high school students as part of the Hartman Fellowship for Emerging Jewish Thought Leaders, where she is engaged in and contributing to conversations with her peers and top Hartman scholars on questions of Jewish peoplehood, at-homeness, and other contemporary challenges facing North American Jewish identity.



Condolences to the families of

- Berek Haus -- brother of Willie (Claudia) Haus -- who died in April
- Mona Schwab -- mother of Rabbi Joel (Aviva) Schwab, Richard (Sharon) Schwab, Bill Schwab (Leslie Grant) and Lael (Mark) Edelstein; sister of Charlotte Saks -- who died in April
- Larry Deitch -- husband of Joan Stephenson, father of Aphra (Adam) Mednick, grandfather of Eliza and Simon -- who died in May
- Janice Greenberg -- grandmother of Judy Greenberg (Dan Stolz), great-grandmother of Lev, Gavi, and Yona -- who died in June
- Annette Tenzer -- mother of Len (Marti) Tenzer -- who died in July



Memorial & Tribute Gifts

We are so grateful to each and every donor. Every gift makes it possible for us to create a community that is alive with celebration, learning, prayer and tikkun olam. *Todah Rabbah!*

Below and on the following pages is a record of the memorial and tribute gifts made to Beth Israel Center between early April and early July.



2020 Pesach Yizkor

in memory of

Louis Roth from Harry & Karen Roth

Sonia Rita & Saul Aaron Rosenthal from Len & Martha Tenzer

2020 Shavuot Yizkor

in memory of

Martin, Helena and Miriam Siroky from Livia Asher

Louis Landau and Judy Domagalla from Ellie Landau

Sarah Knupp from Theodore & Irene Knupp

Yahrzeits

22 Av / August 12

Paul Bloom
Bessie Onheiber
Maurice Benjamin Smith

23 Av / August 13

Evelyn Dworetzky Lipp
Hyman Kulakowsky

24 Av / August 14

Judith Sternberg
Tobias Temkin

25 Av / August 15

Rose Nathenson

27 Av / August 17

Harry Shaffer

29 Av / August 18

Leta Anderson

29 Av / August 19

Annabelle Argand
Louis Perlman

30 Av / August 20

Ben-Tzion Karsh
Joshua Lerner
Anna Marie Popkewitz
Annie Wander

1 Elul / August 21

Adel Haus
Herman Karan
Hyman D. Navin
A. Rozansky
Anna Stein

2 Elul / August 22

Ray Cohen

3 Elul / August 23

Patricia Cohler
Lillian Harris
Nathan Paley
Aaron Richman
Chaya Setlick
Rose Weinstein

4 Elul / August 24

Carl Friedman
Charlotte Musin
Louis Terry

5 Elul / August 25

William Frank

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Yahrzeits

6 Elul / August 26

Sara Rosenzweig
Harry Zimmerman

7 Elul / August 27

Leo Argand
Serene Mazor

8 Elul / August 28

Fanny Friedman
Harry L Mullin

9 Elul / August 29

Harry Kopelberg
David Isaac Grant
Schwab

10 Elul / August 30

Hadasah Bloom
Cantor Victor Jacoby
Harry Kniaz

11 Elul / August 31

Ethel Fine-Plen
Irwin A. Goodman
Rose Wiseberg
Luterman

12 Elul / Sept. 1

Jennie Becker
Arthur Grant

13 Elul / Sept. 2

Sally Hammer
Ida Kaplan
Mollie Sweet

14 Elul / Sept. 3

Solomon Glass
Revetta Katsnelson

16 Elul / Sept. 5

Oscar Ganetzky
Leah Heifetz

18 Elul / Sept. 7

Hilda Barash
Goldie Kniaz Kruglak
Simcha Lazimy
Yetta Schwartz
Chaim Zukerman

19 Elul / Sept. 8

Peter Andrew Bensche
Bertha Kniaz
Sarah Mintz
Harold Rutchick

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Memorial & Tribute Gifts

2020 Shavuot Yizkor

in memory of

Mary Cohen, Stanley Cohen, Mickey Pressman and Nat Pressman from
Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

Sylvia Feingold, Leon Feingold and Sterling Fishman from Nancy
Feingold

Dan Pierotti, Sol Weiner, Ruth Weiner from Judy Pierotti

Elliot Iver and Akiyasu Kitano from Kazu Kitano

Rabbi Gary Diamond from Matthew & Jennie Edes-Pierotti

My dear family from Susie Drazen

Art Fund

in memory of

Paul J. Schrag & Leontine Friedman from Francis & Sally Schrag

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in honor of

Arnold Luterman from Fred & Esther Brauer

in memory of

Julius Ruskin from David Ruskin

Abraham Barash from Eva Eiseman

Rebecca Nathenson from Eva Eiseman

Mona Schwab from Matthew & Jennie Edes-Pierotti, Rabbi Charles &
Krayna Feinberg, Leo & Anette Fettman, Joseph & Margaret Galle and
Charles & Renee Dahl, Laeh Grant and Alexander Wolf

Arlyne Eisenberg from Leslie Eisenberg

Beatrice Josephine Sweet from Merle & Patricia Sweet

Rose Druch from Shelley Davey

Building Capital Fund

in memory of

Charles Lipstein from Joan Ershler

Paul Rock from Michael Rock & Kathi Johnson Rock

Building Maintenance Reserve

in honor of

**the births of Astella Minkoff, Rita Hindin's grandchild and Mordechai
Shabtaie** from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

in memory of

Judith Gail Williams from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

Mona Schwab from Si & Billie Hellerstein

Shirley Epstein Fund

in memory of

Aaron Epstein from Dennis & Nancy Lieder

Elliot Iver and Mona Schwab from Kazu Kitano

Rose Schwartz from Steven Schwartz

Fund for the Future

in honor of

the birth of Samuel Minkoff from Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin

the bris of Jonathan Scheepens from Yefet & Robin Zadaka

in memory of

Herman Goldstein from David Sulman & Anne Altshuler and Judy Pierotti

Mona Schwab from Richard & Sharon Schwab



Memorial & Tribute Gifts (Con't.)

General Fund

in honor of

the Beth Israel Center community for hosting my family during minyan for Jaime Goldberg's uncle's yahrzeit from Florence Goldberg & Karyn Goldberg.

Katie's conversion from Lee & Hanna Krause

Anna Heifetz from Steve & Bobbie Jellinek

BIC's statement in support of the Black Lives Matter movement from Steve & Bobbie Jellinek

Rabbi Forester and the Beth Israel staff for keeping our community together, active and vital during the pandemic from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

in memory of

Janice Greenberg from Stuart & Marilyn Goldberg

My parents from Stephen & Phyllis Wainger

Mona Schwab from Mark Grant & Suzanne Stratton, Steve & Bobbie Jellinek, Allan Levin, Daniel & Kathy Levin, Sandie Ottenstein, Erica Serlin, and David Sulman & Anne Altshuler

Haskell Friedman from David Friedman

Hilda Mirkin and Harry Altshuler from David Sulman & Anne Altshuler

Annabelle Loeb and Larry Deitch from Robert Factor & Kris Rasmussen

Mae Azen and Harry Gevirman Edwin Azen

Abraham Sinagub from Jonathan Sinagub

Anne Sweet from Lawrence & Jessica Sweet

Beatrice Kosowsky from Mark Kosowsky

Harry Figler & Ida Figler from Michael Figler

Helen Richey from Michael Kaplan & Beverly Richey

Harry & Esther Sweet and Gary Sweet from Howard Sweet & James Warren

Mollie Becker from Phyllis Eisenberg

Nicholas Polgar from Renata Laxova

Larry Deitch from Robert Mednick

Leo & Alice Barth from Rosalie Schindel

Harry Gerson from Sharon Glass

Esther & Harry Sweet from Stephen & Rae Sweet

Evelyn Jellinek from Steve & Bobbie Jellinek

Jake Heifetz Fund

in memory of

Norton Gahr, Samuel Moskowsky and Harry Moss from Samuel Moss

Holman/Weisbard Fund for Adult Jewish Learning

in memory of

Claire Swartz from David & Susan Fish

Saul Aaron Rosenthal from Len & Martha Tenzer

Nancy Rieger from Matthew & Cara Silverman

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in memory of

Mona Schwab, Hannah Malamud and Lewis Malamud from Sherwood Malamud & Barbara Spar

Martin & Serene Mazor Kiddush Fund

in honor of

Mike and Barb Pratzel for the many years that Manna provided yummy food and great community atmosphere from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

Alex Dolin's Bar Mitzvah from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

Yahrzeits

20 Elul / Sept. 9

Charles Adler
David Edward Jacobs
Joseph Karch
Evelyn Wasserstrom

21 Elul / Sept. 10

Edward Bregman
Leah Cherbachowsky
Dinah Melman
Eugenia Rozmalty
Alex Sinaiko
Allen Sweet
Dora Baum Wolman

22 Elul / Sept. 11

Sophie Sagbir Goldstein
Anna Krashen
Meyer Levin
Helen H. Marcus

23 Elul / Sept. 12

Mary Cohen
Tillie Cohen Lem
Hadassah Paley
Leo Schwartz

24 Elul / Sept. 13

Jake Isaac
Henriette Miller

25 Elul / Sept. 14

Leah Blachman
Alexander Katsnelson
Raphael Bernard
Kianovsky
Hyman Landweber

26 Elul / Sept. 15

Meir Hayman
Susan Mager
Stephen R Mandell
Bessie Rosen
Israel Rozmaity
Arthur Abraham Scholick
Miriam Siroky

27 Elul / Sept. 16

Ezra Heymann
Rose Ann Karan
Phillip Kivolowitz

28 Elul / Sept. 17

Abraham Chechik
Anna Grossman Hill
Danny Morgensteren
Anita Parks
George Silver

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Yahrzeits

29 Elul / Sept. 18

Faye Amdur
David Rothblatt
Sarah Stein
Max Sweet

1 Tishrei / Sept. 19

Patrick Hawkins
Dorothy Levy
Marshall Mintz
Yechiel Rosenzweig
Leo S Shapiro
Harold Switzky

2 Tishrei / Sept. 20

Norman A. Frank
Coleman Slavney
Henry Temkin
Lillian Zakhem

3 Tishrei / Sept. 21

Franklin Mann
Bayla Rachel Mazursky

4 Tishrei / Sept. 22

Fay Forester
Sam Katz
Sarah Knupp

6 Tishrei / Sept. 24

Judy Balkansky
Max Weigler
Dorothy Whitcomb

7 Tishrei / Sept. 25

Rudolph Dolezal
Samuel Kneller
Martin Mazor
Elva Simon

8 Tishrei / Sept. 26

Douglas G. Batty
Bessie Bornstein

9 Tishrei / Sept. 27

Lillian Rosenzweig
Valentin Sobotka

10 Tishrei / Sept. 28

Albert Borenstein
Philip Borisy
Rafael Bornstein
Naomi Susan Sinagub

11 Tishrei / Sept. 28

Roy Anderson
Rose Shapiro

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Memorial & Tribute Gifts (Con't.)

Martin & Serene Mazor Kiddush Fund

in honor of

Simon Mednick's Bar Mitzvah from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen
Elana Matthews, for making masks for us from Paul Wilson & Laurie
Nagus

with well wishes for healing for

Matt Banks

Martin & Serene Mazor Kiddush Fund

in memory of

Blanche Altshuler from David Sulman & Anne Altshuler
**Berek Haus, Serene and Martin Mazor, Bertha and Morris Kniaz and Dr.
Harry Kniaz** from Lorna Kniaz

Larry Deitch, Mona Schwab, Mary Cohen and Mickey Pressman from
Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

Ben Minkoff Fund

in honor of

the birth of Samuel Minkoff from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen and
Thomas Popkewitz & Lea Aschkenase

in memory of

Allen Zemmol, Frieda Weinstein and Ida Minkoff from Joel & Debbie
Minkoff

Mintz Fund

in memory of

Fruma Mintz from Phyllis Eisenberg
**Sam Paley, Fruma Mintz and Ilene Laufman, Julius & Lubey Mintz, and
Joe & Belle Liebovic** from Phyllis Mintz Eisenberg

Judith & Daniel Pierotti Social Justice Fund

in honor of

the births of Astella Minkoff and Sage Witkovsky from Judy Pierotti
Kathryn Klibanoff's 50th birthday from Judy Pierotti
Steve Kessler's retirement from Judy Pierotti
the birth of Samuel Asher Minkoff from Livia Asher

in memory of

Mona Schwab, Annabelle Loeb and Hilda Mirkin from Judy Pierotti
Mona Schwab and Annabelle Loeb from William & Corliss Karasov

Prayerbook Fund

in memory of

Mona Schwab from Rayla Temin

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

in honor of

**all of the support you have shown me, as well as all of the hard work
that you put into your davening each day** from David Rosen

Katie's conversion from Harris Krause

Cher & Ron Diamond and their many good works from Herbert Lewis &
Francie Saposnik

Rabbi Betsy Forester from Jessica Goerling

the birth of Samuel Minkoff from The Knupp Family

the bris of Jonathan Scheepens from Yefet & Robin Zadaka

in memory of

Hyman Lerner from Mitch & Sharon Rapkin



Memorial & Tribute Gifts (Con't.)

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

in memory of

- Annabelle Loeb** from Bill & Jill Boissonnault
- Sheldon Bernstein** from Bradley Bernstein
- Martin Rosenzweig** from David & Cheryl Rosen
- Abe Barash, Hilda Barash, Annabelle Argand, Leo Argand, Murray Rodman and Rebecca Nathenson** from Harvey & Trudy Barash
- Fanny Kaufman Smith** from Herbert Lewis & Francie Saposnik
- Berek Haus** from Leonard & Martha Kaplan
- Ben Hirschfeld** from Lynn Hirschfeld Brahin
- Mona Schwab** from Livia Asher, Marilyn Kupferberg, Richard & Sharon Schwab, Susie Drazen
- Minnie Isaac** from Maria Onheiber
- Bernard Schwab** from Mark & Lael Edelstein
- Bessie and Arthur Yaskal, Julius Miller and Henry Yaskal** from Maureen Yaskal
- Al Mocny** from Michael & Patrice Onheiber
- Oscar Rapkin** from Mitch & Sharon Rapkin
- Larry Deitch** from Daniel & Dr. Leslie Greenspan
- Robert Schwartz** from Steven Schwartz
- Berek Haus** from Theodore & Irene Knupp and Thomas Popkewitz & Lea Aschkenase
- My father, Ben-Tzion Karsh,** from Yehuda & Sari Karsh

Rosenberg Library Fund

in memory of

- Diane Rosemary Schwam** from Emanuel Schwam

Talmud Torah

in honor of

- the birth of Samuel Asher Minkoff** from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

in memory of

- Larry Deitch** from Matthew & Jennie Edes-Pierotti
- Rabbi Chaim Diamond** from Matthew & Jennie Edes-Pierotti

David Temkin Camp Ramah Fund

in honor of

- Billie and Si Hellerstein on their 61st Anniversary** from Rayla Temin

in memory of

- Mona Schwab** from Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin and Scott & Rabbi Betsy Forester

Weinshel Torah Maintenance and Repair Fund

in honor of

- Eliya Syvertsen's Graduation from East High School** from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein
- Anna Heifetz's birthday** from Karen Shevet Dinah

in memory of

- Dave Ottenstein** from Debbie & Eric Alden and family
- Annabelle Loeb, Mona Schwab and Berek Haus** from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein
- Dave Ottenstein** from Elana Ottenstein & Shari Ottenstein

Womens League

in memory of

- Mona Schwab** from Nicki Milin

Yahrzeits

12 Tishrei / Sept. 30

Esther Lewis
 Harry Lewis
 Rose Schain
 Michael Paley Stein

13 Tishrei / Oct. 1

Harry Becker
 Phineas Grunes
 Alvin Pratzel
 Max Rosen
 Rose Winer

14 Tishrei / Oct. 2

Esther Frank
 Ben Gahr
 Annette Gould
 Julius Grunes

15 Tishrei / Oct. 3

Charles Halperin
 Meyer Levine
 Harry Sternberg

16 Tishrei / Oct. 4

Belle Spitz

17 Tishrei / Oct. 5

Avraham B Levin
 Marcia Lucille Terman

18 Tishrei / Oct. 6

Albert Daniels
 Vivian Daniels

19 Tishrei / Oct. 7

Joann Murray Anderson
 Eva Cohen
 Joseph Rossman
 Dora Sinykin
 Nehama Sweet

20 Tishrei / Oct. 8

Geraldine Randy
 Miriam Sweet

21 Tishrei / Oct. 9

Barbara Cohen
 Ida Glick
 Nellie Jacobs
 Solomon Sweet

22 Tishrei / Oct. 10

Ben Minkoff

23 Tishrei / Oct. 11

Selma Hill Cohen
 Claire Rudin

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Yahrzeits

24 Tishrei / Oct. 12

Edith Berg
Clara Cohn
Isadore Eisenberg
Jacob Hellerstein
Melvin Pover
W.J. Shapiro

25 Tishrei / Oct. 13

Suzanne Schrag
Harry Temkin

26 Tishrei / Oct. 14

Marcia Lewis
Rachel Sinaiko

27 Tishrei / Oct. 15

Charles Glick
Sarah Glick
Bella Sweet

28 Tishrei / Oct. 16

Donald M. Meyers
Chana Schostak
Joseph D. Zatlin

29 Tishrei / Oct. 17

Rose Gerson
Shoshana Hellerstein
Jacob Sinagub

30 Tishrei / Oct. 18

Sterling Fishman
Joe (Jachial) Temkin
Marvin Wexler

1 Heshvan / Oct. 19

Ruben Blachman
Esther Lefevre

2 Heshvan / Oct. 20

Alex Temkin

3 Heshvan / Oct. 21

Rabbi Gary Diamond

4 Heshvan / Oct. 22

Yudel Brandt
Harry Frank
Hersch Goldstein
Yiddel Mosheh
Goldstein
Dorothy S. Levin
Eva Shenker
Sadie Silver

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Calendars

In addition to the events, holidays, and programs listed on these calendars, we offer morning and evening minyan, classes with the Rabbi, and more!

August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5 Tu B'Av	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Red Cross Blood Drive	13	14	15
16 MOUSY Olympics	17	18	19	20 Rosh Chodesh Elul	21 Rosh Chodesh Elul	22 Isaiah Loeb Bar Mitzvah
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE!					

September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Lulav/Etrog Orders Due <i>if possible:</i> Kabbalat Shabbat at Hoyt Park	5 Online Shabbat services
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Leil S'lichot Online S'lichot Program & Service
13	14	15	16	17	18 Erev Rosh Hashanah	19 Rosh Hashanah
20 Rosh Hashanah II Tashlich & Shofar at Vilas Beach	21 Tzom Gedaliah	22	23	24	25	26 Shabbat Shuva Online Shabbat services
27 Erev Yom Kippur	28 Yom Kippur	29	30			

October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Torah Project Submissions DUE TODAY!	2 Erev Sukkot	3 Sukkot I
4 Sukkot II	5 Sukkot III	6 Sukkot IV	7 Sukkot V Gather 'round the firepit by the BIC sukkah	8 Sukkot VI	9 Sukkot VII	10 Shmini Atzeret
11 Simchat Torah Services 9:15 Program 10:30	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan	19 Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan	20	21	22	23	24 Online Shabbat services
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Yahrzeits

5 Heshvan / Oct. 23
Bernice Coppersmith
Theodore Jellinek
Ruth Oster Weisbard

6 Heshvan / Oct. 24
Minnie Kessel
Dr. Avrom Kniaz
Steve Orman
Leonard A. Sweet

7 Heshvan / Oct. 25
Dora Cohen Gross
Chaim Katsnelson
Arthur Sweet
Max Weinstein

8 Heshvan / Oct. 26
Dora Kapetovske
Patricia Lohr Haas
Herman Mintz
Sam Nager
Rose Passon
Beatrice Rosenthal

9 Heshvan / Oct. 27
Sol Kaplan
Lillian Levin

10 Heshvan / Oct. 28
Sydney Bernard

11 Heshvan / Oct. 29
Joseph Frank
Sarah Rebekah Goldberg
Marvin Gottlieb

12 Heshvan / Oct. 30
Herman Argand
Mildred Conney
Pnina Karsh
Aaron Kerlow

13 Heshvan / Oct. 31
Celia Weigler
Eli Wolman



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August / September / October Candle Lighting Times

Shabbat	Parasha	Candle Lighting (Friday)	Havdallah (Saturday)
July 31/ Aug 1	Vaetchanan	8:00 pm	9:07 pm
Aug 7/8	Eikev	7:52 pm	8:50 pm
Aug 14/15	Re'eh	7:42 pm	8:40 pm
Aug 21/22	Shoftim	7:31 pm	8:29 pm
Aug 28/29	Ki Teitzei	7:19 pm	8:17 pm
Sept 4/5	Ki Tavo	7:07 pm	8:05 pm
Sept 11/12	Nitzavim-Vayeilech	6:54 pm	7:53 pm
Sept 18/19	(Rosh Hashanah -- see below)	6:42 pm	
Sept 25/26	Ha'Azinu	6:29 pm	7:27 pm
Oct 2/3	Sukkot	6:17 pm	
Oct 9/10	Shemini Atzeret	6:05 pm	
Oct 16/17	Bereshit	5:53 pm	6:51 pm
Oct 23/24	Noach	5:42 pm	6:41 pm
Oct 30/31	Lech-Lecha	5:32 pm	6:31 pm
Date	Holy Day	Candle Lighting	
Sept 18	Rosh Hashanah	6:42 pm	
Sept 19/20	Rosh Hashanah II	7:40 pm	7:48 pm (Sunday)
Sept 27/28	Yom Kippur	6:26 pm	7:24 pm (Monday)
Oct 2	Sukkot/Shabbat	6:17 pm	
Oct 3/4	Sukkot II	7:15 pm	7:21 pm (Sunday)
Oct 9	Shmini Atzeret/Shabbat	6:05 pm	
Oct 10/11	Simchat Torah	7:03 pm	7:01 pm (Sunday)