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Shabbaton ~ November 6-7. We welcome Rabbi Josh Feigelson and Educator Deb Schein to Beth Israel Center on Friday evening and Saturday, Nov. 6 & 7, for a Shabbat full of special programming. Details on page 5.

BIC Hanukkah Party ~ Tuesday, December 8. Enjoy a casual dinner, dreidle games and other family fun. Bring new toys to donate, as the third night of Hanukkah is traditionally a night to give tzedakah. We'll get started after Talmud Torah and evening minyan, around 5:45pm. All are welcome! RSVP by Tuesday, December 1 to office@bethisraelcenter.org or (608) 256-7763.

Supper Quiz ~ Saturday, January 30. Mark your calendars! Assemble your table team! Our 8th Supper Quiz promises to be the lively social event we've come to know and love. It's a fun Saturday night out!

NEW SIDDIRIM COMING SOON!

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**If you like our new Mahzor Lev Shalem, you'll love the new Siddur Lev Shalem!**

We were among the first congregations to adopt the new High Holiday prayerbook in 2010, *Mahzor Lev Shalem*, and, with your help, we plan to be among the first to use the new Shabbat and Festivals prayerbook, *Siddur Lev Shalem*, in early 2016.

Please read the Rabbi's column on page 2 for more information.

Contact Elissa Pollack at 256-7763 or [elissa@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:elissa@bethisraelcenter.org) about making a donation toward purchase of our new siddurim.

### Place Your Chanukah Candle Orders by Nov. 15

\$18 per box. Send checks payable to Beth Israel Center with "MOUSY candles" on the memo line to 1406 Mound St., Madison, WI 53711

Please include your name and phone number!  
OR email Deborah Hoffman at [hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org)

**Firm Pre-Order Deadline: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2015**

Pick-up dates: Thursday, December 3, 4:00-5:45pm  
Sunday, December 6, 9:00-11:30am



# Thoughts from the Rabbi...

## *A New Siddur to Renew our Hearts and our Prayers*

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Next Centerite Deadline:  
**January 6, 2016**

Five years ago, Beth Israel Center was in the vanguard of the Conservative movement in our adoption of *Mahzor Lev Shalem*. I can't speak for all of the



members of the Ritual Committee at the time, yet I imagine that some of them felt the same way that I did. I was very optimistic about the potential for a new mahzor and at the same time anxious about

whether our adoption of this new spiritual tool would fulfill its potential. It was a few long months between placing our order—sending our large check to the Rabbinical Assembly (RA) and when we had the books in hand. Once we opened the boxes, I was relieved, once I heard from you about your experience of the mahzor after the holidays, I was elated. The new mahzor was everything we hoped it would be.

Many of your conversations with me shared two elements. After you told me what you liked most about the mahzor or how the mahzor had changed your experience of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, you then asked me, "When will we get a siddur like this?" So many of you asked me this question that I turned around after the holidays and called the RA and asked them "When will we get a siddur like this?" Over the next few months, apparently a number of rabbis and others called with the same question because by January the leadership of the RA announced that a new siddur, *Siddur Lev Shalem* was in the works.

How did the new mahzor make such a difference to so many of you and to our communal worship as well? *Mahzor Lev Shalem* offers a modern and direct translation of our Hebrew prayers. The translation is now a tool that can help you feel more connected to the prayers

whereas the old translation often felt like it got in the way. The layout of the mahzor is clear, so that following along is easier. The editors included directions for things like choreography so participation is more accessible. And in the margin there are notes that explore theological messages and challenges that are in the *tefilot* (prayers).

Good tools can change your life. A sharp, well balanced kitchen knife can transform the chore of slicing and dicing into a pleasure. Good tools don't fight our labors, they assist us, even amplifying our efforts. And if you are like me, when using a good tool, you might find yourself elevating your game. Every sign is that our new siddur will emulate our mahzor in being just this kind of tool.

Rabbi Ed Feld, the senior editor of *Siddur Lev Shalem* tells us "It (*Mahzor Lev Shalem*) 'stretches us in two directions: it is both more traditional and more contemporary than any previous Conservative mahzor.' *Siddur Lev Shalem* stretches us in that same way: we've looked at each service, thinking through how it was put together, how the tradition around it developed, what customs were dropped that can be reincorporated, and what contemporary ideas can respond to the text."

*Siddur Lev Shalem* will be published soon, and we look forward to integrating it into our worship as soon as we receive it. The RA is offering a significant discount to congregations that order the siddur by November 30th. To do so, we need to band together. The Ritual Committee has taken the lead, together pledging over a thousand dollars to this effort. Please join with us. If each Beth Israel Center family dedicated one *Siddur Lev Shalem* for \$36, we would have enough money to purchase all of the siddurim that we require.

Rabbi Joshua W. Ben-Gideon  
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# President's Column

*I Love it When a Plan Comes Together*

"I love it when a plan comes together" was the tag line in The A-Team, an awful TV show in the mid-80s. Despite my commentary on the quality of that pop entertainment, the sentiment rings true. In this instance, I'm referring to the Strategic Plan created after the Board of Directors adopted the Mission and Vision for Beth Israel Center. Some context is important to appreciate what we are accomplishing together as a kahal.

The first order in planning for our future was a clear articulation of what we are striving to be. Our Mission and Vision statement was approved by the Board of Directors in the spring of 2010 after seeking input from members and contemplation of our values. It is worth revisiting from time to time. **"Our Mission:** To be a vibrant, caring spiritual home where we explore and nurture our unique Jewish identities. Together, we create a Kehillah (community) that is traditional, egalitarian and alive with celebration, learning, prayer, and tikkun olam (repairing the world). At Beth Israel Center, Conservative Judaism resonates with our contemporary lives, while our tradition grounds us meaningfully in the present moment." **"Our Vision"** consists in four components: Beit tefillah - House of Prayer, Beit Knesset - House of Gathering, Beit Midrash - House of Study, and Shmirat Beiteinu - Caring for our Home. Each component is defined in the statement and is published on the BIC website.

With our lofty mission established, a Strategic Plan Committee was formed to figure out ways to implement the Mission and Vision. The Committee created an action plan. Some items could be implemented immediately and others would take substantial planning and energy. According to the Plan, the "big-picture objectives" are:

1) Move ahead with a building project to renovate our deteriorating facilities and proved a sustainable model for the next generation.

2) Ensure that Beth Israel Center has appropriate staff who could be responsible for, among other things, financial resource development (including outreach and membership recruitment) and volunteer coordination.  
3) Evaluate and develop sustainable financial resources, including increasing membership and expanding endowment funds to buffer against temporary reductions in current revenue streams.



As I reported at the annual Membership meeting, we can check number 1 off the list and we are working on two and three. At the first Board of Directors meeting of this year, we agreed that our goal will be to return to the Strategic Plan to develop and implement operational plans to reach identified goals. There are many facets to the Plan and we will need to prioritize where we spend our energy and resources. We will also evaluate where modifications may be necessary. Some items are mundane when compared to a building renovation, but all are important to sustaining our Mission and Vision.

We should be proud of what we have accomplished together in recent years and excited about what lies ahead. In other words, "I love it when a plan comes together." Let's be clear, all the A-Team had to do was drive around in a van looking for trouble in need of a self-righteous solution; that solution usually involved blowing something up. We are tasked with a more deliberate and durable objectives. I think we are up to the challenge.

  
Jordy Loeb  
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## Weekday Minyan

To assure a weekday minyan, contact the office,  
(608) 256-7763

1406 Mound St.

Sunday mornings  
8:15am

Monday & Thursday  
mornings  
7:00am

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evenings  
5:30pm

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## FINDING YOUR WAY AT BETH ISRAEL CENTER:

On Shabbat mornings and for other programs in the main sanctuary or social hall, enter from either Mound Street or the parking lot.

Sunday through Friday—for Talmud Torah, weekday minyan, committee meetings, visits to the office, etc.—please enter from the parking lot.



# From the Executive Director's Desk

## *When New Feels Like Home*

As I write this, the High Holidays are a few weeks behind us, and we are still hearing glowing reports from congregants and visitors about our



deeply meaningful and celebratory High Holiday season -- the first in our new worship space. While many of you

got your first look at our new sanctuary this fall, and all of us experienced it fully expanded for the first time, many of our experiences over the fall holidays were anything but new.

We greeted old friends. We reflected on the year that was and contemplated our future hopes and promises. We fasted and broke the fast. We built and ate in our sukkah. We danced with the Torah. While none of those activities were new, the spaces we did them in were. So I was struck by one particularly thoughtful comment that our holiday logistics seemed to

require *less* effort this year.

How is that possible? I think credit goes to the many hours spent over the past decade contemplating and planning our new spaces. It's no accident that the shape of our bimah and sanctuary made our worship feel both more intimate and more accessible. It's no accident that books and tallitot and restrooms and classrooms were easier to find and use. These and countless other details were imagined and reimagined by focus groups and committees and the skilled professionals we worked with to design and build our new synagogue. It was time well spent. Thank you to everyone who played a part.

Looking forward, I'm excited that for the first time, we'll be celebrating a holiday together for the *second* time in our new building, as this year's Hanukkah party will be held in the same room as last year's. Won't that be novel?

*Elissa Pollack*  
elissa@bethisraelcenter.org

### Simchas & Announcements

#### MAZAL TOV to...

Debbie Rudin and family on her becoming a bat mitzvah

Lena and Vered Ben-Gideon and family on becoming b'not mitzvah

Maya Becker and family on her becoming a bat mitzvah

Harvey and Trudy Barash on the birth of their grandson Lev



*And nachas in advance to the families of these upcoming celebrants:*

Leila Loeb, who will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on December 5

Louise Goldstein, who will be celebrating her retirement from JSS with a party at Beth Israel Center on December 13

Mia Kurzer, who will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on December 19

Mirra Bleher, who will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on January 16

### Ritual Committee Requests High Holiday Feedback

The Ritual Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in making this year's High Holiday services spiritually meaningful for the entire Beth Israel community. We welcome feedback about the content and flow of our services. Please provide comments to Matt Banks, Mark Copelovitch, Rick Ezell, Leslie Greenspan, Lori Hawkins, Si Hellerstein, Jon Pollack, Bill Schwab, Rayla Temin, or Rabbi Ben-Gideon. — Rick Ezell, committee chair, [berzell@mindspring.com](mailto:berzell@mindspring.com)

### A LITTLE WISH LIST

If you ever find yourself wondering if there's a little something you can do for Beth Israel Center while you're out running errands, feel free to pick up:

- boxes of facial tissue
- pods for our Keurig coffee/tea machine
- 1-oz plastic shot cups

Then bring your donation to Beth Israel Center whenever the office is open. Every contribution helps our synagogue!

**Got Time?** Volunteers do many things at our synagogue. In addition to many regular things (see page 6), we have a running list of random needs. If you'd like to contribute some time to Beth Israel Center, please contact Elissa, Deborah or Cheri at (608) 256-7763 or via email: [office@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:office@bethisraelcenter.org). Thanks in advance!



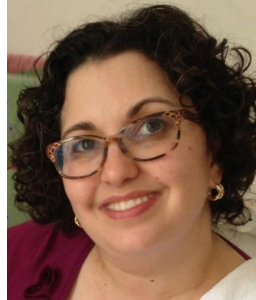
# From the Education Director's Desk

## *Talmud Torah Transformation in the Works*

After a series of community listening sessions and discussions, many collaborations and proposals, as well as a unanimous vote of support by our Board of Directors, we are excited and thrilled to announce that the Beth Israel Center Talmud Torah will transform to be a Shabbat-centered school in Fall 2016. We believe that this innovative change will allow us to put a renewed focus on Parshat haShavua (weekly Torah readings) and other related Jewish texts in an age- and developmentally appropriate manner. This will also give our school a greater emphasis on praying as an experience rather than learning prayer as an academic subject. And it will enable us to enact a centuries old value: Jews gather on Shabbat.

Through a grant from The Kallah Project, we will be sponsoring a series of Shabbatonim to further our vision of a Shabbat-centered community. Shabbatonim incorporate some of education's and community building's best practices into one 25 hour (plus!) program. We will gather together to eat, drink, socialize, pray, learn and experience Shabbat and all that it has to offer us here in our beautiful new

building. The success of our inaugural Shabbaton depends on active engagement from our congregants. Please join us on Shabbat Parshat Chayei Sara (November 6-7) for our first Shabbaton, beginning with a catered Shabbat dinner and continuing through Havdalah. (Details below.)



If you'd like to be a part of planning our Spring Shabbaton (May 13-14), we are gathering a multi-generational planning group to meet with Rabbi Barbara Moskow of The Kallah Project on Wednesday evening, November 11. If you're interested in an educationally, ritually, spiritually nourishing Shabbat experience (and food-- don't forget food!), please join us that evening. Let Cheri in the office know that you're going to come.

*Beth Cohn Copelovitch*  
education@bethisraelcenter.org

### Fall Shabbaton Schedule

#### Friday, November 6

5:45 Kabbalat Shabbat  
6:30 Dinner (Reservations Required)  
8:00 Rabbi Josh Feigelson's talk, "A Listening Heart: Nurturing a Citizenship of Mutual Responsibility"

#### Saturday Morning, November 7

9:30-10:30 School-age children and families learn with Deb Schein  
9:30 Shabbat services begin in the Main Sanctuary and SMP (grades 6-7) begin  
10:30 Matchilim (preschool family service), Shorashim (grades K-2), and Chaverim (grades 3-5) begin on the lower level  
10:30 Parents of school-age children encouraged to come to services in the Main Sanctuary and hear Rabbi Feigelson's d'var Torah

#### Saturday Afternoon/Evening, November 7

4:00 Mincha, followed by Seudat Shlishit and Rabbi Feigelson's program, "Leonard Bernstein, A Musical Rebbe."

*Regular Sunday morning Talmud Torah classes will not meet on November 7 or May 14, as we are using this year's two Shabbatonim to discover together what a Shabbat centered school can look and feel like. (See the article above for more about our plans for a Shabbat centered school.)*

### Yom Rishon

Calling all families with preschoolers! Come to Yom Rishon and enjoy interactive family learning on a different Jewish theme each time. Meet other families with preschool-age children.

Yom Rishon is a theme-based program, including art, movement, music, stories, and projects as well as further learning on the subject for parents and other adults who accompany the children. It is family education at its finest.

Put all of the remaining 2015-16 dates on your calendar:

- November 22
- December 13
- January 31
- February 21
- March 13
- April 10
- May 1

10:00-11:15am

Come to some or all!  
Bring friends!



**Hold the date for the Spring Shabbaton:**

**May 13-14, 2016**



# Volunteer Appreciation

## More Thanks!

### For donating things that enhance our celebrations

To Rick Ezell and Lori Hawkins for contributions toward our new Torah mantels

To Judi and Bob Rubin and to Anna Heifetz for the flowers on our bimah on Yom Kippur

To Judy Knupp for gluten-free bread for our Simchat Torah deli dinner

To Tziporah Quick and Eve Siegel for kitchen items



Sponsoring Shabbat Kiddush is a lovely way to honor special occasions and special people.

### Recent Kiddush Sponsors:

August 1 - Marissa Lowenthal and Isaac Showaki

August 15 - Elisa Heymann

August 29 - Felice and Nathan Rudin

September 5 - Rabbis Rebecca and Joshua Ben-Gideon

September 26 - Marla and Ken Becker

October 10 - Eve Siegel

October 17 - The Ritual Committee

Interested in sponsoring Kiddush? There are two main options. You may sponsor an entire Kiddush or make a donation in any amount to the Martin and Serene Mazor Kiddush Fund.

**Shabbat Kiddush:** Donna Anderson, Brent Bach, David Baum, Marla Becker, Kristen Bernard, Jane Bernstein, Hannah Bernard-Donals, Jill Boissonnault, Aimee Coen, Marsha Cohen, Beth Copelovitch, Ankur Desai, Cher Diamond, Rick Ezell, Hilda Fine, Len Goren, Terrie Goren, Louise Goldstein, Steve Goldstein, Roz Gusinow, Jen Hadley, Michael Heifetz, River Heisler, Cynthia Hirsch, Deborah Hoffman, Kathi Johnson Rock, Sally Jones, Rafi Lazimy, Bill Karasov, Corliss Karasov, Sasha Kerlow, Steve Kessler, Kazu Kitano, Judith Kornblatt, Renee Lauber, Jessie Loeb, Rafi Lazimy, Elana Matthews, Adam Mednick, Steve Nadler, Laurie Nagus, Tziporah Quick, Michael Rock, Fran Schrag, Sally Schrag, Miriam Shelef, Karen Shevet Dinah, Bruce Thomadsen, Regina Vidaver, Jim Wear, Ziva Wear, Paul Wilson

**Shabbat Greeters:** Marsha Cohen, Cherie Diamond, Ron Diamond, Bob Factor, Anna Heifetz, Cynthia Hirsch, David Hoffert, Jonathan Pollack, Mike Pressman, Barry Rich, Francie Saposnik

### High Holidays:

*Polishing Torah Silver:* Lori Hawkins

*Washing Tallitot:* Hannah Bernard-Donals

*Yom Kippur Break Fast Kitchen Crew:* Donna Anderson, Cynthia Hirsch, Steve Kessler, Kazu Kitano, Daniel Kleinman, Judith Kornblatt, Tziporah Quick

*Ushers:* David Baum, Larry Bensky, Hannah Bernard-Donals, Bennett Berson, Robert Blank, Bill Boissonnault, Jill Boissonnault, Howard Bregman, Melanie Cohen, Bob Factor, Gerry Greenfield, Roz Gusinow, Cynthia Hirsch, Sherry Hirschfeld, Henry Jasen, Steve Jellinek, Daniel Kleinman, Herb Lewis, Jordy Loeb, Bart Miller, Steve Nadler, Laurie Nagus, Barry Rich, Stefanie Rose, Felice Rudin, Sue Shafer-Landau, Stephanie Stone, Jim Wear, Paul Wilson

*Childcare Helpers:* Ellie Becker, Aviv Goldman, Talia Ivry, Moira Wilson

**Sukkot:** *From sukkah design and assembly to food prep and program support throughout the Festival ~ including Sukkah Hop Hosts:* Jordy Loeb and family, Rabbi Ben-Gideon's family, Steve Goldstein and Laura Heisler, Yaniv Lazimy, Beth and Mark Copelovitch, Elissa and Jon Pollack, Livia Asher, Cynthia Hirsch, Sally Jones, Michael and Patrice Onheiber, Judy Pierotti, Emily and Ankur Desai, Aleeza and David Hoffert, Miriam and Nadav Shelef, Laurie Nagus and Paul Wilson, Mitch Cooper and Ruth Conniff, Rabbis Laurie Zimmerman and Renee Bauer, Matt Banks and Simone Schweber

**Simchat Torah Deli Dinner:** Mark Blitz and family, Bobbie Jellinek, Howard Bregman, Marsha Cohen, Sam Gellman, Fran Greenman, Adam Mednick, Mike Pressman, Aviva Gellman, Roz Gusinow, Bill Karasov, Janis Noonan, Regina Vidaver

**The Road Home Buddies:** Donna Anderson, Hannah Bernard-Donals, Miriam Bernard-Donals, Marsha Cohen, Steve Goldstein, Steve Kessler, Kazu Kitano, Judy Pierotti, Mike Pressman, Sam Pressman, Kris Rasmussen, David Resnick

**Laundry Angels:** Donna Anderson, Hannah Bernard-Donals, Kazu Kitano, Laurie Nagus, Karen Shevet Dinah, Anna Syvertsen

**Shabbat Morning Program Aides:** Deborah Blank, Hannah Ehrlich, Talia Ivry, Bart Miller, Albert Shoshany Glosser, Moira Wilson



# Social Action

## The Road Home

Four times each calendar year, Beth Israel Center serves as a Buddy Congregation when Midvale Community Lutheran Church, at the corner of S. Midvale and Tokay Boulevards, hosts homeless families in transition to permanent housing. Beth Israel Center members set up and break down the temporary housing, prepare food, give rides, do laundry, serve as hosts, and assist guests as needed.

### Our Buddy Congregation weeks are:

**November 8-15, 2015**  
**January 24-31**  
**May 8-15**  
**July 31-August 7**  
**October 30-November 6, 2016.**

Training is available and required for any tasks that involve guest interaction. Trainings last 59 minutes and will be conducted at The Road Home's offices, located at 128 E. Olin Ave., Suite 202 on these dates:

Wednesday, November 18 at 5:30pm  
Wednesday, December 2 at 5:30pm  
Wednesday, January 6 at 5:30pm  
Tuesday, January 19 at 6:30pm

*More information is available at [www.trhome.org](http://www.trhome.org).*

Sign up at [www.midvalelutheran.org](http://www.midvalelutheran.org).

## Friends of Emerson School

Jewish Congregations for Social Justice -- our ongoing cooperative effort with Temple Beth El and Congregation Shaarei Shamayim -- continues to support Emerson Elementary School. Beth Israel Center members and others from around the Jewish community serve as Math Mentors, volunteer at Tuesday Night Lights, and lend other support as needs are identified. For more information, send email to [jcsjmadison@gmail.com](mailto:jcsjmadison@gmail.com) or visit [www.jewishcongregationsforsocialjustice.org](http://www.jewishcongregationsforsocialjustice.org).

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## More BIC Volunteer Opportunities

### Kiddush

Every week, our community comes together to schmooze and eat after Shabbat morning services. While our menus include many ingredients, the most valuable ingredient isn't available in stores. Every single recipe hinges on a dash of volunteers to make it work. Can you add a dash of yourself to the kiddush crew? Email [hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org) to join the merry band of cooks, bakers, setter- and cleaner-uppers!

### Kindness Group

In times of simcha and in times of sorrow, a meal from a friend can be a great help. The loving kindness group of Beth Israel is made up of people who volunteer to make meals for congregants in times of need. Email the loving kindness group to be put on the list of volunteers or email the office to find out more about the group.

### MORE SOCIAL ACTION OPPORTUNITIES:

#### Serve Food at the Men's Shelter

Beth Israel members have been serving meals at the Emergency Shelter for Men in downtown Madison for more than ten years. Beth Israel is responsible for serving dinner on the second Sunday each month and breakfast the next morning.

The shelter is at Grace Episcopal Church, at 116 West Washington Ave.

If you can offer an occasional Sunday evening or Monday morning, please contact Corliss Karasov at [ckarasov@gmail.com](mailto:ckarasov@gmail.com) or 831-6521.

#### Meals on Wheels

BIC volunteers deliver about 10 lunchtime meals on each of two routes every Sunday. Each volunteer's turn comes around about every six weeks. Please call Larry Bensky (238-2569) to schedule a ride-a-long or for more information.

#### Tikkun Olam Donations

The Social Action Committee's budget may be spent on donations or congregational programming. Suggestions for using these funds may be submitted to the Social Action Committee by any group of at least three BIC members. Direct questions or funding suggestions to Judy Pierotti or Bob Skloot.

[jwpierotti@gmail.com](mailto:jwpierotti@gmail.com)  
[rskloot@wisc.edu](mailto:rskloot@wisc.edu)

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### Upcoming

### MOUSY Events:

SUN, NOV 20

*Shabbat Schmooze*

TBD - No Sew Fleece

*Blankets Program*



## By Word of Mouse

*Deborah Hoffman, Program & Youth Director*

☆Chanukah is closer than you think! MOUSY is again offering **pre-orders only** for a box of deluxe **Chanukah candles** to our BIC congregants. To get your Israeli-made, stylish holiday candles that are hand-dipped and -crafted by skilled Safed artisans in the Galilee, just mail in your payment of \$18 per box to MOUSY of Beth Israel Center by the **SUN, NOV 15** deadline. No sales available after the pre-order deadline date. Please see the order form on the front page of this Centerite, or email Deborah at [hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org). Your candles will be available for pick-up on Thursday, December 3 from 4:00-5:45pm, or Sunday, December 6 from 9:00-11:30am at BIC. Your generous support of MOUSY goes toward our outstanding programming, the Shabbat experience of our members to attend regional retreats and international convention, and our chapter donations to Madison and USY Tikun Olam charities. ☆

***Kudos to Deborah Blank, Aviv Goldman, Talia Ivry, Albert Shoshany Glosser, and Moira Wilson for reciting Haftarat Yonah on Yom Kippur afternoon.***

On Sunday afternoon, September 12, MOUSY ushered in the New Year for one of our most meaningful programs—the traditional **Rosh Hashanah Gift Bags**—a communal event with members from all of the other Madison Jewish youth groups—MaTTY of Temple Beth El, BBYO, and Congregation Shaarei Shamayim. In conjunction with Jewish Social Services, 12 mice joined 27 other teenagers to eat a pizza lunch, assemble pretty holiday bags with greeting cards and honey cakes, and deliver them to local Jewish seniors. It not only gave us an opportunity to mingle with more Jewish friends and new acquaintances in a joint youth venture, but to visit with our delighted and delightful Jewish recipients. After an orientation, ice-breakers, and putting everything together, our troop of teens delivered nearly 60 gift bags without a hitch. Kol HaKavod to Louise Goldstein and Mindy Wiseman for coordinating this annual mitzvah event. Much appreciation to our volunteer drivers: Sue Coppersmith, Melanie Cohen, and Judith Zukerman Kaufman.



40 Jewish teenagers from MOUSY of BIC, MaTTY of TBE, CSS, and BBYO put together Rosh Hashanah Gift Bags for nearly 60 Jewish seniors all about Madison in conjunction with Jewish Social Services. What a mitzvah!



With 15 teenagers, 15 parents, and a sprinkling of younger siblings, MOUSY and Kadima families got together on a cooler than expected ***Sunday Veg-out in the Park*** afternoon on September 27 at Vilas Park. We all hung out, chatted with each other, tossed around playing balls, and enjoyed all sorts of veggie salads, fruits, and desserts. MOUSY Presidents Albert Shoshany Glosser and Deborah Blank presented a spiel to inform parents and kids about what we do and who we are. Thanks to Youth Committee members David Baum, Hannah Bernard-Donals, Jonathan Ivry, Stuart Glosser and Mike Pratzel for sponsoring our outdoor shindig. Good times!



A bit of tuna nicoise, baklava and rugelach desserts, veggie and pasta salads, raspberry lemonade, marvelous MOUSY mice and Kadima kids, and pleasant parents made for a fun Sunday Veg-out in the Park with BIC youth families.

In the Torah, the Jews were guided through the wilderness by a pillar of smoke by day and fire by night, but on Sunday afternoon, October 18, our group of wandering Jewish mice followed a pillar of corn stalks (in the design of a fox) at our ***Corn Maze*** program. After a lazy drive past the fertile farms of Wisconsin -- thanks to Diane Wakely for driving to and fro -- we first noshed and schmoozed in the parking lot. Then with maps in hand and our mission in mind, we made ready to blaze a trail into the AMAZing unknown of Treinen Farm in Lodi, Wis. What a fun adventure, and no one made any "corny" jokes.



Like Daniel Boone, MOUSY explorers Albert Shoshany Glosser, Max Lerner, Aviv Goldman, Talia Ivry, Hannah Ehrlich, Ellie Becker, Ben Wakely, and Deborah Blank navigated every turn through the "fox" corn maze until we made it out the exit.

**\*\*\*KADIMA\*\*\*KADIMA\*\*\*KADIMA\*\*\***

Join our fun-loving Kadima middle schoolers for a year of exciting social get-togethers as we chill out on State Street, in a bowling alley, on an ice-skating rink, at a climbing gym, at an overnight, or on pumped-up inflatables.

For more information, contact Youth Director Deborah Hoffman:  
 (608) 256-7763  
[hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org)

**REGIONAL & NATIONAL USY EVENTS:**

NOV 13-15  
*CHUSYfest Fall Convention*

DEC 4-6  
*Regional Kadima Konvention*

DEC 27 - 31  
*International USY Convention in Baltimore, Md.*

JAN 29 - 30  
*USY Midwinter Convention*

APRIL 8 - 10  
*CHUSY Spring Kinnus Convention*



**Observe Shabbat!  
 Take your Standardized Tests on Sunday!**

**SAT & Subject Test Dates:**

- December 6, 2015
- January 24, 2016
- March 6, 2016
- May 8, 2016
- June 5, 2015

SAT registration info:  
 866-756-7346.

**ACT Test Dates:**

- December 13, 2015
- April 10, 2016
- June 19, 2016

ACT Registration info:  
 319-337-1270.

## Yahrzeits

### 19 Heshvan / November 1

Rebecca Cohen  
Judy Siegel  
D. Bernard Weinberg

### 20 Heshvan / November 2

Clara Rothblatt

### 21 Heshvan / November 3

Isadore Goldstein  
Sidney Laitman  
Hyman Marlowe

### 22 Heshvan / November 4

Abe Gast  
Lila Hodes  
Lippa Nathenson  
Phillip Siegel  
Leo Stein  
Bessie Vein

### 23 Heshvan / November 5

Abraham Felsher  
Mathilde Salomon

### 24 Heshvan / November 6

William Becker  
David Cramer  
Mae Levy  
Dorothy Nelson  
Horace Rosen

### 25 Heshvan / November 7

Victor Dorret  
Lena Peturs  
Irving Saposnik  
Andrea Stein

### 26 Heshvan / November 8

Ella Glass  
Bertha Rubin  
David Zaichick

### 27 Heshvan / November 9

Daniel Goldstein  
Frank Quick  
Joseph Vein  
Soloman Volpiansky  
Ida Weinstein

### 28 Heshvan / November 10

Fritz Gutmann  
Fannie Sweet

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## Meet Your Leadership

Beth Israel Center's Board of Directors sets policies consistent with our Mission and Vision and assures that our committees and professional staff work in concert with those policies. The Board is also responsible for our budget and fiscal wellbeing. You should know who is governing your synagogue, so we are introducing a few Board members in each issue of the Centerite.

### Rick Ezell, VP - Ritual

*When did you join the congregation and why?* I joined in August 2009, having just moved back to Madison after living in Albany, N.Y., for nine years. I was very involved in my synagogue there and was looking for an egalitarian, traditional Conservative synagogue.



*Tell us a little bit about yourself.* I live on the near west side with my wife, Kristen, a professor at UW. We have no kids but have always had dogs. We currently have a sweet mixed-breed named Sadie that we adopted three years ago from a rescue group in Elgin, Ill. Kristen and I are avid road cyclists. We also love art, visiting museums, and collecting art. I have been working as a statistician at Colony Brands in Monroe, Wis., since January 2011. My primary responsibility is building the predictive models that target our catalog mailings.

*What prepared you to serve on the BIC Board of Directors?* In Albany, I served on committees of various Jewish organizations and of my synagogue. Over the years I took on more leadership responsibilities. When we left in the summer of 2009 for Madison, I was serving on the boards of Federation, Jewish Family Services, and our local Jewish assisted living/nursing home. When asked to serve here, I said "yes" right away, not because I thought I was qualified in any special way but because I think it is our obligation, and honor, to serve the community when asked.

*What exemplifies the ethos of BIC for you?* Participation. Coming from a larger congregation where relatively few wanted to read Torah, I was, and continue to be, amazed at the number of wonderful readers we have here. I'm also excited about how many younger congregants read so beautifully.

*Name one thing that may surprise people about you.* Although I earned a Masters in Stats and work as statistician, math is not my first love. I also have Master's degrees in Greek and Latin, and in German. I love ancient languages. While a graduate student at Berkeley I was a member of a decades-old club which met once a month to translate Old Icelandic sagas - and eat and drink.

### Laurie Nagus, At-Large Director

*When did you join the congregation?* We joined in 2000, when I was pregnant with Moira. We were looking for a Conservative shul because that's what I grew up with.

*Tell us a little bit about yourself.* We live in the Westmorland neighborhood. My daughter Moira is a 9th grader at West High School, and Rhiannon is a 7th grader at Madison Waldorf School, where I worked until very recently. I loved the work and the people; it was just time for a change. My husband Paul professes at UW.



*Before re-joining the Board this year, what else have you done at BIC?* I started on the Festivals Committee not long after we joined and became involved with the Membership Committee in 2004, which I co-chaired for several years and was the VP-Membership 2007-2013. I've also sat as the Membership Committee liaison to the Talmud Torah committee and am currently on the TT Committee working with our amazing TT director. I also like to hang out in the kitchen.

*When asked to rejoin the Board, did you say yes right away?* I did. Our shul is full of great people who are engaged in our synagogue in so many ways...making the Shabbat morning services run smoothly, joining our minyanim to show support for people needing to say kaddish, keeping the halls humming with activities throughout the week, reaching out to the wider community- the social action committee for example... they are all thoughtful people doing their best in the best interests of Beth Israel Center. I want to be a part of that.

*Name one thing that may surprise people about you.* I foolishly and willingly threw myself out of a plane. Never again. Paul loved it.

**Howard Bregman, At-Large Director**

*When did you join the congregation?* I joined BIC in 2011 because I was staring into the abyss of fatherhood.



*Tell us a little bit about yourself.* I live in Middleton with my wife Heidi, step-daughter Mara, who is 14, Ethan, 6, and Louis, 5. We have no pets as I am allergic to almost everything. I like gardening but am not very good at it, love listening to jazz, and am an avid genealogist. I grew up in Philadelphia and went to Sam Gellman's rival high school, then moved to Baltimore for college where I intersected with Matt Banks, returned to Philadelphia, then lived in LA for 4 years, in Chicago for 10, and then to Madison. We moved to Middleton from Madison, partly because I find Madison too liberal politically. I am not particularly conservative, but not that liberal either. I moved here 10 years ago to work at Epic, having previously practiced as a pediatrician in Chicago area hospitals.

*What is your favorite thing to do at BIC?* Yom Kippur services. I find it to be very meaningful and cleansing. I could listen to Rabbi Diamond all day long, and do.

*Tell us a story that exemplifies the ethos of BIC for you.* I grew up in a Conservative shul just outside of Philadelphia -- the shul where my parents went to Hebrew School and first met. It had about 1400 families at its peak. Shabbat services featured an organ played by the Cantor's wife, a professional choir, and a cavernous sanctuary. When I was Bar Mitzvah I was taken to the same men's store that every other boy was taken to, got a new suit, and had my photo taken for the ad for the store in the Jewish paper. I split the day with another boy, and when it was over we went to a country club and had a large luncheon with a live band. The bandleader introduced me in front of this large group and had me do a Johnny Carson golf swing. This taught me the importance of suits, country clubs, and Johnny Carson. I never learned to daven Musaf. I greatly appreciate the ways that Beth Israel is different than my boyhood shul. However, I still don't feel comfortable coming to shul on Shabbat without a suit on.

*Name one thing that may surprise people about you.* I taught swing dance to hundreds of people in Chicago over the years, and I even taught many couples to dance for their wedding. I have been dancing for more than 25 years.

**Yahrzeits**

**29 Heshvan / November 11**

- Celia Cohen
- Rachel Dworetzky
- Beatrice Feit
- Martin Kaufman
- Pinie Morgensteren
- Ann Rock
- Dov Schwartz
- Eli Shelef
- Milton Slavney
- Reuven Sweet

**1 Kislev / November 13**

- Ivan Lavine
- Abraham Nathenson

**2 Kislev / November 14**

- Roger Alain de Laix
- Sam Levin
- Eleanor Onheiber
- David Silverman
- Aaron Slavney

**3 Kislev / November 15**

- Daniel Alexander
- Joseph Epstein
- Isaac Kanter
- Robert Schneider
- Abraham Wolfson

**4 Kislev / November 16**

- Max Meister
- Rachel Recht

**5 Kislev / November 17**

- Stella Gelman
- Cara Hoffert
- Lizzie Silverman
- Maurice Silverman

**6 Kislev / November 18**

- George Behrman
- Sol Frank
- Rebecca Rosenberg

**7 Kislev / November 19**

- Alfred Barth
- Tibor Lax
- Sam Lewis
- Alex Swartz

**8 Kislev / November 20**

- Leonard Baumblatt
- William Hammes

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## Yahrzeits

### 9 Kislev / November 21

Stanley Cohen  
Henry Rosenberg

### 10 Kislev / November 22

Irving Maydeck  
Julius Mintz  
Louis Rodman

### 11 Kislev / November 23

Peter Druch  
Morris Frank

### 12 Kislev / November 24

Max Friedman  
Jake Temkin

### 13 Kislev / November 25

Theodore Hirschfeld  
Dorothy Lerner

### 14 Kislev / November 26

Andrew Benedict  
Herman Richey  
Pauline Rosenthal  
Clara Shapiro

### 15 Kislev / November 27

Ida Chudacoff  
Isadore Schuster

### 16 Kislev / November 28

Fannie Battalen  
Arnold Simon

### 17 Kislev / November 29

Herman Cohen  
Susanne Gellman  
Pola Gordon  
Esther Zatlin

### 18 Kislev / November 30

Celia Borenstein  
Louis Gross  
Julia Grunes  
Ann Siegel

### 19 Kislev / December 1

Idabella Rosen  
Jacob Meyer Schwam

### 21 Kislev / December 3

Louis Kaufman  
Clara Novick  
Franya Sotbotka

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# Making the Minyan

Maintaining a daily minyan, particularly for those who are in mourning or marking the anniversary of a loved one's death, is important for our community. Being a part of a minyan and saying Kaddish, or being counted in a minyan that allows a friend to say Kaddish, makes us a link in a spiritual chain. We come together to recognize these losses through words that have been uttered for this purpose for two millennia. The essence of our daily prayers is to renew our connection to God, including in moments of loss and times of gratitude.

While many of us can relate to these thoughts and understand them as ideals and even core values of a traditional Jewish community, very few of us — often fewer than the required 10 to say Kaddish — regularly attend our morning and evening minyanim at Beth Israel.

Many congregants have said they'll come when they know they're needed. To let each member know when s/he is particularly needed, we are asking each family to send at least one Jewish adult (over 13) to our morning and evening minyanim as often as possible during two assigned calendar weeks each year, beginning on Sunday and ending with Shabbat. Assignments are mailed out 4-6 weeks in advance with an email reminder the week before your assigned week. They are also posted on our website, and our office has a listing.

If you are unavailable during your week, consider swapping with a friend, or pick another week that works better for you.

Please come. You are needed.

## When's your week?

Current lists are posted on our website. Look under Worship, then click Jewry Duty. For the next few weeks:

**November 1** - Bob Factor & Kris Rasmussen, Zev Kianovsky & Arlene Lukin, Joel Ehrlich & Melanie Cohen, Laurel Mark, Jim Stein, Miron Livny, Judi Nelson Stern, Irwin Goldman & Leora Saposnik

**November 8** - Paula Volpiansky, Andrew & Esther de Laix, Tziporah Quick, Tom Palay & Diane Gutmann, Nadav & Miriam Shelef, Sol Zaichick, Dan Andreola and Bob & Judi Rubin

**November 15** - Hannah Bettner, Joel Marcus & Judith Swartz Marcus, Renata Laxova, Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen, Michael & Rinat Gofman, Aaron Friedman & Sally Jones, Laurie Nagus, John & Janis Noonan, Jordan Ellenberg & Tanya Schlam

**November 22** - Dan & Kathy Levin, Michael & Lainie Minkoff, Alfred & Lois Frank, Ken Schneck & Eve Fine, Mitch & Sharon Rapkin, Franklynn Peterson, Philip Hollander & Juliet Page, KC Lerner & Nancy Leff

**November 29** - Sam Gellman & Julie Plotkin, Rahmat & Mary Simani, Manny Schwam, Mike Kohn, Peter Schmitz & Fran Greenman, Lorna Kniaz, Jonathan Ivry, Rick Ezell, Michael & Jane Fox

**December 6** - Robin Kurzer, Richard & Ellen Jacobson, Ethan & Patricia Jewett, Harry & Karen Roth, David Sulman & Anne Altshuler, Adam & Aphra Mednick, Bennett Berson & Becky Holmes, Al Goldstein, Roy Irving

**December 13** - David & Sandy Arfa, Patricia Green-Sotos, Jen Hadley, Annalee Segal, Jordan & Jessie Loeb, Steven Nadler & Jane Bernstein, Anna Syvertsen, Stephen Kessler & Donna Anderson, Amy Fruchtman, Barry Ganetzky & Ilona Rodan Ganetzky



# Condolences to the families of...

- Rose Greenfield, mother of Gerry Greenfield (Lauren Meyers)
- Ralph Musin, father of Ira Marc Musin
- Archie Loeb, father of Jan Loeb (Marc Shovers), grandfather of Sam and Ben Shovers
- Susan Halloway, daughter of Harry and Belle Halloway
- Robert Becker, father of Ken (Marla) Becker, grandfather of Ellie, Maya and Baila Becker
- Gerry Randy, wife of Warren Randy, mother of Claudia (Willie) Haus and Linda (John) Eaves, and sister of Anita Parks
- Shep Schmidt, brother of Natalie Borenstein
- Dr. Avrom “Bumi” Kniaz, father of Jessie (Jordy) Loeb, grandfather of Leila, Benno and Isaiah Loeb



# 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!

Complete and return this form to the office or email [office@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:office@bethisraelcenter.org) with all of the requested information.

Contributions are especially welcome at this time, as we recently purchased about 100 *Etz Chayim Chumashim* and will soon be purchasing the new *Siddur Lev Shalem*.

## BETH ISRAEL CENTER BOOK DEDICATION FORM

I would like to dedicate (write in the number of books):

\_\_\_\_\_ Siddur Lev Shalem — minimum donation \$36 per book

\_\_\_\_\_ Weekday Siddur/Siddurim — minimum donation \$36 per book

\_\_\_\_\_ Chumash/Chumashim — minimum donation \$72 per book

\_\_\_\_\_ Mahzor Lev Shalem (High Holiday prayerbooks) — minimum donation \$54 per book

For each dedicated book, please provide the following:

In (circle one) honor / memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Dedicated by: \_\_\_\_\_

## Yahrzeits

### 22 Kislev / December 4

Sarah Klitsner  
Faith Meissner Macke

### 23 Kislev / December 5

Menashe Lazimy  
Dorothy Miller  
Sampson Myers  
Morris Schwab  
Akiva Temkin

### 24 Kislev / December 6

Jerome Berson  
S.B. Schein

### 25 Kislev / December 7

Evelyn Friedman  
Regina Gordon  
Nathan Pressman  
Leah Sweet

### 26 Kislev / December 8

Leon Feingold  
Ellen Liebman  
Za'av Rosenberg  
Cynthia Von Klingler  
Harry Zitowsky

### 27 Kislev / December 9

Joseph Beitel  
Melvin Gutmann  
Dora Jacobson  
Sam Schvid  
Leo Sulman

### 28 Kislev / December 10

Jane Larson  
Bessie Schwab  
Edward Soref  
Max Victor  
Jane Wolman

### 29 Kislev / December 11

Abraham Rosenberg  
Yehoshua Zaichick

### 30 Kislev / December 12

Jesse Battalen  
Miriam Joselewitz  
Phillip Kaplan

### 1 Tevet / December 13

Frieda Borenstein  
Isadore Kosowsky  
Charles Smith

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## Yahrzeits

### 2 Tevet / December 14

William Bloom  
Richard Kaplan  
Martha Wechselblatt Skloot

### 3 Tevet / December 15

Phillip Becker  
Sol Goldstein  
Bart Green  
Max Sklar  
Beatrice Solinger  
Harry Sweet

### 4 Tevet / December 16

Oscar Karp  
Leila Kniaz  
Eva Moss

### 5 Tevet / December 17

Ruth Beitel  
Esther Shapiro  
Ben Sweet  
Gordon Wein  
Sylvia Wein

### 6 Tevet / December 18

George Arfa  
Gertrude Jacoby  
Abraham Joselewitz  
Estelle Juster  
Nancy Nadler  
Lorraine Pollock  
Harry Wigonitz

### 7 Tevet / December 19

Irving Rudin

### 8 Tevet / December 20

Fanny Cherkas  
M. David Wolman

### 9 Tevet / December 21

Oscar Bentley  
Natasha Deutsch  
Helen Karp  
Sam Schuster  
Gertrude Steinberger  
Ben Wein

### 10 Tevet / December 22

Rudolph Becker  
Sarah Frankel  
Thelma Goren  
Janice Levine  
Herman Mack  
Abraham Paster  
Louis Stein

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## Memorial & Tribute Gifts

### Abraham Barash Handicapped Services Fund

*in honor of*

**The arrival of Harvey & Trudy Barash's new grandson, Lev** from Robert Factor & Kris Rasmussen

*in memory of*

**Rose Karan** from Dr. Val Karan  
**Hilda Barash** from Eva Barash Eiseman  
**Louis Wein** from Nancy & Loretta Wein  
**Nathan Borenstein** from Phyllis Eisenberg

### Alex Temkin Fund

*in memory of*

**Rose Greenfield** from Robert Factor & Kris Rasmussen

### Art Fund

*in memory of*

**Anna Grossman Hill** from Ghita Bessman  
**Anna Marie Popkewitz** from Thomas Popkewitz & Lea Aschkenase

### Beth Israel Reserve

*in honor of*

**The Bat Mitzvah of Debbie Rudin** from Karen Shevet Dinah

*in memory of*

**Nathan Borenstein, Gerry Randy, Ralph Musin, Archie Loeb and Albert Borenstein** from Natalie Borenstein

### David Temkin Camp Ramah Fund

*in honor of*

**Daniel Pekarsky & Stephanie Stone for their gracious hospitality and the wedding of Eli & Emma Temkin** from Rabbi Charles & Mrs. Krayna Feinberg

*in memory of*

**Shep Schmidt, Rabbi Philip Silverstein and Ralph Musin** from Bonnie Stein Kammer & Family

### General Fund Contribution

*in honor of*

**B'not Mitzvah of Lena & Vered Ben-Gideon** from Frances Mann and Mr. & Mrs. Steve Jellinek

**Bob Factor and Steve Kessler's shofar playing** from Howard & Heidi Bregman

**Appreciation of receiving an honor of opening the Ark on the second day of Rosh Hashanah** from Kazu Kitano

*in memory of*

**Benjamin Rothblatt** from Agnes Rothblatt  
**Rose Druch** from Allan & Susan Druch  
**Esther Lewis** from Arnold & Sharon Ruben  
**Sara Bzebekaja** from Boris & Marina Vykhodets



# Memorial & Tribute Gifts

## General Fund Contribution

*in memory of*

- Henry Karpe** from David Karpe & Julita Jankowska
- Lillian Rosenzweig** from David, Cheryl and Daniel Rosen
- Franklin Mann and William Frank** from Frances Mann
- Naomi Sinagub and Yetta Sinagub** from Jonathan Sinagub
- Gerry Randy** from Kathy Gehl, Robert Factor & Kris Rasmussen, Theodore & Irene Knupp
- Julius Grunes** from Mitch & Shari Grunes
- Hyman Landweber and Herman Lazarov** from Mr. & Mrs. Larry Landweber
- Coleman Slavney, Albert Borenstein, Isadore Eisenberg, Marilyn Holman and Philip Zlochinko** from Phyllis Eisenberg
- Max Weigler** from Roz Levin and Family

## Jake Heifetz Fund

*in honor of*

- Lila Feit** from Michael Rock & Kathi Johnson Rock

## Joe Temkin Education Fund

*in honor of*

- Emma Eiseman and Eli Temkin Engagement** from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

## L'Dor v'Dor

*in honor of*

- The B'not Mitzvah of Lena & Vered Ben-Gideon** from Ben & Sherry Hirschfeld and The Richmond Family
- Harvey Temkin** from Thomas Palay & Diane Gutmann

*in memory of*

- Harry Hirschfeld, Joseph Rossman and Ralph Musin** from Ben & Sherry Hirschfeld
- Gregory Boissonnault and Archie Loeb** from Bill & Jill Boissonnault
- Rabbi Philip Silverstein** from The Richmond Family
- Yetta Schwartz and Ben Gahr** from Dorothy Schwartz
- Archie Loeb** from Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin and Robert Factor & Kris Rasmussen
- Frederic Lewis** from Herbert Lewis & Francie Saposnik
- Bayla Rachel Mazursky** from Howard & Sally Mazur
- Miriam Siroky** from Livia Asher
- Jack Portney** from Marilyn & Stuart Cooper
- Albert Borenstein** from Neil Borenstein and Steven & Sandra Borenstein
- Coleman Slavney** from Phillip Slavney
- Shoshana Hellerstein, Gerry Randy, Ralph Musin and Jacob Hellerstein** from Si & Billie Hellerstein

## Martin and Serene Mazor Kiddush Fund

*in honor of*

- Bat Mitzvah of Ilana Greenspan** from The Richmond Family
- The work of the Ritual Committee** from Herbert Lewis & Francie Saposnik
- The B'not Mitzvah of Lena & Vered Ben-Gideon** from Lorna Kniaz

## Yahrzeits

### 11 Tevet / December 23

- Harold Blachman
- Thelma Frost
- Lydia Kniaz
- Bessie Rutenberg
- Frances Spitz

### 12 Tevet / December 24

- Rebecca Greenwald
- Bella Radbil
- Oscar Randy

### 13 Tevet / December 25

- Sushie Hershkowitz
- Irene Margolis
- Oscar Mazursky
- Hyman Shapiro
- Herman Stein
- Shaine Temkin
- Moshe Temkin

### 14 Tevet / December 26

- Abraham Blumenfeld
- Celia Temkin

### 15 Tevet / December 27

- Frank Melnik
- Paul Stein

### 16 Tevet / December 28

- Arthur Figler
- Raymond Lassen
- Larry Mazursky
- Ida Paley
- Nell Pekarsky
- Sophie Sweet

### 17 Tevet / December 29

- Rose Argand
- Frank Cohen
- Esther Frank
- Sam Picus
- Helen Sinagub
- Louis Terman
- Joseph Wyman

### 18 Tevet / December 30

- Nehama Grant Kaufman Gofberg
- Benjamin Heifetz
- Bessie Ottenstein
- Sayde Schackter
- Moshe Temkin

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## Yahrzeits

### 19 Tevet / December 31

Abraham Freedman  
Debra Friedman  
Patricia Mary Johnson  
Libby Sweet

### 20 Tevet / January 1

Minnie Frank Lustgarden  
Eva Jacobsohn  
Louis Paley  
Benjamin Rappaport  
Teddy Schwartz  
Joseph Wolman

### 21 Tevet / January 2

Libby Burstein  
Herbert Hirsch  
Harry Schiff  
Celia Sweet  
Bess Wexler

### 22 Tevet / January 3

Anna Kneller  
Sidney Sweet

### 23 Tevet / January 4

Nathan Bornstein  
Zlota Goodman  
Anne Newburg Remis  
Rose Sweet  
Pauline Switzky  
Harold Weber

### 24 Tevet / January 5

Pearl England  
Euruchim Epstein  
Henry Gurevich  
Jack Haus  
Mildred Robinson  
Fannie Ruskin  
George Vidaver

### 25 Tevet / January 6

Kitty Katz  
Ethel Latinsky  
Albert Schain  
Tillie Yaskal

### 26 Tevet / January 7

Aaron Urkofsky

### 27 Tevet / January 8

Lois Graber  
Myer Littky  
Edwin Miner

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## Memorial & Tribute Gifts

### Martin and Serene Mazor Kiddush Fund

*in honor of*

**Janis Ada Cordasco, the graduation of Stephanie Stone and the B'not Mitzvah of Debbie Rudin and Lena & Vered Ben-Gideon** from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

**Donna Anderson & Steve Kessler for making our day special and to the rest of our Chavurah for always supporting us** from Paula Volpiansky

*in memory of*

**Harry Kniaz, Morris & Bertha Kniaz, Serene & Martin Mazor** from Lorna Kniaz

**Ralph Musin, Archie Loeb, Ken Becker's father and Rose Greenfield** from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

**Herb Kliebard** from Michael Rock & Kathi Johnson Rock

### Mikvah Fund

*in memory of*

**Evelyn Dwortesky Lipp** from Mr. David Lipp

### Julius Mintz Education Fund

*in memory of*

**Sam & Ida Paley, Julius & Lubey Mintz, Marshall Mintz, Moshe, Lieb & Ben Paley, Milton & Mollie Finn, Joe & Belle Liebovich, Ted & Anne Matsoff, Osne Zaichick, Sara Mintz, Sam & Ann Frey, Isadore & Minnie Eisenberg, Herman & Mollie Fortgang, Bina & Rose Frey, Abe Eisenberg and Fruma Mintz** from Marvin & Phyllis Eisenberg  
**Rachel Weinstein, Anna Blumenfeld and Benjamin Weinstein** from Sol & Corlie Blumenfeld

### Rose and Morris Heifetz Fund

*in honor of*

**Ron Diamond and Yair Mazor** from Daniel & Ruth Siegel

*in memory of*

**Anna Weiss Bentley** from Daniel & Ruth Siegel

**Helen Haber** from Sheldon Haber

**Isadore Rubin & Beatrice Marlowe** from Robert & Judith Rubin

### Prayerbook Fund

*in honor of*

**The B'not Mitzvah of Lena & Vered Ben-Gideon** from Allan Levin

**The 40th Anniversary of Howard Temin's Nobel Award** from Howard & Heidi Bregman

**Si & Billie Hellerstein for their contributions and commitment to Beth Israel Center** from Michael Rock & Kathi Johnson Rock

*in memory of*

**Ruth Hawkins** from The Richmond Family

**Maurice Smith** from Ronald & Cherie Diamond

**Jane Grady** from Howard & Sally Mazur

**Alvin Pratzel** from Michael & Barbara Pratzel





# Memorial & Tribute Gifts

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

*in honor of*

**Bat Mitzvah of Leila Rose Loeb, Deborah Rudin, Lena & Vered Ben-Gideon** from Jim Stein

**The B'not mitzvah of Lena & Vered Ben-Gideon** from Karen Shevet Dinah, Mitch & Sharon Rapkin, the Robert Schwartz Family, Sion & Jane Shabtaie

*in memory of*

**Archie Loeb** from Jim Stein

**Robert Gold** from Mrs. Marion Gold

**Esther Lewis, Jake Isaac and Bessie Onheiber** from Sam & Maria Onheiber

## A.J. and Celia Rosenberg Education Fund

*in memory of*

**Julia Lakritz** from Sheldon Haber

## A. J. and Celia Rosenberg Library Fund

*in honor of*

**Ilana Greenspan Bat Mitzvah** from Rick Ezell

*in memory of*

**Patricia Cohler** from Bill & Jill Boissonnault

**Matthias Neuman Smith** from Herbert Lewis & Francie Saposnik

**Linda Tetzlaff** from Michael & Barbara Pratzel

**Rachel Hayman Cohen** from Moshe & Haya Yuchtman

**Gilbert Rosenberg** from Lyn Rosenberg

**Norman Frank** from Phyllis Schwartz

## Shirley Epstein Fund

*in memory of*

**Norman Zaichick** from Sol Zaichick

## Social Action Fund

*in memory of*

**Yisrael Meir ben Gedaliah** from Gerald Greenfield & Lauren Meyers

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*in memory of*

**Ralph Musin** from Robert Factor & Kris Rasmussen

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*in memory of*

**Ida Sweet and Elizabeth Berg** from Gerald & Lorraine Borsuk

**Herb Kleibard and Ralph Musin** from Rayla Temin

**Sam Schwartz** from the Robert Schwartz Family

## Yahrzeits

### 28 Tevet / January 9

Irma Heifetz  
Alexander Katz  
Jerome Kaufman  
Paul Macke  
Abe Radbil  
Helen Stark  
Ben Sweet

### 29 Tevet / January 10

Arnold Luterman  
Portia Paradise

### 1 Shevat / January 11

Alma Frank  
Louis Kaplan  
Mollie Paley Finn

### 2 Shevat / January 12

Pearl Springberg  
Leo Stark  
William Sweet  
Henry Weiss

### 3 Shevat / January 13

Bernice Kliebard  
Tilly Nathenson

### 4 Shevat / January 14

Phyllis Levinthal  
Sam Sweet

### 5 Shevat / January 15

Melvin Comins  
Anita Messerman  
Wolf Mintz

### 6 Shevat / January 16

Clara Gahr  
Simon Katz

### 7 Shevat / January 17

Bernard Kaplan  
Max Sherman  
Sidney Skom  
Sylvia Temkin

### 8 Shevat / January 18

Sarah Schmidt  
Harry Sweet

### 9 Shevat / January 19

Etta Daitch  
Yetta Moskowitz  
Doris Silvern  
Hyman Silverstein

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**Yahrzeits**

**10 Shevat / January 20**

Harold E. Factor  
Jack Rosenthal  
Ethel Shovers

**11 Shevat / January 21**

Rhoda Berk  
Abraham Hershkowitz  
Reva Moss  
David Perlman  
Minnie Slavney

**12 Shevat / January 22**

Louis Coppersmith  
Arthur Moss  
Martin Steinberger

**13 Shevat / January 23**

Abe Berk  
Morris Greenberg  
Ruth Hill  
Yetta Slafer  
David Sweet  
Jacob Sweet  
Morris Wyman

**14 Shevat / January 24**

Esther Feldman  
Ella Hirschfeld  
Joseph Holman  
Samuel Swartz

**15 Shevat / January 25**

Max Weiner

**16 Shevat / January 26**

Ida Gould  
Paul Hoffert

**17 Shevat / January 27**

Sarah Barkin  
Susan Frances de Laix  
Morris Gould  
Avery Krashen  
Gilbert Schreiber  
Marsha Schwartz  
Belle Sweet

**18 Shevat / January 28**

Benjamin Greenberg  
Everett Howard Karon  
Chisha Paley  
Thomas Rosenmeyer  
May Rosenthal

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# Memorial & Tribute Gifts

**Youth Fund Donations**

*in honor of*

**Bat Mitzvah of Debbie Rudin** from Burke Richmond & Erica Kesin Richmond  
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## November 2015

| Sun                          | Mon                | Tue                      | Wed | Thu                          | Fri                             | Sat            |
|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-----|------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| 1                            | 2                  | 3                        | 4   | 5                            | 6<br>Shabbaton                  | 7<br>Shabbaton |
|                              |                    |                          |     |                              | Shabbat Dinner                  | Chaye Sarah    |
| 8<br>Melton                  | 9                  | 10<br>Board of Directors | 11  | 12<br>Rosh Chodesh<br>Kislev | 13<br>Rosh Chodesh<br>Kislev    | 14<br>Toldot   |
| The Road Home                | Buddy Congregation | Week >>>                 |     |                              |                                 |                |
| 15<br>Melton                 | 16                 | 17                       | 18  | 19<br>Camp Ramah visit       | 20<br>MOUSY Shabbat<br>Schmooze | 21<br>Vayetze  |
| USCJ Biennial Convention >>> |                    |                          |     |                              |                                 |                |
| 22<br>Melton<br>Yom Rishon   | 23                 | 24                       | 25  | 26<br>Office Closed          | 27<br>Office Closed             | 28             |
|                              |                    |                          |     | Thanksgiving                 |                                 | Vayishlach     |
| 29                           | 30                 |                          |     |                              |                                 |                |

# December 2015

| Sun                                                                                | Mon | Tue                                       | Wed | Thu                              | Fri                 | Sat                                                                     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                    |     | 1                                         | 2   | 3                                | 4                   | 5<br>Leila Loeb<br>Bat Mitzvah<br><br>Kadima Konvention >>><br>Vayeshev |
| 6<br>Melton<br>Kolot Kehilla                                                       | 7   | 8<br>Hanukkah Party<br>Board of Directors | 9   | 10                               | 11                  | 12<br>Rosh Chodesh<br>Tevet<br>Miketz                                   |
| 13<br>Yom Rishon<br>Melton<br>Louise Goldstein<br>retirement party<br>Rosh Chodesh | 14  | 15                                        | 16  | 17<br>Last weekday TT<br>of 2015 | 18                  | 19<br>Mia Kurzer<br>Bat Mitzvah<br>Last SMP of 2015<br>Vayigash         |
| 20                                                                                 | 21  | 22                                        | 23  | 24<br>Office Closed              | 25<br>Office Closed | 26<br><br>Veyechi                                                       |
| 27<br><br>USY Internatioal Convention >>>                                          | 28  | 29                                        | 30  | 31                               |                     |                                                                         |

# January 2016

| Sun                        | Mon                                | Tue                           | Wed | Thu | Fri                                 | Sat                                                            |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----|-----|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
|                            |                                    |                               |     |     | 1<br>Office Closed                  | 2<br><br>Shemot                                                |
| 3                          | 4                                  | 5                             | 6   | 7   | 8<br><br>Pot Luck<br>Shabbat Dinner | 9<br><br>Va'era                                                |
| 10<br>Melton               | 11<br>Rosh Chodesh<br>Shevat       | 12<br>Board of Directors      | 13  | 14  | 15                                  | 16<br>Mirra Blehert<br>Bat Mitzvah<br><br>Bo                   |
| 17<br>Melton               | 18<br>Office Closed<br><br>MLK Day | 19<br>Talmud Torah<br>resumes | 20  | 21  | 22                                  | 23<br>Board Game<br>Shabbat<br><br>Shabbat Shirah<br>Beshalach |
| 24<br>Melton               | 25                                 | 26                            | 27  | 28  | 29                                  | 30                                                             |
| 31<br>Melton<br>Yom Rishon | Tu B'Shvat                         |                               |     |     | USY Midwinter Convention >>>        | Supper Quiz<br>Yitro                                           |

## Yahrzeits

### 19 Shevat / January 29

Rachel Bleiweiss  
Morris Gould  
Erving Haber

### 20 Shevat / January 30

Lena Adler  
Benny Kopelberg  
Barnet Nathenson  
Chaim Schwartz  
Jerry Shapiro  
Benjamin Wendroff

### 21 Shevat / January 31

Harold Borenstein  
Iver Karp  
Morris Mirkin  
George Shapiro  
Helen Temkin  
Rebecca Wyman



*Beth Israel Center maintains a database of Yahrzeit observances for its members. The people listed on the sides of these pages are those being remembered by people in our community.*

*The dates listed are the anniversaries of their deaths on the Hebrew calendar, with the corresponding date on the secular calendar for the current year.*

*Our database is only as accurate as the information provided by our members.*

*If you have any questions about or additions to our Yahrzeit list, please contact the office at (608) 256-7763 or [office@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:office@bethisraelcenter.org).*

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## November ~ December ~ January Schedule

| Date           | Parshat     | Candle Lighting |
|----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| November 6/7   | Chayei Sara | Candles 4:24p   |
| November 13/14 | Toldot      | Candles 4:17p   |
| November 20/21 | Vayetzei    | Candles 4:11p   |
| November 27/28 | Vayishlach  | Candles 4:07p   |
| December 4/5   | Vayeshev    | Candles 4:04p   |
| December 11/12 | Miketz      | Candles 4:04p   |
| December 18/19 | Vayigash    | Candles 4:06p   |
| December 25/26 | Vayechi     | Candles 4:10p   |
| January 1/2    | Shemot      | Candles 4:15p   |
| January 8/9    | Vaera       | Candles 4:22p   |
| January 15/16  | Bo          | Candles 4:30p   |
| January 22/23  | Beshalach   | Candles 4:39p   |
| January 29/30  | Yitro       | Candles 4:48p   |

### Shabbat Services

Fridays  
5:45pm

Saturdays  
9:30am

### Weekday Services

Sunday mornings  
8:15am

Monday & Thursday  
mornings  
7:00am

Sunday - Thursday evenings  
5:30pm

Please call ahead to  
ensure a minyan.  
Other morning services may  
be organized by request.