



Upcoming Programs & Events

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Email Cheri at office@bethisraelcenter.org.



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Kabbalat Shabbat Potluck Dinner ~ November 18

Welcome Shabbat with new and old friends at Beth Israel Center. The evening begins at 5:00 as people begin to gather to toast the week that was. Our song-filled Kabbalat Shabbat service begins at 5:45, and we'll enjoy a kosher-dairy potluck dinner after services. Because Shabbat begins well before dinner time on November 18, contributions of kosher-dairy food and beverages for the potluck dinner must be dropped off when the office is open earlier in the week or on Friday before 4:00pm.

BIC Hanukkah Party ~ Saturday, December 31

It's the last night of Hanukkah AND New Year's Eve! Come celebrate both at Beth Israel Center! Watch your email or call the office for more information.



Fiction With Friends ~ Wednesday, January 25

Fiction With Friends returns in 2017. Find a copy of *The Mathematician's Shiva* by Stuart Rojstaczer and come to Beth Israel Center to discuss it with old and new friends. This discussion will be lead by Rabbi Rebecca Ben-Gideon.

HOLD THE DATE: Purim Ball! ~ Saturday, March 4

Dress up (or don't) for this fun night out for grownups! Enjoy appetizers and desserts, creative drinks, music and more. Details coming soon.

Place Your Chanukah Candle Orders by Nov. 23

\$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

Firm Pre-Order Deadline: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2016

Pick-up dates: Thursday, December 15, 4:00-6:00pm
Sunday, December 18, 10:00-11:30am



Thoughts from the Rabbi...

Wisdom from David Letterman

David Letterman has retired from network television. In retirement he has decided to use his fame and penchant for humor to draw our attention to worthy causes across our country and



around the world. On a recent undercover trip to Madison, he happened to stop by BIC on a Friday night. He was so impressed with our community that he left us with one of his famous

"Top Ten" lists, although since the visit was so brief, he gave only five reasons to check out Beth Israel Center's Kabbalat Shabbat service:

5 This isn't your mama's Kabbalat Shabbat service. Davening begins at 5:45 but you want to get to this service early for good company and a l'chayim!

4 It's a minyan where everyone knows your name. A welcoming, friendly and diverse group begins to gather at 5:00

around the beautiful wooden table in the Mercaz to greet one another, have good conversation and to let the tensions of the week ease away.

3 This isn't your papa's Kabbalat Shabbat service. In years past you might have heard that Beth Israel has trouble making a minyan on Friday nights. For the past two years that has been far from true, and more are always welcome.

2 The best all-ages dance party in Madison with no cover charge. A varied group of enthusiastic people come together each week. Ages range from 18 months to over 81 years. There is always a wonderful spirit present to end your week and begin your Shabbat. (Dancing not required.)

1 It's a perfect expression of being a Jew in Madison as we kickoff our Shabbat with a spirited "tailgate" at shul.

Shalom,

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Next Centerite Deadline:

January 2, 2017

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 Center community. We welcome feedback about the content and flow of our services. Please provide comments to Matt Banks, Mark Copelovitch, Esther Criscuola de Laix, Rick Ezell, Leslie Greenspan, Lori Hawkins, Si Hellerstein, Jon Pollack, Bill Schwab, Rayla Temin, or Rabbi Ben-Gideon. — Mark Copelovitch, committee chair, copelovitch@wisc.edu

BIC Mikveh ~ Open to All

Beth Israel Center's stunning new mikveh is available on weekdays and some Sundays, generally when the office is open. Appointments may be scheduled outside of regular office hours with enough advance notice.

Please contact the office at least one business day in advance to schedule your immersion. Call (608) 256-7763 or email office@bethisraelcenter.org.

If you would like to have an attendant present for your immersion, please allow for additional scheduling time. Contact the Rabbi with ritual questions or the office to schedule.



President's Column

Building Community

On Kol Nidre, I spoke about our community's strengths and challenges. Here are some of those thoughts:

Beth Israel Center is associated with a physical space, but even during our recent 9-month diaspora, when we held services in far flung corners of Madison, we were still Beth Israel Center. Rather, Beth Israel Center is an idea that we create each day. Let's celebrate all that we have created together, before we turn to the challenges of the future.

Our gratitude list begins with our beautiful building, which took a community to bring to fruition. A sustained effort of nearly 50 dedicated volunteers, donations from more than 75% of our congregation, and coordination by a talented staff made it a reality. We showed what we could do when we come together in an open, transparent process, with broad community buy-in.

On Friday evenings, we've established a tradition of gathering to schmooze and let go of the week before Kabbalat Shabbat services. Our Shabbat morning services are lively and spirited, with over 40 members who regularly read Torah and lead services, and attendance typically topping 100. With our new Shabbat-centered school, our bimah is once again filled with children for Ein Keloheinu, Aleinu and Adon Olam. Meditation, Kolot Kehillah, Talmud, Yiddish, social action, *bikur cholim*, the *mikveh*, sukkah hops, Tikkun Leil Shavuot...our gratitude list goes on and on.

But we have financial and programming challenges, as well. Under the terms of a major gift for our renovation, we need to add money each year to a maintenance fund to ensure that the building will look as beautiful in 30 years as it does today. At the same time, in five years, a community foundation that has been providing substantial operating funds recently announced that it would discontinue

these types of grants. Just these two items together represent about 10% of our annual budget.

We have significant programming challenges, as well. For decades, Beth Israel Center has maintained a daily weekday minyan, so that the community can gather to daven, and mourners and those observing a *yahrzeit* can say *kaddish*. But it is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain the daily minyan. Our group of regulars has grown smaller, and we need to come together as a community to support this important component of our spiritual life.



We have some tough choices ahead, but our *kahal* is more than up to the task. In our tradition, the *mitzvot* centered on community, things like hospitality to guests and visiting the sick, are all derived from the text in parshat *Kedoshim*, "Love your neighbor as yourself." This piece of text is the essence of Torah, and the essence of building community.

The positive energy that we are creating here at Beth Israel Center is a renewable resource. In Judaism, the spiritual life is one of constant movement. In *Pirke Avot* we read *mitzvah goreret mitzvah*, one *mitzvah* leads to another. We can understand this as a form of Jewish karma. And it is the same in building community. One positive contribution leading to another and another still, blessings and holiness that we send out into the world strengthening our bonds and our community.

Matt Banks

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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

Sunday thru Thursday
evenings
5:30pm

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
9am to 5pm

Friday
9am to Noon

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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

A Bevy of Good Ideas

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 any quantity of the following:

- 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!

Among the things our congregation has in abundance is good ideas. In fact,



there are so many good ideas, our challenge is to thoughtfully determine which ones we can implement successfully.

Thankfully, we are also blessed with talented and dedicated committee chairs, volunteers, professional staff and others who are willing and able to implement new ideas.

For an idea to become a reality takes resources. Sometimes that means funding. Sometimes the needed resource is a particular talent or skill set. Just about every new idea requires an investment of time from lay leadership, volunteers, and staff.

Here's how two new ideas recently came to fruition.

First, over the summer, we redecorated our Youth Lounge. The actual carpet laying, painting and installation of new blinds was the easy part. Before contractors could be scheduled, we needed to identify the goals of the project, raise the needed funds, and get the right experts involved in the planning. Those important steps began with congregants, including MOUSY Board members, raising the question: What can we do to improve the aesthetics of the Youth Lounge? That was the starting point -- a good idea. Then the Youth Committee took up the discussion, brought the concept to the Board of Directors, and eventually set the goals, established priorities, enlisted help from people with the requisite expertise, and raised the funds needed to complete the highest priority parts of

the project -- new carpet, paint, and blinds.

This phase of the project wrapped up in September.

Second, two congregants came forward with ideas about addressing the very real problem of hunger in our community. Raised separately, when the two ideas came to the attention of our congregation's leadership -- namely our Rabbi, President and Social Action Committee co-chairs, a plan came together beautifully.

The two initially separate ideas were:

- 1) to raise awareness of and support the Food For Thought Initiative, which has established food pantries and East High School and Sandburg Elementary School
- 2) to link a fund drive aimed at fighting hunger both intellectually and actually with the Yom Kippur fast.

The result was a fund drive, publicized from the bimah, on posters and fliers, and via e-mail, encouraging people to donate the amount each of us might have spent on food for a day, the duration of the Yom Kippur fast. We collected more than \$1,400 as people arrived for Kol Nidre, and additional donations were made online. (Online donations can still be made at www.goodmancenter.org/donate. Type "Food For Thought" where it asks what you'd like your donation to support.)

Both efforts are examples of what our community can do when we work together.

Keep the good ideas coming. And if you want to see the ideas actualized, keep giving of your time, expertise and dollars.

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From the Education Director's Desk

Shabbat School - So far so good!

Shabbat school started easily. Not with a bang, not with fireworks (positive or negative...), but rather with ease.

The intense preparations, communications, development, and on-the-ground organization that the Talmud Torah Committee took on over the past two years finally revealed itself to us on September 17 when our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders began coming on Saturday mornings rather than Sundays, and Talmud Torah teachers began leading our Matchilim and Shorashim services for younger children. I cannot thank committee members Jennie Edes-Pierotti, Nadav Shelef, Jennifer Hadley, Laurie Nagus and Shanee Ellison enough for their support, cheerleading and critical eyes throughout this process.

Our students are happy, with one even telling us "This is where we were meant to be" after finishing class, *tefillah* and parsha study and before heading to the main sanctuary on our second Shabbat.

Our teachers are also happy, enjoying the change the school makes in how they spend their weekend. One teacher even told me that he had missed attending services every week and being in the building on Shabbat feels really good. They see the value in the huge

change that we made (all of our faculty from last year returned this year, eagerly anticipating Shabbat school).

Our teachers, mostly UW undergraduates and some young community members, are interested in greater engagement with the Beth Israel

Center community. Please seek them out at lunch on Shabbat and sit with them. If you are inclined, contact me to invite an individual or small group of Talmud Torah teachers to spend Shabbat dinner or a holiday with you in your home. Be sure they know about your pet Beth Israel Center project, be it adult education, a social justice program or a special service coming up. Talmud Torah is a comfortable place for them and they enjoy teaching our students, and maybe with a little encouragement, we can become their home away from home as well.



Beth Cohn Copelovitch
education@bethisraelcenter.org

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 5777 dates on your calendar:

- November 20
- December 18
- January 22
- February 26
- March 19
- April 30

10:00-11:15am

Come to some or all!
Bring friends!

Members may attend Yom Rishon for free. Others pay \$5/child, or \$10/family

Adult Education ~ Ongoing Classes

Conversational Yiddish / Mondays, 7pm in the Mercaz at Beth Israel Center

Join Yiddish enthusiast and talented teacher Sylvia Grunes as she builds a love for the Yiddish language and culture through her long-running classes. Come learn from a master - all levels welcome and encouraged to attend.

Talmud / Wednesdays, 9:15am in the Mercaz at Beth Israel Center

Study Talmud in Hebrew and Aramaic with Rabbis Joshua and Rebecca Ben-Gideon. Currently, the group is studying Perek haMafkid, in Tractate Bava Metzia, which is a classic section dealing primarily with civil laws.

Hebrew Reading Level II / Thursdays, 7pm, at Anna's home

This class is designed for those interested in developing Hebrew reading skills through study of the weekly Torah portion. Whether beginner or intermediate readers, all levels of knowledge are welcomed. Led by Anna Heifetz.



By Word of Mouse

Deborah Hoffman, Program & Youth Director, hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org

UPCOMING MOUSY EVENTS

November
Chanukah Candles
Fundraiser

Saturday, Nov. 19
Murder Mystery

Saturday, Dec. 17
No Sew Fleece
Blankets



Regional, National and International USY programs:

Friday-Sunday,
November 11-13
CHUSYfest Regional Convention

Friday-Sunday
December 2-4
Regional Kadima Konvention/8th Grade Shabbaton

Sunday-Thursday
December 25-29
International USY Convention-Dallas

Friday-Saturday
January 29-30
USY Midwinter Convention

Friday-Sunday
April 28-30
CHUSY Spring Kinnus Convention

★Chanukah is closer than you think! MOUSY is again offering **pre-orders only** for a box of deluxe and decorative 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 **Wednesday, November 23** deadline. No sales available after the pre-order deadline date. Your generous support of MOUSY goes toward our outstanding programming, our chapter donations to Madison and USY Tikun Olam charities, and the Shabbat experience of our members to attend regional retreats and international convention. We'll have your candles available for pick-up on Thursday, December 15 from 4:00-6:00pm, or Sunday, December 18 from 10:00-11:30am at BIC. Don't be caught unawares—the first candle-lighting will be on the evening of Saturday, December 24, 2016.★

On Sunday afternoon, September 25, MOUSY ushered in the new year for one of our most meaningful community events—the annual **Rosh Hashanah Gift Bags**—with 35 members from the Madison Jewish youth groups—MOUSY of BIC, MaTTY of Temple Beth El, BBYO and Midrasha Hebrew High School, in collaboration with Jewish Social Services. Fourteen mice joined 21 other Jewish teenagers to share something about themselves they would like to change for the new year, assemble 120 holiday bags with greeting cards and supplies provided by JSS, and make deliveries and visits to area Jewish seniors. We enjoyed the opportunity to mingle with more Jewish friends, make new acquaintances, and visit with our delighted and delightful Jewish recipients. Kol HaKavod to Ingrid Reis-Glass for coordinating this mitzvah program, along with youth advisers Deborah Hoffman of MOUSY, Kimberly Rosenthal of MaTTY, Andrea Warman of HeifetzBBYO, Ellen Weismer of Midrasha, Israel Shaliach Daniel Gill, and JSS Volunteer Denny Geller. Much appreciation to our volunteer drivers: Laurie Nagus, Simone Schweber, and Deborah Blank.



35 Jewish teenagers from MOUSY of Beth Israel Center, MaTTY of Temple Beth El, HeifetzBBYO, and Midrasha Hebrew High School put together Rosh Hashanah Gift Bags for 120 Jewish seniors all about Madison in conjunction with Jewish Social Services. What a mitzvah!

Our minyan of wandering Jews enjoyed a casual Sunday afternoon doing “all things apple” on September 18 for our *Apple-picking Adventure*, where we cruised out to the picturesque and rolling hills of Sutter’s Ridge Farm in Mount Horeb to pick our own apples from the orchard, nosh on caramel apples, sip apple cider, and just hang out with our fruit-friendly companions. Many thanks to Marc Syvertsen for driving our fun bunch to and fro.



Back L to R: Miriam Syvertsen, Albert Shoshany Glosser, Talia Ivry, Hannah Ehrlich, Moira Wilson, Lena Ben-Gideon, Ellie Becker;
Front L to R: Debbie Rudin, Vered Ben-Gideon, Maya Becker.

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

**SAT & Subject
Test Dates:**

November 6, 2016
December 4, 2016
January 22, 2017
March 19, 2017
May 7, 2017
June 4, 2017

SAT registration info:
866-756-7346.

ACT Test Dates:

December 11, 2016
April 9, 2017
June 11, 2017

ACT Registration info:
319-337-1270.

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**2016-17
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Join hundreds of Jewish teens from across North America for a week of fun, friendship, learning and discovery at USY's 66th International Convention in Dallas, TX!

December 25-29, 2016

Meet USYers from across the United States and Canada at USY's largest, fun-filled annual gathering.



Questions? Talk to Noa Rose, TT teacher and Convention Chair.

Beth Israel Center sponsors the youth groups MOUSY (8th-12th graders) and Kadima (6th-8th graders). Both are local chapters of the Conservative Movement's international organization United Synagogue Youth (USY).

MOUSY is open to all high school and Kadima to all middle school Jewish youth, affiliated or not. Join us for exciting social programs, community service projects, outdoor play, and religious activities.

For more information, contact Deborah Hoffman at (608) 256-7763 or hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org or any MOUSY Board member (see right).



Volunteer Appreciation

K'HILAT CHESED

Members of the BIC K'hilat Chesed (Caring Community) group visit individuals who find it difficult or impossible to attend services or other synagogue programs. Visits by members of the K'hilat Chesed group are intended to be social in nature, to extend the warmth of our community beyond the walls of Beth Israel Center.

If you or someone you know would like a friendly visit from a member of the K'hilat Chesed group, please contact Rabbi Ben-Gideon at (608) 256-7763 or via email, rabbi@bethisraelcenter.org.

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 Center is made up of people who volunteer to make meals for congregants in times of need.

Email kindness@bethisraelcenter.org to be put on the list of volunteers or contact the office to find out more about the group.

If you or someone you know could benefit from some home-delivered meals, please do not hesitate to ask. Requests are typically filled with surprising speed.

There are many ways to contribute time, energy and expertise to our congregation. Here are a few, and the people who helped in these ways recently:

Shabbat Kiddush Crew:

Donna Anderson, Brent Bach, David Baum, Avi Bernard-Donals, Hannah Bernard-Donals, Esther Criscuola de Laix, Jennie Edes-Pierotti, Beth Fisher, Eve Fine, Hilda Fine, Michael Gofman, Roz Gusinow, Jen Hadley, Billie Hellerstein, Judy Hellerstein, Lisa Hellerstein, Jonathan Ivry, Bobbie Jellinek, Kathi Johnson Rock, Sally Jones, Bill Karasov, Corliss Karasov, Sarah Kessler, Steve Kessler, Kazu Kitano, Renee Lauber, Jessie Loeb, Arlene Lukin, Adam Mednick, Aphra Mednick, Barbara Myers Temkin, Zach Myers, Laurie Nagus, Tziporah Quick, Michael Rock, Aharon Shelef, Miriam Shelef, Raphael Shelef, Karen Shevet Dinah, Dan Sidney, Anna Syvertsen, Eliya Syvertsen, Marc Syvertsen, Miriam Syvertsen, Regina Vidaver, Phyllis Wainger, Paul Wilson

Kiddush Barista:

Karen Shevet Dinah

Shabbat Greeters:

Bennett Berson, Cherie Diamond, Ron Diamond, Bob Factor, Anna Heifetz, Cynthia Hirsch, David Hoffert, Jordy Loeb, Mike Pressman, Barry Rich, Francie Saposnik

Kolot Kehilla Organizers:

Adrienne Borisy-Gross, Barry Rich

Laundry Angels:

Donna Anderson, Hannah Bernard-Donals, Becky Holmes, Kazu Kitano, Laurie Nagus, Kris Rasmussen, Karen Shevet Dinah, Anna Syvertsen

Pre-Holiday Yard Workers:

Howard Bregman, Aaron Friedman, Leslie Fields, Jeff Lindholm, Jordy Loeb, Leila Loeb

Joint Youth Group Rosh Hashanah Gift Bags Schleppers:

Deborah Blank, Laurie Nagus, Simone Schweber

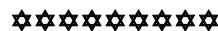
MOUSY Apple-Picking Adventure Driver:

Marc Syvertsen

Kehillat Noar Madrichim:

Leila Loeb, Bart Miller, Moira Wilson

Many volunteers also helped make High Holidays successful at Beth Israel Center. They will be recognized in the next edition of the Centerite.



If you have time or a particular talent to give to Beth Israel Center, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Deborah Hoffman. We always need people to help set up and clean up Shabbat kiddush, Festival celebrations and other programs. We also need help with some library support projects, occasional grounds keeping, and more. Call (608) 256-7763 or email hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org. Todah!



Shabbat Kiddush

A Time for Togetherness

The Beth Israel Center Shabbat kiddush serves an important purpose in the life of our community. It is a special time and place to come together to celebrate Shabbat with our *kehilla* (sacred community) and to actively embody the mitzvah of *hachnasat orchim* (welcoming guests).

Volunteers are what make it possible week after week.

Are you interested in joining the kiddush crew and being part of this vital – and fun! – Beth Israel Center tradition? Email hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org or call (608) 256-7763 for information about joining the merry band of cooks, bakers, setter- and cleaner-uppers.

Looking to honor someone?

One of the many ways people honor special occasions - and special people - is to make a donation to Beth Israel Center's Martin and Serene Mazor Kiddush fund or to sponsor an entire kiddush with a donation of \$300 or more. To donate to the Kiddush fund, simply send an email to office@bethisraelcenter.org with the amount of your donation and in whose honor you're making it, and we'll take it from there.

Our Shabbat kiddush is an important and delicious part of the Shabbat experience at Beth Israel, and your donations keep the kiddush alive and well.

Be part of a long-standing tradition and honor someone at the same time.

Appreciation for recently sponsored Shabbat Kiddushim:

August 20 – Kathi Johnson Rock and Michael Rock in honor of their 18th wedding anniversary

September 3 – Jennifer and Craig Hadley in honor of their daughter, Sophie, becoming a Bat Mitzvah

September 10 – Eve Fine and Ken Schneck in celebration of Hilda Fine's birthday

September 17 – Sara and Jeff Mandell in honor of completing their first year in Madison and the first Shabbat of Talmud Torah

September 24 – Rashmikant and Vasanti Desai in honor of their granddaughter Maya becoming a Bat Mitzvah

October 22 -- Friends of Brent Bach to wish him safe travels and success in Israel

October 29 -- Aaron Friedman and Sally Jones in honor of the anniversary of Aaron's Bar Mitzvah and birthday

Upcoming Special Shabbat Kiddushim:

November 5 -- Elana Matthews and Willie Needelman in honor of their daughter, Lily, becoming a Bat Mitzvah

November 26 – Daniel Pekarsky and Stephanie Stone in celebration of Daniel's 70th birthday and the 5th anniversary of his heart transplant

December 3 – Bobbie and Steve Jellinek in honor of Anna Heifetz for her patience and skill in teaching Hebrew

December 17 – Patricia Green-Sotos to honor the *yahrzeit* of Bart Green (z"l)

Yahrzeits

30 Tishrei / November 1

Marilyn Holman
Joe (Jachial) Temkin
Marvin Wexler

1 Heshvan / November 2

Rubin Adler
Ruben Blachman
Grace Goldstein

2 Heshvan / November 3

Alex Temkin

3 Heshvan / November 4

Harry Schackter

4 Heshvan / November 5

Yudel Brandt
Harry Frank
Hersch Goldstein
Mosheh Yiddel Goldstein
Goldie Portnoy
Rebecca Seidman
Eva Shenker
Sadie Silver

5 Heshvan / November 6

Bernice Coppersmith
Helen Goldman
Theodore Jellinek
Minnie Simmons
Ruth Oster Weisbard

6 Heshvan / November 7

Jacob Cooper
Minnie Kessel
Charles Layton
Steve Orman
Leonard A. Sweet

7 Heshvan / November 8

Dora Gross
Chaim Katsnelson
Arthur Sweet
Max Weinstein

8 Heshvan / November 9

Helene Goldman
Dora Kapetovske
Herman Kaufman
Herman Mintz

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Yahrzeits

8 Heshvan / November 9

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Sam Nager

Rose Passon

Beatrice Rosenthal

9 Heshvan / November 10

Sol Kaplan

Morris Kliebard

Stanley Langer

Lillian Levin

10 Heshvan / November 11

Sydney Bernard

11 Heshvan / November 12

Joseph Frank

Sarah Goldberg

Bella Goldstein

12 Heshvan / November 13

Jacob Altschuler

Herman Argand

Bessie Katz

Aaron Kerlow

13 Heshvan / November 14

Faye Jacobs

Celia Weigler

Eli Wolman

14 Heshvan / November 15

Marcy Deutsch

Harry Luterman

Ruth Seder

Minnie Sokolov

Reva Sweet

15 Heshvan / November 16

Erin Karp

Lilly Kopelberg

Meir Lazimy

Sam Sadoff

Della Zimmerman

Philip Zlochenk

16 Heshvan / November 17

Norman Feldman

Jake Heifetz

D.J. Wasserstrom

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Social Action Opportunities

COMING SOON: Refugee Resettlement Efforts

Beth Israel Center volunteers will soon be called upon to support a new refugee resettlement program spearheaded by Jewish Social Services of Madison. JSS aims to create a network of support for new refugees. Watch for announcements of volunteer training programs. Training dates and more information will be posted at www.jssmadison.org.

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. Sign up on our website (www.bethisraelcenter.org) or the church's (www.midvalelutheran.org). Call the office if you need help signing up.

Our 2017 Buddy Congregation weeks are:

January 29-February 5

April 30-May 7

June 25-July 2

August 27-September 3

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 16 at 5:30pm

Tuesday, December 6 at 5:30pm

More information is available at www.trhome.org.

Serve Food at the Men's Shelter

Beth Israel Center 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 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.

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. For information on current volunteer opportunities, email jcsjmadison@gmail.com, visit www.jewishcongregationsforsocialjustice.org, or visit JCSJ's Facebook page.



Rabbi Search Update

By Aaron Friedman

As this newsletter goes to press, our job posting has been submitted to the Rabbinical Assembly, and we expect to begin receiving resumes soon.

Thanks again to everyone who participated in this summer's listening sessions and survey, emailed comments to rabbisearch@bethisraelcenter.org or talked to me or another member of the search committee. All of this information helped us write an accurate description of our congregation, what we want to preserve, what we want to change, and what we want our next rabbi to focus on.

Our next step is to evaluate resumes as they come in and decide which applicants we should interview. The initial rounds of interviews will be conducted by

members of the search committee.

Stay tuned for more opportunities to participate in this congregational endeavor, which will arise when we identify the most promising applicants.

We hope to bring candidates in for weekend-long interviews in the early months of 2017.

Until then, please continue to share your constructive input with me or any other member of the committee: Matt Banks, Jennie Edes-Pierotti, Sam Gellman, Anna Heifetz, Josh Minkoff, Fran Schrag, Bill Schwab, Nadav Shelef, Karen Shevet Dinah and Regina Vidaver.

You can find us in shul or email us collectively at rabbisearch@bethisraelcenter.org.

Yahrzeits

17 Heshvan / November 18
Harry Joselewitz
Sam Seidman

18 Heshvan / November 19
Toyba Black
Benny Sweet
Bertha Wener

19 Heshvan / November 20
Rebecca Cohen
Judy Siegel
D. Bernard Weinberg

20 Heshvan / November 21
Clara Rothblatt
Isadore Goldstein
Sidney Laitman
Hyman Marlowe

22 Heshvan / November 23
Abe Gast
Lila Hodes
Lippa Nathenson
Phillip Siegel
Leo Stein
Bessie Vein

23 Heshvan / November 24
Abraham Felsher
Mathilde Salomon

24 Heshvan / November 25
William Becker
David Cramer
Mae Levy
Dorothy Nelson
Horace Rosen

25 Heshvan / November 26
Victor Dorret
Lena Peturs
Irving Saposnik
Andrea Stein

26 Heshvan / November 27
Ella Glass
Bertha Rubin
David Zaichick

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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 with all of the requested information.

BETH ISRAEL CENTER BOOK DEDICATION FORM

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

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

_____ Etz Chayim 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

27 Heshvan / November 28

Daniel Goldstein
Frank Quick
Joseph Vein
Soloman Volpiansky
Ida Weinstein

28 Heshvan / November 29

Fritz Gutmann
Fannie Sweet

29 Heshvan / November 30

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

1 Kislev / December 1

Ivan Lavine
Abraham Nathenson

2 Kislev / December 2

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

3 Kislev / December 3

Daniel Alexander
Joseph Epstein
Isaac Kanter
Robert Schneider
Abraham Wolfson

4 Kislev / December 4

Max Meister
Rachel Recht

5 Kislev / December 5

Stella Gelman
Cara Hoffert
Lizzie Silverman
Maurice Silverman

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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 weekday 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 Ways to Give, then click Jewry Duty. For the next few weeks:

November 6-10

Herman Goldstein, Eric & Sasha Kerlow, Judy Knupp, Abbie Kurtz & Ken Williamson, KC Lerner & Nancy Leff, Fay Nager, Burke Richmond & Erica Kesin Richmond, Josh & Sarah Rubin and Merle & Patricia Sweet

November 13-17

Stephan Deutsch & Judith Burstyn, Michael Heifetz & Michelle Minkus, Raymond & Leah Kessel, Yaniv Lazimy & Trista Warrich, Jonathan & Elissa Pollack, Bruce Rosen & Diane Seder, and Brian & Season Schwarzbrott

November 20-24

Amy Fruchtman, Irwin Goldman & Leora Saposnik, Roy & Jacquelyn Irving, Kazu Kitano, Lee & Mona Lazar, Laurel Mark, Judi Nelson Stern, Bob & Judi Rubin and Jim Stein

November 27-December 1

Hannah Bettner, Lawrence & Becky Cohen, Joshua Gabai, Benjamin Lee, James Rickun, Michael Rock & Kathi Johnson Rock, Nadav & Miriam Shelef and Paula Volpiansky

December 4-8

Daniel Sidney & Naomi Chesler, Steven Goldstein & Laura Heisler, Steve & Bobbie Jellinek, Renata Laxova, Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen, Kim Rosenthal, Jonathan Rozenfeld & Jill Korey, Simone Schweber and Moshe & Haya Yuchtman

December 11-15

Rick Ezell, Samuel Gellman & Julie Plotkin, Esther Lefevre, Steven Nadler & Jane Bernstein, Mitch & Sharon Rapkin and Naomi Shumway



Condolences to the families of...

- Bruce Kay, father of Nikki (Ron) Dolin, grandfather of Talia, Alex and Shayna
- Benny Joss, brother of Leah (Raymond) Kessel
- Sara Roth Schottenstein, daughter of Harry and Karen Roth
- Patrick Hawkins, brother of Lori Hawkins



Memorial & Tribute Gifts

Memorial and tribute gifts may be made at any time to Beth Israel Center's general fund or any of the funds listed below and on the following pages. Many of our named funds support particular aspects of our program.

Below is a list of funds you may contribute to and how we use them, followed (on pages 14-18) by a record of the memorial and tribute gifts made to these funds in the past three months.

To donate, send us a check, call the office (608-256-7763) with a credit card number, or go to www.bethisraelcenter.org and click on the Donate icon.

General Operations

General Fund
Frank Fund

Capital Improvements

Art Fund
L'Dor VaDor

Building Maintenance

Building Reserve Fund

Meet special program needs

Irving and Dorothy Levy Rabbi's
Discretionary Program Fund

Education

Ben Minkoff Fund
Julius Mintz Education Fund
A.J. Rosenberg Education Fund
George Stewart Education Fund
Alex Temkin Education Fund
Joe Temkin Education Fund
Holman/Weisbard Fund for Adult Jewish Learning
Talmud Torah Fund

Purchase and repair prayerbooks

Prayerbook Fund

Scholarships to Camp Ramah

David Temkin Fund

Library

A.J. & Celia Rosenberg Library Fund

Services for disabled

Abraham Barash Handicapped Services
Fund

Torah Repair and Maintenance

Adolph and Janet Weinshel Fund

Kiddush

Martin and Serene Mazor Kiddush Fund

Kitchen Supplies

Shirley Epstein Fund

Social Action

Social Action Fund

To help people in need

Rose and Morris Heifetz Welfare Fund
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Support the Jake Heifetz Award

Jake Heifetz Fund

Youth Program

Youth Fund

Yahrzeits

6 Kislev / December 6

George Behrman
Sol Frank
Rebecca Rosenberg

7 Kislev / December 7

Alfred Barth
Tibor Lax
Sam Lewis
Alex Swartz

8 Kislev / December 8

Leonard Baumblatt
William Hammes
Za'av Rosenberg

9 Kislev / December 9

Stanley Cohen
Bertha Friedman
Henry Rosenberg

10 Kislev / December 10

Betty Mandell
Irving Maydeck
Julius Mintz
Louis Rodman

11 Kislev / December 11

Peter Druch
Morris Frank

12 Kislev / December 12

Max Friedman
Jake Temkin

13 Kislev / December 13

Theodore Hirschfeld
Dorothy Lerner

14 Kislev / December 14

Andrew Benedict
Herman Richey
Pauline Rosenthal
Clara Shapiro

15 Kislev / December 15

Ida Chudacoff
Isadore Schuster

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Yahrzeits

16 Kislev / December 16

Fannie Battalen
Arnold Simon

17 Kislev / December 17

Herman Cohen
Susanne Gellman
Pola Gordon
Esther Zatlin

18 Kislev / December 18

Celia Borenstein
Louis Gross
Julia Grunes
Ann Siegel

19 Kislev / December 19

Idabella Rosen
Jacob Meyer Schwam

21 Kislev / December 21

Louis Kaufman
Clara Novick
Franya Sotbotka

22 Kislev / December 22

Sarah Klitsner
Faith Meissner Macke

23 Kislev / December 23

Menashe Lazimy
Dorothy Miller
Sampson Myers
Morris Schwab
Akiva Temkin

24 Kislev / December 24

Jerome Berson
S.B. Schein

25 Kislev / December 25

Evelyn Friedman
Regina Gordon
Nathan Pressman
Leah Sweet

26 Kislev / December 26

Leon Feingold
Ellen Liebman
Cynthia Von Klingler
Harry Zitowsky

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Memorial & Tribute Gifts

Gifts acknowledged on the following pages were received between mid-August and mid-October. Each gift makes possible what we do at Beth Israel Center.

Abraham Barash Handicapped Services Fund

in memory of

Rose Karan from Dr. Val Karan
Hilda Barash from Eva Eiseman
David Schwab from Matthew & Jennie Edes-Pierotti
Louie Wein from Nancy & Loretta Wein
Nathan Borenstein from Phyllis Eisenberg
Benny Joss from Rayla Temin

Art Fund

in memory of

Anna Popkewitz from Thomas Popkewitz & Lea Aschkenase

Beth Israel Reserve

in honor of

Maya Desai becoming a Bat Mitzvah, Si & Billie Hellerstein's birthdays and Phyllis Holman Weisbard's birthday and new grandson from Natalie Borenstein

in memory of

Nathan Borenstein and Benny Joss from Natalie Borenstein

David Temkin Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund

Get Well

Dan Sidney from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

in honor of

Si & Billie Hellerstein's birthdays from the Temkins & James, Daniel, Yaara, Eli & Emma Temkin and Rayla Temin

Maya Desai's Bat Mitzvah from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

in memory of

Benny Joss from Si & Billie Hellerstein

General Fund

in honor of

Michael & Kathi Rock's anniversary from Derek & Liba Feit

The birth of a new grandson for Phyllis Holman Weisbard and Alan Weisbard, Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Kianovsky, Si & Billie Hellerstein's birthdays, anniversary of Michael Rock & Kathi Johnson Rock, Phyllis Holman Weisbard's birthday and Cheri Keen from Herbert Lewis & Francie Saposnik

in memory of

Benjamin Rothblatt from Agnes Rothblatt
Genevieve Ruben from Arnold & Sharon Ruben
Dinah Silverman from Carl & Liz Silverman
Anna Weiss Bentley and Benny Joss from Daniel & Ruth Siegel
Claire and Alex Swartz from David & Susan Fish
Benny Joss from Robert Factor & Kris Rasmussen and Thomas Popkewitz & Lea Aschkenase
Estelle Greenblatt from Edwin & Beth Brody



Memorial & Tribute Gifts

General Fund

in memory of (continued from previous page)

- Amy Azen** from Edwin Azen
- William Frank** from Frances Mann
- Matthias Newman Smith, Frederic Lewis, Seymour Abrahamson, Sara Roth Schottenstein and Benny Joss** from Herbert Lewis & Francie Saposnik
- David Schwab** from Laeh Grant
- Ralph & Charlotte Musin** from Mark Musin
- Shirley Glazer** from Matthew & Jennie Edes-Pierotti
- Harry Figler & Sedelle Diamond** from Michael Figler & Family
- Hyman Landweber and Herman Lazarov** from Mr. & Mrs. Larry Landweber
- Fay Meydeck** from Mr. & Mrs. Steven Jellinek
- Rae Rapkin** from Ruth Tash
- Hyman Daitch** from John & Sandy Bierman
- Alma Sweet** from Walter & Judith Shapiro

Holman/Weisbard Fund for Adult Jewish Learning

In honor of

- Mike Pressman's special birthday and all he does** from Phyllis Weisbard
- BIC and Matt Banks for a lovely and enriching Shabbat Shuvah afternoon** from Becky Schigiel
- Simone Schweber's birthday, Phyllis Holman Weisbard's birthday and Hilda Fine's birthday** from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

Jake Heifetz Fund

in memory of

- Patrick Hawkins** From Annalee Segal and friends from the DMV

Joe Temkin Education Fund

in memory of

- Seymour Abrahamson** from Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin

Martin & Serene Mazor Kiddush Fund

Get Well

- Natalie Borenstein** from Rayla Temin

in honor of

- Si & Billie Hellerstein's birthdays, Maya Desai and Michael & Kathi Johnson Rock on their anniversary and in gratitude for their contributions to BIC** from Karen Shevet Dinah
- Si & Billie Hellersatein's birthdays, Rayla Temin's birthday, Jacob Kianovsky's Bar Mitzvah, Michael & Kathi Johnson Rock's anniversary and kiddush volunteers** from Lorna Kniaz
- Michael and Kathi Johnson Rock anniversary** from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen
- In honor of the 18th anniversary of Michael Rock and Kathi Johnson Rock** from Daniel & Leslie Greenspan
- Maya Desai and Bat Mitzvah of the granddaughter of Francie Saposnik in Israel** from Rayla Temin

in memory of

- Benny Joss, Goldie Kniaz Kruglak, Harry Kniaz, Bertha & Morris Kniaz and Serene & Martin Mazor** from Lorna Kniaz

Yahrzeits

27 Kislev / December 27

- Joseph Beitel
- Melvin Gutmann
- Dora Jacobson
- Sam Schvid
- Leo Sulman

28 Kislev / December 28

- Jane Larson
- Bessie Schwab
- Edward Soref
- Max Victor
- Jane Wolman

29 Kislev / December 29

- Jesse Battalen
- Abraham Rosenberg
- Yehoshua Zaichick

1 Tevet / December 30

- Frieda Borenstein
- Miriam Joselewitz
- Phillip Kaplan
- Isadore Kosowsky
- Charles Smith

2 Tevet / December 31

- William Bloom
- Richard Kaplan
- Martha Wechselblatt
- Skloot

3 Tevet / January 1

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

4 Tevet / January 2

- Oscar Karp
- Leila Kniaz
- Eva Moss

5 Tevet / January 3

- Ruth Beitel
- Esther Shapiro
- Ben Sweet
- Gordon Wein
- Sylvia Wein

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Yahrzeits

6 Tevet / January 4

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

7 Tevet / January 5

Irving Rudin

8 Tevet / January 6

Fanny Cherkas
M. David Wolman

9 Tevet / January 7

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

10 Tevet / January 8

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

11 Tevet / January 9

Harold Blachman
Thelma Frost
Lydia Kniaz
Bessie Ruttenberg
Carl Schlam
Frances Spitz

12 Tevet / January 10

Rebecca Greenwald
Bella Radbil
Oscar Randy

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Memorial & Tribute Gifts

Martin & Serene Mazor Kiddush Fund

in memory of (continued from previous page)

Sara Roth Schottenstein from Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin
Bruce Kay and Benny Joss from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen
Mavin Gottlieb from Neal & Marci Katz

L'Dor v'Dor

in honor of

Michael Rock & Kathi Johnson Rock anniversary from Ben & Sherry Hirschfeld

the 18th wedding anniversary of Kathi Johnson Rock and Michael Rock from Si & Billie Hellerstein

in memory of

Harry Hirschfeld from Ben & Sherry Hirschfeld
Yetta Schwartz and Norton Gahr from Dorothy Schwartz
Benny Joss from Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin
Ethel Lipstein and Charles Lipstein from Joan Ershler
Miriam Siroky from Livia Asher
Jack Portnoy from Marilyn & Stuart Cooper
Paul Rock from Michael Rock & Kathi Johnson Rock
Lawrence Borenstein from Nicki Milin
Patrick Hawkins from Si & Billie Hellerstein
William Frank from Alfred & Lois Frank

Mikvah Fund

in honor of

Sylvia Grunes and her work with the Yiddish class from David Friedman
Sylvia Grunes' birthday from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen
Mike Pressman's Birthday from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

in memory of

Patrick Hawkins from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

Julius Mintz Fund

in memory of

Jane Grady from Howard & Sally Mazur
Julius Jacobs from Terry Wasserman

Rose & Morris Heifetz Welfare Fund

in honor of

Hilda Fine from Anna Heifetz

in memory of

Benny Joss from Anna Heifetz
Helen Haber from Sheldon Haber
Isadore Rubin and Beatrice Marlowe from Robert & Judith Rubin

Prayerbook Fund

in honor of

Harvey & Trudy Barash from David Barash

in memory of

Maurice Smith from Ronald & Cherie Diamond



Memorial & Tribute Gifts

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

in honor of

Jordy Loeb's service as president from Howard & Heidi Bregman
Adam, Cassandra & Israel Katz from Neal & Marci Katz

in memory of

Herbert & Bernice Kliebard from the Families of Diane Kliebard and Kenneth Kliebard

Robert Gold and Max Gold from Marion Gold

Al Moncy from Michael & Patrice Onheiber

Rae Rapkin from Mitch & Sharon Rapkin

Bessie Onheiber from Sam & Maria Onheiber

A.J. & Celia Rosenberg Education Fund

in memory of

Linda Tetzlaff from Michael & Barbara Pratzel

Julia Lakritz from Sheldon Haber

A.J. & Celia Rosenberg Library Fund

in honor of

Elli Sweet becoming a U.S. Senate Page from Merle & Patricia Sweet

Si and Billie Hellerstein from Samuel Moss

in memory of

Dorothy Zukerman from Judith Zukerman Kaufman

Shirley Epstein Memorial Fund

in memory of

Shirley Epstein from Dennis & Nancy Lieder

Sarah Zaichick and Norman Zaichick from Sol Zaichick

Social Action Fund

in honor of

Michael Rock & Kathi Johnson Rock's anniversary from Rayla Temin

in memory of

Rose Greenfield from Gerald Greenfield & Lauren Meyers

Talmud Torah Fund

in honor of

Si & Billie Hellerstein's birthdays from Bernie & Lenora Goldstein

in memory of

Bruce Kay from Burke Richmond & Erica Kesin Richmond

Benny Joss and Bruce Kay from Matthew & Jennie Edes-Pierotti

Bruce Kay from Howard & Heidi Bregman

Adolph & Janet Weinshel Torah Upkeep Fund

in memory of

Benjamin Rothblatt from Cheryl Lerner

Patrick Hawkins from Robert Factor & Kris Rasmussen and Rayla Temin

David Ottenstein from Jay & Kathy Ottenstein

Yahrzeits

13 Tevet / January 11

Sushie Hershkowitz

Irene Margolis

Oscar Mazursky

Hyman Shapiro

Herman Stein

Moshe Temkin

Shaine Temkin

14 Tevet / January 12

Abraham Blumenfeld

Celia Temkin

15 Tevet / January 13

Frank Melnik

Paul Stein

16 Tevet / January 14

Arthur Figler

Raymond Lassen

Larry Mazursky

Ida Paley

Nell Pekarsky

Sophie Sweet

17 Tevet / January 15

Rose Argand

Frank Cohen

Esther Frank

Sam Picus

Helen Sinagub

Louis Terman

Joseph Wyman

18 Tevet / January 16

Nehama Grant Kaufman

Gofberg

Benjamin Heifetz

Bessie Ottenstein

Sayde Schackter

Moshe Temkin

19 Tevet / January 17

Abraham Freedman

Debra Friedman

Patricia Mary Johnson

Libby Sweet

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Yahrzeits

20 Tevet / January 18

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

21 Tevet / January 19

Libby Burstein
 Herbert Hirsch
 Harry Schiff
 Celia Sweet
 Bess Wexler

22 Tevet / January 20

Anna Kneller
 Sidney Sweet

23 Tevet / January 21

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

24 Tevet / January 22

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

25 Tevet / January 23

Kitty Katz
 Ethel Latinsky
 Albert Schain
 Tillie Yaskal

26 Tevet / January 24

Aaron Urkofsky

27 Tevet / January 25

Lois Graber
 Myer Littky
 Edwin Miner

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Memorial & Tribute Gifts

Youth Fund

in memory of

Rachel Hayman Cohen from Moshe & Haya Yuchtman



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Undesignated donations of up to \$1,000 go into our General Fund, where they also support our programming. Undesignated donations of \$1,000 or more go into our Reserve Fund.

To donate, simply send us a check or call the office (608-256-7763) with a credit card number. Please send all mail to 1406 Mound St., Madison, WI 53711.

If you would like to support a particular program or contribute toward a purchase on our wish list of building furnishings, please contact Elissa Pollack, who can be reached at (608) 256-7763 or elissa@bethisraelcenter.org.

November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Rosh Chodesh	2 Countering BDS program (7:00pm) Rosh Chodesh	3	4	5 Lily Matthews-Needelman Bat Mitzvah <i>Noach</i>
6	7	8 Board of Directors	9	19	11	12 <i>Lech Lecha</i>
13	14	15	16	17	18 Kabbalat Shabbat potluck dinner	19 <i>Vayera</i>
20 Yom Rishon	21	22	23	24 Office Closed Thanksgiving	25 Office Closed	26 <i>Chaye Sarah</i>
27	28	29	30 Rosh Chodesh			

December 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Rosh Chodesh	2	3 Toldot
4 Hanukkah Shuk (@Temple Beth El)	5	6	7	8	9	10 Kitah Alef Family Havdalah Vayetze
11	12	13 Board of Directors	14	15	16	17 Vayishlach
18 Yom Rishon	19	20 Last TT of 2016	21	22	23	24 Hanukkah 1 Vayeshev
25 Hanukkah 2	26 Hanukkah 3	27 Hanukkah 4	28 Hanukkah 5	29 Hanukkah 6	30 Hanukkah 7 Rosh Chodesh	31 Hanukkah 8 Hanukkah & New Year's Eve Party Miketz Rosh Chodesh

January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 Kabbalat Shabbat potluck dinner	7 Vayigash
8	9	10 Board of Directors	11	12	13	14 Vayechi
15	16 MLK Day Interfaith youth MLK program Office closed	17 First TT of 2017	18	19	20	21 Shemot
22 Yom Rishon	23	24	25 Fiction with Friends	26	27	28 Board Game Shabbat Vaera
29	30	31				

28 Tevet / January 26

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

29 Tevet / January 27

Arnold Luterman
Portia Paradise

1 Shevat / January 28

Alma Frank
Louis Kaplan
Mollie Paley Finn

2 Shevat / January 29

Pearl Springberg
Leo Stark
William Sweet
Henry Weiss

3 Shevat / January 30

Bernice Kliebard
Tilly Nathenson

4 Shevat / January 31

Phyllis Levinthal
Sam Sweet



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.

Please contact the office at (608) 256-7763 or office@bethisraelcenter.org with additions or questions

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November ~ December ~ January Schedule

Date	Parshat	Candle Lighting	Shabbat Services
November 4/5	Noach	Candles 5:26p	Fridays
November 11/12	Lech-Lecha	Candles 4:18p	5:45pm
November 18/19	Vayera	Candles 4:12p	Saturdays
November 25/26	Chayei Sara	Candles 4:08p	9:30am
December 2/3	Toldot	Candles 4:05p	Weekday Services
December 9/10	Vayetzei	Candles 4:04p	Sunday mornings
December 16/17	Vayishlach	Candles 4:06p	8:15am
December 23/24	Vayeshev	Candles 4:09p	Monday & Thursday
December 30/31	Miketz	Candles 4:14p	mornings
January 6/7	Vayigash	Candles 4:21p	7:00am
January 13/14	Vayechi	Candles 4:29p	Sunday - Thursday evenings
January 20/21	Shemot	Candles 4:37p	5:30pm
January 27/28	Vaera	Candles 4:46p	Please call ahead to ensure a minyan.
			Other morning services may be organized by request.