



## Upcoming Programs & Events

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### Kolot Kehilla ~ Sunday morning, May 7

Our Sunday morning speaker series, Kolot Kehilla (Voices of our Community), continues when Cynthia Hirsch presents, "Lawyering Across Borders," about her work in Africa as a lawyer and advocate against human trafficking.

Kolot Kehilla is a Beth Israel Center Adult Education program. Offered about five times each year, speakers represent the diverse skills and expertise of members of Beth Israel Center. A light breakfast will be served. Donations of \$5 per person are appreciated to offset the costs of this program.

### Kibud Limudim ~ Saturday morning, May 13

Celebrate our community of learners during Shabbat morning services and with a special Kiddush afterwards.

We will congratulate our Talmud Torah students reaching milestones in their Jewish education -- those completing 2nd, 5th and 7th grades -- as well as graduating high school seniors.

We will also honor our *madrichim* (Shabbat morning assistants) and those completing year two of our Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning course.

In addition, two young women have recently met the requirements of the Jake Heifetz Award, which recognizes those who frequently chant Torah and Haftarah and lead our davening after becoming b'nai mitzvah and before graduating from high school.

Come pay tribute to the teachers and students in all of these programs.

### Lag B'Omer BBQ ~ 5:00pm Sunday, May 14

Rabbi Ben-Gideon will be leading the grilling once again for the 9th Annual Lag B'Omer BBQ!

Come celebrate and honor Rabbi Ben-Gideon and his family, who will be leaving Madison and Beth Israel Center this summer after nine successful years together.



### Tikkun Leil Shavuot ~ Tuesday night, May 30

Join area rabbis and other teachers from across Madison's Jewish community for a traditional Tikkun Leil Shavuot - an evening of learning, beginning at 7:30pm and continuing well past midnight.

This year's theme is *Love*.



### Summer Shabbat Potlucks in Hoyt Park

Mark your calendars and welcome Shabbat with your Beth Israel Center friends in the great outdoors on these Fridays this summer:

*June 23, July 21, August 11*

Services begin at 5:45pm and all are welcome to stay for dinner. Bring friends and kosher-dairy food or drink to share. Paper plates and plastic cutlery provided.



# Thoughts from the Rabbi...

## *Come Feel the Love*

One of my favorite things to teach about Jewish prayer is what I call the “Sh’ma Sandwich.” The *Sh’ma* is our statement of faith in the unity of God and possibly the best known piece of Jewish



Torah and liturgy. The *Sh’ma* Sandwich is constructed of the *Sh’ma* as the essential material at the core surrounded by two pieces of love. In the morning, the first piece of bread

begins *Ahavah Raba Ahavtanu*... “A great love You have loved us...” and describes the myriad ways we can feel God’s love if we open ourselves to it. Then after the *Sh’ma*, the second piece of love begins *V’ahavta*... “You shall love...” and describes some of the basic ways that Judaism guides us to develop love for our God, our Creator. Appreciating and developing our capacity for love are at the core of our liturgy, and this May love will be in the air at Beth Israel Center.

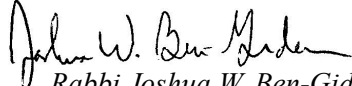
Tuesday night, May 30<sup>th</sup> will be our annual *Tikun L’eil Shavuot* and the theme this year will be.....you guessed it, LOVE! Come hear community rabbis, scholars, and fellow congregants teach about this most important aspect of life. In addition, we will have a guest teacher joining us, Rabbi Jeff Roth. As we explore how love is integral to our lives and our Judaism, volunteers organized by our very capable Deb Hoffman will serve sweet tastes and nourishment to keep us going until the late hours of the night, engrossed in study. (If you can help, please contact Deb at 608-256-7763 or [hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org).)

One of my favorite aspects of the Beth Israel community is the respect we hold for learners, teachers and the endeavor of learning at all ages and levels. On May 13<sup>th</sup> we will hold our annual *Kibud Limudim*, honoring many

of our members who have been engaged in significant and serious study. Everyone who grows as a Jew and as a person through study at Beth Israel Center develops themselves, builds our community and grows in the world. On May 13<sup>th</sup>, we will honor our second, fifth and seventh grade students as they prepare to move on to the next level of Jewish learning. We will honor our Melton students who have been engaged in serious learning with Rabbi Rebecca and me. We will honor our high school seniors who are graduating, and we will honor two young adults who have earned the Jake Heifetz award by making significant contributions to the ritual leadership of our *kahal* (congregation). And we will celebrate how Beth Copelovitch and Rabbi Rebecca have developed so many educational opportunities for our congregation.

And the very next day we will hold one of my favorite events at Beth Israel Center, our annual Lag B’Omer BBQ. I will be behind the grill, assisted by many. As the hamburgers and hotdogs sear on the grill we can understand in a physical way the apt description in the Torah of the sweet smell of the sacrifices that our ancient spiritual ancestors offered up to God. A smell even many a vegetarian can love. In addition to the work that Deb, Cheri and Howard do to pull off our Lag B’Omer picnic, Elissa is also working with a small team to ramp up this year’s BBQ and make it a special opportunity for my family and the congregation to celebrate our nine years together, which are drawing to a close this summer. She’s not sharing the details with me, but I’m confident it will be as wonderful as so many of the things Elissa does in service to our community.

This May love will be in the air at Beth Israel Center. I hope you will come and be a part of it.

  
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Next Centerite Deadline:

**July 7, 2017**



# President's Column

## *Embracing Change*

I recently had the pleasure, tinged with just a touch of sadness, of wishing my youngest a happy 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. In my mind, her life has been a remarkable journey, as she's grown into a brilliant and beautiful young woman. But I have trouble sorting through all the time that's past and all the ways that I am both the same person and completely different since the day she came into the world.

My first visit to Beth Israel Center was around the time that Maya was born, and, in the same way, the shul today is a very different place, physically and organizationally, than it was back then, but in many ways it is the same as well. We are still hamish, warm and welcoming. Many of the melodies are the same, as are some of the daveners and leyners. But we've grown in many ways as well, and there is one person in particular who deserves our gratitude and a bittersweet farewell.

In just a few months, Rabbi Ben-Gideon will be moving with his family to a new pulpit in Greensboro, North Carolina. It will be hard to say goodbye for me personally, because I'll miss the bike rides and

socializing over cigars in the sukkah. It will be hard for our community as well, because over the last nine years he has overseen a transformation of Beth Israel Center. Rabbi Ben-Gideon brought his vision for the community to life by serving as a critical part of the team that brought the building project to fruition, and before we could accomplish that, through development of our Mission and Vision statements and our Strategic Plan. He was instrumental in the redesign of BIC's web site eight years ago, anticipating that the kahal would look increasingly online to keep informed, stay in touch, and reach out to

new members. Working with our Education Director Beth Copelovitch and members of the Talmud Torah and Ritual Committees, he standardized bar and bat mitzvah preparation and implemented several measures to help families focus on the important aspects of this life cycle moment.

Rabbi Ben-Gideon has rolled up his sleeves and built community, through his energy and the ease with which he connects to members of the kahal. He helped revitalize our Kabbalat Shabbat



services, starting with an invitation to a few friends to join him for a cigar and a drink, a gathering that has evolved into our current minhag of a 5:00 l'chaim on Friday afternoons. He steered an important congregational conversation that led to our ability to have on-site potluck dinners that have the building

humming with conversation and the laughter of kids playing on Erev Shabbat several times a year. In a similar manner, he organized an on-site Lag B'Omer barbecue, now in its 9th year. Fittingly, this year's barbecue will be our community's chance to bid the Ben-Gideons goodbye. Come join us on May 14, and help send the Ben-Gideon family off to the deep south with our patented BIC chesed.

*Matt Banks*

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### **Weekday Minyan**

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8:15am

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mornings  
7:00am

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5:30pm

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**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.**

## Simchas & Announcements

### MAZAL TOV to...

The family of Ori Benjamin Minkoff, who was born in April to parents Michael and Lainie Minkoff, and to big brother Eitan, grandparents Joel & Debbie, and aunts, uncles and cousin Caren, Ari & Eva, Josh & Kaylee, and Ben & Sarah.

The family of Aldo Hirsch Witkovsky, who was born in January to Rabbi Ethan Witkovsky and Erin Beser, and to bubbe Cynthia Hirsch, Uncle Benny and Aunt Corrina.

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### PURIM BALL APPRECIATION

Our Purim Ball fundraiser was a huge success thanks to donations from these businesses and BIC members. THANK YOU!!

Matt Banks  
Trudy & Harvey Barash  
Kristen Barnard & Rick Ezell  
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The Bregman Family  
Calabash Gifts  
Celebrations  
Ron Diamond  
Bob Factor  
General Beverage  
Goodman Jewelers  
Higher Fire  
HotelRED  
Maurie's Fine Chocolates  
Orange Tree Imports  
Pines Bach  
Rokker Vodka  
SERRY  
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Table Wine  
Wildside Action Sports  
Women's League



## From the Executive Director's Desk

### *A Fond Farewell*

On a Friday morning in April 2008, I picked up the Rabbis Ben-Gideon and drove them to Manna Café, where then-President Jill Boissonnault and I interviewed them



over breakfast. (I was your president-elect at the time.) As we rode across town in my 2004 Honda Odyssey, they

drove a similar minivan. At the time, it was just small talk. Looking back, it was the first of many instances of like-mindedness.

Over the past nine years, we have laughed, learned, and worked together. One of our first collaborative projects was the 2009 website redesign. One of the most surprising (for me) both in the amount of time we spent and the kinds of things I learned about organizational structure and leadership, was the development of our Mission and Vision and strategic plan. And of course there's the L'Dor VaDor building project. None of these things would have happened without Rabbi Ben-Gideon's guidance, energy, and vision.

For six of Joshua's nine years at Beth Israel Center, he and I met weekly one-on-one (for his first two years, I was president, the last four I was executive director). We've also attended about 100 Board meetings, twice that many staff meetings, Building Committee (and sub-committee) meetings and more.

Meetings in synagogue work are a little bit like class time in school. For every hour in the classroom, good students and teachers spend many more hours preparing, not just for the specific items on any agenda, but more broadly for doing this holy work.

Thankfully, I've enjoyed almost every one of those hours -- in meetings, sharing meals and holidays, seeing a new program idea take shape, or just sipping scotch in his office or the Mercaz on a Friday evening. It will be hard to say goodbye.

Please join me in wishing all good things to my friend and colleague Rabbi Joshua Ben-Gideon. מְחִיל לַיְהוָה  
May you go from strength to strength.

Elissa Pollack  
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### Thanks to these families for sponsoring recent and upcoming kiddushim!

- March 11- Anna Heifetz in celebration of Shabbat with her visiting family
- March 18 - Leslie Fields and Jeff Lindholm in celebration of the Aufruf and marriage of their daughter Hannah Lindholm to Ben Bray
- April 1- Ruth Litovsky and David Baum in honor of their wedding anniversary
- April 22 - Debbie and Joel Minkoff in celebration of the Aufrufs and upcoming marriages of their sons, Josh Minkoff to Kaylee Heller, and Ben Minkoff to Sarah Callahan
- April 29 - The BIC Adult Education Committee and Yiddish class, and the Madison Yiddish Choir in honor of Sylvia Grunes' teaching and dedication
- May 6 - Jennie & Matthew Edes-Pierotti for their daughter Amira's Bat Mitzvah
- May 20 - Leslie & Daniel Greenspan for their son Jonathan's Bar Mitzvah
- May 27- Beth and Mark Copelovitch for their son Micah's Bar Mitzvah
- June 3- Nikki and Ron Dolin for their daughter Talia's Bat Mitzvah
- June 10 - Erica and Burke Richmond for their son Nathaniel's Bar Mitzvah
- June 17 - Donna Anderson and Steve Kessler in celebration of the Aufruf and marriage of their daughter Sarah Kessler to Zach Myers
- August 5 - Lorna Kniaz in memory of Serene and Martin Mazor, Martin and Bertha Kniaz, and Harry Kniaz.





# From the Education Director's Desk

## Reflections on Shabbat School - Year One

The Talmud Torah Committee is one of the hardest working committees here at Beth Israel Center. These dedicated congregants meet monthly to wrestle about how to provide the best, most meaningful, most accessible education for the children of our congregation.

Over the past two years, they have overseen the transition to our Shabbat school with an eye toward what will make our students thrive and what is possible in our community. The evolution of our new school has been a success. I say that for several reasons, including the numerous times that I've been contacted by and consulted with director colleagues about the feasibility of doing this in their communities. I am also thinking of the high attendance rates and joyous learning I see in our Talmud Torah.

One of the things that I'm most impressed by is the responsiveness of the Talmud Torah Committee to parental, student and community concerns. Of course, as with any change, there were a few bumps along the way, which we ably navigated and smoothed over. For example, when it came to our attention that some families were having difficulty managing the different Saturday morning start times for their children (because grades 3-7 begin at 9:30 while grades K-2 began at 10:30), the committee brainstormed how we could make this easier for parents and allow everyone to come to shul at the same time. We identified a donor (this was outside of our budget) and a facilitator and within weeks had a fun, hour-long facilitated play time (with a Jewish theme!) that is now utilized by several families every week when school is in session.

The committee members also helped me gather (and remember without writing down!) data on absentee rates on Shabbat, which are not high and not different from Sundays in years past. They also helped me track K-2 Shabbat program attendance, and welcomed

students, parents, and teachers downstairs at various times throughout the year.

The Talmud Torah committee undertakes a program review every year and begins planning for the following school year in January. This year, we are pleased to announce that all of the data gathering and follow-up conversations with families has led to a small schedule change for our youngest students, which reflects the enthusiasm we've seen for our new Shabbat centered school experience. Next year, the Talmud Torah schedule will be:



**Kindergarten - 1 day**  
Shabbat morning 10:30-12  
*optional play time from 9:30-10:30*

**Grades 1&2 - 2 days**  
Shabbat morning 10:30-12  
*optional play time 9:30-10:30*

Tuesday 4-5:45pm  
*optional bus pick up and play time 3-4pm*

**Grades 3 through 7 - 3 days**  
*(unchanged from this year)*  
Shabbat morning 9:30-12

Tuesday/Thursday 4-5:45pm  
*optional Randall school pick up and play/homework time from 3-4pm*

Please contact me or any member of the Talmud Torah Committee (listed to the right) with any questions.

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## Mark Your Calendars

Please join us in honoring our Talmud Torah graduates (Kitah Zayin/Grade 7), our 5th graders and MJCDS graduates in receiving their first siddurim, our Kitah Bet/2nd graders who are raising their commitment to Jewish education by attending Talmud Torah three days a week next year, as well as other learners in our congregation at our Kibud Limudim service on Shabbat, **May 13, 2017.**

Talmud Torah will begin on Tuesday, **September 12, 2017.** Look for registration materials coming in early June!

## Talmud Torah Committee

Jennie Edes-Pierotti,  
Chair & VP-Education  
Shanee Ellison  
Jen Hadley  
Jeff Mandell  
Laurie Nagus  
Nadav Shelef (leaving)  
Judith Sone (incoming)



# By Word of Mouse

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## UPCOMING MOUSY EVENTS

Sunday, May 21  
*MOUSY Nominations/  
Elections*

Friday, June 2  
*Shabbat Schmooze  
Trois chez Baum/  
Litovsky*



MOUSY wishes to thank all of our Beth Israel Center members who contributed to our first-ever **Hametz Food Drive** from Sunday, March 26 through Sunday, April 9. We delivered all of your leavened foods to the Goodman East Side Community Center. Kol HaKavod!

MOUSY welcomed the incoming 8th graders early Sunday morning, February 5 for our *Super Top Secret Hush-Hush 8th Grade Welcome Kidnap Breakfast*, where board officers snatched up the middle-schoolers from their homes and treated them to breakfast at Manna Café and Bakery. The impressive turnout of sixteen early birds (nine newbies and seven board mice) made for a marvelous kick-off program. Well done to our executive board mice for meeting and greeting this next generation of high school youth. Kudos to our drivers for schlepping to and fro: Deborah Blank, Hannah Ehrlich, Beth Fisher, Arlene Lukin, and Marla Becker.

On Friday night, February 24, a minyan of mice gathered for our favorite *Shabbat Schmooze* event. After a taste of Kabbalat Shabbat davening, we indulged in a delicious taco dinner with all of the fixings, at the home of our gracious host family: *Hannah Ehrlich, Joel Ehrlich, and Melanie Cohen*. We warmed up socially aplenty, ate aplenty, delighted in each other’s company aplenty, schmoozed even more, recited Birkat HaMazon, and then were homeward bound. Rav todot for your hospitality.

Three dedicated MOUSY volunteers served up appetizers and ice-cream at the BIC Purim Masquerade Ball on Saturday night, March 4. Appreciation to *Hannah Ehrlich, Talia Ivry, and Moira Wilson*.

The next MOUSY adventure took us back in time from our present-day Saturday night, March 18 to the 1920s era of Prohibition, where a dozen flappers placed their bets for a late night of dressing-up, card-playing, socializing, delicacy-noshing, and Tikun Olam-ing. Prizes were awarded for best dressed, top winner, and best persona! Kudos to Hannah Ehrlich and Talia Ivry for a classy *Casino Night at the Speakeasy*. Special thanks to Danny Lindholm for coaching our players in the skill of Texas Hold’em.



Maya Desai, Deborah Blank, Mia Kurzer, Maya Becker, Moira Wilson, Ellie Becker, Leila Loeb, Yael Rosenblatt, Rhiannon Wilson, Hannah Ehrlich, and Talia Ivry show off their flare and style at MOUSY's Casino Night at the Speakeasy.



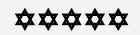
On Saturday night, April 1, MOUSY and Kadima got together for our *Movie Night*—two youth groups, one movie, infinite fun! Seventeen teenagers joined up for a little film fest, a late night of mixing and mingling, and hanging out while noshing on salty and sweet snacks. Thanks to Talia Ivry for making our late-night meet-up happen.



Back L to R: Mirra Blehert, Moira Wilson, Max Ivry, Isaac Kianovsky, Albert Shoshany Glosser, Micah Copelovitch; Front L to R: Josephine Sidney, Gaby Baum, Maya Becker, Ellie Becker, Debbie Rudin, Eliza Scholl, Lily Matthews-Needelman, Maya Desai, Talia Ivry, and Hannah Ehrlich get comfy for a laid-back Movie Night



Warm and smiling faces of Micah Copelovitch, Mirra Blehert, Lily Matthews-Needelman, Mia Kurzer, Josephine Sidney, Leila Loeb, Talia Dolin, Amira Pierotti, Rhiannon Wilson, Eliza Mednick, and Benno Loeb at Kadima On Ice.



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

**SAT Test Dates:**  
May 7, 2017  
June 4, 2017

SAT registration info:  
866-756-7346.

**ACT Test Date:**  
June 11, 2017

ACT Registration info:  
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# Meet Your Leadership

## 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](mailto: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.

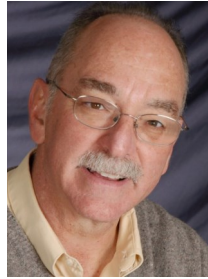
Email [kindness@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:kindness@bethisraelcenter.org) to be put on the list of volunteers or contact the office to find out more about the group.

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.

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 well-being. You should know whose hands your synagogue is in, so we are introducing a few Board members in this and future issues of the Centerite.

### Don Miner, VP-Finance

*When did you join the congregation and why?* My wife, Kathy, and I joined the congregation in 1977 when we returned from Chicago, which is where I grew up. We went to school in Madison, graduating in 1976, and I had visited Beth Israel a couple of times while I was a student. We knew we wanted a conservative shul and this was, and still is, the only game in town.



*Tell us a little bit about yourself.* I was the cantor for the junior congregation at the synagogue in Morton Grove Ill., where I grew up. I have a bachelors degree from the University of Illinois in math and computer science and did graduate work in computer science at the UW in the area of artificial intelligence and robotics. I also have a masters degree in accounting from UW, and I passed the CPA exam in 1977 when I lived in Illinois. Kathy and I have lived in the same house in Madison since purchasing it in 1977. It's one block from Beth El, so we had an easy walk to services when BIC was under construction a few years ago. We have two children, Jonathan and Robin. Jonathan lives in Madison with his wife, Maureen. He's in IT for the UW and she's in Personnel for the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation. Robin lives on St John in the US Virgin Islands with his wife, Erica, and our almost 7-year-old grandson, Elijah. We are forced (ha!) to visit during school breaks to babysit--in the dead of winter! Such a hardship! Robin and Erica have owned The Terrace Restaurant on St John for the past 5 years. If you go, be sure to eat at their restaurant. Elijah was born in Madison (during the summer of course) and we had a very large brit milah at Beth Israel. I do the bookkeeping for BIC and help prepare and monitor the budget. I also work with donors to advise them about where to make investments in BIC. And I am on the long list of people who read Torah regularly.

*What is your favorite thing to do at Beth Israel Center?* I love to chant Torah. It is so full of inside rhyme and rhythm patterns as well as wisdom.

*What exemplifies the ethos of Beth Israel Center for you?* I've always been amazed at how this congregation comes up with money when there is money needed! For example, when we decided to adopt the new machzorim and siddurim, all we needed to do was put out the word and people responded.

*When you were asked to join the Board of Directors, did you say "yes" right away?* In 1977, three of us stepped to the plate as financial people when it became clear Adolph Weinshel was slowing down as he got older. The others were Sophie Sweet, of blessed memory, who was the bookkeeper for the Madison Jewish Community Council (now the Jewish Federation of Madison) and Sam Onheiber, a CPA who worked for the IRS. Together we created the first set of double entry ledger financial books for BIC. At the time, we did it all by hand. Gradually Sophie and Sam faded away as they retired and that left me, the young kid, to continue to manage financial matters.

*What do you hope to accomplish as a Board member?* I'd like to find my successor! I'm



## Yahrzeits

### 5 Iyar / May 1

Doris Mae Campbell  
Abram Ginsberg  
Esther Gordon  
Bill Karpe  
Morris Mead  
Harry Paley

### 6 Iyar / May 2

Norman Balkansky  
Bernie Mazursky  
Moses Sweet  
Pauline Sweet

### 7 Iyar / May 3

Harry Moss  
Samuel Rosenfeld  
Diane Schwam  
Harry Sweet

### 8 Iyar / May 4

Harry Rubnitz

### 9 Iyar / May 5

Shlomo Elmakias  
Louis Malamud  
Naomi Morrison  
Rose Pachefsky  
Max Schorr  
Estelle Wolman

### 10 Iyar / May 6

Joseph Amdur Fine  
Minnie Isaac  
Nicholas Polgar  
Ida Schmidman  
Abraham Shapiro  
Anna Sklar

### 11 Iyar / May 7

Rose Frank  
Ethel Jermyn

### 12 Iyar / May 8

Leonard Bessman  
Samuel Black  
William Gelman  
Ann Hammes

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now on Medicare and I can't do this forever. But I do want to close out the financial records on our L'Dor VaDor building project, which has been a great success!

*Name one thing that may surprise people about you.* I'm blind in one eye due to a congenital cataract which was removed using the meatball surgery techniques of the 1950's. So if you walk in my blind spot on my right side, I might bump into you. I see things differently than others!

### Sally Jones, Social Action Committee Co-Chair

*When did you join the congregation and why?* It must have been about 30 years ago that we joined. Bekah had started school and Hebrew school and we wanted to enroll her at BIC, and Aaron found the traditional service at BIC congenial. We continued as members during our ten years away in Rhode Island and Minnesota, and are very happy to be back as Madisonians now.



*Tell us a little bit about yourself.* I studied English Literature in graduate school (all but dissertation), which had dismal professional prospects for my generation. I worked occasional jobs (the last in the Secretary of the Faculty office at UW) but mostly I reared my daughters and volunteered in their schools, in the Friends of UW

Hospital, in Hadassah, at what was then the Madison Jewish Community Council, and at BIC. At BIC, ages ago, I volunteered in Talmud Torah, served on the Board of Education and then the Board of Directors, initially as VP-Education. I also served a year as President just before we moved to Rhode Island in 2003. From 1975 to 1981, we lived next door to Sol Zaichick! And from 1982 to 2004 we lived near West High School. Since 2013 we've lived in a downtown Madison condo, near the Children's Museum, and we find the walkability very congenial. Our two daughters, a son-in-law and two grandchildren live in Brooklyn, NYC—as do many other Madisonians of their generation. We have a cat; she has extra toes, a distrust of most people, and a conviction that it's my job to rub her belly for as long as seems good to her. Apart from tending to her, I enjoy reading, traveling and hanging out with friends.

*What is your favorite thing to do at/with Beth Israel Center?* I have several favorite things to do at BIC—hearing my husband read Torah, seeing Elissa raise the Torah (does any other woman do this?), and working with friends on some sort of project.

*Tell us a story that, in your mind, exemplifies the ethos or values of Beth Israel Center.* My in-laws, Holocaust survivors who met and married after the war, visited us long ago, and my father-in-law sought out a daily minyan in town. This was well before we joined or even considered joining BIC, but he found the minyan here and happily attended during their stay. He died too young and so never visited again, but I love thinking that he found kindred spirits—landsmen, even—here and that the tradition he grew up in and loved, lived then and still does at BIC.

*When you were asked to join the Board of Directors, did you say “yes” right away?* Both times I've been asked to join the BoD, decades ago and recently, I've said yes right away. Both times I wanted to work with the people who asked and do the kind of work I expected we'd be doing.

*Name one thing that may surprise people about you.* Aaron and I started dating in high school, when we were 16 years old.

## Yahrzeits

**13 Iyar / May 9**  
Helen Richey

**14 Iyar / May 10**  
Anna Black  
Elmer Borsuk  
Herbert Liebman  
Ben Setlick  
Shalom Sweet

**15 Iyar / May 11**  
Yisrael Meir ben  
Gedaliah  
Elliot Iver  
Fanny Libanoff

**16 Iyar / May 12**  
Louis Friedman

**17 Iyar / May 13**  
Yetta Kliebard  
Wilma Pour  
Miriam "Mickey"  
Pressman  
Moshe Stein

**18 Iyar / May 14**  
Levi DeLevie  
Max Harris  
Hiram Mendow

**19 Iyar / May 15**  
Al Frost  
Oscar Rapkin  
Harry Shapiro  
Ida Sweet  
David Winnick

**20 Iyar / May 16**  
Rose Dachman  
Betty Orman-Joseph

**21 Iyar / May 17**  
Mary Richman  
William Shovers

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# Social Action Opportunities

## 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](http://www.bethisraelcenter.org)) or the church's ([www.midvalelutheran.org](http://www.midvalelutheran.org)). Call the office if you need help signing up.

## Who are "them"? The Road Home and perceptions of being homeless

By Marsha Cohen & Mike Pressman

As a child growing up in a warm weather city (LA), we called them hoboes or, more commonly, bums. In New York City we stepped over them sleeping near the sidewalk, with urine smell all around. This perception we had all those years ago of people experiencing homelessness is not something we are proud of. We definitely never thought of children not having a place to live. All children were like us, right? Having a home or an apartment to live in as we did in California or New York, right?

Think again. In Madison, over 1400 CHILDREN in our schools are homeless. Shelter and meals are provided to some of these families in neighborhood faith communities through the program called The Road Home. Four times a year, Beth Israel Center members go to Midvale Community Lutheran Church to help provide the people-power to keep this program operating. Services our congregants provide may include: setting up or breaking down portable beds, making dinners, serving meals, assisting with activities, sleep-over staff and more. Most jobs are 2 hours or less.

We recently attended a talk by two of our representatives: our alderperson and a County Board representative. In this time of national political unease, they stressed trying to make our local community strong and humane. It is in that spirit that we volunteer, to make our neighborhood and community the best it can be.

However, our volunteers from Beth Israel often number less than 10. This is less than 4% of our membership! Let's see if we can double that for the rest of this year. Your bubbe would be proud.

**Our remaining 2017 Buddy Congregation weeks with The Road Home are:  
April 30-May 7, June 25-July 2, and August 27-September 3.**

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

## **Additional Opportunities & where to get more information:**

### **Men's Shelter Sunday Dinner / Monday Breakfast**

Corliss Karasov: [ckarasov@gmail.com](mailto:ckarasov@gmail.com), (608) 831-6521.

### **Meals on Wheels**

Larry Bensky: (608) 238-2569

### **Refugee Resettlement Efforts**

Jewish Social Services: (608) 278-1808, [www.jssmadison.org](http://www.jssmadison.org).

### **Friends of Emerson School**

Jewish Congregations for Social Justice: [www.jewishcongregationsforsocialjustice.org](http://www.jewishcongregationsforsocialjustice.org)



## 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 ask 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.



## 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.

### 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

#### 22 Iyar / May 18

Joy Kurzer  
Charles Lipstein  
Sam Paley  
Hazel Sherman  
Sam Sinykin  
Evelyn Sweet

#### 23 Iyar / May 19

Sheldon Bernstein  
Harry Gerson  
Fruma Mintz  
Bessie Paskin  
Dave Sweet

#### 25 Iyar / May 21

Roslyn Hoffert  
Jacob Schmidman  
Rachel Schwartz  
Joseph Schwartz  
Herman Sweet

#### 26 Iyar / May 22

Fannie Borsuk  
Anna Katz  
Rose Schwartz  
Henry Slater  
Gordon Sweet

#### 27 Iyar / May 23

Mae Azen  
Robert Donals

#### 28 Iyar / May 24

Paul Fram  
Isidor Frankel  
Jacob Musin  
Alfred Regenstein  
Robert Thomadsen  
Tena Wasserstrom

#### 29 Iyar / May 25

Hena Daitch  
Rose Druch  
Daniel Hill  
Frieda Weinstein

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## Yahrzeits

### 1 Sivan / May 26

Sophie Figler  
William Schuckit  
Emanuel Simon  
Solomon Swack

### 2 Sivan / May 27

Lois Ansell  
Steven Kopelberg  
Abraham Peters  
Hilda Pover  
Meyer Sweet  
Ralph Weisbard

### 3 Sivan / May 28

Laura L. Gladstein  
Sol Jacobson  
Kurt Jasen  
Samuel Moskowsky  
Hyman Mullin  
Meril Stein  
Anne Sweet  
Rosa Sweet  
Henry Yaskal

### 4 Sivan / May 29

W. Feldman  
Honey Korshak  
Sarah Kress

### 5 Sivan / May 30

Baileh Paley  
Alex Seltzer

### 6 Sivan / May 31

Israel Barkin  
Linda Cohn  
Etta Lakritz  
Shirley Magness  
Jennie Sinaiko  
Jeannette Switzky

### 7 Sivan / June 1

Evelyn Jellinek

### 8 Sivan / June 2

Shirley Blank  
George Deutsch  
Lloyd Frank  
Abraham Nosofsky  
Ronald Rosen  
Bess Stein

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# Volunteer Appreciation

**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:** Donna Anderson, Livia Asher, David Baum, Hannah Bernard-Donals, Naomi Chesler, Ankur Desai, Joshua Gabai, Louise Goldstein, Ashley Gordon, Fran Greenman, Roz Gusinow, Jen and Sophie Hadley, Billie Hellerstein, Elisa Heymann, Ariel Hoffman, Raimund Huber, Bobbie and Steve Jellinek, Marci Katz, Yaniv Lazimy, Elana Matthews, Aphra Mednick, Bart Miller, Kathi Johnson Rock, Bill and Corliss Karasov, Erica Kesin Richmond, Sarah and Steve Kessler, Kazu Kitano, Jessie Loeb, Arlene Lukin, Jeff Mandell, Aphra Mednick, Zach Myers, Laurie Nagus, Ezra and Willie Needelman, Janis Noonan, Judy Pierotti, Tziporah Quick, Michael Rock, Dan Sidney, Bruce Thomadsen, Regina Vidaver, Phyllis Wainger, Paul Wilson

**Shabbat Greeters:** Marsha Cohen, Cher Diamond, Yonah Drazen, Anna Heifetz, Laurie Nagus, Jonathan Pollack, Mike Pressman, Barry Rich, Fran Schrag, Sally Schrag, Jim Wear

**Purim Ball Committee & Servers:** Hannah Ehrlich, Josh Gabai, Talia Ivry, Jessie Loeb, Sara Mandell, Laurie Nagus, Simone Schweber, Miriam Shelef, Moira Wilson

**Community Purim Carnival Carnies from BIC:** Ellie Becker, Maya Becker, Mirra Blehert, Laila Borokhim, Rowan Cody, Marsha Cohen, Maya Desai, Hannah Ehrlich, Josh Gabai, Ilana Greenspan, Jonathan Greenspan, Leslie Greenspan, Jen Hadley, Sophie Hadley, Elisa Heymann, David Hoffert, Talia Ivry, Corliss Karasov, Kazu Kitano, Clara Lazimy, Laurel Mark, Adam Mednick, Bart Miller, Kathy Miner, Judy Pierotti, Noah Pollack, Mike Pressman, Debbie Rudin, Felice Rudin, Regina Vidaver, Moira Wilson, Rhiannon Wilson

**Purim Party:** Joshua Gabai, Judith Burstyn, Cher Diamond

**The Road Home Buddies:** Donna Anderson, Marsha Cohen, Steve Goldstein, Brenna Katch, Steve Kessler, Kazu Kitano, Lorna Kniaz, Barry Mirkin, Mike Pressman, David Resnick

**Porchlight Men's Shelter:** Matt Banks, David Baum, Yonah Drazen, Cynthia Hirsch, Max and Talia Ivry, Corliss Karasov, Laurie Nagus, Judy Pierotti, Simone Schweber, Bob Skloot

**Laundry Angels:** Hannah Bernard-Donals, Leslie Fields, Kazu Kitano, Karen Shevet Dinah, Anna Syvertsen

**Shabbat Morning Kehillat Noar Madrichim:** Gaby Baum, Lena Ben-Gideon, Vered Ben-Gideon, Mirra Blehert, Rowan Cody, Maya Desai, Sophie Hadley, Leila Loeb, Debbie Rudin, Moira Wilson, Rhiannon Wilson

**MOUSY Shabbat Schmooze Host Family:** Hannah and Joel Ehrlich, Melanie Cohen

**Spring Yard Workers:** Howard Bregman, Judith Burstyn, Aaron Friedman, Jeff Lindholm and Leslie Fields, Jane and David Shabtaie, Regina Vidaver and Mirra Blehert.

If you have time or talent to give to Beth Israel Center, please contact Deborah Hoffman. Call (608) 256-7763 or email [hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org). Todah!

## BIC Mikveh ~ Open to All

Beth Israel Center's stunning new mikveh is generally available on weekdays 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, please allow for additional scheduling time. Contact the Rabbi with ritual questions or the office to schedule.

## Yahrzeits

### 9 Sivan / June 3

Harry Altshuler  
Mae Borisy  
Asher Lazimy  
Rose Schwartz

### 10 Sivan / June 4

Sam Chudacoff  
Max Goldstein  
Frances Rossman  
Samuel Wander  
Dave Weinstein

### 11 Sivan / June 5

Abraham Barash  
Morris Cohen  
Claire Navin

### 12 Sivan / June 6

Emil Barth  
Nathan Frank  
Nancy Gelman  
Sylvia Kadushin

### 13 Sivan / June 7

Nessie Goldberg

### 14 Sivan / June 8

Mary Galanter  
Harry Kay  
Eli Mullin  
William Rosenblum

### 15 Sivan / June 9

Herman Black  
Fannie Mack  
Julius Miller  
Hiam Orman  
Steve Rader  
Claire Swartz  
Sasha Temkin  
Herman Temkin  
Ellen Weiss Zitkin

### 16 Sivan / June 10

Sophie Cohen  
Harry Cramer  
Rudolph Rich  
Julius Ruskin

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## Condolences to the families of...

- Herman Fershtman, father of Terrie (Len) Goren, grandfather of Jamie and Adam
- Judith Zukerman Kaufman, mother of Ariel (Michael Kissick) Kaufman and Dan (Juliette Mapp) Kaufman, grandmother of Benji and Luca, sister of Elyse Zukerman



## 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](http://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

### 17 Sivan / June 11

Ben Blachman  
Bernard Mandell  
Jacob Mintz  
David Remis  
Arthur Yaskal

### 18 Sivan / June 12

Haskell Friedman  
David Ottenstein

### 19 Sivan / June 13

Israel Segal

### 20 Sivan / June 14

Florence Alexander  
Gail Busha  
Helen Machlis  
Frank Marion  
Harriet "Honey" Rutchick  
William Sweet

### 21 Sivan / June 15

Pesach Bebczuk  
Gerald Kurzer  
Hyman Lerner

### 22 Sivan / June 16

Rose Picus  
Sarah Scher  
Yehuda Temkin

### 23 Sivan / June 17

Harry Gevirman  
Anna Schwam

### 24 Sivan / June 18

Howard Eisenberg  
Maurice Pekarsky

### 25 Sivan / June 19

Alex Cohen  
Harry Figler  
Lubey Mintz  
Pearl Rutel  
Ida Schuckit  
Louis Schwartz

### 26 Sivan / June 20

Eva Lassen

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## Memorial & Tribute Gifts

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

### Abraham Barash Handicap Fund

*in memory of*

**Mollie Becker, Phillip Becker and Harold Borenstein** from Phyllis Eisenberg

**Jeannette Fran** from Callie Dixon

### Alex Temkin Fund

*in memory of*

**Howard Temin** from Rayla Temin

### Art Fund

*in memory of*

**Leo Hill, Judith Zukerman Kaufman and my sister, Ruth Hill** from Ghita Bessman

**Jacob Popkewitz** from Thomas Popkewitz & Lea Aschkenase

### Ben Minkoff Education Fund

*in memory of*

**Evelyn Minkoff and Ida Minkoff** from Joel & Debbie Minkoff

### Beth Israel Reserve

*in honor of*

**Natalie Borenstein's special birthday** from Allen & Toba Freeman, Jeffrey & Nancy Getzkin, Mark & Jennifer Freeman and Todd & Barbara Striker

*in memory of*

**Barnet Nathenson, Rose & Herbert Nathenson, Mary Dubrov Nathenson and Sam Cohn** from Linda Freeman

**Sarah Schmidt** from Natalie Borenstein

### David Temkin Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund

*in memory of*

**Henry Weiss** from Alan Weinberg & Claire Weiss

**Seth Loeb Lettofsky** from Bonnie Stein Kammer

**Sylvia Temkin** from Cheryl Temkin

**Eva Moss** from Marcia Moss

**Ruth & Joseph Beitel** from Marion Gold

**David Rosenthal** from Si & Billie Hellerstein

### General Fund

*in honor of*

**The marriage of Hannah Lindholm and Ben Brey** from David & Nancy Resnick

**Natalie Borenstein's special birthday** from Doris Hoffman

**Cynthia Hirsch's new grandchild** from Herbert Lewis & Francie Saposnik

**Herman Goldstein** from Phyllis Eisenberg





# Memorial & Tribute Gifts

## General Fund

*in memory of*

**Estelle Bernstein** from Bradley Bernstein  
**Phil Kapell and Anita Kapell** from Cheryl Lerner  
**Sol Levin** from Daniel & Kathy Levin  
**Martin Rosenzweig and Libby Sweet** from David & Cheryl Rosen  
**Debra Friedman** from David Friedman  
**Chaim Schwartz** from Dorothy Schwartz  
**Sarah Gevirman** from Edwin Azen  
**Sara Schwartz** from Fred & Sylvia Schwartz  
**Louis Mazursky** from Howard & Sally Mazur  
**Helen Sinagub** from Jonathan Sinagub  
**Joseph Sweet** from Judith Shapiro  
**Sayde Schackter** from Marilyn Rattman  
**Portia Paradise** from Mollybelle Berish  
**Pearl Springberg** from Peter Springberg  
**Ann Slavney and Mollie Becker** from Phyllis Eisenberg  
**Bella & Abe Radbil** from Robert Schwartz & Steven Schwartz family  
**Abraham Blumenfeld and Frank Melnik** from Sol & Corlie Blumenfeld  
**Herman Fershtman and Judith Zukerman Kaufman** from Theodore & Irene Knupp  
**Henry Gutmann** from Thomas Palay & Diane Gutmann  
**Sam Mead** from Jean Mead  
**Ida Figler** from Michael Figler  
**Esther Sweet** from Howard Sweet & James Warren

## Holman/Weisbard Fund for Adult Jewish Learning

*Get Well*

**Rabbi Rebecca Ben-Gideon** from Rayla Temin

*in memory of*

**Herman Fershtman** from David & Nancy Resnick

## Jake Heifetz Fund

*in memory of*

**Fania Heifetz** from Lawrence Heifetz and Lisa Robertson

**Esther Swartz** from Samuel Moss

## Joe Temkin Education Fund

*in memory of*

**Judith Zukerman Kaufman** from Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin

**William Onheiber** from Sam & Maria Onheiber

## Martin & Serene Mazor Kiddush Fund

*in honor of*

**Sylvia Grunes** from Fay Nager, Michael Gould & Zoe Werth, Rayla Temin, David Friedman, Francis & Sally Schrag, Ida Wyman, Kazu Kitano, Louis & Elsbeth Solomon and Yair Mazor & Bilha Mirkin

**Raymond and Leah Kessel's 54th wedding anniversary** from Herbert Lewis & Francie Saposnik

## Yahrzeits

### 27 Sivan / June 21

Esther Bloomfield  
Molly Ginsberg  
Sydelle Patton  
Yetta Sinagub  
Frieda Stein

### 28 Sivan / June 22

Bessie Perlman  
Riva Polyakova  
Monroe Segal  
John E. Wear

### 29 Sivan / June 23

Binyamin Fine  
Eugene Greenberg  
Sol Lieberman  
Betty Silverman  
Dorothy Saposnik Smit

### 30 Sivan / June 24

Barbara Bernstein  
Dientia DeLevie  
Fannie Perlman  
Sol Sweet

### 1 Tammuz / June 25

Richard Brauer  
Belle Novick  
Paul Rock

### 3 Tammuz / June 27

Belle Epstein  
Selig Iwanter

### 4 Tammuz / June 28

Neil Grossman  
Meyer Pover  
Helen Rittenhouse  
Bernard Schwab  
Robert Smith

### 6 Tammuz / June 30

Martha Barth  
Mrs. Ben Rubin

### 7 Tammuz / July 1

Louis Fine  
Francine Massey  
Sidney Menchel  
Anne Onikul

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## Yahrzeits

### 9 Tammuz / July 3

Joel Epstein  
Ben Jacobs  
Melba Katz  
Al Moeny  
Frances Myers  
Susan Sinaiko

### 10 Tammuz / July 4

Louis Barkin  
Louis Setlick  
Benjamin Weisbrod

### 11 Tammuz / July 5

Sophie Schuster

### 12 Tammuz / July 6

Sam Cohn  
Sedelle Diamond  
Arlyne Eisenberg  
Morris Kniaz  
Alma Sweet  
Bessie Yaskal

### 13 Tammuz / July 7

Arthur England  
Esther Kaplan

### 14 Tammuz / July 8

Nathan Goldstone  
Yetta Temkin

### 15 Tammuz / July 9

Max Gold  
Henry Levine  
William Schwartz

### 16 Tammuz / July 10

Helen Haber  
Alex Paskin  
Genevieve Ruben

### 17 Tammuz / July 11

Marlene Ansell  
Cecile Ehrman  
Fay Maydeck  
Jean Ritter

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## Memorial & Tribute Gifts

### Martin & Serene Mazor Kiddush Fund

*in honor of*

**Sharon Kessel's birthday, the Auf Ruf for Jeff Lindholm & Leslie Fields' daughter, Hannah and Joel & Debbi Minkoff's new grandchild** from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

**Aufruf for Hannah Lindholm and Ben Brey** from Karen Shevet Dinah

*in memory of*

**Bernice Kliebard** from Diane Silverberg

**Anne Marion** from Edward Marion

**Herman Fershtman and the mother of Harry Katch** from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

**Morris Greenberg** from Rayla Temin

**Caroline Sulman** from David Sulman & Anne Altshuler

### L'Dor v'Dor

*Get Well*

**Rabbi Rebecca Ben-Gideon** from Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin

*in honor of*

**Natalie Borenstein's special birthday** from Ben & Sherry Hirschfeld

**Cynthia Hirsch's new grandchild** from David & Nancy Resnick, Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin and Livia Asher

**Judy Pierotti's new grandchild** from Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin

*in memory of*

**Minnie Frank Lustgarden** from Alfred & Lois Frank

**Ella Hirschfeld and Seth Lettovsky** from Ben & Sherry Hirschfeld

**Clara Gahr** from Dorothy Schwartz

**Seth Lettovsky, Herman Fershtman and Al Goldstein** from Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin

**Helena Siroky and Martin Siroky** from Livia Asher

**Judith Zukerman Kaufman and Herman Fershtman** from Si & Billie Hellerstein

**Louis Landau** from Ellie Landau

**Anne Cooper** from Marilyn & Stuart Cooper

### Mikvah Fund

*in memory of*

**Judith Zukerman Kaufman** from Rayla Temin

*in honor of*

**Natalie Borenstein's birthday** from Rayla Temin

### Julius Mintz Fund

*in honor of*

**Sylvia Grunes' birthday, Shella Goldberg, Mr. & Mrs. Rectman anniversary, Lirtzman's son's engagement** from Marvin & Phyllis Eisenberg

*in memory of*

**Hyman Daniels and Lena Daniels** from Barbara Beyer

**Marvin Mazursky and David Mazur** from Howard & Sally Mazur

**Al Goldstein and Fruma Mintz** from Marvin & Phyllis Eisenberg

**Julius Mintz, Charles Layton, Herman Mintz, Norman Zaichick, Ida Paley, Ethel Latinsky, Mollie Finn, Mildred Conney, Dorothy Weiner, Harriet Blumberg's grandchild, Marna Silkula** from Marvin & Phyllis Eisenberg

**Marvin Eisenberg** from Sharon Glass



# Memorial & Tribute Gifts

## Rose & Morris Heifetz Welfare Fund

*in memory of*

**Harry Schiff** from Bill & Jill Boissonnault  
**Patricia Mary Johnson** from Harvey Johnson

## Prayerbook Fund

*in memory of*

**Libby Burnstein** from Fay Nager  
**Rachel Mazur** from Howard & Sally Mazur  
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**Bernard Harris** from Sue Harris  
**Helen Rosenblum** from Stephen & Phyllis Wainger

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

*in honor of*

**Jeff Levy sponsorship of rabbi search dinners** from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

*in memory of*

**Jerome Onheiber** from Michael & Patrice Onheiber  
**Ruth Zitowsky** from Robert Zitowsky  
**Iver Karp and Molly Karp** from Norma Klagos  
**Albert Eisenberg** from Leslie Eisenberg  
**Herman Onheiber** from Sam & Maria Onheiber

## A.J. & Celia Rosenberg Library Fund

*in memory of*

**Fanny Kaufman Smith** from Herbert Lewis & Francie Saposnik  
**Bernard Kaplan** from Michael Kaplan & Beverly Richey  
**Aaron Urkofsky, Ida Moskowsky, Reva Moss and Arthur Moss** from Samuel Moss

## Shirley Epstein Memorial Fund

*in memory of*

**Sol Levin** from Roz Levin  
**Walter Novick, Helen Karp and Oscar Karp** from Ruth Ann Schumeister

## Social Action Fund

*Get Well*

**Rayla Temin** from Livia Asher

*in honor of*

**Cynthia Hirsch's new grandchild** from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen and Rayla Temin

**Sara Karon and Anna Heifetz** from Judy Pierotti

*in memory of*

**George Skloot** from Robert & JoAnn Skloot  
**Bernard Harris** from Sue Harris  
**Judith Zukerman Kaufman** from Rabbi Charles & Mrs. Krayna Feinberg

## Yahrzeits

**18 Tammuz / July 12**  
Seymour Abrahamson  
Harry Seeman  
Sarah Zaichick

**19 Tammuz / July 13**  
Amy Azen  
Lawrence Borenstein  
Rosa Kammer  
Samuel Tomarkin

**20 Tammuz / July 14**  
Ilse Brauer  
Freda Jacobson  
Molly Paster  
Sam Rosenthal

**21 Tammuz / July 15**  
Max Ruskin  
Vera Terry

**22 Tammuz / July 16**  
M. Jack Epstein  
Alex Kaplan  
Millie Kaplan  
Norman Parisek  
Isaac Perlman  
Eva Perlman  
Dinah Silverman

**23 Tammuz / July 17**  
Norton Gahr  
Rae Rapkin  
Daniel Raskin  
Ruth Schwartz

**24 Tammuz / July 18**  
Hyman Harry Minkoff  
Isadore Victor  
Israel Victor

**25 Tammuz / July 19**  
Ida Bradkofsky  
Samuel Springberg

**26 Tammuz / July 20**  
Dora Moser  
Grace Rasmussen  
Hyman Schuster  
Linda Tetzlaff

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**Yahrzeits**

**27 Tammuz / July 21**

Frumeh Frank  
Fannie Stein

**28 Tammuz / July 22**

Rachel Mullin  
Bud Sweet  
Louise Wear

**29 Tammuz / July 23**

Elizabeth Berg  
Sidney Bernstein  
Celia Labow Holman  
Sophie Levine

**1 Av / July 24**

Lisa Sklarin

**2 Av / July 25**

Tsivia Morgensteren

**4 Av / July 27**

Julius Jacobs  
Myer Nathenson  
Anna Nathenson  
Harry Rosen

**5 Av / July 28**

Anna Blumenfeld  
Ed Dubrow  
Rose Greenfield  
Florence Landes  
Naomi Rich  
Norman Zaichick

**6 Av / July 29**

Ethel Goldstein  
Fanny Nosofsky  
Helen Ryan  
Benjamin Weinstein

**7 Av / July 30**

Rachel Hayman Cohen  
Ethel Lipstein  
Harry Usdansky

**8 Av / July 31**

Anna Weiss Bentley  
Chaim Figler  
Rashe Nathenson



# Memorial & Tribute Gifts

**George Stewart Memorial Education Fund**

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**Dora Schwartz** from Richard Schwartz

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*in memory of*

**Erving Haber** from Sheldon Haber

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*in memory of*

**Louis Coppersmith** from Robert Blank & Susan Coppersmith



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## May 2017

| Sun   | Mon                 | Tue   | Wed                 | Thu | Fri          | Sat  |
|---|---------------------|---|---------------------|-----|--------------|--|
|   | 1                   | 2   | 3                   | 4   | 5            | 6<br>Amira Pierotti<br>Bat Mitzvah         |
| The Road Home Buddy Congregation week ->    |                     |   |                     |     |              |  |
|   | Yom HaZikaron       | Yom HaAtzma'ut                                |                     |     |              | Acharei Mot-<br>Kedoshim                   |
| 7<br>Kolot Kehilla                          | 8                   | 9   | 10                  | 11  | 12           | 13<br>Kibud Limudim                        |
| Yom HaAtzma'ut<br>Event<br>(Goodman Campus) |                     | Board of Directors                            |                     |     |              | Last day of TT<br><br>Emor                 |
| 14<br>Lag B'Omer<br>BBQ<br>5:00             | 15                  | 16  | 17                  | 18  | 19           | 20<br>Jonathan<br>Greenspan<br>Bar Mitzvah |
|   |                     |   |                     |     |              | Behar-Bechukotai                           |
| 21  | 22                  | 23  | 24                  | 25  | 26           | 27<br>Micah Copelovitch<br>Bar Mitzvah     |
|   |                     |   | Yom<br>Yerushalayim |     | Rosh Chodesh | Bemidbar                                   |
| 28  | 29<br>Office Closed | 30  | 31<br>Office Closed |     |              |  |
|   | Memorial Day        | Tikkun Leil Shavuot<br>7:30pm<br>Erev Shavuot | Shavuot             |     |              |  |

# June 2017

| Sun  | Mon | Tue                      | Wed | Thu                    | Fri  | Sat   |
|--|-----|--------------------------|-----|------------------------|--|---|
|  |     |                          |     | 1<br>Office Closed     | 2  | 3<br>Talia Dolin<br>Bat Mitzvah<br><br>Naso                     |
| 4  | 5   | 6                        | 7   | 8<br>Shavuot<br>Yizkor | 9<br>MOUSY Shabbat<br>Schmooze                             | 10<br>Nathaniel<br>Richmond<br>Bar Mitzvah<br><br>Beha'alotecha |
| 11   | 12  | 13<br>Board of Directors | 14  | 15                     | 16   | 17<br>Kessler Aufruf<br><br>Shelach                             |
| 18   | 19  | 20                       | 21  | 22                     | 23<br>Kabbalat Shabbat<br>& Potluck Dinner<br>at Hoyt Park | 24<br><br>Korach<br>Rosh Chodesh                                |
| 25<br>The Road Home Buddy Congregation week -><br>Rosh Chodesh | 26  | 27                       | 28  | 29                     | 30   |   |

# July 2017

| Sun | Mon                   | Tue                      | Wed | Thu | Fri  | Sat                                 |
|-----|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----|-----|--|-------------------------------------|
|     |                       |                          |     |     |  | 1<br><br>Chukat                     |
| 2   | 3                     | 4<br>Office Closed       | 5   | 6   | 7  | 8<br><br>Balak                      |
| 9   | 10                    | 11<br>Board of Directors | 12  | 13  | 14   | 15<br><br>Pinchas                   |
| 16  | 17                    | 18                       | 19  | 20  | 21<br>Kabbalat Shabbat<br>& Potluck Dinner<br>at Hoyt Park | 22<br><br>Matot-Masei               |
| 23  | 24<br>Rosh Chodesh    | 25                       | 26  | 27  | 28   | 29<br><br>Devarim<br>Shabbat Chazon |
| 30  | 31<br>Erev Tisha b'Av |                          |     |     |  |                                     |

## Yahrzeits

*Beth Israel Center maintains a database of Yahrzeit observances for its members. The people listed on the sides of the preceding pages are those being remembered by people in our community in May, June and July of this year.*

*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, so please contact the office at (608) 256-7763 or office@bethisraelcenter.org with additions or questions.*

*It is customary on Shabbat mornings at Beth Israel Center to read the names aloud of the coming week's yahrzeit observances.*

*When a yahrzeit falls on a weekday, it is also customary for observers to attend evening and/or morning minyan to say kaddish. If you would like to observe a yahrzeit during the week, please contact the office so we can help ensure a minyan. This is especially necessary if you would like to observe a yahrzeit on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday morning, as these would be additions to our usual schedule.*

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## May ~ June ~ July Schedule

| Date            | Parshat              | Candle Lighting |
|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| May 5/6         | Acharei Mot-Kedoshim | Candles 7:46p   |
| May 12/13       | Emor                 | Candles 7:53p   |
| May 19/20       | Behar-Bechukotai     | Candles 8:01p   |
| May 26/27       | Bamidbar             | Candles 8:07p   |
| May 30          | Shavuot              | Candles 8:11p   |
| May 31          | Shavuot              | Candles 9:19p   |
| June 2/3        | Nasso                | Candles 8:13p   |
| June 9/10       | Beha'alotcha         | Candles 8:18p   |
| June 16/17      | Sh'lach              | Candles 8:21p   |
| June 23/24      | Korach               | Candles 8:22p   |
| June 30/ July 1 | Chukat               | Candles 8:22p   |
| July 7/8        | Balak                | Candles 8:20p   |
| July 14/15      | Pinchas              | Candles 8:16p   |
| July 21/22      | Matot-Masei          | Candles 8:11p   |
| July 28/29      | Devarim              | Candles 8:04p   |

### 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.