



## Upcoming Programs & Events

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### Kabbalat Shabbat Potluck Dinner ~ Friday, November 17

Welcome Shabbat with friends and delicious food at Beth Israel Center. Services begin at 5:45 and are followed by a kosher-dairy potluck dinner. Because Shabbat begins earlier than services at this time of year, please drop off potluck contributions of kosher-dairy food or drinks before 4:00 on Friday or earlier in the week, any time the office is open. All are welcome!

### Jewish Overnight Summer Camp Info Sessions

*Camp Ramah of Wisconsin ~ 5:45 Thursday, November 16*

Stop by the info table at 5:45 and enjoy a casual dinner at 6:00 with Camp Ramah staff and BIC families with children who have attended Camp Ramah.

*Camp Interlaken JCC ~ 5:45 Thursday, November 30*

Immediately following Talmud Torah, stop by the Interlaken info table and chat with Interlaken staff about this JCC camp in Eagle River, Wisconsin.

### Place Your Chanukah Candle Orders by Nov. 21

\$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: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2017

Pick-up dates: Tuesday & Thursday, December 5 & 7, 4:00-6:00pm  
Sunday, December 10, 10:00-11:30am

### Social Action Shabbat ~ Saturday, November 18

Representatives of Porchlight and The Road Home, two local agencies grappling with homelessness in our city, will speak during services, and at a special Kiddush afterwards there will be opportunities to discuss options for taking action. More info is on page 10.

### BIC Hanukkah Party ~ Thursday, December 14

Celebrate the Festival of Lights on the 3rd night of Hanukkah at BIC.

### SUPPER QUIZ ~ Saturday, January 13

Mark your calendars! Assemble your table team! The 2018 Supper Quiz promises to be the lively social event we've come to know and love. This year's theme will make you feel like you're on a tropical ocean cruise!

### MLK Youth Service Day ~ Monday, January 15

Children and youth in grades 1-8 from BIC, First Congregational Church, and other congregations gather as a faith community in honor of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This year's theme is "We Shall Not Be Moved."



# Thoughts from the Rabbi...

*Circles of friendship and community; celebrations and sorrows*

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Next Centerite Deadline:

**January 5, 2018**



*adam ...*, The human soul is the candle of Adonai” (Proverbs 20).

There is a brightness to the human spirit, and it is our presence in the world, and our presence for and with each

other that spreads Divine Light in the world. Within the Beth Israel community, I have come to see the many interwoven “candles of God” in the intersecting circles of the life of the diverse people who make up our congregation. The gatherings for daily minyan, for Shabbat services, for learning and governing, for funding and building, for strengthening the Jewish People and caring for those in need allow us to see, almost, the Divine sparks in the souls of those gathered for any aspect of the holy work of being part of synagogue community.

I have personally felt blessed to share in more than a few celebrations, and of course in a good handful of Jewish Festivals. Seeing children

growing up and marking the occasion of Bar/Bat Mitzvah, grandparents kvelling over grandchildren, and “significant” birthdays and anniversaries (whether or not the precise number is announced) has offered me other portals into the lives of the families in our community.

There are many opportunities for simple and surface chat and conversation. Gathering in sacred community, in sacred space, invites us to strive for the higher form of encounter described so lyrically by Martin Buber - the meeting of “I and Thou.” Meeting and interaction where the “other” is felt and perceived in depth, as fully human, as carrying the Divine Image. In every blessing we begin, in addressing God with the words Barukh ata - Blessed are You ... an intimate and profound pathway to relationship. Perhaps we can strive to make our meetings, our conversations, our deliberations more filled with that spirit, of “I and Thou.”

Of course we cannot meet every need, but the Candle of God is inside each of us - a gentle and flickering flame. Let us nourish that spark in ourselves and within the widening circles of our family, our community and our world.

R' Sami Barth  
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## NEW: Shabbat Morning Torah Study

Beginning November 11 and offered whenever Shabbat morning meditation is not, come enjoy about 45 minutes of parsha discussion beginning at 9:00. Explore the week's Torah portion, no background needed. Drop in any time. Led by yours truly (R' Sami) and other friends.

## Shabbat Morning Learners' Minyan

Four Saturdays — December 9 and 16, January 20 and 27 — 10:00-10:45am

Want to feel more comfortable and familiar with the meanings, motions and music of Shabbat morning services? If so, join R' Sami and other knowledgeable folks for one or more of these sessions. No knowledge of Hebrew language or prayer necessary. All are welcome.



# President's Column

## *Psalms on the Ice*

One of the real perks for me of moving to Wisconsin when I was young and care-free was the winter weather. I'd been living in Baltimore for five years, and I found the climate far too steamy for my tastes. I reveled in gearing up and getting out into the frigid nights, skiing with friends to the middle of the lake or gathering around a campfire, trading stories and a warm glass of brandy. We felt safe, and warm, and connected, even at 20 below. Now that I'm a bit older and creakier, it's the trajectory of the seasons I most cherish, the constant motion across time and space, luminance and color. Over the years, as I've found firmer and firmer footing in the Jewish community and my own observance, the seasons and the *chaggim* have intertwined and intersected in myriad and breathtaking ways.

As I write this, the intensity and emotion of the *Yamim Nora'im* still resonate in my soul. Rabbis Diamond and Barth helped create for us services and programs that opened our hearts and minds in ways both powerful and profound. We had some new additions this year, and what felt like more energy and participation than ever before, but much of what we experienced was familiar, a yearly touchstone that drew all of us closer and left us deeply touched.

Before we'd had time to catch our breath, Sukkot was upon us, and we were putting up our *sukkot* and decorating them,

with bamboo mats and the Loeb family *s'chach*, our children's drawings and lights illuminating our family's, friends and neighbors' faces. Thanks to our House Committee, BIC's *sukkah* was sturdier and more beautiful than ever. The East and West Side *Sukkah Hops* drew their largest ever crowds, dozens of families gathering amidst the fall foliage, sharing meals and stories and hearts full to overflowing.



Just as quickly now, it's all a warm memory, and the cold dark nights beckon. Our collective celebrations have strengthened our sense of community as we look forward to a continued Rabbi search, fabulous educational and youth programming, *Hanukkah*, the Supper Quiz and so much more. With everything that is happening at BIC, I'm quietly hoping I'll still have time to get out on the lake on one of our patented crisp and clear Wisconsin winter nights. Perhaps Reb Sami already has a program in mind for that occasion...

*Matt Banks*

Matt Banks  
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### **NEW: Merchav HaLev, the Madison Center for Jewish Meditation**

The Madison Center for Jewish Meditation offers practice sessions on the first and third Shabbat of each month (9:15-10:00am), mini-retreats and classes focused on exploring contemplative practice through a traditional Jewish lens. All are welcome. You need only bring your mind.

The teachings offered by MCJM are drawn from sacred Jewish texts, classical Hasidic and neo-Hasidic interpretations of those texts, as well from the Buddhist teachings of Thich Nhat Hanh and the Tergar meditation community.

The Center's Director is Matthew I. Banks, Ph.D., a member of Beth Israel Center since 1999. A neuroscientist who is trained as a Jewish mindfulness meditation teacher by the Institute for Jewish Spirituality, Matt has been leading meditation in the Madison Jewish community since 2015.

### **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

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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

## *Shmirat Beiteinu---Caring for our Home*

### 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.

We are also in need of some larger items:

- Coffee urns
- Water dispensers
- Keurig machine
- Glass platters

If you would like to purchase one or more of these items for Beth Israel Center, please contact Deborah Hoffman (hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org) for details.

**Every contribution helps our synagogue!**

One of the committees I have the pleasure of working with is the BIC House Committee, currently chaired by VP-



House Steve Goldstein. One of Steve's first orders of business when he became our new House VP just over a year ago was to assemble a committee of

thoughtful, dedicated people who could work together to identify and prioritize the many projects and ongoing care and maintenance tasks that will keep our beautiful shul looking great and meeting our needs. They also roll up their sleeves and do much of the work themselves.

Here is some of what the House Committee has been up to lately:

Howard Bregman has organized fall, spring and summer yard work days, bringing together congregants to help care for our grounds and plantings. (If you're reading this in time, come on Sunday, November 5, between 10:30 and 12:30.)

Sue Shafer-Landau, who also served on the 2012-14 Building Committee, is leading an effort to identify which furnishings from our 2014 wish list (placed there to keep the construction project on budget) belong at the top of the wish list. As part of that effort, she recently proposed that we make greater use of our 3rd floor meeting/classroom,

moving some existing furniture there and creating a space for adult education programs and meetings of more than 8-10 people (a size that fits nicely in our conference room). The House Committee and Board embraced this proposal, and we began taking steps toward making it a reality just after the fall holidays.

Jeff Lindholm has been helping me evaluate some of our larger service contracts.

The Art & Interiors subcommittee is collecting photographs and artifacts that tell some of our congregational history. If you have items that may be of interest as this project takes shape, please contact me or, even better, speak to David Balkansky, Sally Schrag, Sue Shafer-Landau, Lisa Shoshany-Anderson or Jim Wear (the subcommittee working on this project). Help make history at Beth Israel Center.

Last but not least, as you may have heard about at the Annual Meeting or from President Matt Banks in his annual Kol Nidre address, Steve spearheaded an effort to install solar panels on the roof of the synagogue, an investment that should significantly reduce our energy bills and allow us to contribute to our community's power supply.

It's truly gratifying to see all the wonderful things our congregation can accomplish when we work together.

*Elissa Pollack*  
elissa@bethisraelcenter.org



## Condolences to the families of...

- Warren Randy, father of Claudia (Willie) Haus and Linda (John) Eaves
- Dr. Douglas G. Batty, stepfather of David (Aleeza) Hoffert
- Roy Anderson, father of Donna Anderson (Stephen Kessler), grandfather of Hannah Kessler (Adam Lombardi) and Sarah (Zach) Masa-Myers
- Barbara Cohen, mother of Melanie Cohen (Joel Ehrlich), grandmother of Nathan and Hannah Ehrlich



# From the Education Director's Desk

## *Talmud Torah Faculty: Building a Community*

One of the things of which I am most proud in my 11 years as the Education Director at Beth Israel Center is the growth we have seen in our faculty. Though I have always been very impressed by the commitment that undergraduates made to our children and to their jobs here, not too long ago our Talmud Torah faculty was a revolving door. Teachers would stay for a semester or a year and then move on. In the last 7 or so years, this has changed and we've seen more and more teachers finding us early in their college careers and staying with us for 3 or 4 (or more!) years. We have a very strong teacher supervision program, which allows our teachers to work with me, individually, in small groups, or as a faculty to understand the art and science of teaching, plan engaging lessons, interpret what is happening in their classrooms and immerse themselves in *Torah lishmah*, Jewish learning for its own sake. We are now known on campus as a good, comfortable place to teach and practice teaching.

It turns out that building a strong teaching community doesn't just benefit our Talmud Torah program and synagogue community, but the greater Jewish community and the individuals who comprise our faculty. I recently reached out to several of our teachers from years past. I was astonished by how much they look back on and use what they learned as young teachers in Talmud Torah in their lives as Jewish adults and community members today. Eliana Weber Bernard, a Talmud Torah teacher from 2009-2013, says that she "enjoyed watching the students learn and find connections with their Jewish heritage. They challenged me with questions I hadn't thought to answer before. Through their curiosity they developed a stronger understanding of who they were as Jewish individuals." She is now teaching 4th grade in a secular school in Massachusetts while also doing online tutoring in Hebrew and Jewish

studies. Maya Doron, on faculty from 2011-2015, told me that she "learned extremely valuable skills while working at Talmud Torah. Forming my own weekly [lesson plans] allowed me to grow as a teacher. When I co-taught, I learned about teamwork and balancing one another's strengths and weaknesses. The skills I learned as a Hebrew teacher have helped me in law school; I have worked in firms where my responsibilities were to explain the law to people who have never been exposed to the legal system. In essence I am teaching those who need legal assistance. Talmud Torah taught me the importance of patience and understanding."



Our transition to a Shabbat-centered model means that our teachers are here interacting with congregants and families regularly. Our teachers now sit at lunch and play Jewish geography with our members. They discuss their classes and post-college plans with congregants who are interested and able to help with networks and connections. Our congregants reach out to our teachers to provide them a Jewish family away from home-- with invitations to Shabbat dinner, making sure they have a place to sit at Kol Nidre and Neilah and, of course, babysitting opportunities. We are building relationships with our teachers as friends and community members before sending them out into the big Jewish world. We are modeling a functional, supportive Jewish community in which people want to participate. We are, without thinking about it much, providing a foundation for the Jewish community of the future.

*Beth Cohn Copelovitch*  
[education@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto: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 the remaining 5778 dates on your calendar:

November 12  
 December 17  
 January 28  
 March 18  
 April 15  
 May 6

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*



## By Word of Mouse

Deborah Hoffman, Program & Youth Director, [hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org)

### UPCOMING MOUSY EVENTS

Sunday, Nov. 5  
*Teen Dating Violence 101*

Sunday, Nov. 19  
*Escape Room*

Saturday, Dec. 9  
*No Sew Fleece Blankets*

Friday, Dec. 15  
*Shabbat Schmooze dinner*



### REGIONAL & NATIONAL USY PROGRAMS

FRI, NOV 10-  
SUN, NOV 12  
*CHUSYfest Fall Convention*

FRI, DEC 8-  
SUN, DEC 10  
*Regional Kadima Konvention*

SUN, DEC 24-  
THURS, DEC 28  
*International USY Convention in Chicago*

FRI, JAN 27-  
SAT, JAN 28  
*CRUSY Specialty Kinnus*

FRI, APRIL 27 -  
SUN, APRIL 29  
*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 **Tuesday, November 21** deadline. 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 will have your candles available for pick-up on Tuesday, December 5 and Thursday, December 7 from 4:00-6:00pm, and Sunday, December 10 from 10:00-11:30am at BIC. Don't be caught unawares—the first candle-lighting will be on the evening of Tuesday, December 12, 2017. ★

Our almost minyan of wandering Jews ushered in the new year with a casual Sunday afternoon kayaking and paddle boarding outing with Reb Sami Barth on Lake Wingra on September 10 for our **MOUSY Goes Boating**. After our fun on the water and a sounding of the shofar, we indulged in pizza from The Roman Candle, along with friendly banter.



A few calls of "Tekiah, Teruah, Shevarim, and Tekiah Gedolah" echoed from R' Sami Barth's shofar while MOUSY's Yael Rosenblatt, Leila Loeb, Mirra Bleher, Rhiannon Wilson, Debbie Rudin, Maya Becker, Ellie Becker, and Moira Wilson kayaked and paddle boarded on Lake Wingra.

On Sunday afternoon, September 17, MOUSY enjoyed one of our most meaningful community youth events—the annual **Rosh Hashanah Gift Bags**—with 17 members from MOUSY of BIC and MaTTY of Temple Beth El, in collaboration with Jewish Social Services. Nine Mice got together with eight other Jewish teenagers to do ice-breakers, assemble holiday bags and create greeting cards, and then make deliveries and visits to about 60 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 Paul Borowsky, Dawn Berney, and Rabbi Renee Bauer of JSS for coordinating this mitzvah program, along with youth advisers Deborah Hoffman of MOUSY and Kimberly Rosenthal of MaTTY, the TBE Prager family for hosting, and Israel Shlichah Shlomit Ever for joining us. See photo, facing page.



Debbie Rudin, Yael Rosenblatt, Maya Becker, Ilana Greenspan, Rhiannon Wilson, Mirra Blehert, Leila Loeb, Mia Kurzer, and Moira Wilson are among the 17 Jewish teenagers from MOUSY of BIC and MaTTY of Temple Beth El during our annual Rosh Hashanah Gift Bags community youth event in conjunction with Jewish Social Services. What a mitzvah!

Yasher Koach to MOUSY youth, Moira Wilson, Debbie Rudin, Rhiannon Wilson, Maya Desai, Mirra Blehert, and Nathaniel Richmond for chanting Haftarat Yonah at Yom Kippur Mincha service on Saturday, September 30. And kudos to our volunteer teens in the ongoing Shabbat Morning Program Hadracha program of tefillah tutors.

Stay tuned for specifics about our *MOUSY Takes a Walk on the Wild Side* bonfire and hangout, as well as other winter programming in the wonderful world of MOUSY!

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

**2017-18 SAT Dates:**

- November 5
- December 3
- March 11
- May 6
- June 3

SAT registration info:  
866-756-7346.

**2017-18 ACT Dates:**

- December 10
- April 15
- June 10

ACT Registration info:  
319-337-1270.

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



On Sunday afternoon, October 1, a competitive and hungry group of Kadimaniks teed off, played lots of Mulligans, and never quite succeeded in getting a hole-in-one playing miniature golf, and then filled up on frozen custard. Pictured: Ezra Matthews-Needelman, Caleb Ellenberg, and Ari Blehert take their mini-golf very seriously!



# Making the Minyan

## CHEVER LE CHEVER

Members of the BIC Chever le Chever (friend to friend) group visit individuals who find it difficult or impossible to attend services or other synagogue programs. Visits by members of the Chever le Chever 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 Chever le Chever group, please contact Rabbi Sami Barth 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. Many people want to help, and needs are typically filled with surprising speed.

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 5-9

Matthew Banks, Yonah Drazen & Megan Sanders-Drazen, Kazu Kitano, Michael & Lainie Minkoff, and Laurie Nagus

#### November 12-16

Irwin Goldman & Leora Saposnik, Laurel Mark, Judi Nelson Stern, Tziporah Quick, Robert & Judith Rubin, Nadav Shelef, and Paula Volpiansky

#### November 19-23

Lisa Goldman, Jonathan & Heidi Heller, Burke Richmond & Erica Kesin Richmond, Renata Laxova, Esther Lefevre, Allan Levin, and Adam & Aphra Mednick

#### November 26-30

Peter Schmitz & Fran Greenman, Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen, Mitch & Sharon Rapkin, Jonathan Rozenfeld & Jill Korey, and Eitan Zohar

#### December 3-7

David Barsky, Samuel Gellman, Jen Hadley, Philip Hollander & Juliet Page, Judith & Marc Kornblatt, Jordan Rosenblum, Brian & Season Schwarzbrott, Emanuel Schwam, and Howard Sweet

#### December 10-14

Bennett Berson & Rebecca Holmes, Rachel Cordasco, Ron & Nicole Dolin, Richard & Ellen Jacobson, Stephen Kessler & Donna Anderson, Mollie Charon, Ben Stein, David Sulman & Anne Altshuler, and Luke Whitmore & Judith Sone

#### December 17-21

Lawrence & Janice Bensky, Abbie Kurtz, Edward Marion, Jon & Elissa Pollack, Kim Rosenthal, Annalee Segal, Sion & Jane Shabtaie, and Bob & JoAnn Skloot





# Rabbi Search Committee Update

By Regina Vidaver

Our rabbi search for this year officially began on October 19, when we submitted our congregational profile to the placement office of the Rabbinical Assembly. This document, which describes our community in detail, provides the information and background that is reviewed by potential candidates for our position. While the core of our congregational profile is the same as last year (we have a great synagogue and community!), we have benefited substantially from insights gained in last year's search, feedback from the congregation, and perspectives shared with us by with Rabbi Sami Barth. These insights led us to reframe some aspects of our profile. Rabbi Barth's input has been especially valuable. Since his work with us began, Rabbi Barth has been supportive of and engaged with our efforts to identify a candidate through the open search procedure that the Board of Directors laid out. The Rabbi Search Committee is grateful to him for sharing his insight and experience in the search process.

The membership of the Rabbi Search Committee represents diverse constituencies of our *kahal* (congregation), and has a wide range of perspectives to consider while carrying out its charge from the Board. All members of the committee are in agreement regarding the importance of spiritual leadership, scholarship and pastoral care in any rabbinical candidate we would consider.

About one-third of the way into our year with Rabbi Barth, as often happens with well regarded interim rabbis, some of us wondered if we might find a way for him to stay longer than planned. However, as a consultant to the search process, and for other reasons, Rabbi Barth does not consider himself an applicant for the position. He will continue working with the committee and the congregation to help us undertake a successful search this year.

The search process that began a year and a half ago has been an overwhelmingly positive experience for the congregation. The level of engagement we have seen from our community is the mark of a healthy congregation in which each member's voice is heard and every perspective valued. We look forward to working together to achieve what is best for our community, and hearing your thoughts on the candidates we will be interviewing in the coming months.

Please continue to share your questions, concerns and feedback during this important time in the life of our congregation.

As always, we welcome input from congregants. Please email [rabbisearch@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:rabbisearch@bethisraelcenter.org) or contact any of us directly:

- Regina Vidaver, chair*
- Bennett Berson*
- Naomi Chesler*
- Yonah Drazen*
- Michal Engelman*
- Rick Ezell*
- Steve Jellinek*
- Kazu Kitano*
- Laurie Nagus*
- Bill Schwab*
- Nadav Shelef*
- Matt Banks, ex-officio*
- Rabbi Sami Barth, consultant*
- Elissa Pollack, staff*

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## Yahrzeits

### 12 Heshvan / November 1

Jacob Altschuler  
Herman Argand  
Bessie Katz  
Aaron Kerlow

### 13 Heshvan / November 2

Faye Jacobs  
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Eli Wolman

### 14 Heshvan / November 3

Marcy Deutsch  
Harry Luterman  
Ruth Seder  
Minnie Sokolov  
Reva Sweet

### 15 Heshvan / November 4

Erin Karp  
Lilly Kopelberg  
Meir Lazimy  
Della Zimmerman  
Philip Zlochenko

### 16 Heshvan / November 5

Norman Feldman  
Jake Heifetz  
D.J. Wasserstrom

### 17 Heshvan / November 6

Harry Joselewitz

### 18 Heshvan / November 7

Toyba Black  
Benny Sweet  
Bertha Wener

### 19 Heshvan / November 8

Rebecca Cohen  
Judy Siegel  
D. Bernard Weinberg

### 20 Heshvan / November 9

Clara Rothblatt

### 21 Heshvan / November 10

Isadore Goldstein  
Hyman Marlowe

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# Social Action Updates

## Social Action Shabbat: Saturday, November 18

If you've heard the call of social action recently, you can explore some ways to answer by attending Shabbat services on November 18 when we'll hear brief talks by representatives of Porchlight and The Road Home, two local agencies grappling with homelessness in our city. At a special sponsored Kiddush afterwards, we'll have some tables set aside (not all; regular schmoozing and socializing is still an option!) where interested congregants can focus on a specific issue calling for action—a homelessness table, say, or an immigration or a hunger or a racial justice table—and can meet with like-minded fellow members while gathering information about options for action. Come join us for Social Action Shabbat and see what inspires you!

## 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 Center 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. Or find the sign-up link on our website. Look under Ways to Give, then Volunteer Opportunities. At press time, there were many open slots!

## The Road Home

Since 2013, Beth Israel Center has served 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. This program is winding down, as other ways to support homeless families take shape. **Our last Buddy Congregation week is December 31-January 7.** Sign up on the BIC website or [www.midvalelutheran.org](http://www.midvalelutheran.org). Please contact the BIC office if you need help signing up.

## 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.

## Refugee Resettlement Efforts

Beth Israel Center volunteers are among those supporting the new refugee resettlement program spearheaded by Jewish Social Services of Madison. Beth Israel Center is also a drop-off site for donated supplies. Needed items are listed online; you'll find an updated link on our website. Please contact Paul Borowsky at JSS to volunteer or for more information: (608) 278-1808, [paul@jssmadison.org](mailto:paul@jssmadison.org).

## Friends of Emerson School

Jewish Congregations for Social Justice -- our ongoing cooperative effort with Temple Beth El and Congregation Shaarei Shamayim -- continues to support Emerson Elementary School. **New this year, literacy mentors** are needed to work with students. The math mentor program is also continuing. In addition, the Tuesday Night Lights program is also continuing, although only three times—a fall Harvest program (which was in October), a Science Night on April 3 and a Multi-Cultural Night on May 1. For more information, email [jcsjmadison@gmail.com](mailto:jcsjmadison@gmail.com), visit [www.jewishcongregationsforsocialjustice.org](http://www.jewishcongregationsforsocialjustice.org), or visit JCSJ's Facebook page.

**Yahrzeits**

**22 Heshvan / November 11**

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

**23 Heshvan / November 12**

Abraham Felsher  
Mathilde Salomon

**24 Heshvan / November 13**

Mae Levy  
Dorothy Nelson  
Horace Rosen

**25 Heshvan / November 14**

Victor Dorret  
Lena Peturs  
Irving Saposnik  
Andrea Stein

**26 Heshvan / November 15**

Ella Glass  
Bertha Rubin  
David Zaichick

**27 Heshvan / November 16**

Daniel Goldstein  
Frank Quick  
Joseph Vein  
Soloman Volpiansky  
Ida Weinstein

**28 Heshvan / November 17**

Fritz Gutmann  
Fannie Sweet

**29 Heshvan / November 18**

Rachel Dworetzky  
Martin Kaufman  
Pinie Morgensteren  
Ann Rock  
Dov Schwartz  
Eli Shelef  
Milton Slavney

**1 Kislev / November 19**

Ivan Lavine

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**Kol Nidre "Food for Thought" Fund Drive**

The Food For Thought Initiative -- co-founded by Beth Israel Center member Lea Aschkenase in honor of her mother, a Holocaust survivor who knew hunger as a child -- works with the Madison Metropolitan School District to provide food to hungry students and their families.

For the second year, we asked you to donate the dollars you might have spent on food were you not fasting for Yom Kippur. Our 2017 Kol Nidre fund drive brought in \$2,285.89 on Kol Nidre night, and an additional \$739 was donated online.

Here are some words of gratitude from Lea:

*Dear Beth Israel congregants,  
Food For Thought Initiative (Food4TI) volunteers and I thank you for your generous donations to our organization. Your contributions allow us to fulfill our mission of providing nutritious food to hungry students. Food4TI now operates three in-school pantries (East High, Sandburg Elementary, Mendota Elementary). The money you donated will fully stock the refrigerator and freezer at Mendota Elementary School, our newest pantry, for 15 weeks. This is indeed a mitzvah.  
With deep gratitude,  
Lea Aschkenase, Founder, Food4TI*



**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

### 2 Kislev / November 20

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

### 3 Kislev / November 21

Daniel Alexander  
Joseph Epstein  
Isaac Kanter  
Robert Schneider  
Abraham Wolfson

### 4 Kislev / November 22

Max Meister  
Rachel Recht

### 5 Kislev / November 23

Cara Hoffert  
Maurice Silverman  
Lizzie Silverman

### 6 Kislev / November 24

George Behrman  
Sol Frank  
Earl Gladstein  
Rebecca Rosenberg

### 7 Kislev / November 25

Alfred Barth  
Tibor Lax  
Sam Lewis  
Alex Swartz

### 8 Kislev / November 26

Leonard Baumblatt

### 9 Kislev / November 27

Stanley Cohen  
Bertha Friedman  
Henry Rosenberg

### 10 Kislev / November 28

Betty Mandell  
Irving Maydeck  
Julius Mintz  
Louis Rodman

### 11 Kislev / November 29

Peter Druch  
Morris Frank



# Volunteer Appreciation

**There are many ways to contribute time, energy and expertise to our congregation. Listed here are a few, and the people who helped in these ways recently. If any of these activities interest you, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Deborah Hoffman at (608) 256-7763 or [hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org).**

**Shabbat Kiddush:** Donna Anderson, David Baum, Hannah Bernard-Donals, Mollie Charon, Ron Dolin, Doris Dubielzig, Josh Gabai, Patricia Green-Sotos, Roz Gusinow, Jen Hadley, Sophie Hadley, Billie Hellerstein, Elisa Heymann, Elise Hohol, Raimund Huber, Jonathan Ivry, Bobbie Jellinek, Steve Jellinek, Kathi Johnson Rock, Bill Karasov, Corliss Karasov, Erica Kesin Richmond, Steve Kessler, Kazu Kitano, Lorna Kniaz, Jeff Mandell, Sara Mandell, Laurel Mark, Adam Mednick, Aphra Mednick, Bart Miller, Barbara Myers Temkin, Laurie Nagus, Janice Noonan, Tziporah Quick, Michael Rock, Felice Rudin, Miriam Shelef, Chad Sniffen, Merle Sternberg, Regina Vidaver, Paula Volpiansky, Phyllis Wainger, Paul Wilson, Max Zimon

**Shabbat Greeters:** Marsha Cohen, Cher Diamond, Yonah Drazen, Anna Heifetz, Cynthia Hirsch, Jordy Loeb, Jonathan Pollack, Mike Pratzel, Mike Pressman, Barry Rich, Francie Saposnik, Fran Schrag, Sally Schrag

**Taco Bar Dinner:** Livia Asher, Ashley Gordon, Judy Pierotti, Bob Skloot

**High Holiday Helpers:** *Polishing Torah Silver:* David Balkansky  
*Washing of Tallitot:* Hannah Bernard-Donals, Kris Rasmussen  
*Siddur/Machzor Book Swap:* Ritual Committee, Talmud Torah students, Micah Copelovitch

**Yom Kippur Break Fast Set-up and Clean-up:** Marsha Cohen, Judith Deutsch Kornblatt, Jane Fox, Michael Fox, Josh Gabai, Fran Greenman, Roz Gusinow, Jen Hadley, Anna Heifetz, Elise Hohol, Kazu Kitano, Karen Shevet Dinah

**High Holiday Ushers:** David Baum, Bennett Berson, Judith Blank, Robert Blank, Howard Bregman, Melanie Cohen, Josh Gabai, Roz Gusinow, Hank Jasen, Steve Jellinek, Lorna Kniaz, Jeff Lindholm, Jordy Loeb, Ed Marion, Bart Miller, Laurie Nagus, Mike Pressman, Tziporah Quick, Russ Shafer-Landau, Stephanie Stone, Phyllis Wainger, Jim Wear, Paul Wilson

**BIC Sukkah:** Steve Goldstein, Heidi, Simon, and Charlotte Heller, Jeff Lindholm, Jordy Loeb, Dan Sidney

**Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, Simchat Torah Kiddushim:** Judith Burstyn, Steve Goldstein, Elise Hohol, Raimund Huber, Adam Mednick

**Sukkah Hop Hosts:** Rabbis Laurie Zimmerman & Renee Bauer, Matt Banks, Jessie & Jordy Loeb, Steve Goldstein & Laura Heisler, Anne Altshuler & David Sulman, Naomi Chesler & Dan Sidney, Ruth Litovsky & David Baum, Louise Goldstein & Bruce Thomadsen

**Simchat Torah Deli Dinner:** Dave Blehert, Cher Diamond, Josh Gabai, Sam Gellman, Fran Greenman, Roz Gusinow, Elisa Heymann, Kazu Kitano, Ed Marion, Adam Mednick, Bart Miller, Janis Noonan, Mike Pressman, Karen Shevet Dinah

## Yahrzeits

### 12 Kislev / November 30

Max Friedman  
Jake Temkin

### 13 Kislev / December 1

Theodore Hirschfeld  
Dorothy Lerner

### 14 Kislev / December 2

Andrew Benedict  
Herman Richey  
Pauline Rosenthal  
Clara Shapiro

### 15 Kislev / December 3

Ida Chudacoff  
Isadore Schuster

### 16 Kislev / December 4

Fannie Battalen  
Ed Pickett  
Arnold Simon

### 17 Kislev / December 5

Herman Cohen  
Susanne Gellman  
Pola Gordon  
Esther Zatlin

### 18 Kislev / December 6

Celia Borenstein  
Louis Gross  
Julia Grunes  
Ann Siegel

### 19 Kislev / December 7

Idabella Rosen  
Jacob Meyer Schwam

### 20 Kislev / December 8

Za'av Rosenberg

### 21 Kislev / December 9

Louis Kaufman  
Dov Morgensteren  
Clara Novick  
Franya Sotbotka

### 22 Kislev / December 10

Sarah Klitsner

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**Yard Workers:** Howard Bregman, Judith Burstyn, Aaron Friedman, Sally Jones, Jeff Lindholm

**The Road Home Buddies:** Marsha Cohen, Kazu Kitano, Lorna Kniaz, Mike Pressman

**Porchlight Men's Shelter:** David Baum, Elisa Heymann, Steve Kessler, Bart Miller, Russ Shafer-Landau, Bob Skloot, JoAnn Skloot

**Laundry Angels:** Hannah Bernard-Donals, Leslie Fields, Patricia Green-Sotos, Cynthia Hirsch, Becky Holmes, Sally Jones, Erica Kesin Richmond, Kazu Kitano, Karen Shevet Dinah, Kris Rasmussen

**Shabbat Morning Program Madrichot:** Gaby Baum, Mirra Blehert, Maya Desai, Leila Loeb, Eliza Mednick, Amira Pierotti, Josephine Sidney



## 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](mailto:hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org) or call (608) 256-7763 for information about joining the merry band of helpers.

### 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](mailto: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 Center, 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 recent and upcoming Kiddush sponsorships:

- September 16 – Sara and Jeff Mandell on the first Shabbat of the school new year
- September 23 – Rabbi Sami Barth and Karen Barth on their 25th wedding anniversary
- October 28 – Judith Blank on behalf of our congregants
- November 4 – Aphra and Adam Mednick on the occasion of their daughter Eliza becoming a Bat Mitzvah
- November 18 — Social Action Committee on Social Action Shabbat
- December 2 – Naomi Chesler and Dan Sidney on the occasion of their daughter Josephine becoming a Bat Mitzvah

## Yahrzeits

### 23 Kislev / December 11

Menashe Lazimy  
Dorothy Miller  
Sampson Myers  
Morris Schwab  
Akiva Temkin

### 24 Kislev / December 12

Jerome Berson  
S.B. Schein

### 25 Kislev / December 13

Evelyn Friedman  
Regina Gordon  
Nathan Pressman  
Leah Sweet

### 26 Kislev / December 14

Cynthia Von Klingler  
Harry Zitowsky

### 27 Kislev / December 15

Joseph Beitel  
Regina Charon  
Melvin Gutmann  
Dora Jacobson  
Leo Sulman

### 28 Kislev / December 16

Jane Larson  
Faith Meissner Macke  
Bessie Schwab  
Edward Soref  
Max Victor  
Jane Wolman

### 29 Kislev / December 17

Abraham Rosenberg  
Yehoshua Zaichick

### 30 Kislev / December 18

Jesse Battalen  
Miriam Joselewitz  
Phillip Kaplan

### 1 Tevet / December 19

Frieda Borenstein  
Isadore Kosowsky  
Charles Smith

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## 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 on the following pages. Many of our named funds support particular aspects of our program.

Below and on the following pages is a record of the memorial and tribute gifts made to these funds between mid-July and mid-October.

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.

### Abraham Barash Handicap Fund

*in memory of*

**Rose Karan** from Dr. Val Karan

**Hilda Barash** from Eva Eiseman

**Robert Gold** from Marion Gold

**Nathan Borenstein** from Phyllis Eisenberg

### Alex Temkin Fund

*in memory of*

**Jane Grady** from Howard & Sally Mazur

### Art Fund

*in honor of*

**Ghita Bessman's granddaughter Ariela's senior piano recital** from Natalie Borenstein

*in memory of*

**Anna Grossman Hill** from Ghita Bessman

### Ben Minkoff Fund

*in memory of*

**Hyman Harry Minkoff and Ben Minkoff** from Joel & Debbie Minkoff

### Beth Israel Fund for the Future

*in honor of*

**The 100th birthday of Mrs. Bess Borenstein** from Natalie Borenstein

*in memory of*

**Miriam Sulman** from Aaron & Cecille Sulman

**Albert Borenstein and Nathan Borenstein** from Natalie Borenstein

### David Temkin Camp Ramah Fund

*in memory of*

**Shoshana Hellerstein and Jacob Hellerstein** from Si & Billie Hellerstein

### General Fund

*in honor of*

**Benno Loeb's Bar Mitzvah** from Agnes Rothblatt

**The work of the Ritual committee, the beautiful D'var by Yishai Barth and the 25th anniversary of Rabbi Sami and Karen Barth** from Herbert Lewis &

Francie Saposnik

**Andrea joining BIC** from Steven & Bobbie Jellinek

**Deb Hoffman** from Daniel & Ruth Siegel

*in memory of*

**Rose Druch** from Allan Druch



# Memorial & Tribute Gifts

## General Fund

*in memory of*

**Esther Lewis and Genevieve Ruben** from Arnold & Sharon Ruben  
**Roy Anderson** from Bill & Jill Boissonnault  
**Benjamin Rothblatt** from Cheryl Lerner  
**Anna Weiss Bentley** from Daniel & Ruth Siegel  
**Lillian Rosenzweig** from David & Cheryl Rosen  
**Judy Balkansky** from David Balkansky  
**Henry Karpe** from David Karpe & Julita Jankowska  
**Warren Randy** from Kathy Gehl and Robert Factor & Kris Rasmussen  
**Rebekah Azen and Amy Azen** from Edwin Azen  
**Franklin Mann** from Frances Mann  
**Naomi Sinagub** from Jonathan Sinagub  
**Alma Sweet** from Judith Shapiro  
**Charlotte and Ralph Musin** from Mark Musin  
**Rachel Hayman Cohen** from Moshe & Haya Yuchtman  
**Herman Lazarov and Hyman Landweber** from Mr. & Mrs. Larry Landweber  
**Albert Borenstein** from Neil Borenstein  
**Samuel Springberg** from Peter Springberg  
**Albert Borenstein & Coleman Slavney and Marilyn Holman** from Phyllis Eisenberg

## Holman/Weisbard Fund for Adult Jewish Learning

*in honor of*

**Shofar blowers, Steve Kessler, Bob Factor and Zach Masa-Myers** from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein  
**Rabbi Sami & Karen Barth's 25th anniversary** from Karen Shevet Dinah, Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen and Phyllis Weisbard  
**Benno Loeb's Bar Mitzvah** from Kazu Kitano

*in memory of*

**Dr. Douglas Batty and Roy Anderson** from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

## Joe Temkin Education Fund

*in memory of*

**Herbert Miller** from Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin  
**Bessie Onheiber** from Sam & Maria Onheiber

## Madison Center for Jewish Meditation

*in honor of*

**Matt Banks and the Meditation Retreat** from Becky Schigiel

## Martin & Serene Mazor Kiddush Fund

*in honor of*

**Jonathan Greenspan Bar Mitzvah, Micah Coplevitch Bar Mitzvah, Benno Loeb Bar Mitzvah, Rabbi Shelley Kniaz named Educator of the Year in Bergen County, Deb Hoffman and kiddush crew and Sylvia Grunes** from Lorna Kniaz  
**Dr. Douglas G. Batty** from Daniel & Leslie Greenspan  
**The 90th birthday of Herman Goldstein's brother, Sid and of the birth of his great-nephew** from Rayla Temin  
**Lorna Kniaz** from Roz Levin

## Yahrzeits

### 2 Tevet / December 20

William Bloom  
 Richard Kaplan  
 Martha Wechselblatt Skloot

### 3 Tevet / December 21

Phillip Becker  
 Sol Goldstein  
 Bart Green  
 Max Sklar  
 Harry Sweet

### 4 Tevet / December 22

Oscar Karp  
 Leila Kniaz  
 Eva Moss

### 5 Tevet / December 23

Ruth Beitel  
 Esther Shapiro  
 Ben Sweet  
 Gordon Wein  
 Sylvia Wein

### 6 Tevet / December 24

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

### 7 Tevet / December 25

Irving Rudin

### 8 Tevet / December 26

Fanny Cherkas  
 M. David Wolman

### 9 Tevet / December 27

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

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## Yahrzeits

### 10 Tevet / December 28

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

### 11 Tevet / December 29

Harold Blachman  
Lydia Kniaz  
Bessie Ruttenberg  
Carl Schlam  
Frances Spitz

### 12 Tevet / December 30

Rebecca Greenwald  
Bella Radbil  
Oscar Randy

### 13 Tevet / December 31

Sushie Hershkowitz  
Irene Margolis  
Hyman Shapiro  
Herman Stein  
Moshe Temkin  
Shaine Temkin

### 14 Tevet / January 1

Abraham Blumenfeld  
Celia Temkin

### 15 Tevet / January 2

Frank Melnik  
Paul Stein

### 16 Tevet / January 3

Arthur Figler  
Raymond Lassen  
Larry Mazursky  
Ida Paley  
Sophie Sweet

### 17 Tevet / January 4

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



## Memorial & Tribute Gifts

### Martin & Serene Mazor Kiddush Fund

*in memory of*

**Dr. Douglas Batty** from David & Nancy Resnick

**Roy Anderson** from Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin

**Silvan Schweber, Bob Schwartz, Harry Kniaz, Morris Kniaz, Bertha Kniaz,**

**Warren Randy and Lalia Karasov** from Lorna Kniaz

**Alvin Pratzel and Linda Tetzlaff** from Michael & Barbara Pratzel

**Roy Anderson** from Michael Rock & Kathi Johnson Rock

### L'Dor v'Dor

*in honor of*

**The marriage of Ben Minkoff and Sarah Callahan** from Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin

**Sherwood Malamud & Barbara Spar's new grandchild and Benno Loeb's Bar Mitzvah** from Rayla Temin

**Rabbi Sami and Karen Barth's 25th wedding anniversary** from Si & Billie Hellerstein

*in memory of*

**William Frank** from Alfred & Lois Frank

**Joseph Rossman and Harry Hirschfeld** from Ben & Sherry Hirschfeld

**Norton Gahr, William Schwartz and Yetta Schwartz** from Dorothy Schwartz

**Dr. Douglas Batty and Roy Anderson** from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

**Warren Randy** from Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin

**Charles & Ethel Lipstein** from Joan Ershler

**Miriam Siroky** from Livia Asher

**Jack Portnoy** from Marilyn & Stuart Cooper

**Rae Rapkin** from Mitch & Sharon Rapkin

**Elva Simon** from Mollybelle Berish

**Coleman Slaveny** from Phillip Slavney

**Max Weigler** from Roz Levin

**Dr. Douglas Batty, Warren Randy and Roy Anderson** from Si & Billie Hellerstein

**Albert Borenstein** from Steven & Sandra Borenstein

### Mikvah Fund

*in honor of*

**Rabbi Sami and Karen Barth's 25th wedding anniversary** from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

**Jonathan & Susan Lipp's anniversary** from Sylvia Grunes

### Julius Mintz Fund

*in honor of*

**Sylvia Grunes** from Phyllis Mintz Eisenberg

*in memory of*

**Albert & Vivian Daniels** from Barbara & Gary Beyer

**Bayla Rachel Mazursky** from Howard & Sally Mazur





# Memorial & Tribute Gifts

## Julius Mintz Fund

*in memory of*

**Sam & Ida Paley, Milton & Mollie Finn, Joe & Belle Liebovich, Ted & Anne Matsoff, Moshe, Lieb and Ben Paley, Sheldon Liebovich, Asne Zaichick, Fruma Mintz, Isadore & Minnie Eisenberg, Herman & Mollie Fortgang, Bina & Rose Frey, Abe Eisenberg, Marvin Eisenberg, Luby Mintz, Harry Tobias, Bob Schwartz, Annette Gould, Marshall Mintz and Sarah Mintz** from Phyllis Mintz Eisenberg  
**Rachel Weinstein, Anna Blumenfeld and Benjamin Weinstein** from Sol & Corlie Blumenfeld  
**Sam Schwartz** from Steven, Larry & Fred Schwartz

## Morris Heifetz Welfare Fund

*in memory of*

**Helen Haber** from Sheldon Haber  
**Isadore Rubin & Beatrice Sinaiko Marlowe** from Robert & Judith Rubin

## Prayerbook Fund

*in memory of*

**Louis Wein** from Nancy & Loretta Wein

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

*in honor of*

**The de Laix family for doing the hardest job of the High Holidays, Steve Kessler for his Shofar blowing, Benno Loeb's Bar Mitzvah, Bob Factor for his Shofar blowing and Talia Dolin's Bat Mitzvah** from Howard & Heidi Bregman  
**The 25th wedding anniversary of Rabbi Sami & Karen Barth** from Robert & Joann Skloot, Rayla Temin and Sylvia Grunes

*in memory of*

**Evelyn Wasserstrom** from Bruce, Jennifer & Emma Wasserstrom

## Rosenberg Education Fund

*in memory of*

**Julia Lakritz** from Sheldon Haber

## A. J. & Celia Rosenberg Library Fund

*in memory of*

**Patricia Cohler** from Bill & Jill Boissonnault  
**Warren Randy** from Irwin Rosenberg  
**Gilbert Rosenberg** from Lyn Rosenberg  
**Norman Frank** from Phyllis Schwartz

## Shirley Epstein Fund

*in memory of*

**Shirley Epstein** from Dennis & Nancy Lieder  
**Shirley Epstein and Aaron Epstein** from Larry & Patti Epstein  
**Norman Zaichick and Sarah Zaichick** from Sol Zaichick

## Social Action Fund

*in honor of*

**Jordy Loeb** from Robert Factor & Kris Rasmussen

## Yahrzeits

**18 Tevet / January 5**  
Nehama Grant Kaufman  
Gofberg  
Benjamin Heifetz  
Bessie Ottenstein  
Sayde Schackter  
Moshe Temkin

**19 Tevet / January 6**  
Abraham Freedman  
Debra Friedman  
Patricia Mary Johnson  
Libby Sweet

**20 Tevet / January 7**  
Minnie Frank Lustgarden  
Eva Jacobsohn  
Louis Paley  
Benjamin Rappaport  
Joseph Wolman

**21 Tevet / January 8**  
Libby Burstein  
Herbert Hirsch  
Harry Schiff  
Celia Sweet  
Bess Wexler

**22 Tevet / January 9**  
Anna Kneller  
Sidney Sweet

**23 Tevet / January 10**  
Nathan Bornstein  
Zlota Goodman  
Anne Newburg Remis  
Zehavah bat Shmuel  
v'Hannah  
Rose Sweet  
Pauline Switzky  
Harold Weber

**24 Tevet / January 11**  
Pearl England  
Euruchim Epstein  
Henry Gurevich  
Jack Haus  
Mildred Robinson  
Fannie Ruskin  
George Vidaver

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**Yahrzeits**

**25 Tevet / January 12**

Kitty Katz  
Ethel Latinsky  
Albert Schain  
Tillie Yaskal

**26 Tevet / January 13**

Aaron Urkofsky

**27 Tevet / January 14**

Lois Graber  
Edwin Miner

**28 Tevet / January 15**

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

**29 Tevet / January 16**

Carol Bregman  
Arnold Luterman  
Portia Paradise

**1 Shevat / January 17**

Alma Frank  
Louis Kaplan  
Mollie Paley Finn  
Nell Pekarsky

**2 Shevat / January 18**

Pearl Springberg  
Leo Stark  
William Sweet  
Henry Weiss

**3 Shevat / January 19**

Bernice Kliebard  
Tilly Nathenson

**4 Shevat / January 20**

Phyllis Levinthal  
Sam Sweet

**5 Shevat / January 21**

Melvin Comins  
Anita Messerman  
Wolf Mintz



# Memorial & Tribute Gifts

**Social Action Fund**

*in memory of*

**Dr. Douglas Batty, Roy Anderson and Barbara Cohen** from Robert Factor & Kris Rasmussen  
**Roy Anderson** from Michael & Patrice Onheiber

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*in memory of*

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*in honor of*

**The Ritual Committee, Rayla Temin, Rabbi Sami and Benno Loeb's bar mitzvah** from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

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**Youth Fund**

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**Benno Loeb's Bar Mitzvah and Bill & Corliss Karasov's new grandchild** from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen



## November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Eliza Mednick Bat Mitzvah  Meditation Vayera
5 Subversive Prayer Yard Work Day MOUSY program	6	7	8	9	10	11  Torah Study  Chayah Sarah
12  Yom Rishon	13	14  Board of Directors	15	16  Camp Ramah Info Session & Dinner	17  Potluck Dinner	18  Meditation  Toldot
19  Subversive Prayer MOUSY program Rosh Chodesh	20	21	22	23  Office Closed  Thanksgiving	24  Office Closed	25  Torah Study  Vayetze
26  Subversive Prayer	27	28	29	30  Camp Interlaken JCC Info Session		

# December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Josephine Sidney Bat Mitzvah  Meditation <i>Vayishlach</i>
3 Subversive Prayer	4	5	6	7	8	9 Torah Study Learners Minyan MOUSY program <i>Vayeshev</i>
10	11	12 Board of Directors	13	14 Hanukkah Party	15 MOUSY Shabbat Schmooze	16 Meditation Learners Minyan  Miketz
17 Yom Rishon	18 Rosh Chodesh	19 Last Talmud Torah of 2017	20	21	22	23 Torah Study  <i>Vayigash</i>
24	25 Office Closed	26	27	28	29	30 Torah Study  <i>Vayechi</i>
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# January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Office Closed	2	3	4	5	6 Meditation  <i>Shemot</i>
The Road Home Buddy Congregation week ->						
7 Subversive Prayer	8	9 Board of Directors	10	11	12	13 Torah Study  Supper Quiz <i>Va'era</i>
14 Subversive Prayer	15 Office Closed MLK Day Youth Program	16	17 Rosh Chodesh	18	19	20 Meditation Learners Minyan  <i>Bo</i>
21 Subversive Prayer	22	23 Talmud Torah Resumes	24	25	26	27 Torah Study Learners Minyan  <i>Beshalach</i>
28 Subversive Prayer  Yom Rishon	29	30	31 Tu B'Shevat			

## Yahrzeits

**6 Shevat / January 22**  
Harold Blank  
Clara Gahr  
Simon Katz

**7 Shevat / January 23**  
Bernard Kaplan  
Max Sherman  
Sidney Skom  
Sylvia Temkin

**8 Shevat / January 24**  
Sarah Schmidt  
Harry Sweet

**9 Shevat / January 25**  
Yetta Moskowitz  
Doris Silvern  
Hyman Silverstein

**10 Shevat / January 26**  
Harold E. Factor  
John Morrison  
Jack Rosenthal  
Ethel Shovers

**11 Shevat / January 27**  
Rhoda Berk  
Abraham Hershkowitz  
Reva Moss  
David Perlman  
Minnie Slavney

**12 Shevat / January 28**  
Louis Coppersmith  
Arthur Moss  
Martin Steinberger

**13 Shevat / January 29**  
Abe Berk  
Morris Greenberg  
Ruth Hill  
Yetta Slafer  
Jacob Sweet  
Morris Wyman

**14 Shevat / January 30**  
Esther Feldman  
Ella Hirschfeld  
Joseph Holman  
Samuel Swartz

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## November ~ December ~ January Schedule

Date	Parshat	Candle Lighting	Shabbat Services
November 3/4	Vayera	Candles 5:28p	Fridays 5:45pm
November 10/11	Chayei Sara	Candles 4:20p	Saturdays 9:30am
November 17/18	Toldot	Candles 4:13p	
November 24/25	Vayetzei	Candles 4:08p	
December 1/2	Vayishlach	Candles 4:05p	
December 8/9	Vayeshev	Candles 4:04p	
December 15/16	Miketz	Candles 4:05p	
December 22/23	Vayigash	Candles 4:08p	
December 29/30	Vayechi	Candles 4:13p	
January 5/6	Shemot	Candles 4:20p	
January 12/13	Vaera	Candles 4:27p	
January 19/20	Bo	Candles 4:36p	
January 26/27	Beshalach	Candles 4:45p	

### 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.