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Upcoming Programs & Events

7th Annual Lag B'Omer BBQ—Thursday evening, May 7

Come to Beth Israel Center on Thursday evening for freshly grilled burgers (beef and veggie) and hot dogs! Enjoy beer or soft drinks and the live salsa stylings of Mideast Salsa! The fun starts at 5:45. Rain or shine. FREE!

Kibud Limudim—Saturday morning, May 16

Celebrate our community of learners — those completing milestones in their Jewish education (2nd, 5th and 7th graders) and all of our education program participants — during Shabbat morning services and with a special Kiddush afterwards.

NEW: Kesharim Chamoosh—Sunday afternoon, May 17

Beth Israel Center introduces a new program for those are not so young but still active, not so absorbed in work or family as you once were, and interested in occasional gatherings where you can learn and socialize in a Jewish setting. *See the full description on page 4.*

*******Tikkun Leil Shavuot—Saturday night, May 23*******

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: **Building - Dwelling - Shelter - Home, L'ivnot U'Lehibanot**: To Build and Be Built. What makes a house a home? How do actual spaces shape sacred experiences? Join us as we explore Biblical, Rabbinic and modern texts to better understand how physical and metaphorical spaces help us to experience the sacred and live with intention. Feel free to come for all or part of this lively celebration of Judaism's love of study and learning.

Race to Equity Presentation—Thursday evening, May 27

An important Social Action program. *See details on page 7.*

Kolot Kehilla—Sunday morning, May 31

This Sunday morning speaker series, introduced this spring, features the voices of our congregation. A light breakfast will be served at 9:30.

Kitchen Training—Sunday morning, June 7

Learn about keeping kosher in an industrial kitchen, as well as how to use our new equipment, where things are, and how to safely use the new BIC kitchen. 9:30-11:30.

Summer Shabbat Potlucks in Hoyt Park

Mark your calendars and welcome Shabbat with your Beth Israel friends in the great outdoors!

June 19, July 17, August 21, September 11

Services begin at 5:45pm and all are welcome to stay for dinner. Bring friends and



Thoughts from the Rabbi...

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Next Centerite Deadline:

July 6, 2015

Our tradition teaches us to treat our sacred texts with the utmost level of respect. Last year, while our new building was under construction, a group of congregants got together to help bury the



copies of our old *mahzor* (siddur for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur) we had replaced a few years ago with our new *Mahzor Lev Shalem*. We had been keeping the old machzorum in boxes in a few places, most

recently in the old bunker which is now our *geniza* (hidden place for the storage of sacred texts that are no longer useable) and had the opportunity to bury them deeply in one of the new planters at the corner of Mound and Randall. Having served our community for so many years, they now have a safe and respectful final resting place.



September 11, 2014

The way we care for our books makes a statement about their place in our minds, our hearts and our lives. We got down into an eight-foot-deep cement box and lovingly placed our old books in the ground as they might appear on a shelf in a library (at least as much as we were able to) to make a statement. These books remain sacred because the words they contain are sacred—even if their current form is not useful.

One reason that our books are so important to us is that they tell our story. When I pick up a siddur or chumash in our sanctuary or in our small sanctuary, I am in the habit of opening to the inside of the front cover and checking for a

dedication. Sometimes I come across a dedication that tells one of our personal stories. Our collection of siddurim come from a variety of places. Some were purchased new many years ago from the United Synagogue book service. Others were collected over the years as other congregations purchased new siddurim, so some have dedications from other congregations.

One siddur in our sanctuary was dedicated in honor of a rabbi I know who served his congregation for twenty five years. Seeing it, I feel connected to him and his *kahal* (congregation). Many of our siddurim were dedicated by members of our *kahal* to honor a person, a moment or a memory. One that I came across recently warmed my heart and connected

me with a sacred moment in the history of this congregation. This dedication reads "In honor of Rayla Temin becoming a Gabbai" and it was dedicated by her husband, Howard. In this one siddur I felt witness to the love of a husband and wife, to his pride at her accomplishment and to the ways in which

these and other elements remain entwined with the life of our *kahal*.

Dedicating a sacred text is more than an opportunity to make a contribution to our *kahal*. It is a way to tie the memory of a loved one or of a special event in your life or the life of your family to the life of our congregation. This will be true decades later, even after we no longer use the books in our sanctuary.

We just acquired over one hundred new Etz Hayim chumashim. Now on a Shabbat without a simcha, each member of our community can follow the Torah reading in the chumash of our movement and our *kahal* has enough chumashim so that even at a bar or bat mitzvah, every



President's Column

The gala grand opening celebration was fabulous! The food was fantastic, the room was beautiful and everyone had a great time. This was a well-deserved celebration of an impressive community accomplishment. (Truth be told, this and other columns for the Centerite were written weeks before delivery and well before the Gala. But such is my confidence in the creative talents of the committee chairs Sue Shafer-Landau and Cherie Mandel Diamond, the planning skill of Judy Schreiber of RSVP and the tenacity of Elissa Pollack.) Thank you to everyone who helped plan, sponsor and attend this wonderful celebration.

Our construction project occupied so much time and attention over the last year that it is possible to overlook what else we accomplished. BIC maintained our standard, high level programming—Shabbat services, Talmud Torah, MOUSY, Kadima, weekly Kiddush lunches as well as others. At the same time, BIC continued to work to develop innovative programming. This included Joey Weisenberg helping us enhance our musical experience, Torah and Mindfulness to enhance our spiritual experience, Melton Foundations and other classes to enhance our adult educational experience, and Kolot Kehillah to enhance our communal experience. Frankly, it would have been impressive if we maintained half of this programming during construction. We cannot say thank you enough to our Rabbi and staff for their dedication and hard work.

As our program year slows down for the summer and we turn our planning to High Holidays and beyond, it is amazing to wonder at the possibilities. If we were able to build a building while maintaining our program, what else can

we do? I know that Rabbi Ben-Gideon, our staff and lay leaders continually strive to bring innovative ideas forward for the congregation.

I have already confessed that hanging up my honorary hard hat was a bittersweet moment. I loved what we were able to accomplish as a Building Committee and congregation.



However, I look forward to my second year as President without this major project looming large. We built a building to serve future generations and now it is time to put it to use. The Board and our committees are working on a number of issues that were put on hold during construction. We need to ensure that our programs and leadership, as well as our building, are suited for the needs of a 21st century Jewish community. Completing this project should give us confidence that we are up to the task.

As I look forward to how this new building might be used and what Jewish life in Madison might look like in 10 or 20 years, my mind starts to wander with the unknown. What I do know is that *simchas* will always be *simchas*. This building has already seen the first bar mitzvah. We look forward to the first wedding, bris, baby naming and many other celebrations.

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person can have their own book. Each book's sacred purpose is waiting to be enhanced by the special intention behind your dedication.

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Weekday Minyan

To assure a weekday minyan, contact the office,
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1406 Mound St.

Sunday mornings
 8:15am

Monday & Thursday
 mornings
 7:00am

Sunday thru Thursday
 evenings
 5:30pm

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 9am to 5pm

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FINDING YOUR WAY IN THE NEW 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

Elissa Pollack

Simchas & Announcements

MAZAL TOV to...

Corliss and Bill Karasov on the birth of their grandson, Zevy Torres Karasov, on January 23

Eli Temkin, son of Harvey and Barbara Myers Temkin, on his engagement to Emma Eismann

Ami Newman-Paul and Angie Farris on their marriage on March 21.

Diane Gutmann and Tom Palay on the birth of their granddaughter Sydney Jane Palay in March

Nancy and David Resnick on the birth of their grandchild in April



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

Eliya Syvertsen, who will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on June 6

Ilana Greenspan, who will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on June 13

The past few months have seen some exciting “firsts” in our new building and in the life of our congregation.

Some are programmatic, some structural, others organizational. For example, we introduced Kolot Kehilla this spring -- a Sunday morning speaker series



featuring the voices of our congregation -- and are poised to roll out Kesharim Chamoosh (details below). Our new Ark and bima are near completion as I write this. And we formed a new committee that will share the responsibility of caring for our new mikvah.

Speaking of the mikvah, it is fully operational and we have set some suggested donation levels for various

kinds of users.

For conversions, we ask \$108 or \$54 for the child or other relative (or future relative) of a current member. For all other users, we ask members to donate \$18 for a single immersion (non-members \$36) or \$180 for unlimited immersions in a year (\$360 for non-members).

Those are the mundane details. Our new mikvah is housed in a beautiful space, and Rabbi Ben-Gideon and Beth Copelovitch are planning educational programs that will explore traditional and modern approaches to immersion in the mikvah.

In the meantime, please contact me or the Rabbi if you'd like a tour or have questions about using our new mikvah.

In closing, I'd like to add to our list of exciting firsts a heart-felt welcome our newest members, all of whom have joined since December: Judith Sone and Luke Whitmore, Kazu Kitano, and Ami Newman-Paul and Angie Farris.

NEW PROGRAM: Kesharim Chamoosh

Does this sound like you? Not so young, but still active. Not so absorbed in work or family as you once were—with retirement maybe coming up soon or not long past. Interested in occasional gatherings where you can both learn and socialize in a Jewish setting. And free on Sunday afternoon, May 17?

Kesharim Chamoosh (Connections 50s/60s/70s) aims to provide Madison Jews in their fifties, sixties or seventies an opportunity for mingling with each other while they explore ideas and indulge in a few treats. If you find yourself now with more time available and less responsibility, plus a readiness to make ties, or deepen them, with others in the Madison community, then join us at our first gathering. Bring friends or come alone—or watch for announcements of future get-togethers, in future issues of the Centerite, congregational e-mails, and on the BIC website.

On Sunday, May 17, 4:00 to 6:00 pm, Kesharim Chamoosh will come together for the first time at Beth Israel Center. We'll indulge in a sampling of vegetarian cheese, with wine and start a *sicha* (conversation) aimed at helping us take a deep breath between the recent election in Israel and the 2016 election in the United States. Rabbis Joshua and Rebecca Ben-Gideon will lead an exploration of speaking across the political divide—better and worse ways to talk with people whose beliefs differ from one's own. If you've read Jonathan Haidt's *The Righteous Mind* or Parker Palmer's *Healing the Heart of Democracy*, you may recognize some of the ideas they present, but the Rabbis Ben-Gideon will also offer a Jewish perspective on this perpetual challenge.



From the Education Director's Desk

Beth Copelovitch

Have you noticed something on Talmud Torah days? Or when your students come home? Our students don't argue (for the most part...) about coming to Talmud Torah. And when they leave for the day, they can tell you what they've learned! To use an oft-repeated quote in the Jewish Education world—This is not your parents' Hebrew School!

I'm thrilled to report that our students and teachers are happy to be here, happy to learn and happy to be a part of our community. Our well-planned curriculum allows for Torah Lishmah, learning for learning's sake, as well as following our mission to create Jews who are able to play active roles in the Jewish community and ask consequential questions and make meaningful moral decisions based on Jewish values and teachings. I've heard numerous parents tell us that their children were not only engaged in their Pesach seders, but took active roles in leading and extending the learning and conversations around the table. That's the kind of students you'll find here at Talmud Torah!

Many of our Talmud Torah faculty members have been with us for 3 or 4 years during their time at the UW-Madison. Several of them are graduating and moving on (quite a few to teaching positions in the "real world") this spring. The fact that we have undergraduate teachers that stay with us for so long speaks very highly of our program, our students and the type of teacher that we recruit. Earlier this year I shared parts of the text study that the Talmud Torah faculty and I did together at the

beginning of the year. We looked at Proverbs 22:6: "Train the child according to his *derech*; even when he gets old, he will not deviate from it" and several later texts that build upon that line. Our teachers astonished me with the reactions that they had to this text, as teachers and as Jews. The line that I remember a teacher coming up with at the end of our discussion, "Use strength in learning," has resonated with me the whole year. At the end of a book of the Torah the congregation rises and says "Hazak, hazak, v'nithazek," (Be strong, be strong and we will strengthen each other). At the end of this school year, and at the end of many of our teachers' time with us, I say to them and to their students: You have all used your strength in learning and in teaching, and we are all stronger because of it.



Come celebrate learning with us at our Kibud Limudim service on May 16. While we commend all learners, the children in these grades will be specifically honored for the commitment that they showed and the change that will occur in their Jewish education:
2nd graders (moving on to 3 day a week Talmud Torah)
5th graders (transitioning from Sunday Talmud Torah to Shabbat Morning Program)
7th graders (graduating from Talmud Torah and moving on to Midrasha)

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.

Our last Yom Rishon for the school year is on Sunday, May 10.

Adult Education

Kolot Kehilla ~ Sunday, May 31 9:30-11:00am

Kolot Kehilla, community voices, is a new Sunday morning speaker series featuring the expertise of individuals in our congregation. On May 31, Herman Goldstein will lead a discussion about community policing.

Talmud ~ Wednesdays, 9am

Rabbis Joshua and Rebecca Ben-Gideon focus on both how to study Talmud and the text and subject matter. Class meets in the Mercaz at Beth Israel Center through June 10 (and may pick up again in the fall).

Yiddish ~ Mondays, 7pm

Join Yiddish enthusiast and talented teacher Sylvia Grunes as she builds a love for the Yiddish language and culture. All levels are welcome! Meet in the Mercaz at Beth Israel Center.

Hebrew II ~ Thursdays, 7pm

This class is designed for those interested in reading Biblical Hebrew through study of the weekly Torah portion. All levels of knowledge are welcomed. Led by Anna Heifetz.



Rav Todot to BIC Volunteers

MORE THANKS!

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

The congregation expresses its gratitude to all who sponsor our Shabbat kiddushim.

Recent sponsors:

March 7 - Adrienne Borisy Gross in memory of her husband, Jerry Gross (z"l)

April 18 - BIC in honor of Sol Zaichick's decades of service to the weekday and Sunday morning minyanim

April 25 - Roz Gusinow to honor her father (z"l)

May 2 - The Building Committee in honor of our grand reopening

Thanks in advance to Harvey and Barbara Myers Temkin for sponsoring Kiddush on June 27 in honor of the engagement of their son Eli to Emma Eismann.

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

Shabbat Kiddush Krew: Anne Altshuler, Donna Anderson, Livia Asher, Avi Bernard-Donals, Hannah Bernard-Donals, Bill Boissonnault, Jill Boissonnault, Marsha Cohen, Cherie Diamond, Joshua Gabai, Louise Goldstein, Patricia Green, Roz Gusinow, Jen Hadley, Anna Heifetz, Billie Hellerstein, Becky Holmes, Kathi Johnson Rock, Steve Kessler, Kazu Kitano, Judy Knupp, Jill Korey, Renee Lauber, Laurel Mark, Bart Miller, Karen Miller, Laurie Nagus, Judy Pierotti, Tziporah Quick, Barry Rich, Michael Rock, Stefanie Rose, Felice Rudin, Fran Schrag, Sally Schrag, Julie Schreiber, Miriam Shelef, Nadav Shelef, Karen Shevet Dinah, David Sulman, Bruce Thomadsen, Regina Vidaver, Ziva Wear, Paul Wilson

Kiddush Stager and Barista: Karen Shevet Dinah

Shabbat Greeters: Anna Heifetz, Cynthia Hirsch, David Hoffert, Laurie Nagus, Mike Pratzel, Mike Pressman, Barry Rich, Francie Saposnik, Russ Shafer-Landau, Dan Sidney, Jim Wear

Purim Party Partners: Judy Knupp, Anna Heifetz, Adam Mednick, Aphra Mednick

Community Purim Carnival Carnies: Lena Ben-Gideon, Vered Ben-Gideon, Mirra Bleher, Bill Boissonnault, Jill Boissonnault, Natalie Borenstein, Marsha Cohen, Maya Desai, Doris Dubielzig, Aleeza Hoffert, David Hoffert, Beth Fisher, Jane Fox, Roz Gusinow, Elisa Heymann, Corliss Karasov, Kazu Kitano, Judy Knupp, Leila Loeb, Laurel Mark, Bart Miller, Judy Pierotti, Noah Pollack, Mike Pressman, Debbie Rudin, Miriam Syvertsen, Jim Wear, Ziva Wear, Rhiannon Wilson

Bake Walk Bakers: Elana Matthews, Regina Vidaver

MOUSY Bake Walk Booth Workers: Ellie Becker, Deborah Blank, Albert Shoshany Glosser, Hannah Ehrlich, Moira Wilson

Kolot Kehilla Crew: Donna Anderson, Adrienne Borisy-Gross, Judith Kornblatt, Barry Rich, Nadav Shelef

Unpackers, schleppers, and counters of furniture, chumashim, dishes, and silverware: Avi Bernard-Donals, Cynthia Hirsch, Jordy Loeb, Barry Rich, Nancy Rich, Anna Syvertsen, Eliya Syvertsen, Miriam Syvertsen

The Road Home Buddies: Donna Anderson, Marsha Cohen, Steve Goldstein, Steve Kessler, Kazu Kitano, Mike Pressman, David Resnick

Laundry Angels: Donna Anderson, Kathy Miner, Karen Shevet Dinah, Anna Syvertsen

MOUSY Program Home Hosts: Simone Schweber, Talia and Max Ivry for Shabbat Schmooze; Felice, Nathan, Isaac, Shoshana, and Debbie Rudin for Shabbat Schmooze

Shabbat Morning Program Aides: Bart Miller, Miriam Syvertsen



Social Action

Jewish Congregations for Social Justice presents:

Race to Equity: Reducing Racial Disparities in Dane County **Wednesday, May 27, 7:30-9:30 pm** **Beth Israel Center**

In 2013, the Wisconsin Council on Children and Families presented *Race to Equity: a Baseline Report on the State of Racial Disparities in Dane County* at the YWCA Madison Racial Justice Summit. This report shines a light on our community's profound racial disparities in health, education, child welfare, criminal justice, education, and employment, and left many wondering, what's next? What can we do to narrow these disparities and help Dane County become a stronger, more racially equitable place to live for all of its residents? The recent tragic death of Tony Robinson has lent even greater urgency to these questions.

To help the Jewish community further its understanding of these issues, the Jewish Congregations for Social Justice* have invited *Race to Equity* report co-author Erica Nelson to present these findings and talk about developments since that time. Ms. Nelson is the Project Director for the Wisconsin Council on Children and Families' Race to Equity Project, as well as a public interest lawyer and child welfare advocate. In addition to sharing the results of her research, Ms. Nelson will talk about some of the steps the faith community can take to narrow racial disparities in our community and across Wisconsin. We hope that this will be the beginning of a much more intensive conversation and education.

Please join us for this important event

Download the Race to Equity report at racetoequity.net.

The Jewish Congregations for Social Justice is a joint social action project of Beth Israel Center, Shaarei Shamayim, and Temple Beth El. For more information, please see our website at jewishcongregationsforsocialjustice.org.

The Road Home

Four times each calendar year, Beth Israel Center serves as a Buddy Congregation when Midvale Community Lutheran Church, at the corner of S. Midvale and Tokay Boulevards, hosts homeless families in transition to permanent housing. Beth Israel Center members set up and break down the temporary housing, prepare food, give rides, do laundry, serve as hosts, and assist guests as needed. Training is available and required for any tasks that involve guest interaction. Trainings last 59 minutes and will be conducted at The Road Home's offices, located at 128 E. Olin Ave., Suite 202 on these dates:

Tuesday, May 19 at 6:30pm
Wednesday, June 10 at 5:30pm
Tuesday, July 14 at 6:30pm
Wednesday, August 19 at 5:30pm
More information is available at www.trhome.org.

Our scheduled Buddy Congregation weeks in 2015 are: June 14-21, August 23-30, and November 8-15. Sign up at www.midvalelutheran.org.

MORE SOCIAL ACTION OPPORTUNITIES:

Serve Food at the Men's Shelter

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

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

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

Meals on Wheels

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

Tikkun Olam Donations

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

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rskloot@wisc.edu



By Word of Mouse

Deborah Hoffman, Program & Youth Director

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Observe Shabbat! Take your Standardized Tests on Sunday!

Study Hard, and feel great because, by taking the test on a Sunday, you increase your Shabbat observance and help to guarantee that this option is available for Jewish students in the future!

Upcoming SUNDAY Test Dates:

SAT & Achievement Test Dates:
May 3, 2015
June 7, 2015

For more information, call the Educational Testing Service at 866-756-7346.

ACT Test Date:
June 14, 2015

For more information, call the ACT Registration phone line at 319-337-1270.



[Left to Right] Aviv Goldman, Talia Ivry, Ellie Becker, Hannah Ehrlich, Ruth Cesar-Heymann, Ben Wakely, and Deborah Blank wrap up the fudge brownies for the bunches of lunches at our MOUSY Makes A Mitzvah Meal social action program.

Recent Event Recap:

On the evening of Saturday, January 31, thirteen enterprising mice got together in gaudy garments, garish make-up, and tacky trappings for our **8th Grade Welcome Mobster Casino Night**. After Havdalah and a couple of “wise guy” ice-breakers, the chips came out, the Italian hors d’oeuvres were served, and the betting began. Dressed down in track suits and back-alley attire, the group was poised to play cards. The prize for top money winner went to Albert Shoshany Glosser, scuzziest mobster costume went to Hannah Ehrlich and Avi Bernard-Donals, and best gangster name went to Talia Ivry. We pooled our “winnings” for donation to the Goodman East Side Community Food Pantry. Kol HaKavod to our hosts for the occasion: Albert “Calzone” Shoshany Glosser and Avi “The Jew” Bernard-Donals

On Saturday night, February 7, Jewish teens from BIC’s MOUSY, Temple Beth El’s MaTTY, Heifetz BBYO, and Congregation Shaarei Shamayim came out 30 strong to join forces in the alternate universe of glow-in-the-dark Laser Tag. This joint youth group venture was out of this world, as it gave our Madison area teens an opportunity to build new relationships and a sense that they are part of a larger Jewish community.

On Friday night, February 20, fourteen mice gathered after BIC services for our favorite **Shabbat Schmooze** event. We enjoyed a taste of Kabbalat Shabbat with lentil soup, pesto pasta, green salad, and the sweetest of sweets with our gracious host family—Talia and Max Ivry, and Simone Schweber. We ate aplenty, delighted in each other’s company aplenty, and schmoozed aplenty. Good times!

Much appreciation to the mice who volunteered to run the Cake Walk booth at the **Community Purim Carnival 5775** on Thursday, March 5: Deborah Blank, Albert Shoshany Glosser, Hannah Ehrlich, Ellie Becker, and Moira Wilson.

MOUSY continued its **Shabbat Schmooze** series on Friday night, March 20, by first joining the BIC Kabbalat Shabbat minyan, and then moving our intimate group of eight mice to the Rudin home where we enjoyed creative ice-breakers, a

traditional Shabbat dinner, and friendly schmooze chez Rudin with our gracious hosts Isaac, Shoshana, Debbie, Felice, and Nate.

In the name of Tikun Olam, fourteen mighty mitzvah-making mice amassed to put together 120 lunches, including peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, fudge brownies, and clementines (along with several gallons of orange juice and milk) for the men's shelter at Grace Episcopal Church at our kindly *MOUSY Makes A Meal* on Sunday afternoon, April 12. Kol HaKavod to our program chairs, Deborah Blank and Aviv Goldman, for setting up the event, running their food stations, and multi-tasking all over the place.

Last but not least, MOUSY is proud to have been represented by Religious Secretary Isaac Rudin, Treasurer Talia Ivry, and Corresponding Secretary Hannah Ehrlich at the Spring Regional Kinnus Convention in Bloomingdale, Illinois on the weekend of Friday, April 24 through Sunday, April 26.

*****KADIMA***KADIMA***KADIMA*****



Ellie Becker, Maya Desai, Mia Kurzer, Leila Loeb, Rhiannon Wilson, Eliya Syvertsen, Mirra Bleher, Vered Ben-Gideon, Maya Becker, Moira Wilson, Debbie Rudin, and Lena Ben-Gideon take a rest from the Pump It Up fun.

On Saturday night, March 21, twelve Kadima teenagers enjoyed a bouncing, sliding, and jumping extravaganza on six different colossal inflatable structures at Pump It Up—including an obstacle course, a huge slide, a basketball bumpy house, and more. We ended our party with requisite schmoozing, noshing, and getting our land legs back.

On Sunday afternoon, April 19, six Kadima teenagers “climbed the walls” at the Boulders Climbing Gym. While gripping difficult hand- and foot-holds, swinging mid-air, and clambering up steep slopes and rock formations, everyone scaled new heights, challenged their comfort zones, and put their best foot forward...or upward. Special thanks to Miriam Syvertsen for assisting and literally hanging out with our troop of teens.

Upcoming MOUSY Events:

Friday, May 8 -

Shabbat Schmooze at the home of Rabbis Joshua and Rebecca Ben-Gideon

Sunday, May 31 -

MOUSY Birding [Nominations/Elections]

For more information about MOUSY or Kadima, please contact Youth Director Deborah Hoffman at (608) 256-7763 or hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org.



Meet Your Leadership

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

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

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Every contribution helps our synagogue!

Cynthia Hirsch, Immediate Past President

When did you join the congregation? I moved here with two children in 1990 and joined because we were interested in a traditional congregation.



Tell us a little bit about yourself. I love the outdoors--hiking, canoeing, biking. And I'm interested in all things political. As an Assistant Attorney General, I prosecute environmental crimes and have been with the Department of Justice since 1992. I am contemplating a second career doing human rights work, inspired by my recent sabbatical in India with the American Jewish World Service where I worked for an Indian human rights agency.

Why did you join the Board? My parents and grandparents were very involved in the Jewish community. It would not have occurred to me to say no.

In what other ways have you served the congregation? I chaired the education committee and the social action committee, I served on the youth committee and have been on the board on and off since the mid 1990s. I was VP for operations and chaired the bylaws committee in 2005. My favorite volunteer gig is the men's shelter, and my favorite thing to do at Beth Israel Center is sing and schmooze on Shabbat mornings.

What exemplifies BIC's ethos for you? I am always proud when many people gather and support a congregant at a shiva minyan, whether at BIC or at their home

Name one thing that may surprise people about you. This is really not a surprise any more, but my son Ethan is an ordained Conservative Rabbi and I think a lot of who he is has to do with growing up at BIC.

Marc Shovers, Secretary

When did you join the congregation? Around 1989 or 1990. I wanted to attend High



Holiday services and my parents had moved to Florida so I couldn't attend in Racine. I just wanted to buy a ticket, but my cousin, then-president Bruce Greenberg, encouraged me to become a member, even if it was at a reduced rate. How could I pass up a deal like that?

Tell us a little bit about yourself. I live in Madison with my wife, Jan Loeb, and my sons Sam and Ben, though Sam now attends Tulane. We also have a wonderful 10-year-old standard poodle named Mystic. I enjoy hanging out with the family, going to our kids' events, exercising, watching Badger basketball, and celebrating San Francisco Giants World Series victories, and there have been a lot of those recently. I am an attorney at the Legislative Reference Bureau, where I've worked for more than 26

years, drafting statutes mostly in the areas of individual income taxation, county law, and municipal law.

What has prepared you for service on the Board? Having children and working with legislators. You learn patience, become a good listener, and you learn to deal with all sorts of people who have very diverse perspectives.

In what other ways have you served the congregation? I was on the rabbi search committee and, in an indirect way, I feel that I serve the congregation through my service to the greater Madison Jewish community as a very active volunteer with the Jewish Federation of Madison.

What is your favorite thing to do at Beth Israel Center? The Supper Quiz! I also value the sense of joy that permeates the congregation at a bar or bat mitzvah. Jan and I certainly felt warmth and support from the community during Sam's and Ben's Bar Mitzahs.

Name one thing that may surprise people about you. When I was in college, a friend and I hosted a late night radio show on the campus station, WBRS, Radio Free Waltham. My friend Jeff was the Roots Rocker and played reggae. I was The Funky Doctor, spinning R&B, soul, gospel, and, of course, funk. Does anyone have a Persuasions album I can borrow?

Judy Pierotti, Social Action Co-Chair

When did you join the congregation? We moved here with sons Jeremy and Matthew in September 1979. We had been members of a very progressive congregation, Tifereth Israel, in Washington, DC. Finding a congregation right away was important, so I called around and said I was new in town and didn't know anybody. The response from Beth Israel was to give us High Holiday tickets and encourage us to bring our kids, and we were almost immediately invited to more than one family's home for dinner, including erev Rosh Hashana. It was, and is, a very haimish place.



Tell us a little bit about yourself. I've lived downtown in a condo since 2001 and I love it. Overture Center is in my back yard. I also enjoy hiking in Patagonia and exploring the world. And playing with my seven grandchildren. I am about to take my granddaughter to Italy to celebrate her bat mitzvah. I'm also a social worker. And in 1988, I started a business called Voice Treasures; I record histories of older people for their families.

Why are you on the Board? Cynthia asked me, and I can't say no to her. More significantly, I have a memory from 1958. My father (then his congregation's president) worked to bring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to Beth Emet Synagogue in Evanston. Finding a place for Dr. King to stay over night was a big deal. The South is known for segregation, but it was bad in the north, too. This is my background, this is what moves me. This is what guides my life. I'm on the board to make sure our synagogue is committed to issues of social justice. I'm very proud of our synagogue's involvement with The Road Home and Jewish Congregations for Social Justice, including our "adoption" of Emerson School. Right now, we are tackling the issue of race relations in Madison and I hope everyone will come to Beth Israel on May 27 to hear Erica Nelson talk about the Race to Equity report, which looks at the state of racial disparities in Dane County. She will also talk about what faith communities can do to narrow racial disparities in our community. (See page 7.)

Yahrzeits

12 Iyar / May 1

Leonard Bessman
Samuel Black
William Gelman
Ann Hammes

13 Iyar / May 2

Helen Richey

14 Iyar / May 3

Anna Black
Elmer Borsuk
Herbert Liebman
Ben Setlick
Shalom Sweet

15 Iyar / May 4

Yisrael Meir ben Gedaliah
Elliott Iver
Fanny Libanoff

16 Iyar / May 5

Louis Friedman
Yetta Kliebard
Wilma Pour
Miriam "Mickey" Pressman
Moshe Stein

18 Iyar / May 7

Levi DeLevie
Max Harris
Hiram Mendow

19 Iyar / May 8

Al Frost
Oscar Rapkin
Harry Shapiro
Ida Sweet
David Winnick

20 Iyar / May 9

Rose Dachman
Betty Orman-Joseph

21 Iyar / May 10

Rose Paley
Mary Richman
William Shovers

22 Iyar / May 11

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

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Yahrzeits

23 Iyar / May 12

Jakab Fettman
Feige Esther Fettman
Harry Gerson
Fruma Mintz
Bessie Paskin
Dave Sweet

25 Iyar / May 14

Roslyn Hoffert
Jacob Schmidman
Joseph Schwartz
Rachel Schwartz
Herman Sweet

26 Iyar / May 15

Fannie Borsuk
Anna Katz
Rose Schwartz
Gordon Sweet

27 Iyar / May 16

Mae Azen
Robert Donals

28 Iyar / May 17

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

29 Iyar / May 18

Hena Daitch
Rose Druch
Daniel Hill
Solomon Swack
Frieda Weinstein

1 Sivan / May 19

Sophie Figler
William Schuckit
Emanuel Simon

2 Sivan / May 20

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

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Making the Minyan

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

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

Many congregants have said they'll come when they know they're needed. To let each member know when s/he is particularly needed, we are asking each family to send at least one Jewish adult (over 13) to our morning and evening minyanim as often as possible during one assigned calendar week, 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.

Please come. You are needed.

When's your week?

Current lists are posted on our website. Look under Worship, then click Jewry Duty.

For the next few weeks:

May 3-7

T'filla Bensche, Judith Blank, Gerald Greenfield, Neal & Marci Katz, Matthew & Jennie Edes-Pierotti, Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen, Mitch & Sharon Rapkin and Daniel & Sharon Langer

May 10-14

Emery Bresnick & Beth Fisher, Lawrence & Becky Cohen, Joan Ershler, Dara Kobylarz, Allan Levin, Arnold & Kim Schwartz, Karen Shevet Dinah, Marc Shovers & Jan Loeb and David & Aleeza Hoffert

May 17-21

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May 24-28

Herman Goldstein, Lee & Mona Lazar, Jordan & Jessie Loeb, Bruce Rosen & Diane Seder, Nathan Rudin & Felice Borisy Rudin, Yoram & Lucyna Shenker, Jim Stein, Beth & Mark Copelovitch, Luke Whitmore & Judith Stone and Ben & Sherry Hirschfeld

May 31-June 4

Howard & Heidi Bregman, Emily & Ankur Desai, Burke Richmond & Erica Kesin Richmond, Steven Nadler & Jane Bernstein, William Needelman & Elana Matthews, Nadav & Miriam Shelef, Lisa Rader, Sylvia Grunes and Jeff & Rachel Levy

June 7-11

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- Everet Howard Karon, father of Sara Karon
- Martin David Siegel, brother of Sharon (Dan) Langer
- Sonia Andrusier, cousin to Harvey (Barbara Myers) Temkin, Anna Heifetz, Michael (Michelle Minkus) Heifetz, Pauline Heifetz
- Anne Marion, mother of Ed Marion
- Benjamin Fields, brother of Leslie (Jeff Lindholm) Fields

A tribute to Jack Heifetz

Jewish leader Jack Heifetz died in Boca Raton, Florida on December 15, 2014.

The funeral was in Madison on December 16, where he was buried next to his wife and mother of his children, Irma Heifetz z"l. He is survived by his daughters, Laurie (Richard C. Murray), Beth (Glenn Fine), Deena Borzak (Steve) and Rona; six grandchildren; and his wife, Trudi.

He was in insurance and real estate. He taught finance and real estate at the UW-Extension. He was born in Madison in 1928, the son of Rose and Morris Heifetz. While still in college, he went to Washington to meet with Senator Joseph McCarthy to bring his Uncle Jake, a Holocaust survivor, to Madison. (Heifetz BBYO is named after Jake.)

Jack was one of the founders of Beth Israel Center in 1949, where he became a two-term president. He was the Ba'al Tekiah (shofar blower), as his father was before him. He and Irma were part of the group of Madison Jewish leaders who were invited to meet with President Jimmy Carter in Washington.

Students and travelers in search of a kosher meal were always welcome guests at the Heifetz home on Shabbat and other occasions.

He was head of the Madison Chevra Kadisha. After he retired in Boca Raton, he became president of the Young Israel synagogue, as well as head of the Men's Division of the Palm Beach County Chevra Kadisha. Their tribute dinner on February 26 was in his memory.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the Rose & Morris Heifetz Welfare Fund.



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Yahrzeits

3 Sivan / May 21

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

4 Sivan / May 22

W. Feldman
Honey Korshak
Sarah Kress

5 Sivan / May 23

Baileh Paley
Alex Seltzer

6 Sivan / May 24

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

7 Sivan / May 25

Evelyn Jellinek

8 Sivan / May 26

George Deutsch
Lloyd Frank
Abraham Nosofsky
Ronald Rosen
Bess Stein

9 Sivan / May 27

Harry Altshuler
Mae Borisy
Asher Lazimy
Rose Schwartz

10 Sivan / May 28

Sam Chudacoff
Max Goldstein
Frances Rossman
Samuel Wander
Dave Weinstein

11 Sivan / May 29

Abraham Barash
Morris Cohen
Sarah Littky
Claire Navin

12 Sivan / May 30

Emil Barth
Nathan Frank
Nancy Gelman
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Yahrzeits

13 Sivan / May 31

Nessie Goldberg

14 Sivan / June 1

Mary Galanter
Harry Kay
Eli Mullin

15 Sivan / June 2

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

16 Sivan / June 3

Sophie Cohen
Harry Cramer
Rudolph Rich
Julius Ruskin

17 Sivan / June 4

Ben Blachman
Jacob Mintz
David Remis
Arthur Yaskal

18 Sivan / June 5

Haskell Friedman
David Ottenstein

19 Sivan / June 6

Israel Segal

20 Sivan / June 7

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

21 Sivan / June 8

Pesach Bebczuk
Gerald Kurzer
Sam Lakritz
Hyman Lerner
Samson Mandelbaum

22 Sivan / June 9

Rose Picus
Sarah Scher
Yehuda Temkin

23 Sivan / June 10

Harry Gevirman
Anna Schwam

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Yahrzeits

24 Sivan / June 11

Howard Eisenberg

25 Sivan / June 12

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

26 Sivan / June 13

Eva Lassen

27 Sivan / June 14

Esther Bloomfield
Molly Ginsberg
Sydelle Patton
Yetta Sinagub
Frieda Stein

28 Sivan / June 15

Bessie Perlman
Riva Polyakova
John E. Wear

29 Sivan / June 16

Binyamin Fine
Eugene Greenberg
Sol Lieberman
Betty Silverman
Dorothy Saposnik Smith

30 Sivan / June 17

Barbara Bernstein
Dientia DeLevie
Fannie Perlman
Sol Sweet

1 Tammuz / June 18

Richard Brauer
Belle Novick
Paul Rock

3 Tammuz / June 20

Belle Epstein
Selig Iwanter

4 Tammuz / June 21

Meyer Pover
Helen Rittenhouse
Bernard Schwab
Robert Smith

6 Tammuz / June 23

Martha Barth
Mrs. Ben Rubin

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Yahrzeits

7 Tammuz / June 24

Isidore Andrusier
Louis Fine
Julia Haber Lakritz
Francine Massey
Sidney Menchel
Anne Onikul

8 Tammuz / June 25

Lil Gerson
Joel Epstein

9 Tammuz / June 26

Ben Jacobs
Melba Katz
Al Mocny
Frances Myers
Maurice Pekarsky
Susan Sinaiko

10 Tammuz / June 27

Louis Barkin
Louis Setlick
Benjamin Weisbrod

11 Tammuz / June 28

Sophie Schuster

12 Tammuz / June 29

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

13 Tammuz / June 30

Arthur England

14 Tammuz / July 1

Nathan Goldstone
Yetta Temkin

15 Tammuz / July 2

Max Gold
Henry Levine
William Schwartz

16 Tammuz / July 3

Helen Haber
Alex Paskin
Genevieve Ruben

17 Tammuz / July 4

Marlene Ansell
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Fay Maydeck
Jean Ritter

18 Tammuz / July 5

Harry Seeman
Sarah Zaichick

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Ruth Hawkins from Jeff Lindholm & Leslie Fields



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19 Tammuz / July 6

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Rosa Kammer
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20 Tammuz / July 7

Ilse Brauer
Freda Jacobson
Molly Paster
Sam Rosenthal

21 Tammuz / July 8

Max Ruskin
Vera Terry

22 Tammuz / July 9

M. Jack Epstein
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Eva Perlman
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Dinah Silverman

23 Tammuz / July 10

Norton Gahr
Rae Rapkin
Daniel Raskin
Ruth Schwartz

24 Tammuz / July 11

Hyman Harry Minkoff
Israel Victor
Isadore Victor

25 Tammuz / July 12

Ida Bradkofsky
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26 Tammuz / July 13

Dora Moser
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27 Tammuz / July 14

Frume Frank
Fannie Stein

28 Tammuz / July 15

Rachel Mullin
Bud Sweet
Louise Wear

29 Tammuz / July 16

Elizabeth Berg
Sidney Bernstein
Celia Labow Holman
Sophie Levine

1 Av / July 17

Lisa Sklarin

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Yahrzeits

2 Av / July 18

Tsivia Morgensteren

4 Av / July 20

Julius Jacobs
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Harry Rosen

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Anna Blumenfeld
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Naomi Rich
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Sam Schwartz
Dora Sweet
Louis Wein

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10 Yom Rishon	11	12 Board of Directors	13	14	15	16 Kibud Limudim <i>Behar-Bechukotai</i>
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June 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Eliya Syvertsen Bat Mitzvah <i>Beha'alotcha</i>
7 Ktichen Training	8	9 Board of Directors	10	11	12	13 Ilana Greenspan Bat Mitzvah <i>Sh'lach</i>
14 The Road Home Buddy Congregation Week >>>	15	16	17 Rosh Chodesh	18 Rosh Chodesh	19 Potluck @ Hoyt Park	20 <i>Korach</i>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Temkin Sponsored Kiddush <i>Chukat</i>
28	29	30				

July 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Office closed	4 <i>Balak</i>
5 Fast Day	6	7	8	9	10	11 <i>Pinchas</i>
12	13	14 Board of Directors	15	16	17 Potluck @ Hoyt Park	18 <i>Matot-Masei</i>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Shabbat Chazon Erev Tisha B'Av <i>Devarim</i>
26 Tisha B'Av	27	28	29	30	31	

Yahrzeits

14 Av / July 30

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

15 Av / July 31

Gregory Boissonnault
Julius Cohen
Solomon Epstein
Stanford Goldman
Harry Hirschfeld
Ovsey Machlis
Morris Winer



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

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

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

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

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May ~ June ~ July Schedule

Date	Parshat	Candle Lighting	Shabbat Services
May 1/2	Achrei Mot-Kedoshim	Candles 7:40p	Fridays 5:45pm
May 8/9	Emor	Candles 7:48p	Saturdays 9:30am
May 15/16	Behar-Bechukotai	Candles 7:56p	
May 22/23	Bamidbar	Candles 8:03p	
May 29/30	Nasso	Candles 8:09p	
June 5/6	Beha'alotcha	Candles 8:15p	Weekday Services
June 12/13	Sh'lach	Candles 8:19p	Sunday mornings 8:15am
June 19/20	Korach	Candles 8:22p	Monday & Thursday mornings 7:00am
June 26/27	Chukat	Candles 8:22p	Sunday - Thursday evenings 5:30pm
July 3/4	Balak	Candles 8:22p	
July 10/11	Pinchas	Candles 8:19p	
July 17/18	Matot-Masei	Candles 8:15p	
July 24/25	Devarim	Candles 8:09p	
July 31/August 1	Vaetchanan	Candles 8:0p	

Sunday - Thursday evenings
5:30pm

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