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Torah & Mindfulness Spring Mini-Retreat—Saturday, May 7

Our Torah & Mindfulness program continues on Shabbat afternoon, May 7, 1:30-4:30, with both guided and unguided meditation, chanting, and teachings based on the Torah and selected *t'fillot* (prayers). The theme of our Spring Mini-Retreat is Chesed: Loving Kindness. All are welcome. Co-sponsored by Congregation Shaarei Shamayim.

Kibud Limudim—Saturday morning, May 14

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.

Kitchen Training—Sunday morning, May 22

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

8th Annual Lag B'Omer BBQ—Wednesday evening, May 25

Come to Beth Israel Center on Erev Lag B'Omer 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 6:00. Rain or shine. FREE!

Plus: After the picnic, **Yehuda Kimani**, a 26-year-old leader of the Kasaku Jewish Community in rural Kenya, will speak at 7:30. For more information, see page 18.

Brewers Game Outing—Monday, May 30

Ride the bus with friends from Madison and see the Milwaukee Brewers face the St. Louis Cardinals on Memorial Day afternoon. The cost is \$45 per adult, \$27 per child and includes your game ticket, bus rides and snacks. The bus leaves at 10:00am. Contact Mike Pressman (mmpressman@charter.net) for more information.

Tikkun Leil Shavuot—Saturday night, June 11

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: **Freedom**. What does freedom mean to you? This year's Tikkun Leil Shavuot will explore the concept of freedom within the context of American Judaism. Please see page 18 for more details.

Summer Shabbat Potlucks in Hoyt Park

Mark your calendars and welcome Shabbat with your Beth Israel friends in the great outdoors on the last Friday of each month this summer!

June 24, July 29, August 26

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



Thoughts from the Rabbi...

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Next Centerite Deadline:

July 6, 2016

It is the middle of April. As I look out of my living room window, I see some West High School students walk past on lunch break. It is easy to follow their progress past our house, through one window,



then disappearing behind the wall, reappearing a moment later in another window. The bare branches of our trees and bushes barely obscure the view. In a few short weeks, this will all

be different. The bushes and trees outside our windows will have grown flowers and leaves, shielding and shading our home. When the students walk by, I will see less of them. And then a few weeks after that they will disappear altogether for summer vacation.

Similarly, many of our Beth Israel children are about to disappear for the summer. As some of you know, we send an impressively high percentage of our children to overnight Jewish summer camps, one of the three foundational activities (along with day school education and summer-long trips to Israel with peers) found to strengthen kids' commitments to Jewish life. And it is no wonder. The environment at Camp Ramah encourages our kids to grow in their Jewish living, to make Jewish friends and to take on leadership roles. A tremendous amount of thought is put into the experiences that the kids have. But more than that, camp is also there to train our next generation of leaders. Look around the Jewish world and Conservative synagogues in particular and you will often find former Ramah campers and staff members in key positions of leadership.

Making this commitment to their children's Jewish lives is important and expensive, and parents should be saluted for their efforts. This year we will be sending twenty-one campers to Camp

Ramah in Wisconsin, two to the Camp Ramah in the Rockies and will have two former campers returning as senior staff in Wisconsin. We also have the third largest class of new campers going to Ramah Wisconsin. Only Chicago and the Twin Cities are sending more.

Our relationship with camp is important for us—it gives our kids an enriching Jewish environment unavailable to them the rest of the year—and it is vital to the mission of camp Ramah. One of camp's core missions is to be there for communities like ours. Speak to the numerous parents of camp alumni in our community and they will tell you how lasting the effect of camp is. And I know how important our community is to camp because every year, I have numerous conversations with the leadership of camp around how to make camp possible for all of our families. Camp does not leave us to figure this out on our own—Ramah raises money to support our community. Each year, as our number of campers grows, Ramah also asks me what we here in Madison can do to complement their efforts to provide scholarships to camp for all who need them.

Our numbers at Ramah in Wisconsin have been growing over recent years to the point where we have virtually exhausted the David Temkin Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund. With this in mind, we are relaunching our fund. Previously the fund was an incentive fund: disbursements were made for every child attending camp. This is a lovely way to incentivize going to Ramah; however, it left us without a source of funds to provide financial aid to families. Now we are relaunching the fund as a hybrid. It will continue to provide an incentive and at the same time, reserve funds each year for additional support for the families who need it.

To support this fund, we are going to have our second Bike2Ramah ride, starting out at Beth Israel Center on

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President's Column

Busted, Chance of a Lifetime

One of my favorite movies is a Western called *Junior Bonner*. The story involves a father and son, both former rodeo champions who have not seen each other for a while. The father, Ace Bonner (Robert Preston), believes his son, JR Bonner (Steve McQueen), is flush with cash due to his recent success. He asks JR for some money to bank roll his latest dream. JR explains that he has not won in quite some time and is "busted." After venting some frustration about how JR's lack of finances complicates his own plans, the father delivers an inspiring line, "Busted? Chance of a lifetime."

I am reminded of this scene as BIC enters its budget season. Like many other non-profit organizations, BIC has more dreams than money to finance them. As the Budget Committee contemplates where to cut costs and/or find new funding, the first reaction is frustration. However, that emotion soon gives way to a recognition of the opportunity each budget cycle presents. Tight budgets require us to scrutinize how we are spending the congregation's money.

The Budget Committee and the Board are committed to developing a balanced budget. This includes limiting the use of the reserve fund to emergencies and expenses that fall outside our usual operation. This requires us to take a close look at the upcoming year, forecast expenses and identify sources of income. For the past two years we began this process by asking committees and staff to present detailed program budgets. At the same time, we established a realistic expectation of income from dues, fundraising and our endowments. The real work begins when we endeavor to close the gap between income and expenses.

Balancing a budget requires making hard decisions. It forces us to ask what we have that we can do without, what we want which must be put off for another time and what we can do with less. We must also be cognizant of

what we want to preserve and promote. Inherent in this process is identifying and balancing institutional priorities.

Each budget cycle is an opportunity for BIC to revisit and reinforce our priorities. Our congregation established clear guidelines for this with the Mission and Vision statements and the Strategic Plan.



These documents are far too general to inform any single budget line, but they give clear direction for the balancing act. Beth Israel Center has steadily implemented the Strategic Plan over the last handful of years. By design, we are not the same institution we were ten, five or even three years ago. One need only to look at our new building to understand this. Our mission and vision has not changed, but how we deliver it has. So too must our budget.

As I write this column (and probably as it is mailed out), the Budget Committee is wrestling with next year's budget. Each of us has expressed the same frustration as did Ace Bonner when we realized there is not enough money to fund all of the dreams we have for Beth Israel Center. As the emotion gives way to the rationality required for this process, we come to understand that this is also our chance to preserve BIC's financial well being. Each of us approaches this task with the best interests of Beth Israel Center as our primary concern.

I don't want to spoil the movie if any of you are inclined to rent *Junior Bonner* (I can lend you my VHS tape). Suffice it to say, JR is rewarded for treating being busted as a chance of a lifetime.

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Weekday Minyan

To assure a weekday minyan, contact the office,
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On Shabbat mornings and for other programs in the main sanctuary or social hall, enter from either Mound Street or the parking lot.

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

Simchas & Announcements

MAZAL TOV to...

The Heller family -- Heidi, Jon, big brother Simon and big sister Charlotte -- on the arrival of Julia in late January.

Sylvia Grunes on the birth of her great-granddaughter Talia in March.

Eitan Zohar on the marriage of his son, Guy Gideon Zohar, to Meredith Mira Louise Hampton, in April.

The Schwarzbrott family -- Season, Brian, and big sisters Aviva and Miriam, on the arrival of a healthy baby girl in late April.

The Nagus/Wilson family on Rhiannon becoming a Bat Mitzvah on May 21.

The Karasov family on the May marriage of their daughter Talia Karasov to Michael Werner.

The Bresnick/Fisher family on Jaren becoming a Bar Mitzvah on June 4.

The Cody/Graham family on Rowan becoming a Bat Mitzvah on June 11.

Cynthia Hirsch on the July marriage of her son Benny Witkovsky to Corinna Regnier.

The Kianovsky/Lukin family on Jacob becoming a Bar Mitzvah on July 9.

The Arfa family on the engagement of their son, Benjamin, to Laura Jennifer Rafson. They are planning a fall wedding.



From the Executive Director's Desk

Making Connections

Earlier this Spring, I attended my first NAASE (North American Association of Synagogue Executives) Conference. The theme of the conference was



“Engagement,” and it began with a reception for first-timers at which we received “engagement rings” (candy ring pops!) from conference

veterans. It was a little hokey, but it served as a creative reminder of how important person-to-person relationships are in the lifeblood of institutions -- especially congregations.

As I listened to the presentations and ideas shared at the conference, I was struck by just how many things we do well around here. There was a lot of talk about how to engage the disengaged, as well as how to strengthen ties with those who identify strongly with our congregation. While I picked up a few new ideas, I also recognized that many of our programs are actually great examples of what the

engagement experts say we should be doing.

I thought this was particularly true of some of our newer initiatives. First, Kolot Kehilla, our Sunday morning speaker series featuring the expertise of our members, brings together adults of all ages to learn from each other. Second, Purim Fun Day was a terrific example of a joint program (with Madison Jewish Community Day School -- thanks for co-sponsoring!) that brought together children of all ages, parents, and grandparents to celebrate a Jewish holiday. (Check out the photos on our Facebook page!) Third, a group just getting started this spring is coordinating visits to congregants, supporting Rabbi Ben-Gideon's pastoral work.

And while it's not a new initiative, I am also proud that our congregation was able to find a seat at a Passover seder for everyone who called the office looking for one this year. Yay us!

Elissa Pollack

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Rabbi's column, from page 2.

Monday morning, July 11th and finishing to the cheering of campers and staff at Camp Ramah 260 miles and four days later. We will ride with at least the same complement of riders we had last year, and we are hoping to add to our numbers. Ankur Desai, Paul Wilson, Mark Copelovitch and I will be reaching out to our broad social networks seeking sponsors for our team's ride (100% of proceeds go to BIC's Camp Ramah scholarship fund). Please look for details and a live donation website in the next weeks.

Also, on Sunday June 5, Rabbi David Soloff is coming up to Madison for a brunch with people who believe in supporting the vital mission of Camp Ramah. He will update us on the state of Camp Ramah in Wisconsin in general

and on new efforts to make camp accessible to all who want to go. It will be a lovely opportunity for families with historical connections to camp to meet the next generation. It is also an opportunity for anyone interested in informal Jewish educational experiences to find out how Camp Ramah in Wisconsin is building our next generation of leaders.

If you have been touched by Camp Ramah or are otherwise interested in sustaining this precious Jewish resource, please put June 5 on your calendar and contact me if you need more information.

Have a great summer!

Rabbi Joshua W. Ben-Gideon

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From the Education Director's Desk

Use it or Lose it!

We've all heard (and worry) about the summer backslide (officially: "Summer Learning Loss") in education. It's real; it happens and even the most intelligent and engaged students will start the next school year a few weeks behind where they left in June. Of course this happens in our educational setting as well. So make sure you don't give up Judaism and Jewish education this summer. Here are some easy ways to keep it up:

Read

Aloud, together, quietly, book club-- however you do it--read a Jewish book. There are many to choose from in our library, or head to the public library and look there too. If you do an "advanced search" on the public library's website you can search by a theme or topic that interests your student.

Listen

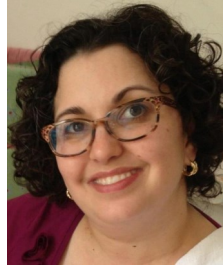
There are so many Jewish podcasts out there--ranging from Talmud study to Hebrew (*Rega Shel Ivrit* on iTunes) to slightly irreverent like *Unorthodox* to informative like *Vox Tablet* and the thoughtful like *Sipur Yisraeli* (the Israeli *This American Life*, sometimes translated into English). There's something for everyone out there, but pre-listen before sharing with your children!

Practice Your Hebrew

Our Hebrew program gives us the opportunity to practice Hebrew at home. Go to www.behrmanhouse.com and then click in "Learn" and then "Practice Hebrew and Prayers." From here you can click and practice Hebrew or tefillot at home. If you, the parent, is uncomfortable or unsure of your Hebrew, you can listen for hesitation when your child is reading, and encourage her or him to read slowly, with you listening to the recorded voice first.

Even easier: use Google Translate to learn summer words in Hebrew!
Heading to the pool? Grab your *magevet*

and your *bakbuk mayim*. Traveling abroad? Don't forget your *darkon*. Is this the way traditional language teachers want you to learn? No! Does it keep your head in the game? Yes!



Celebrate Shabbat

Make Shabbat a picnic or a meal made entirely from one of our many farmers' markets.

Your children can lead the blessings! Check the calendars on pages 18 and 19 and watch Beth Israel Center's publicity for the schedule of children's services and special Shabbat dinners.

Keep up with the Parsha

As our Bar and Bat Mitzvah students know, there are many resources on the web to study parsha. Nothing beats a good reading of the text, but some of my go-to websites when I'm preparing for Shabbat or our weekly parsha study on Sunday mornings are:

- Myjewishlearning.com
- G-dcast.com
- <http://www.jtsa.edu/jts-torah-online>

Talk/Do

Our teacher Hilda Fine has a "Tuesday Newsday" and "Thoughtful Thursday" tradition in her classes. Follow the news of the Jews, or Israel, the Jewish calendar or even a "Today in History" blurb and talk about it. Name the *mitzvot* or acts of *gemilut hasidim* that you and your family are doing. Give *tzedakah*.

Learn Together

Need ideas for a project or study session? Contact me in the office at 256-7763 or education@bethisraelcenter.org. I'll be here most of the summer!

Kayitz tov! Have a great summer!

Beth Cohn Copelovitch
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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.

Our last Yom Rishon of this school year will be on **Sunday, May 1**, 10:00 -11:15am.



See you on Shabbat School Day!

**SATURDAY MORNING
MAY 14**

**Featuring
Kibbud Limudim
Honoring our
Community of Learners**



Melton - Year 2

We are thrilled that Rabbis Rebecca and Joshua Ben-Gideon will be teaching the Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning courses **Ethics of Jewish Living** and **Crossroads of Jewish History** at Beth Israel Center beginning Fall 2016. Students who are enrolled in the Melton program for year 1 (2015-16) will be given registration priority for year 2.

Registration will be open to the community this summer.

Melton is made possible by an Innovation Grant from Jewish Federation of Madison.



Meet Your Leadership

TODAH RABBAH!

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

There are many ways to contribute to our weekly Shabbat Kiddush. If you are interested in making a financial contribution, 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.

Many thanks to these recent Kiddush sponsors:

February 6 – Frances Mann, Alfred Frank, and Ziva and Jim Wear in celebration of Fran's 90th birthday and Al's 85th birthday

February 13 - Heidi and Jonathan Heller in honor of their daughter's Brit Bat

February 13 - Kazu Kitano in honor of her first time chanting Haftarah

February 20 – Jessie and Jordy Loeb in gratitude for the love and support of the congregation during shiva

April 16 - Howard Bregman in honor of the 40th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah

April 24 - Season and Brian Schwarzbrott in celebration of their daughter's Brit Bat

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



Juliet Page, Personnel Committee Chair

When did you join the congregation? Phil and I joined BIC when we moved to Madison in 2009. I grew up in a devoutly atheistic/sincerely secular household but he was from a relatively observant, Conservative family. Since we're both feminists and he's observant, BIC was the right choice for us. Also, we live on the Near West side, so we just had to follow the other congregants walking to shul to find the right spot. There were a number of faculty families who welcomed us warmly.

Tell us a little bit about yourself. My seven years in Madison has largely been about my two cute kids, Doobie and Nash, who are 6 and 3 this year. We have been very generously supported by the congregation and the City of Madison as a whole. I often marvel at how my kids seem to walk through their lives assuming everyone knows their names and cares about their well-being. Only in this community would I think that's not an outsized entitlement and 100% insane. Maybe they'll never move?

And your work life? I am from Santa Cruz but lived and worked in New York City for ten years before moving to post-Katrina New Orleans for three years before moving to Madison. Besides working retail as a teenager, I've always worked in the Third Sector. I was a first employee at Friends of the High Line and am very proud of that public park but my real professional growth has been in the decade-long resiliency strategy for New Orleans and the restoration of the Mississippi River Delta that protects it. If you're looking for a very long monologue on the role of private philanthropy in community resiliency, disaster recovery and ultimately reforming the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, I'm your girl.

What has prepared you to serve on the BIC Board? BIC is a non-profit driven by a professional staff and volunteer board of directors, and sustained by private philanthropy. I know about all of those things have been happy to be a resource.

In what other ways have you served the congregation? It may sound lazy, but I've heard that 90% of life is showing up. We attend services, occasionally volunteer, answer the phone even if--especially if--we know it's someone organizing a minyan and generally I try to be present with the rest of the tribe while staying true to myself.

What is your favorite thing to do at BIC? See Karen Shevet Dinah's smile? Get an email from Sara Karon that helps me anonymously support someone in need? On a more routine basis, I like to sneak out of services to find a new book from the terrific, well-appointed library to read to my kids and then see if Sol will slip whiskey into my coffee at kiddush, at which point I'll try to find Miriam or Shanee to tell me about their weeks. I take the "house of assembly" meaning seriously; this place is about its people and I like these people.

What exemplifies BIC for you? This story would actually be a composite of one-thousand totally pedestrian kindnesses and would take too long, as the warmth of this congregation has too many facets. Let me just say that we've had two britot milah and one father's death since joining Beth Israel. These natural life-cycle events would have been derailing disasters were it not for this very special congregation.

When you were asked to serve on the Board, did you say "yes" right away? Russ Shafer-Landau asked me. I begged off, insisted that I was a godless convert who has the Hebrew skills of her toddler ... but have YOU ever tried to say no to Russ?

What do you hope to accomplish as a Board member? Hone my impulse-control such that I ask fewer questions in meetings?

Name one thing that may surprise people about you. Phil and my first kiss was through subway bars. We may be the only people in the world who think turnstiles are romantic.

Jordy Loeb, President

When did you join the congregation and why? 2008. Jessie and I joined when our oldest of three was ready for Talmud Torah. We felt BIC had the strongest educational curriculum and program.

Tell us a little bit about yourself. We live on the fabulous, sunny, politically correct Eastside. I have lived in the same 6-block area for 25 years. Our current pets include a dog and 2 horses. I have been a practicing attorney for 20 years, specializing in criminal defense and general litigation. Previous jobs include Assistant Regional Director of BBYO (Wisconsin Region), Camp Interlaken counselor and Ad-Staff, and Midrasha teacher.



What has prepared you for service on the BIC Board? My experience as an officer in youth group has been invaluable. That taught me how to work on committees, plan programs, create budgets and run meetings. I have also learned a great deal while serving on committees within the Madison Jewish community. My first connection to the Madison Jewish community was as Hebrew teacher at Temple Beth El, next was teaching at Midrasha. It has been a whirlwind since I joined BIC. Within a year of being elected to the Board I was nominated to be President-Elect and appointed to be Chair of the Building Committee. Not much, other than that.

What is your favorite thing do at BIC? Kabbalat Shabbat, starting with the l'chaim/happy hour.

What exemplifies the ethos of BIC for you? The love and support we received from the BIC community after my father-in-law passed away was truly moving. We had no idea that we needed that attention until we received it.

When you were asked to serve on the BIC Board, did you say "yes" right away? I turned down my first invitation to join the Board. I explained to Harvey Temkin that I was not a member of Beth Israel at the time.

When you joined the Board, what did you hope to accomplish? My initial goal was to launch the building project.

Name one thing that may surprise people about you. I'm shy.

BOOK DEDICATIONS

When you're looking for a way to honor a special person, couple, family or occasion, or memorialize a loved one, consider dedicating a prayerbook or humash!

While the new siddurim we recently purchased have all been dedicated, we still have opportunities to dedicate Etz Hayim humashaim, weekday prayerbooks, and our high holiday prayerbooks, *Mahzor Lev Shalem*.

To dedicate one or more of these sacred books, use the form on our website or contact the office and tell us how many books you'd like to dedicate and in whose honor or memory.

The minimum donation for each book is:

Weekday siddur \$36

Mahzor Lev Shalem \$54

Etz Hayim humash \$72

Next time you're in shul, look in the inside front cover of the book at your seat. Maybe it'll be a book dedicated by or to someone you know....



Making the Minyan

Loving Kindness

A delivered meal in times of need -- whether the need is medical, mourning, or welcoming a new baby -- can mean a lot. At Beth Israel Center, we have an email-based system for coordinating congregational support in the form of delivered meals.

If you know someone who could benefit from delivered meals, please contact the Membership Committee (membership@bethisraelcenter.org) or the office. 608-256-7763.

If you would like to join the list of people who are notified when a need arises, write to kindness@bethisraelcenter.org.

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

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

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

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

Please come. You are needed.

When's your week?

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

May 1-5

Harvey & Trudy Barash, Mark & Debbie Blitz, Roz Gusinow, Michael & Lainie Minkoff, Sam & Maria Onheiber, Ami & Angie Paul, Bill Schwab & Leslie Grant, David Sulman & Anne Altshuler, Howard Sweet

May 8-12

Lawrence & Janice Bensky, Dara Biederman, Lori Hawkins, Philip Hollander & Juliet Page, David Karpe & Julita Jankowska, Frances Mann, Jonathan Rosenblum, Michael & Julie Schreiber, Manny Schwam

May 15-19

Ghita Bessman, Judith Blank, Renata Laxova, Les & Denise Mirkin, John & Janis Noonan, Franklynn Peterson, Ken Schneck & Eve Fine, Annalee Segal, Karen Shevet Dinah

May 22-26

Seymour & Shirley Abrahamson, T'filla Bensche, Ron & Nicole Dolin, Gerry Greenfield & Lauren Meyers, Kazu Kitano, Mike Pressman & Marsha Cohen, Mitch & Sharon Rapkin, Marc Shovers & Jan Loeb, Rich Wolman

May 29-June 2

Mike & Hannah Bernard-Donals, Joan Ershler, David & Aleeza Hoffert, Allan Levin, Bob and Steve Schwartz, Yoram & Lucyna Shenker, Bruce & Jennifer Wasserstrom, Beth Weber, Dottie Weiner



By Word of Mouse

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Here's a recap of this semester's Youth Group programs:

Seven MOUSY volunteers served up modish appetizers, entrees, and desserts at the annual BIC Supper Quiz on Saturday night, January 30. Kol HaKavod to *Hannah Ehrlich, Aviv Goldman, Talia Ivry, Noah Pollack, Ben Shovers, Miriam Syvertsen, and Moira Wilson.*

MOUSY welcomed the incoming 8th graders early Sunday morning, January 31 for our *Super Top Secret Hush-Hush 8th Grade Welcome Kidnap Breakfast*, where board officers snatched up the middle-schoolers from their homes and treated them to breakfast at The Original Pancake House. The impressive turnout of fifteen early birds (seven newbies and eight board mice) made for a marvelous kick-off program. Well done to our executive board mice for meeting and greeting the next generation of youth. Kudos to our drivers for schlepping to and fro: Deborah Blank, Hannah Ehrlich, Laurie Nagus, Felice Rudin, and Leora Saposnik.

On Saturday night, February 12, a minyan of mice gathered for our favorite *Shabbat Schmooze* event. After a taste of Kabbalat Shabbat davening, we indulged in a variety of delicious hot and cold dishes with our gracious host family of *Ellie, Maya, Marla, Ken, and Baila Becker.* We warmed up socially aplenty, ate aplenty, delighted in each other's company aplenty, schmoozed even more, recited Birkat HaMazon, and then were homeward bound.

The next MOUSY adventure took us on a pretend vacation trip from the BIC youth lounge to the islands of Hawaii on a flight filled with tourists and mayhem, on Saturday, February 27. Dubbed "*Murder is in the Air*", our thirteen mice traveled in a retrofitted airplane and role-played appealing characters who had to survive a night of murder and intrigue—and all this while vying for prizes of best dressed, best actor/actress, best guess of 'whodunnit', and most money corrupted. High praise to *Albert Shoshany Glosser* and *Deborah Blank*—co-creators and co-conspirators—for masterminding the escapades with such impressive leadership, participation, and fun! Special recognition to Roz Gusinow for playing along as one of the co-pilots.

All in the name of Tikun Olam, 23 Kadima and MOUSY teenagers joined ranks to first get acquainted, then to do 150 mitzvot in the form of making and putting together 150 peanut butter and jam sandwiches, 150 brownies, and 150 clementines—packed into 150 lunch bags for Grace Episcopal Church men's shelter. Kol HaKavod to *Hannah, Ehrlich, Aviv Goldman, and Moira Wilson.*



L to R: Anna Feldman, Sophie Hadley, Leila Loeb, Abby Goldman-Nagel, Deborah Blank, Albert Shoshany Glosser, Hannah Ehrlich, Talia Ivry, Eliza Scholl, Moira Wilson, Mirra Bleher, and Lena and Vered Ben-Gideon taking pride in a mitzvah-making moment among friends.

UPCOMING MOUSY EVENTS

Friday, May 20

*Shabbat Schmooze
Trois at chez Ben-Gideon*

Sunday, May 29

*MOUSY Nominations/
Elections*



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KADIMA

Just as the ice was melting outside, 11 Kadimaniks went inside on Sunday, March 6, to zoom around the UW Shell indoor rink for some slippery fun. Everyone then trekked back to BIC to hang out in the youth lounge with snacks and hot cocoa.

On Sunday afternoon, April 17, eight teenagers played games in The Sett Recreation at Union South for our Kadima Play Date - bowling spares and strikes, shooting pool, and competing at air hockey.

Last up for this year: our State Street Scavenger Hunt program!

Yahrzeits

23 Nisan / May 1

Mollie Becker
Ruth Solinger

24 Nisan / May 2

Oscar Brodsky
Aletha Rappaport
Morris Richman

25 Nisan / May 3

Dora Levin
Hannah Malamud
William Onheiber

26 Nisan / May 4

Esther Sweet

27 Nisan / May 5

Gladys Godfried
Sander Gusinow
Nashe Sweet
Abraham Sweet

28 Nisan / May 6

Blanche Altshuler
Jane England
Rosalyn Schwab

29 Nisan / May 7

Leo Barth
Alice Barth
Frieda Melnik
Martin Rosenzweig
Anna Shapiro

30 Nisan / May 8

Alice Field
Gertrude Melrood
Rebecca Nathenson

1 Iyar / May 9

Charles Karp
Isadore Libanoff
Cecile Rogut
Joe Wagman
Dobe Widrevitz

2 Iyar / May 10

Rose Frank
Libby Mead

3 Iyar / May 11

Yetta Chover
Rose Melnik
Morris Sweet
Louis Sweet

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Volunteer Appreciation

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

Shabbat Kiddush: Anne Altshuler, Donna Anderson, Brent Bach, David Baum, Hannah Bernard-Donals, Marsha Cohen, Beth Fisher, Joshua Gabai, Louise Goldstein, Terrie Goren, Patricia Green-Sotos, Sylvia Grunes, Roz Gusinow, Jen Hadley, Billie Hellerstein, Bobbie Jellinek, Kathi Johnson Rock, Sally Jones, Erica Kesin Richmond, Sarah Kessler, Steve Kessler, Kazu Kitano, Renee Lauber, Clara Lazimy, Jessie Loeb, Arlene Lukin, Laurel Mark, Aphra Mednick, Debbie Minkoff, Zach Myers, Laurie Nagus, Judy Pierotti, Tziporah Quick, Michael Rock, Fran Schrag, Sally Schrag, Miriam Shelef, Karen Shevet Dinah, Miriam Syvertsen, Bruce Thomadsen, Regina Vidaver, Phyllis Wainger, Jim Wear, Ziva Wear, Moira Wilson, Paul Wilson

Shabbat Greeters: Bennett Berson, Anna Heifetz, Cynthia Hirsch, David Hoffert, Laurie Nagus, Jonathan Pollack, Mike Pressman, Barry Rich, Francie Saposnik, Sally Schrag

Supper Quiz Kitchen Squad: Hannah Ehrlich, Aviv Goldman, Lori Hawkins, Talia Ivry, Noah Pollack, Tziporah Quick, Ben Shovers, Miriam Syvertsen, Moira Wilson

Community Purim Carnival Carnies: Marsha Cohen, Kazu Kitano, Noah Pollack, Judy Pierotti, Mike Pressman, Eliya Syvertsen, Miriam Syvertsen, Moira Wilson

Interfaith Coalition for Worker Justice Labor Seder Laborers: Joel Ehrlich; Beth Fisher; Bobbie and Steve Jellinek; Yaniv, Barkai, and Zohar Lazimy; Laurel Mark; Bob Skloot

Passover Seder Hosts: Rabbis Joshua and Rebecca Ben-Gideon, Marsha Cohen and Mike Pressman, Cherie and Ron Diamond, Elissa and Jon Pollack

The Road Home Buddies: Marsha Cohen, Mike Pressman, Kris Rasmussen, David Resnick

Laundry Angels: Hannah Bernard-Donals, Kazu Kitano, Kris Rasmussen, Karen Shevet Dinah, Anna Syvertsen

Shabbat Morning Program Aides: Deborah Blank, Bart Miller, Eliya Syvertsen, Miriam Syvertsen, Moira Wilson

BIC Volunteer Opportunities

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

Festivals and Celebrations - Almost all of the holiday celebrations and other events at Beth Israel Center rely on some volunteer effort, whether it's planning, shopping, decorating, cooking, or cleaning up. In many cases, no experience is necessary. Yet we also rely on members' skills and talents to keep things interesting. Got some time to help? Call or email Deborah Hoffman at (608) 256-7763 or hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org.



Rabbi Search Update

By Aaron Friedman, Search Committee Chair

Friends,

This is the first in what will be frequent communications regarding the efforts of the Rabbi Search Committee. In December 2015, Jordy Loeb informed the congregation of the need to embark on a search for a Rabbi, as Rabbi Ben-Gideon and his family plan, reluctantly, to leave Madison at the end of his current contract (Summer 2017). Given the process outlined by the Rabbinical Assembly, we must start our search now.

I was asked by the Board of Directors to serve as Chair of the Rabbi Search Committee. By way of a brief introduction, my wife, Sally, and I have been members of Beth Israel for more than 35 years, even during the years when we were living elsewhere. In my previous work life, I performed many high level professional searches.

The other members of the Rabbi Search Committee are Jennie Edes-Pierotti, Sam Gellman, Anna Heifetz, Josh Minkoff, Fran Schrag, Bill Schwab, Nadav Shelef, Karen Shevet Dinah, and Regina Vidaver. In addition, Matt Banks is serving ex-officio, as our incoming President, and Elissa Pollack, Executive Director, is providing professional support.

Forming the search committee was challenging. There are many highly committed and qualified members of our congregation. Our search committee represents a variety of demographic features. Some have young children, others have grown or no children. Some regularly attend services. Some are long-time members. Some have served on previous BIC Rabbi Search Committees. Some are current or past board members, etc.

All have a strong commitment to Beth Israel Center. It is important that the committee not be too large, so as to function effectively. In addition, we anticipate calling on others in the congregation, regularly, for input and help. The work of finding our next Rabbi will not be limited to the 10 members of this committee.

Our charge is to recommend to the Board of Directors the best candidate for the position of Rabbi at Beth Israel Center. We are the vehicle through which the search process will be conducted. Successful completion of this task will mean extensive involvement by congregants in the application process this summer and fall, in visits and interviews next winter, and by voicing your constructive thoughts regarding the candidates. We intend to communicate frequently, providing updates on progress and seeking your counsel. We will offer a variety of ways for you to provide input such as: personal conversations with members of the committee, focus groups, congregational meetings and other means.

Where are we now? We are at the beginning. Our first meeting as a committee was April 17th. We have received guidance from the Rabbinical Assembly concerning the search calendar and best practices, and we have obtained the application form.

We recognize the importance of this task to the congregation and we look forward to working with you.

Thank you,

Aaron Friedman
Rabbi Search Committee Chair
rabbisearch@bethisraelcenter.org

Yahrzeits

3 Iyar / May 11 (cont.)

Helen Sweet
Dora Weinberg

4 Iyar / May 12

Harry Dachman
Beatrice Kosowsky
Abraham Sinagub
Ruth Weiner

5 Iyar / May 13

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

6 Iyar / May 14

Norman Balkansky
Bernie Mazursky
Pauline Sweet
Moses Sweet

7 Iyar / May 15

Harry Moss
Samuel Rosenfeld
Diane Schwam
Harry Sweet

8 Iyar / May 16

Harry Rubnitz

9 Iyar / May 17

Shlomo Elmakias
Louis Malamud
Rose Pachefsky
Max Schorr

10 Iyar / May 18

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

11 Iyar / May 19

Rose Frank
Ethel Jermyn

12 Iyar / May 20

Leonard Bessman
Samuel Black
William Gelman
Ann Hammes

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Yahrziets

13 Iyar / May 21
Helen Richey

14 Iyar / May 22
Anna Black
Elmer Borsuk
Herbert Liebman
Ben Setlick
Shalom Sweet

15 Iyar / May 23
Yisrael Meir ben
Gedaliah
Elliot Iver
Fanny Libanoff

16 Iyar / May 24
Louis Friedman

17 Iyar / May 25
Yetta Kliebard
Wilma Pour
Miriam "Mickey"
Pressman
Moshe Stein

18 Iyar / May 26
Levi DeLevie
Max Harris
Hiram Mendow

19 Iyar / May 27
Al Frost
Oscar Rapkin
Harry Shapiro
Ida Sweet
David Winnick

20 Iyar / May 28
Rose Dachman
Betty Orman-Joseph

21 Iyar / May 29
Rose Paley
Mary Richman
William Shovers

22 Iyar / May 30
Joy Kurzer
Charles Lipstein
Sam Paley
Hazel Sherman
Sam Sinykin
Evelyn Sweet

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Social Action Opportunities

COMING SOON: Refugee Resettlement Efforts

Beth Israel Center Social Action volunteers will soon be called upon to support a new effort spearheaded by Jewish Social Services of Madison to resettle refugees. Contact Judy Pierotti for more information. jwpierotti@gmail.com.

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.

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. Note the dates and sign up online -- on our website (www.bethisraelcenter.org) or the church's (www.midvalelutheran.org). Call the office if you need help signing up. Our remaining weeks in 2016 are:

- May 8-15
- July 31 - August 7
- October 30-November 6

Training, strongly recommended for tasks involving guest interaction, will be offered by The Road Home, located at 128 E. Olin Ave., Suite 202.

- Wednesday, May 4 at 5:30pm
- Tuesday, May 17 at 6:30pm
- Wednesday, June 8 at 5:30pm
- Tuesday, June 12 at 6:30pm

Visit www.trhome.org for additional training dates and more information.

Friends of Emerson School

Jewish Congregations for Social Justice -- our ongoing cooperative effort with Temple Beth El and Congregation Shaarei Shamayim -- continues to support Emerson Elementary School. Beth Israel Center members and others from around the Jewish community serve as Math Mentors, volunteer at Tuesday Night Lights, help with Special Interest Clubs (see page 7) and lend other support as needs are identified.

JCSJ will take the lead on one more Tuesday Night Lights programs, Multicultural Night on Tuesday, May 3.

For more information, send email to jcsjmadison@gmail.com, visit www.jewishcongregationsforsocialjustice.org, or visit JCSJ's Facebook page.



Condolences to the families of...

- Matt Fields, brother of Leslie Fields, brother-in-law of Jeff Lindholm.
- Monroe Glazer, grandfather of Michelle Minkus (Michael Heifetz), great-grandfather of Lilah and Shira.
- Joan Chesler, mother of Naomi Chesler (Dan Sidney), grandfather of Josephine, Amelia and Ruby.
- Gustave Goldstein, father of Steve Goldstein (Laura Heisler), grandfather of River and Seth.
- Steve Hawkins, brother of Lori Hawkins.
- Louis Landau, husband of Ellie Landau; father of Debbie (Steve) Broch, Steve (Lisa) Landau, David (Wendy) Landau, Judy z"l (Mark) Domagalla; grandfather of Sarah, Gregory, William, Abby, Hannah, Sam, Sophie and Miranda.



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

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

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Social Action Fund

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Rose and Morris Heifetz Welfare Fund
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Jake Heifetz Fund

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Youth Fund

Yahrzeits

23 Iyar / May 31

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

25 Iyar / June 2

Roslyn Hoffert
Jacob Schmidman
Joseph Schwartz
Rachel Schwartz
Herman Sweet

26 Iyar / June 3

Fannie Borsuk
Anna Katz
Rose Schwartz
Henry Slater
Gordon Sweet

27 Iyar / June 4

Mae Azen
Robert Donals

28 Iyar / June 5

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

29 Iyar / June 6

Hena Daitch
Rose Druch
Daniel Hill
Frieda Weinstein

1 Sivan / June 7

Sophie Figler
William Schuckit
Emanuel Simon
Solomon Swack

2 Sivan / June 8

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

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Yahrzeits

3 Sivan / June 9

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

4 Sivan / June 10

W. Feldman
Honey Korshak
Sarah Kress

5 Sivan / June 11

Baileh Paley
Alex Seltzer

6 Sivan / June 12

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

7 Sivan / June 13

Evelyn Jellinek

8 Sivan / June 14

George Deutsch
Lloyd Frank
Abraham Nosofsky
Ronald Rosen
Bess Stein

9 Sivan / June 15

Harry Altshuler
Mae Boris
Asher Lazimy
Rose Schwartz

10 Sivan / June 16

Sam Chudacoff
Max Goldstein
Frances Rossman
Samuel Wander
Dave Weinstein

11 Sivan / June 17

Abraham Barash
Morris Cohen
Sarah Littky
Claire Navin

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Memorial & Tribute Gifts

Abraham Barash Handicapped Services Fund

in memory of

David Mazur and Marvin Mazursky from Howard & Sally Mazur

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in memory of

Leo Hill from Ghita Bessman

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In memory of

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in memory of

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Gerald Borsuk, Herb Weiner, Aaron Gellman, Carol Bregman, Sara Schwartz and Monroe Glazer from Natalie Borenstein

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in memory of

Gerald Borsuk from Bonnie Stein Kammer

Steve Hawkins and Gustave Goldstein from Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers
Temkin

Eva Moss from Marcia Moss

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in honor of

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Memorial & Tribute Gifts

General Fund Contributions *(continued)*

in memory of

- Ida Figler** from The Figler family
- Ann Slavney** from Phyllis Eisenberg
- Herb Weiner** from Sharon Glass and Shirley Botwinick
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in honor of

- Kazu Kitano** chanting **Haftarah** and **Fran Schrag** davening **Musaf** from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

Jake Heifetz Fund

in memory of

- Steve Hawkins** from Annalee Segal
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- Fania Heifetz** from Lisa Robertson

Joe Temkin Education Fund

in memory of

- Joan Chesler** from Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin
- Jerome Onheiber** from Sam & Maria Onheiber

Martin & Serene Mazor Kiddush Fund

Get Well

- Nate Rudin** from Rayla Temin

in honor of

- Jon & Heidi Heller's new daughter, Nate Rudin becoming a professor, Angie & Ami Paul's new daughter and the Bat Mitzvah of Mirra Blehert** from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

in memory of

- Caroline Sulman** from David Sulman & Anne Altshuler
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- Aaron Gellman** from Rayla Temin

L'Dor v'Dor Fund

Get Well

- Natalie Borenstein** from Roz Levin

in honor of

- Al Frank's 85th birthday** from Roz Levin
- Kazu Kitano reading the haftarah** from Roz Levin
- Deborah Hoffman's birthday** from Si & Billie Hellerstein

in memory of

- Phil Kapell and Anita Kapell** from Cheryl Lerner
- Sol Levin** from Daniel & Kathy Levin
- Chaim Schwartz** from Dorothy Schwartz
- Gerald Borsuk, Matt Fields and Monroe Glazer** from Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin
- Albert Eisenberg** from Leslie Eisenberg

Yahrzeits

12 Sivan / June 18

- Emil Barth
- Nathan Frank
- Nancy Gelman
- Sylvia Kadushin

13 Sivan / June 19

- Nessie Goldberg

14 Sivan / June 20

- Mary Galanter
- Harry Kay
- Eli Mullin

15 Sivan / June 21

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

16 Sivan / June 22

- Sophie Cohen
- Harry Cramer
- Rudolph Rich
- Julius Ruskin

17 Sivan / June 23

- Ben Blachman
- Bernard Mandell
- Jacob Mintz
- David Remis
- Arthur Yaskal

18 Sivan / June 24

- Haskell Friedman
- David Ottenstein

19 Sivan / June 25

- Israel Segal

20 Sivan / June 26

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

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Yahrzeits

21 Sivan / June 27

Pesach Bebczuk
Gerald Kurzer
Sam Lakritz
Hyman Lerner

22 Sivan / June 28

Rose Picus
Sarah Scher
Yehuda Temkin

23 Sivan / June 29

Harry Gevirman
Anna Schwam

24 Sivan / June 30

Howard Eisenberg

25 Sivan / July 1

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

26 Sivan / July 2

Eva Lassen

27 Sivan / July 3

Esther Bloomfield
Molly Ginsberg
Sydelle Patton
Yetta Sinagub
Frieda Stein

28 Sivan / July 4

Bessie Perlman
Riva Polyakova
Monroe Segal
John E. Wear

29 Sivan / July 5

Binyamin Fine
Eugene Greenberg
Sol Lieberman
Betty Silverman
Dorothy Saposnik Smith

30 Sivan / July 6

Barbara Bernstein
Dientia DeLevie
Fannie Perlman
Sol Sweet

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Memorial & Tribute Gifts

L'Dor v'Dor Fund (continued from previous page)

in honor of

Martin Siroky and Helena Siroky from Livia Asher

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in memory of

Aaron Gellman from Howard Bregman & Heidi Bregman

Herb Weiner from Neal & Marci Katz

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Rose & Morris Heifetz Welfare Fund

in memory of

Monroe Glazer from Anna Heifetz

Sara Schwartz from Bob, Steve, Larry, Fred and families

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Prayerbook Fund

in honor of

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in memory of

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Morris Wyman and Rebecca Wyman from Ida Wyman

Morris Greenberg from Rayla Temin

Steve Hawkins from Si & Billie Hellerstein

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

in memory of

Jerome Onheiber from Michael & Patrice Onheiber

Ruth Zitowsky from Robert Zitowsky

Sara Schwartz from Robert Schwartz Family

Herman Onheiber from Sam & Maria Onheiber

Peter Deutsch from Stephan Deutsch & Judith Burstyn



Memorial & Tribute Gifts

A.J. & Celia Rosenberg Education Fund

in memory of

Joseph Sweet from Judith Shapiro

A.J. & Celia Rosenberg Library Fund

in memory of

Fanny Kaufman Smith from Herbert Lewis & Francie Saposnik

Louis Mazursky from Howard & Sally Mazur

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Beatrice Sweet from Merle & Patricia Sweet

Esther Swartz and Ida Moskowsky from Samuel Moss

Shirley Epstein Memorial Fund

in honor of

Frances Mann's 90th birthday from Roz Levin

in memory of

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Walter Novick from Ruth Ann Schumeister

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in memory of

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Belle Sweet from Richard Lewis

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Youth Fund

in honor of

Deborah Hoffman's birthday from Herbert Lewis & Francie Saposnik, Judith Zukerman Kaufman and Rayla Temin

Mirra Blehert's Bat Mitzvah From Rayla Temin

Yahrzeits

1 Tammuz / July 7

Richard Brauer

Belle Novick

Paul Rock

3 Tammuz / July 9

Belle Epstein

Selig Iwanter

4 Tammuz / July 10

Neil Grossman

Meyer Pover

Helen Rittenhouse

Bernard Schwab

Robert Smith

6 Tammuz / July 12

Martha Barth

Mrs. Ben Rubin

7 Tammuz / July 13

Louis Fine

Julia Haber Lakritz

Francine Massey

Sidney Menchel

Anne Onikul

8 Tammuz / July 14

Lil Gerson

9 Tammuz / July 15

Joel Epstein

Ben Jacobs

Melba Katz

Al Mocny

Frances Myers

Maurice Pekarsky

Susan Sinaiko

10 Tammuz / July 16

Louis Barkin

Louis Setlick

Benjamin Weisbrod

11 Tammuz / July 17

Sophie Schuster

12 Tammuz / July 18

Sam Cohn

Sedelle Diamond

Arlyne Eisenberg

Morris Kniaz

Alma Sweet

Bessie Yaskal

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Yahrzeits

13 Tammuz / July 19

Arthur England

14 Tammuz / July 20

Nathan Goldstone

Yetta Temkin

15 Tammuz / July 21

Max Gold

Henry Levine

William Schwartz

16 Tammuz / July 22

Helen Haber

Alex Paskin

Genevieve Ruben

17 Tammuz / July 23

Marlene Ansell

Cecile Ehrman

Fay Maydeck

Jean Ritter

18 Tammuz / July 24

Harry Seeman

Sarah Zaichick

19 Tammuz / July 25

Amy Azen

Lawrence Borenstein

Rosa Kammer

Samuel Tomarkin

20 Tammuz / July 26

Ilse Brauer

Freda Jacobson

Molly Paster

Sam Rosenthal

21 Tammuz / July 27

Max Ruskin

Vera Terry

22 Tammuz / July 28

M. Jack Epstein

Alex Kaplan

Millie Kaplan

Norman Parisek

Eva Perlman

Isaac Perlman

Dinah Silverman

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Upcoming Event Details

More information about some of our Spring 2016 programs:

Yehuda Kimani Visit ~ 7:30pm Wednesday, May 25

After the BIC Lag B'Omer picnic (a free event starting at 6:00pm), Yehuda Kimani, a 26-year-old leader of the Kasaku Jewish Community in rural Kenya, will give a talk at Beth Israel Center.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn about our Jewish family living on the other side of the world. His visit is coordinated by Kulanu, a New York-based non-profit supporting isolated Jewish communities around the world. BIC is grateful to Kulanu, to Bechol Lashon Midwest Regional Director Shahanna McKinney Baldon, and to the Alliance of Black Jews for bringing Yehuda to our community. Also to Jewish Federation of Madison for their support.

Tikkun Leil Shavuot ~ 7:30pm Saturday, June 11

Area rabbis and other teachers present a traditional Tikkun Leil Shavuot - an evening of learning beginning at 7:30pm and continuing well past midnight. This year's theme is *Freedom*.

What does freedom mean to you? This is the question that the Israelites faced at the foot of the mountain, as they waited to receive the Torah. And it is the question that is on all our minds during this season of heated political discourse and handwringing. Free will. Free Market. Free Love. Free Lunch. Free speech. This year's Tikkun Leil Shavuot will explore the concept of freedom within the context of American Judaism.

Thanks to Congregation Shaarei Shamayim and Jewish Federation of Madison for their support of this event. All are welcome!

May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Melton Yom Rishon Photo Day	2	3	4	5 Yom Hashoah	6	7 Torah & Mindfulness Spring Retreat
8 Buddy Congregation week with The Road Home --> Melton	9 Rosh Chodesh	10 Board of Directors	11 Yom Hazikaron Observed	12 Yom Haatzma'ut Observed	13 Shabbat Dinner	14 Kibud Limudim Last SMP & TT <i>Kedoshim</i>
15 Melton	16	17	18	19	20 MOUSY Shabbat Schmooze	21 Rhiannon Wilson Bat Mitzvah <i>Emor</i>
22 Kitchen Training Melton	23	24	25 Lag B'Omer BBQ Speaker from Kenya	26	27	28 Sponsored Kiddush <i>Behar</i>
29 MOUSY Nominations	30 Office closed Brewers Outing Memorial Day	31				

June 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Jaren Bresnick Bar Mitzvah <i>Bechukotai</i>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Rowan Cody Bat Mitzvah <i>Bemidbar</i> Tikkun Leil Shavuot
Yom Yerushalayim		Rosh Chodesh				
12	13 Office closed Yizkor Shavuot	14 Board of Directors	15	16	17	18 <i>Naso</i>
19	20	21	22	23	24 Kabbalat Shabbat Hoyt Park Potluck	25 <i>Beha'alotecha</i>
26	27	28	29	30		
Hava Nagila Picnic						

July 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 <i>Shelach</i>
3	4 Office closed Independence Day	5	6 Rosh Chodesh	7 Rosh Chodesh	8	9 Jacob Kianovsky Bar Mitzvah <i>Korach</i>
10	11	12 Board of Directors	13	14	15	16 <i>Chukat</i>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 <i>Balak</i>
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Buddy Week Begins					Kabbalat Shabbat Hoyt Park Potluck	<i>Pinchas</i>

Yahrzeits

23 Tammuz / July 29

Norton Gahr
Rae Rapkin
Daniel Raskin
Ruth Schwartz

24 Tammuz / July 30

Hyman Harry Minkoff
Isadore Victor
Israel Victor

25 Tammuz / July 31

Ida Bradkofsky
Samuel Springberg



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 email office@bethisraelcenter.org.

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May ~ June ~ July Schedule

Date	Parshat	Candle Lighting	Shabbat Services
May 6/7	Achrei Mot	Candles 7:47p	Fridays 5:45pm
May 13/14	Kedoshim	Candles 7:55p	Saturdays 9:30am
May 20/21	Emor	Candles 8:02p	
May 27/28	Behar	Candles 8:08p	
June 3/4	Bechukotai	Candles 8:14p	
June 10/11	Bamidbar	Candles 8:18p	
June 11	Shavuot	Candles 9:27p	
June 17/18	Naso	Candles 8:21p	
June 24/25	Beha'alotcha	Candles 8:23p	
July 1/2	Sh'lach	Candles 8:22p	
July 8/9	Korach	Candles 8:20p	
July 15/16	Chukat	Candles 8:16p	
July 22/23	Balak	Candles 8:10p	
July 29/30	Pinchas	Candles 8:03p	

Shabbat Services

Fridays
5:45pm
Saturdays
9:30am

Weekday Services

Sunday mornings
8:15am
Monday & Thursday
mornings
7:00am
Sunday - Thursday evenings
5:30pm

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