



Upcoming Programs & Events

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Summer Shabbat Potlucks in Hoyt Park ~ Aug. 21, Sept. 11

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

High Holidays 5776

Rosh Hashanah begins Sunday evening, September 13. Service times, ticket information, childcare information and more will be mailed to members in mid August. **Please purchase your High Holiday tickets when you renew your membership on or before the September 1 deadline.**

Rosh Hashanah / September 13-15
Yom Kippur / September 22-23
Sukkot / September 27-October 4
Shemini Atzeret / October 4-5
Simchat Torah / October 5-6

High Holiday youth programming will be offered for children in kindergarten through 7th grade on both days of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur. These programs begin at 10:30am in the lower level classrooms and Small Sanctuary.

Preschool Family Services for families with preschool-age children begin at 11:00 and last about an hour on both days of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur.

Annual Membership Meeting ~ 9:30am Sunday, September 20

Come hear about the state of our shul and some new initiatives for the coming year. Also participate in our annual election of new Board members.

Shabbat Shuvah Mindfulness Retreat ~ Sat., Sept. 19

See the Rabbi's column on page 2 for more details.

Mikvah Programs ~ Sunday and Monday, Sept. 20 and 21

See the Rabbi's column on page 2 for more details.

Kesharim Dinner in the BIC Sukkah ~ Wednesday, Sept. 30

After a successful spring launch, this new gathering opportunity for adults who find themselves with more "me" time to connect with old and new Jewish friends will celebrate Sukkot in the BIC Sukkah with a communal dinner. Watch for details!

Erev Simchat Torah Celebration! ~ Monday, October 5

Watch the BIC website and congregational emails for more information.



Thoughts from the Rabbi...

A New Year: A New You! Deepen Your Experience of Yom Kippur.

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Next Centerite Deadline:

October 6, 2015

I begin to prepare in earnest for the High Holidays towards the end of the summer. Writing sermons and planning teachings for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur



triggers me to reflect and think deeply about my past year. What triggers you to begin your spiritual reflection? Is it buying the brisket? Making the soup? Sending out invitations?

Walking into the sanctuary? For most Jews who are not congregational rabbis, Rosh Hashanah is designed to do this--to stir our emotional and spiritual pots.

The days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, alternatively called the Days of Awe or the *aseret yamei teshuvah*, are a time given to us to begin to reflect and sort out what Rosh Hashanah has stirred up. I find them to be fundamental to my preparations for Yom Kippur. No matter how much I have been studying, writing and preparing--davening, studying and being together with you in our sanctuary, spending time with my family around the table, these activities raise different thoughts and awareness in me and bring home the import of the moment.

The *aseret yamei teshuvah* is when somehow the different reflections and thoughts that have been bouncing around in my mind get sorted and winnowed down to a few that I focus on throughout the 25 hours of Yom Kippur. A few go away because I figure them out. Many go away because I have a limited ability to focus on important issues and can only handle a few at a time. The relationship between how much time I am able to invest during the *aseret yamei teshuvah* doing so is invariably in a linear relationship to how meaningful my Yom Kippur will be.

During this busy time of year, any moment I am able to set aside for

reflection is precious. I cherish every opportunity I get to think deeply about my year of work, my year as a husband, father, child, sibling, friend, mensch. When I do it well, it all comes together on Yom Kippur. This year I am looking forward to two new opportunities to do so and I hope that you will join me for them.

On the afternoon of Shabbat Shuva (September 19th) from 2:00pm - 5:00pm, we will hold a mindfulness mini-retreat that I will co-lead with Matt Banks. We will use deep exploration of three highlights from the Yom Kippur liturgy as foundational texts for mindfulness practice and meditation. Participants will gain new understandings of some key texts of Yom Kippur and will have opportunities to focus on important issues for self reflection.

A second opportunity will follow in the tradition of the Kabbalists of Tzfat, who used to immerse in the mikveh before every Shabbat and holiday as a way of marking their transition from one week to another, and from their engagement with the troubles of daily existence to their experience of the divine on holidays. Immersing in the mikveh before Yom Kippur highly exemplifies this practice. It is a moment of privacy and of intention when you can focus on the year that was and your hopes for the year to come. This year we will follow in their tradition on Sunday (for women) and Monday (for men) evenings, September 20th and 21st, beginning at 7:00pm. Each evening will begin with some learning about mikveh, exploration of kavanot (short intentional texts) and continue with opportunities to immerse in our beautiful new mikveh and to socialize with friends.

I am already looking forward to finding spiritual renewal together with you as we celebrate the new year in our new Beth Israel Center.

Rabbi Joshua W. Ben-Gideon
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President's Column

Show Me Your Budget

The Board of Directors unanimously approved a balanced budget at our June meeting. This might seem like a mundane order of business to report in the Centerite proceeding the High Holidays. On the contrary, balancing the budget is central to our Board's duties and to the health of our organization. As Joe Biden famously quips, "Don't tell me what you value, show me your budget and I will tell you what you value."

The past several years have presented challenges to the budgeting process based on significant unknowns; the implications of our construction project on the operating budget being primary among them. The budget process relied on best estimates and tapped into our Budget Reserve Fund at the outset to relieve the financial pressure. These were necessary measures and were meant to be temporary.

The Board committed to beginning this fiscal year with a balanced budget. The Budget Committee sought input from staff and each committee. They were asked what they would do with more money and how they could get by with less. As expected, the allocation requests put the first draft budget deep in the red. The Budget Committee then began the process of internal debate, creative cyphering and communication with staff and committees. A draft budget was presented to the Board at the May meeting so that everyone had ample time to review and digest it before the vote at the June meeting.

I am devoting considerable ink to this in order to emphasize the deliberate nature of the process. Everyone comes to the table with values and issues we

want to promote. Each is worthy in its own right. The budget process is how we prioritize and recognize the work that is yet to be done. We continue to face significant unknowns as we begin this fiscal year in a new building and with implementation of new programming. The goal is for the process to be transparent and iterative. How well we anticipated operating cost for this year will inform next year's budget process.



Beth Israel Center is fortunate to

have several endowed and reserved funds to support our program. Contributions and donations provide further assistance. Dues, however, are the life blood of our budget. Member support is the starting point for daily operations including salaries, building maintenance and utilities. As we

increase each of these sources of revenue, we can expand our budget to implement more of our values.

I look forward another exciting year of growth for Beth Israel Center. High Holiday preparations are well underway and I am excited to see the walls of our new sanctuary opened. Our outstanding programming will continue as we add some innovative opportunities. We are thrilled to be welcoming new members to our congregational family. It is a strong start to our year!

Jordy Loeb
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**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING NOTICE**
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**Sunday, September 20  
9:30am**  
**Main Sanctuary**  
State of the Shul  
A look ahead to 5776  
Financial updates  
Election of new Board members

### Weekday Minyan

To assure a weekday minyan, contact the office, (608) 256-7763

**1406 Mound St.**

Sunday mornings  
8:15am

Monday & Thursday  
mornings  
7:00am

Sunday thru Thursday  
evenings  
5:30pm

### Office Hours

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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.**

## Simchas & Announcements

### MAZAL TOV to...

Lainie and Michael Minkoff, as well as grandparents Debbie and Joel Minkoff, on the birth of Eitan Daniel on April 29.

Eliya Syvertsen on becoming a bat mitzvah on June 6.

Ilana Greenspan on becoming a bat mitzvah on June 13.

Rachel and Jared Cordasco on the birth of their daughter Janis Ada on June 25.



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

Marissa Lowenthal and Isaac Showaki, whose daughter will be named during Shabbat morning services on August 1.

Debbie Rudin, who will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on August 29.

Lena and Vered Ben-Gideon, who will be called to the Torah as b'not mitzvah on September 5.

Maya Becker, who will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on September 26.

Sharon and Larry Barish who will celebrate the engagement of their daughter Lauren to David Handelman on October 11.



## From the Executive Director's Desk

### *Why Require High Holiday Tickets?*

By the end of August, each Beth Israel Center member will receive a membership renewal form, which is also the High Holiday ticket order form.



*Why do we require tickets for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur?*

Four reasons come to mind.  
1) It's a security precaution.

While we wish we didn't have to be so cautious, especially on the holiest days of our year, the reality is that in today's world, we need to be vigilant about who is in our building.

2) It helps us gauge how many chairs to set up. One of the special things about our new sanctuary seating is that we can modify the number of seats and the size of the room depending on anticipated crowd size. Requiring tickets tells us how many chairs and how much space we'll need.

3) Requiring everyone who plans to attend our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services to contact the office (to request tickets) helps us identify

visitors and prospective members so that we can be gracious hosts.

4) Selling tickets generates income necessary to continue doing things like bringing Rabbi Eliezer Diamond in as our High Holiday Hazzan, providing apples and honey at our Tashlikh Nosh, buying glo-sticks for Havdalah at the end of Yom Kippur, and other important synagogue functions.

All that said, if you forget your tickets, we'll still let you in. Simply check in with an usher, as each usher will have a list of all the ticket holders. No ticket and not on the list? Find Cheri at the check-in table. She'll ask for your name and some identifying information.

In the end, while we require tickets for security, seating logistics, and fundraising purposes, the most gratifying outcome of our ticket policy for me is that I meet new people each year. And, really, that's what Beth Israel Center is all about -- making connections -- at High Holiday time and throughout the year.

*Shana Tova,*

*Elissa Pollack*

[elissa@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:elissa@bethisraelcenter.org)

*The High Holidays bring many kinds of opportunities to connect with new and old friends at Beth Israel Center. Here are a few:*

**Slichot ~ Sunday, Sept. 6 at 8:00pm.** Enjoy joyful and spirited singing as a prelude to Rosh Hashanah.

**Tashlikh Nosh ~ Monday, Sept. 14, 4:00pm at Vilas Beach.** Schmooze and enjoy apples and honey before ceremoniously tossing your sins into the waters of Lake Wingra.

**Shabbat Shuvah Mindfulness Mini-Retreat ~ Saturday, Sept. 19, 2-5pm.**

See the Rabbi's column on page 2 for details.

**Pre Yom Kippur Mikvah Programs ~ Sunday and Monday, Sept. 20 and 21 at 7pm.**

See the Rabbi's column on page 2 for details.

**Board-sponsored Break Fast ~ Wednesday, Sept. 23.** The final shofar of Yom Kippur is at 7:55pm. Afterwards, enjoy a nosh before heading out into the new year.

**Share the Spirit of Sukkot ~ Sept. 27-Oct. 5.** Consider inviting someone you don't know well to share a meal, a drink, or a nosh in your sukkah. Not building a sukkah this year? Invite someone anyway! Also watch for information about programs in the BIC sukkah.



# From the Education Director's Desk

## *Talmud Torah—Thinking About a Change*

After considering what makes our community strong and our education program unique, the Talmud Torah committee, the Executive Committee and the staff began thinking about what can make us even better. At this time, we are seeking community input as we consider a change to our Talmud Torah schedule. Please join us to discuss a proposal to move to a Shabbat-centered school, which would begin in September 2016.

Dessert and discussions will be held on August 13 at 7:30pm on the east side at Jordy and Jessie Loeb's home and on August 27 at 7:30pm on the west side at Jennie and Matt Edes-Pierotti's home. Please join us at one of these sessions to ask questions about scheduling and curriculum and to let us know how a change might affect your family.

Several Conservative congregations have moved to the Shabbat school model with great success. We are hoping to build a Shabbat community and bring the

students along in their prayer lives. While our Talmud Torah does an excellent job of teaching prayer, words, meaning and personal connection; *praying* is a different story. By creating a program in which children come together to learn and pray at a meaningful, appropriate time (experiential education) we expect to further our vision and mission to make Talmud Torah a "...vibrant center of Jewish learning, spirituality, community and experience that will enhance young people's connections to Judaism while providing the building blocks of a comprehensive Jewish education."

*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.

Yom Rishon is a theme-based program, including art, movement, music, stories, and projects as well as further learning on the subject for parents and other adults who accompany the children. It is family education at its finest.

Put all of the 2015-16 dates on your calendar:

- September 27
- October 18
- November 22
- December 13
- January 31
- February 21
- March 13
- April 10
- May 1

10:00-11:15am

Come to some or all!  
Bring friends!

### **Talmud Torah Begins September 8 or 20....**

First day for 3rd-7th grades is Tuesday, September 8.

First day for K-2 is Sunday, September 20.

Not registered yet? Forms are online.

### **Hold the Dates! Fall & Spring Shabbatonim**

We are planning two special Shabbatot for the coming year. Each weekend will feature educational opportunities for adults, families, and children.

Begin Shabbat on Friday evening with special programs and Shabbat dinner at Beth Israel Center. Continue celebrating Shabbat and learning together on Saturday. Then, for those who regularly attend Talmud Torah on Sunday mornings, take Sunday off!

Regular Sunday morning Talmud Torah classes will not meet these weekends, as part of the purpose of these special programs will be to experiment with what a Shabbat centered school might look and feel like. (See the article above for more about our consideration of moving to a Shabbat centered school.)

Hold the dates and stay tuned for details:

**November 6-7, 2015 & May 13-14, 2016**

## 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:

May 16 - Talmud Torah honoring our community of learners at Kibud Limudim

May 30 - Hannah/Mike Bernard-Donals, Melanie Cohen/Joel Ehrlich, Jonathan Rosenblum, Felice/Nathan Rudin, Kim/Arnold Schwartz in honor of their high school graduates

June 6 - Anna and Marc Syvertsen on the occasion of their daughter Eliya's bat mitzvah

June 13 - Leslie and Daniel Greenspan on the occasion of their daughter Ilana's bat mitzvah

June 27 - Barbara and Harvey Temkin in honor of the engagement of their son Eli to Emma Eisemann

July 11- Rachel and Jared Cordasco on the Brit Bat of their daughter Janis Ada

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 Mazar Kiddush Fund.



## Rav Todot to BIC Volunteers

**Shabbat Kiddush Crews:** Anne Altshuler, Donna Anderson, Livia Asher, Brent Bach, David Baum, Hannah Bernard-Donals, Jill Boissonnault, Marsha Cohen, Melanie Cohen, Cher Diamond, Hannah Ehrlich, Joel Ehrlich, Beth Fisher, Joshua Gabai, Louise Goldstein, Patricia Green-Sotos, Roz Gusinow, Anna Heifetz, Billie Hellerstein, Elisa Heymann, Cynthia Hirsch, Becky Holmes, Sally Jones, Corliss Karasov, Steve Kessler, Kazu Kitano, Nancy Leff, KC Lerner, Arlene Lukin, Jessie Loeb, Bart Miller, Don Miner, Kathy Miner, Laurie Nagus, Judy Pierotti, Tziporah Quick, Jonathan Rosenblum, Felice Rudin, Miriam Shelef, Nadav Shelef, Karen Shevet Dinah, Bob Skloot, David Sulman, Marc Syvertsen, Bruce Thomadsen, Regina Vidaver, Jim Wear, Ziva Wear, Paul Wilson

**Shabbat Greeters:** Cher Diamond, Anna Heifetz, Cynthia Hirsch, Laurie Nagus, Mike Pratzel, Mike Pressman, Barry Rich, Francie Saposnik, Sally Schrag, Dan Sidney, Jim Wear

**Kiddush Stager and Barista:** Karen Shevet Dinah

**Kugel Cooks:** Hannah Bernard-Donals, Marsha Cohen, Laurie Nagus

**Kiddush Baker:** Becky Holmes

**Gala Celebration Working Party:** Cher Diamond, Fran Greenman, Cynthia Hirsch, Becky Holmes, Kazu Kitano, Elana Matthews, Barbara Myers Temkin, Susie Magness, Judi Rubin, Fran Schrag, Sally Schrag, Judy Schreiber, Sue Shafer-Landau

**Lag B'Omer BBQ Cookout Helpers:** David Bleher, Mark Copelovitch, Jordy Loeb, Dan Sidney, Paul Wilson

**Tikkun Leil Shavuot Presenters and Team:** Livia Asher, Rabbis Joshua and Rebecca Ben-Gideon, Adrienne Borisy-Gross, Judith Burstyn, Jordan Ellenberg, Sam Gellman, Steve Goldstein, River Heisler, Kazu Kitano, Racheli Komar Aziz, Kathy Miner, Tziporah Quick, Jonathan Pollack, Barry Rich, Jordan Rosenblum, Fran Schrag, Sally Schrag, Rabbi Laurie Zimmerman

**Hava Nagila Picnic BIC Representatives:** Mark Blitz, Jennie Edes-Pierotti, Hannah Ehrlich, Talia Ivry, Elana Matthews, Marc Shovers

**The Road Home Buddies:** Donna Anderson, Jill Boissonnault, Marsha Cohen, Steve Goldstein, Cynthia Hirsch, Steve Kessler, Mike Pressman, David Resnick

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

**MOUSY Program Home Hosts:** Rabbis Joshua and Rebecca, Lena, Vered, and Noam Ben-Gideon for Shabbat Schmooze

**MOUSY Elections Birding Tour:** Kathy Miner

**Memorial Plaque Remounters:** Jordy Loeb, Jon Pollack, Tory Schiller



# Social Action

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, and lend other support as needs are identified.

At this time, we are collecting the following items:

- Markers
- Glue sticks
- Colored pencils
- Gently used books (K-5 reading levels)

Bring items to Beth Israel Center any time except Shabbat and Yom Kippur, and our Social Action committee will make sure they are delivered to Emerson.

## 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:

Wednesday, August 19 at 5:30pm

Tuesday, September 8 at 5:30pm

Wednesday, October 7 at 5:30pm

Tuesday, October 20 at 6:30pm

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

Our remaining Buddy Congregation weeks in 2015 are: August 23-30, and November 8-15. Information about our 2016 weeks will be available soon.

Sign up at [www.midvalelutheran.org](http://www.midvalelutheran.org).

## More 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](mailto:hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org) to join the merry band of cooks, bakers, setter- and cleaner-uppers!

### Kindness Group

In times of simcha and in times of sorrow, a meal from a friend can be a great help. The loving kindness group of Beth Israel is made up of people who volunteer to make meals for congregants in times of need. Email the loving kindness group to be put on the list of volunteers or email the office to find out more about the group.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:rskloot@wisc.edu)

## MOUSY BOARD

Mazal Tov to MOUSY's newly-elected 2015-16 Executive Board officers:

### Co-Presidents:

**Deborah Blank and Albert Shoshany Glosser**

### 1st VP:

**Talia Ivry**

### 2nd VP:

**Aviv Goldman**

### Corresponding Secretary:

**Hannah Ehrlich**

### 9th Grade

#### Representative:

**Moira Wilson**

Yasher Koach to the outgoing 2014-15 MOUSY board officers—*Avi Bernard-Donals, Deborah Blank, Albert Shoshany Glosser, Isaac Rudin, Talia Ivry, Hannah Ehrlich, and Aviv Goldman*—and Youth Director Deborah Hoffman—for an incredible year of adventures from our favorite Shabbat Schmooze Friday Night Dinners to No Sew Fleece Blankets to Mobster Casino Night to Bird Watching to MOUSY Makes A Meal, including flavorful food fun, a few life lessons, collaborative group accomplishments, worthwhile Tikun Olam projects, and delightful get-togethers—always adding a bit of creative play to *Jewish tradition*.



## By Word of Mouse

*Deborah Hoffman, Program & Youth Director*

Join our fun-loving MOUSY high school youth group for a year of exciting social get-togethers, community service projects, recreational activities, and religious and educational programs. Mark your calendars for our 2015-16 local and regional programs, listed in the sidebar on page 9.

To recap, MOUSY is proud to have been represented by the trio, Religious Secretary Isaac Rudin, Treasurer Talia Ivry, and Corresponding Secretary Hannah Ehrlich at the Kinnus Spring Regional Convention on the weekend of Friday, April 24 through Sunday, April 26. Please read their personal accounts (below).

A handful of mice enjoyed our final **Shabbat Schmooze** on Friday night, May 8 ba-bayt Rabbis Joshua and Rebecca Ben-Gideon. We all first made minyan at Kabbalat Shabbat services; enjoyed table talk aplenty; delighted in a delicious, traditional Shabbat dinner with chicken, veggies, and all the fixings along with chocolate babka and simply the best chocolate brownies around; and recited birkat hamazon.

MOUSY's 2015 **Nominations/Elections** took place at the UW Arboretum Visitor's Center on Sunday morning, May 31. Our twelve mice strong participated in Jewish civics by reviewing the formal parliamentary proceedings, listening to speeches, engaging in question-and-answer periods and discussions, and finally,



*Front, left to right: Eliza Scholl, Deborah Blank, Aviv Goldman; Back left to right: Ben Wakely, Albert Shoshany Glosser, Hannah Ehrlich, Talia Ivry, Miriam Syvertsen, Ellie Becker, Kathy Miner, Isaac Rudin, and Avi Bernard-Donals exercise their Jewish right to vote and Jewish duty to eat at our MOUSY Birding and Bites, Votes and Vetoes Elections 2K1.*

taking the big vote. In-between races, we brainstormed ideas for future favorite programs, and informed everyone about what our CHUSY region has to offer. We then went on a birding excursion, guided by our very own birding expert, conservation advocate, and poet extraordinaire, Kathy Miner. Kol HaKavod to EX-President Avi Bernard-Donal for presiding over this formal meeting and our MOUSY constituents.

Heartfelt farewells to our class of graduating seniors: *Avi Bernard-Donals, Michael Boyland, Anna Cohen, Nathan Ehrlich, Mackenzie and Sammie Katch, Yael Katz, Evan Kivolowitz, Elisheva Pront, Simon Rosenblum-Larson, Isaac Rudin, and Jared Schwartz*. Chazak v'ematz (be strong and of good courage) in your future endeavors. You all will be missed!



**USY Region Spring Kinnus Convention in Illinois Briefing**  
*First-time participants make new friends and frequent participants make huge memories with close friends*

Three MOUSY board officers attended the Kinnus Spring Convention, April 24-26, in Bloomingdale, Ill.. “CHUSY’s Teen Titans,” explored how to “lead your own life” through ice-breakers, games, and study groups. Discussion sessions covered Israel, Protests, the Arts, Super Jew, USY Leadership, Social Action/Tikun Olam, Leadership, Social Media, Your Own Life, and Standing Up as a Jew. Alternative Tefillah experiences were also offered, such as the Egalitarian Shacharit service, Minyan on the Radio, Super Hero in Training, Apples to Apples, Minyan Olympics, and Zen Minyan.

Our very own Talia Ivry, Hannah Ehrlich, and Isaac Rudin attended. Here are some of their favorite moments and personal accounts:

“As a member of the smallest USY chapter, I met many other Jewish teens from all over the Illinois and northern Indiana area,” said Talia. “After a series of ice-breakers that first night to bond with our Titan team, my superpower group, Aqualad, met by the hotel pool and “shot” each other with water guns. I learned a lot at the study sessions, especially about Street Art as a Means of Protest. I also danced at the Saturday night party, cheered and laughed at the game show WOW (Wheel of Wisdom), and sang along with the prayers in the different services.”

One of Hannah’s favorite parts of the weekend was the small discussion group on performance art. “As a whole, it was thought-provoking and enjoyable,” she said. After Saturday services, Hannah enjoyed free time, another sicha, a superpowers scavenger hunt, the trivia WOW game show, the dance, and the Sunday morning Shacharit service with a live band of CHUSY teenage musicians.

Senior and frequent CHUSY attendee, Isaac, had “a fantastic time full of wonderful memories with the best of friends. As I walked into my last USY convention, I was slightly emotional, especially the first day of convention, which was for seniors only. We had in-depth discussions about how to survive and thrive as a Jew on increasingly anti-semitic college campuses, and had a grad-bonding program that left many of us in tears.” In addition, Isaac led one of the creative and fun Apples to Apples Sunday Shacharit minyanim. To end, Talia asserted that, “All in all, it was definitely a cool experience and I’m really glad that I went!”

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

On Saturday night, May 16, eleven Kadima teens wrapped up the year of amusement and camaraderie by letting the good times roll at our Bowling Bash and Pizza Party at Schwoegler’s Park Towne Lanes.



Front left to right: Leila Loeb, Rhiannon Wilson, Ellie Becker; Back left to right: Mia Kurzer, Mirra Blehert, Debbie Rudin, Maya Becker, Vered Ben-Gideon, Armando, Daniel, Moira Wilson

**Upcoming MOUSY Events:**

SUN, SEPT 13  
*Annual Rosh Hashanah Gift Bags Joint Youth Group-JSS Event*

SUN, SEPT 27  
*Family Sunday Veg-out in the Park*

**REGIONAL & NATIONAL USY EVENTS:**

NOV 13-15  
*CHUSYfest Fall Convention*

DEC 4-6  
*Regional Kadima Konvention*

DEC 27 - 31  
*International Convention in Baltimore, Md.*

JAN 29 - 30  
*USY Midwinter Convention*

APRIL 8 - 10  
*CHUSY Spring Kinnus Convention*

For more information about MOUSY or Kadima, please contact Youth Director Deborah Hoffman at (608) 256-7763 or [hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto: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 each issue of the Centerite.

### **Matt Banks, President-Elect**

*When did you join the congregation?* In the late 1990s. I was a member of another congregation and wanted a richer Jewish educational experience for Jess, and also something more like what I grew up with, which was a Conservative shul very similar to BIC.



*Tell us a little bit about yourself.* I moved to the near east side of Madison 27 years ago and immediately fell in love with the neighborhood and the city. I value being able to walk or ride my bike to grocery stores, restaurants, music venues and work, and I enjoy being so close to the lake. My two kids (Jess and Maya) are grown and most of my family still live in the Motherland (New Jersey). For fun, besides reading, which I do voraciously (fiction and non-fiction; currently: *Infinite Jest* by David Foster Wallace), I love to be outdoors, putting myself outside my comfort zone....bike riding, backpacking, swimming, winter sports to name a few. A spiritual cornerstone of my life is my meditation practice, alone and with Madison Tergar. It's been very satisfying to integrate meditation into my Jewish practice, allowing one to strengthen the other.

*And your work?* I am an Associate Professor of neuroscience in the UW SMPH. Every once in a while an experiment works and we get to observe something that no one else has ever seen before. I still get goosebumps when that happens.

*What has prepared you for service on the BIC Board?* I have served on the board of the Madison Jewish Community Day School for the past four years, as well as various committees at the University. My father was president of our synagogue when I was growing up, and also served on the board of the Solomon Schechter Day School I attended from grades 2-12, so perhaps it's genetic. Also, I have been on the Ritual Committee for 7 years, and regularly attend and lead Shabbat and holiday services.

*Name one thing that may surprise people about you.* I'm actually pretty shy. Small talk is a challenge for me, as my default setting is to assume that people couldn't possibly be interested in the minutiae of my life. But I'm learning...

### **Livia Asher, Finance Committee**

*When did you join the congregation?* Around 5 or 6 years ago. I was looking for a Conservative congregation and BIC felt right. And my book group all happened to be BIC members. I didn't join when I moved to Madison (nearly 10 years ago) because my kids were still in NYC, and I went back there for the holidays. Then my kids moved away from NYC -- my daughter and her family are in Chicago; my son and his new wife are in DC -- and BIC was the natural choice.



*Tell us a little bit about yourself.* I retired five years ago from a career centered in the investment world. I started out as a stock analyst in the mid 1970s and later moved to the "client" side of the business, investing pension funds. I was recruited to Madison to

### **A LITTLE WISH LIST**

If you ever find yourself wondering if there's a little something you can do for Beth Israel Center while you're out running errands, feel free to pick up any quantity of the following:

- boxes of facial tissue
- pods for our Keurig coffee/tea machine
- 1-oz plastic shot cups

Then bring your donation to Beth Israel Center whenever the office is open.

Every contribution helps our synagogue!

work at CUNA Mutual and was a little skeptical of moving here, but it all worked out wonderfully. I'm a committed downtowner, enjoying a short walk to Overture, the farmers' market and campus. In retirement, I've taken up hiking and biking and travel. I've been fortunate to find a group of like-minded women to pursue these activities. I've also joined the Boards or committees of many Jewish organizations in town including BIC, Federation and JSS. Besides serving on BIC's Board, I monitor our investment portfolios and am the intermediary between our funds manager and the Board. This fits in perfectly with my former professional jobs in the field.

*What do you like to do at Beth Israel Center?* I attend lectures and talks and avail myself of some of the adult ed offerings. I enjoy catching up with friends and acquaintances at and after services and Shabbat dinners.

*For you, what exemplifies the ethos or values of Beth Israel Center?* Following the awful attack on the Sikh temple a few years ago, BIC invited members of the Sikh community to participate with us in worship and in solidarity.

*When you were asked to join the BIC Board, did you say yes right away?* I did. I had just retired and was eager to use some of my skills, mainly in finance and investments, where they would be helpful. The community welcomed me when I moved to Madison, and I was pleased and honored to give back any way I could.

*Name one thing that may surprise people about you.* I was born in Israel and came to the US as a small child. And, alas, I do not know any Hebrew.

### **David Baum, Youth Committee Chair**

*When did you join the congregation and why?* I grew up in England attending a small Orthodox shul, which I never found very comfortable - though I always loved the home traditions. Through my wife, Ruth, who I met as a graduate student in St. Louis, I became exposed to Conservative Judaism, and found it much more to my liking. We first connected with BIC in 1991 when Ruth and I moved to Madison as post-docs. We were looking for a traditional, egalitarian minyan and were thrilled to find such a great, participatory community. After a seven-year hiatus in Boston, we returned in 2001, kids in tow, and were delighted to reconnect as members.



*Tell us a little more about yourself.* We live near Randall School and have three kids, ages 13, 19 and 20, the latter two at college. I like running and crosswords. I am an evolutionary biologist and professor at the UW, currently serving as chair of the Botany department. A couple of years ago I began speaking to two other BIC members, both professors in Chemistry (Sam Gellman and Judith Burstyn), about the chemical origins of life. We have gone so far as to start some collaborative experiments. I enjoy the thought that if these experiments work, which would be very exciting, they will be traced back to conversations and friendships at Randall and Mound. I also enjoy volunteering in the kitchen and helping to organize and MC the BIC Supper Quiz.

*What prepared you for service on the BIC Board?* Through my work, I am certainly used to committees and the democratic processes of collective decision-making. It is, though, my love of the community and the many interesting and fun members that motivates me to remain involved in shul governance.

*Name one thing that may surprise people about you.* I dress up as Charles Darwin each year when the UW celebrates Darwin Day and at other times when asked to come in to classes in character.

### **Yahrzeits**

**16 Av / August 1**  
Bernard Rosenberg

**17 Av / August 2**  
Isidore Russ  
Nathan Borenstein  
Ann Gusinow

**18 Av / August 3**  
Norman Dachman

**20 Av / August 5**  
Shirley Epstein  
Benjamin Rothblatt

**21 Av / August 6**  
Dorothy Zukerman

**22 Av / August 7**  
Jane Grady  
Bernard Joseph  
Howard Nudel  
Mary Wigonitz  
Herman Lazarov

**23 Av / August 8**  
Beatrice Marlowe  
Paul Bloom

**24 Av / August 9**  
Robert Gold

**25 Av / August 10**  
Bessie Onheiber

**27 Av / August 12**  
Jack Portnoy  
Maurice Smith

**29 Av / August 14**  
Evelyn Dworetzky Lipp  
Hyman Kulakowsky

**30 Av / August 15**  
Tobias Temkin  
Rose Nathenson  
E. Levine

**1 Elul / August 16**  
Harry Shaffer  
Annabelle Argand  
Louis Perlman  
Joshua Lerner  
Anna Marie Popkewitz

**2 Elul / August 17**  
Annie Wander  
Adel Haus  
Herman Karan

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## Yahrzeits

### 3 Elul / August 18

Hyman Navin  
A. Rozansky  
Anna Stein  
Ray Cohen  
Sarah Cramer  
Samuel Snovsky  
Patricia Cohler  
Samuel Forsheit

### 4 Elul / August 19

Lillian Harris  
Nathan Paley

### 5 Elul / August 20

Aaron Richman

### 6 Elul / August 21

Celia Schvid  
Chiaya Setlick

### 7 Elul / August 22

Rose (Rachel) Weinstein  
Carl Friedman

### 8 Elul / August 23

Louis Terry  
William Frank  
Sara Rosenzweig

### 9 Elul / August 24

Harry Zimmerman  
Leo Argand

### 10 Elul / August 25

Serene Mazor  
Fanny Friedman  
Sophie Levy

### 11 Elul / August 26

Harry Mullin  
Harry Kopelberg  
David Schwab  
Hadasah Bloom  
Harry Kniaz  
Leah Zipursky  
Robert Chortek

### 12 Elul / August 27

Ethel Fine-Plen  
Victor Jacoby

### 13 Elul / August 28

Rose Luterman  
Isadore Shapiro  
Jeanne Spiller  
Phillip Zulty

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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 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.

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:*

**August 2-6** Dan Andreola, Bennett Berson & Rebecca Holmes, Bob & Judi Rubin, Judith Zukerman Kaufman, Natalie Borenstein, Sam & Maria Onheiber, Howard & Sally Mazur, Roz Gusinow, Jonathan & Susan Lipp and Bernie & Lenora Goldstein

**August 9-13** Dan Sidney & Naomi Chesler, Josh Garoon & Michal Engelman, Stephen Kessler & Donna Anderson, John & Janis Noonan, Jordan Ellenberg & Tanya Schlam, Andrea & Greg Steinberger, Thomas Popkewitz & Lea Aschkenase, Harvey & Trudy Barash and Ron & Nicole Dolin

**August 16-20** Philip Hollander & Juliet Page, Jonathan Ivry, KC Lerner & Nancy Leff, Yair Mazor & Bilha Mirkin, Bill & Jill Boissonnault, William & Claudia Haus, Francis & Sally Schrag, Frances Mann and Matthew & Jennie Edes-Pierotti

**August 23-27** Rachel Cordasco, Rick Ezell, Michael & Jane Fox, Al Goldstein, Sandra Karnovsky, Neil Kodesh & Shanee Ellison, Bill Schwab & Leslie Grant, Lawrence & Becky Cohen and Dara Kobylarz

**August 30-September 3** Amy Fruchtman, Barry Ganetzky & Ilona Rodan Ganetzky, Roy Irving, Jonathan Rosenblum, Rafael & Clara Lazimy, T'filla Bensche, Judith Blank, Bruce & Jennifer Wasserstrom and Yoram & Lucyna Shenker

**September 6-10** Richard & Doris Dubielzig, Michael Heifetz & Michelle Minkus, Livia Asher, Barry & Nancy Rich, Bart Miller, Steven Goldstein & Laura Heisler, Allan Levin and Lee & Mona Lazar

**September 13-17** Herbert & Dottie Weiner, Mark & Debra Blitz, Roz Levin, Jeff Levy, Naomi Shumway, William Needelman & Elana Matthews, Lisa Goldman, Theodore & Irene Knupp and Yair Mazor & Bilha Mirkin



## Good Men

The library has been gifted with copies of a book all Madisonians would benefit from reading. *Good Men: The Lives and Philanthropy of Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman*, by Doug Moe, not only reminds us of the extraordinary contributions the Goodmans have made to the quality of life in Madison and the Madison Jewish community, it allows us to get to know them beyond our associations with their good name. As I read the story of Bob and Irwin's lives and their generosity to the community they loved, I thought about how connected to them we really are. As an undergraduate at the UW I remember their quirky television invitation to "watch the Comedy Shop" on Channel 15 and the fine reputation of Goodman's Jewelers on State Street. The

Goodman's support of Camp Shalom and the establishment of the Goodman Jewish Community Campus benefited my children directly. The Goodman Diamond, Goodman Pool, Goodman Community Center, Goodman Library South Madison, Goodman Lechayim Lunchtime Plus Program, and the Goodman support of Beth Israel Center are all touchstones of the good life in Madison. The thoughtfulness and dedication poured into everything the Goodmans supported is clearly evidenced in *Good Men*. The book will inspire you with touching insight into the good men behind a good name.

Thank you to Sam Moss, the Goodman Foundation and John Hayes of Goodman's Jewelers for providing copies of *Good Men* to Beth Israel Center.



## Book Dedications

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

Complete and return this form to the office or email [office@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:office@bethisraelcenter.org) with all of the requested information.

### BETH ISRAEL CENTER BOOK DEDICATION FORM

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Shabbat Siddur/siddurim — minimum donation \$36 per book

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Chumash/Chumashim — minimum donation \$72 per book

\_\_\_\_\_ Mahzor Lev Shalem (High Holiday prayerbooks) — minimum donation \$72 per book

For each dedicated book, please provide the following:

In (circle one) honor / memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Dedicated by: \_\_\_\_\_

### Yahrzeits

#### 14 Elul / August 29

Jennie Becker  
Arthur Grant  
Sally Hammer

#### 16 Elul / August 31

Ida Kaplan  
Carolyn Smoler

#### 18 Elul / September 2

Mollie Sweet  
Hyman Daitch  
Solomon Glass  
Revetta Katsnelson  
Oscar Ganetzky

#### 19 Elul / September 3

Leah Heifetz  
Hilda Barash  
Goldie Kniaz Kruglak  
Simcha Lazimy  
Yetta Schwartz

#### 20 Elul / September 4

Chaim Zukerman  
Peter Bensch  
Bertha Kniaz  
Sarah Mintz

#### 21 Elul / September 5

Harold Rutchick  
Samuel Schuckit  
Charles Adler  
Ida Epstein  
Joseph Karch  
Evelyn Wasserstrom

#### 22 Elul / September 6

Leah Cherbachowsky  
Dinah Melman  
Eugenia Rozmalty  
Alex Sinaiko

#### 23 Elul / September 7

Allen Sweet  
Dora Wolman  
Sophie Goldstein  
Anna Krashen

#### 24 Elul / September 8

Meyer Levin  
Helen Marcus

#### 25 Elul / September 9

Mary Cohen  
Tillie Lem  
Hadassah Paley  
Leo Schwartz

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## Yahrzeits

### 26 Elul / September 10

Jake Isaac  
Henriette Miller  
Leah Blachman  
Alexander Katsnelson

### 27 Elul / September 11

Hyman Landweber  
David Wener

### 28 Elul / September 12

Bessie Rosen  
Israel Rozmaity  
Arthur Scholick  
Miriam Siroky  
Rose Karan  
Phillip Kivolowitz  
Abraham Chechik

### 29 Elul / September 13

Frieda Epstein  
Anna Grossman Hill  
Danny Morgenstern  
George Silver  
Minnie Zulty

### 1 Tishrei / September 14

Wesley Zulty  
Faye Amdur  
Lillian Jacober  
David Rothblatt  
Sarah Stein  
Max Sweet  
Dorothy Levy  
Marshall Mintz

### 2 Tishrei / September 15

Sylvia Pasch  
Gilbert Rosenberg  
Yechiel Rosenzweig  
Leo Shapiro

### 3 Tishrei / September 16

Harold Switzky  
Tilly Weiner

### 4 Tishrei / September 17

Norman Frank  
Coleman Slavney  
Henry Temkin

### 6 Tishrei / September 19

Lillian Zakhem

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## Condolences to the families of...

- Estelle Wolman, mother of Rich Wolman
- Rabbi Philip Silverstein, brother of Anna Heifetz and uncle of Michael Heifetz (Michelle Minkus)
- Herb Kliebard, father of Diane Silverberg and Ken (Judy) Kliebard, grandfather of Marissa, David, Brianna and Joey.



## Memorial & Tribute Gifts

### Abraham Barash Handicapped Services Fund

*in memory of*

**Ellen Weiss Zitkin** from Alan Weinberg & Claire Weiss

**Julius Ruskin** from David Ruskin

**Rebecca Nathenson and Abraham Barash** from Eva Barash Eiseman

**Arlyne Eisenberg** from Leslie Eisenberg

**Howard Eisenberg, Abraham Peters and Sonia Andrusier** from Phyllis Eisenberg

**Rose Drach** from Shelley Davey

### Art Fund

*in memory of*

**Paul Schrag & Leontine Friedman** from Francis & Sally Schrag

**Leonard Bessman** from Ghita Bessman

### Beth Israel Reserve Fund

*in memory of*

**Jacob Musin** from Ralph Musin

### David Temkin Camp Ramah Fund

*in honor of*

**The engagement of Emma Eisemann and Eli Temkin** from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

*in memory of*

**Herb Kliebard** from Rabbi Alan & Jean Lettofsky

**Rabbi Philip Silverstein** from Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin

**Jules Moss & Eva Moss** from Marcia Moss

**Max Gold** from Mrs. Marion Gold

### General Fund

*in honor of*

**My great-granddaughter, Eliana Sophie Weiner** from Fay Nager

**Frances Mann's special birthday** from Franklin & Renee Handel

**Eliya Syvertsen and Ilana Greenspan becoming b'not mitzvah** from Jonathan & Elissa Pollack

**Judith Kornblatt** from Joseph & Sylvia Stone

**Eli Temkin and Emma Eisemann's engagement** from Judy Pierotti



# Memorial & Tribute Gifts

*in memory of*

- Genevive Ruben** from Arnold & Sharon Ruben
- Dinah Silverman** from Carl & Liz Silverman
- Haskell Friedman** from David Friedman
- Bill Karpe** from David Karpe & Julita Jankowska
- Julius Ruskin** from Dennis Ruskin
- Mae Azen** from Edwin & Amy (z"l)Azen
- Harry Gevirman** from Edwin & Amy (z"l) Azen
- Estelle Wolmand and Philip Silverstein** from Fay Nager
- Rose Frank** from Frances Mann
- Max Frenkil** from Helena Schlam
- Harry Sweet** from Howard Sweet
- Estelle Wolman** from James Schemmel & Susan Nutter-Schemmel
- Rabbi Philip Silverstein** from Jim Stein
- Claire Swartz** from Joel Marcus & Judith Swartz Marcus
- Abraham Sinagub** from Jonathan Sinagub
- Anne Sweet** from Lawrence & Jessica Sweet
- Sophie Levin** from Maurice Edwards
- Sedelle Diamond and Harry Figler** from Michael Figler
- Fay Maydeck** from Steve & Roberta Jellinek
- Harry Gerson** from Sharon Glass
- Esther Sweet & Harry Sweet** from Stephen Sweet

## **Holman Weisbard Fund for Adult Jewish Learning**

*in honor of*

- Joel and Debbie Minkoff's new grandson, David and Nancy Resnick's new grandson and Diane Gutmann & Tom Palay granddaughter** from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

*in memory of*

- Benjamin Fields, Estelle Wolman and Miriam "Mickey" Pressman** from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

## **Jake Heifetz Fund**

*in memory of*

- Rabbi Philip Silverstein** from Marion Gold
- Betty Sweet** from Noah & Roz Hershkowitz

## **Joe Temkin Education Fund**

*in honor of*

- Sam Factor's graduation, Sophie Steinberger's graduation and Joel & Debbie Minkoff's new grandchild** from Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin

## **Martin and Serene Mazor Kiddush Fund**

*in honor of*

- Sol Zaichick** from Len & Terrie Goren
- Judith Kornblatt** from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen
- The birth of Janis Ada Cordasco** from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen
- Eliya Syvertsen and Ilana Greenspan Bat Mitzvah** from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen
- Sol Zaichick** from Thomas Palay & Diane Gutmann

## **Yahrzeits**

### **7 Tishrei / September 20**

- Franklin Mann
- Bayla Rachel Mazursky
- Molly Ansell
- Sam Katz
- Sarah Knupp

### **8 Tishrei / September 21**

- Max Weigler
- Edward Bregman
- Rudolph Dolezal

### **9 Tishrei / September 22**

- Samuel Kneller
- Martin Mazor
- Elva Simon
- Bessie Bornstein
- Donna Newman

### **10 Tishrei / September 23**

- Gussie Wein
- Murray Feit
- Zachary Onikul
- Lillian Rosenzweig

### **11 Tishrei / September 24**

- Valentin Sobotka
- Ida Sweet
- Albert Borenstein
- Philip Borisy

### **12 Tishrei / September 25**

- Rafael Bornstein
- Naomi Sinagub
- Henry Karpe
- Rubin Schuckit
- Rose Shapiro

### **13 Tishrei / September 26**

- Nate Sudow
- Harry Lewis
- Esther Lewis
- Rose Schain
- Michael Stein

### **14 Tishrei / September 27**

- Yechiel Temkin
- Harry Becker
- Phineas Grunes
- Alvin Pratzel

### **15 Tishrei / September 28**

- Max Rosen
- Rose Winer
- Esther Frank

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## Yahrzeits

### 16 Tishrei / September 2

Ben Gahr  
Annette Gould  
Julius Grunes

### 17 Tishrei / September 30

Charles Halperin  
Meyer Levine

### 18 Tishrei / October 1

Harry Sternberg  
Jean Linderman

### 19 Tishrei / October 2

Belle Spitz  
Abe Stein  
William Simmons  
Marcia Terman  
Vivian Daniels

### 20 Tishrei / October 3

Lena Snovsky  
Eva Cohen  
Joseph Rossman

### 21 Tishrei / October 4

Dora Sinykin  
Rubin Stein

### 22 Tishrei / October 5

Nehama Sweet  
Lewis Altschuler

### 23 Tishrei / October 6

Miriam Sulman  
Miriam Sweet

### 24 Tishrei / October 7

Ida Glick  
Solomon Sweet  
Tsivyah Kanter  
Ben Minkoff  
Selma Hill Cohen  
Claire Rudin

### 25 Tishrei / October 8

Edith Berg

### 26 Tishrei / October 9

Clara Cohn  
Isadore Eisenberg  
Jacob Hellerstein  
Melvin Pover  
W.J. Shapiro  
Harry Temkin

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## Memorial & Tribute Gifts

### Martin and Serene Mazor Kiddush Fund

*in memory of*

**Harry Altshuler** from David Sulman & Anne Altshuler  
**Dorothy Saposnik Smith** from Herbert Lewis & Francie Saposnik  
**Morris Kniaz** from Lorna Kniaz  
**Philip Silverstein and Herb Kliebard** from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

### L'Dor v'Dor

*Get Well*

**Roz Levin** from Frances Mann

*in honor of*

**The engagement of Eli Temkin and Emma Eisemann** from Ben & Sherry Hirschfeld and Herman Goldstein  
**Rabbi Charles Feinberg's career and retirement and David Palay & Emily Glick engagement** from Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin  
**Nancy Feingold's birthday and David & Nancy Resnick's new grandchild** from Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin  
**Joel & Debbie Minkoff's new grandchild** from Livia Asher  
**Kazu Kitano and her conversion** from Natalie Borenstein

*in memory of*

**Paul Rock** from Michael Rock & Kathi Johnson Rock  
**Frances Rossman** from Ben & Sherry Hirschfeld  
**David Ottenstein** from Debbie Ottenstein Alden  
**Norton Gahr and William Schwartz** from Dorothy Schwartz  
**Frances Myers and Herb Kliebard** from Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin  
**Estelle Wolman** from Howard & Heidi Bregman  
**John Wear** from James & Ziva Wear  
**Charles Lipstein** from Joan Ershler  
**Oscar Rapkin, Hyman Lerner and Rae Rapkin** from Mitch & Sharon Rapkin  
**Estelle Wolman, Rabbi Philip Silverstein and Howard Eisenberg** from Natalie Borenstein  
**Samual Springberg** from Peter Springberg  
**Elliot Iver and Rabbi Philip Silverstein** from Roz Levin  
**Herb Kliebard** from Si & Billie Hellerstein

### Mikvah Fund

*in honor of*

**Joel & Debbie Minkoff's new grandchild** from Sylvia Grunes

### Julius Mintz Education Fund

*in honor of*

**Dona Klein Birthday** from Marvin & Phyllis Eisenberg

*in memory of*

**Dave Weinstein** from Barbara Beyer  
**Ida Paley, Mollie Paley Finn, Moshe Paley, Ben Paley, Hyman Paley, Sam Paley, Julius Mintz, Lubey Mintz, Marshall Mintz, Osne**





# Memorial & Tribute Gifts

**Zaichick and Jack Heifetz, Sonia Andrusier, Fruma Mintz, and Norman Zaichick** from Marvin & Phyllis Eisenberg

**Frieda Melnik** from Sol & Corlie Blumenfeld

**Rae Rapkin** from Ruth Tash

## Rose and Morris Heifetz Welfare Fund

*in memory of*

**Rabbi Philip Silverstein** from Ben & Sherry Hirschfeld, David & Nancy Resnick, Frances Mann, Lynn Hirschfeld Brahin, Nadine Cohen, Rayla Temin and Si & Billie Hellerstein

**Jack Heifetz** from Leo & Anette Fettman

## Prayerbook Fund

*in memory of*

**David Ottenstein's 10th Yahrzeit** from E. Ottenstein & S. Ottenstein

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

*in memory of*

**Alma Sweet** from Judith Shapiro

**Al Moncy** from Michael & Patrice Onheiber

**Ruth Zitowsky** from Robert Zitowsky

**Rose Schwartz** from Robert Schwartz Family

**Minnie Isaac** from Sam & Maria Onheiber

## A.J. and Celia Rosenberg Education Fund

*in honor of*

**David & Nancy Resnick's new grandchild** from Robert Factor & Kris Rasmussen

## A.J. and Celia Rosenberg Library Fund

*in memory of*

**Robert Smith** from Herbert Lewis & Francie Saposnik

**Mayer Sweet** from Merle & Patricia Sweet

**Anna Schwam and Diane Schwam** from Emanuel Schwam

**Samual Moskowsky** from Samuel Moss

**Julius Ruskin** from Samuel Moss

## Shirley Epstein Fund

*in memory of*

**Harry Seeman** from Dr. Myron Seeman

**Henry Yaskal** from Maureen Yaskal

**Belle Novick** from Ruth Ann Schumeister

**Sarah Zaichick** from Sol Zaichick

## Talmud Torah Fund

*in honor of*

**BIC Education** from Barbara Herman

## Adolph and Janet Weinshel Torah Maintenance Fund

*in honor of*

**Si Hellerstein's Birthday** from Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin

## Yahrzeits

### 27 Tishrei / October 10

Nathan Borokhim

Nathan Dutch

Leon Lassen

### 28 Tishrei / October 11

Marcia Lewis

Lillian Onikul

Rachel Sinaiko

Sarah Glick

Charles Glick

### 29 Tishrei / October 12

Bella Sweet

Sterling Fishman

Danielle Goren

Donald Meyers

### 30 Tishrei / October 13

Chana Schostak

Joseph Zatlin

Helen Feit

### 1 Heshvan / October 14

Rose Gerson

Shoshana Hellerstein

Jacob Sinagub

### 2 Heshvan / October 15

Marilyn Holman

Joe (Jachial) Temkin

### 3 Heshvan / October 16

Marvin Wexler

### 4 Heshvan / October 17

Rubin Adler

Ruben Blachman

Grace Goldstein

Bella Becker

Alex Temkin

Harry Schackter

Yudel Brandt

Harry Frank

### 5 Heshvan / October 18

Mosheh Yiddel Goldstein

Hersch Goldstein

Goldie Portnoy

Rebecca Seidman

Eva Shenker

### 6 Heshvan / October 19

Sadie Silver

Bernice Coppersmith

Helen Goldman

Theodore Jellinek

Minnie Simmons

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**Yahrzeits**

**7 Heshvan / October 20**

Ruth Oster Weisbard  
Jacob Cooper  
Minnie Kessel  
Charles Layton

**8 Heshvan / October 21**

Steve Orman  
Leonard A. Sweet  
Dora Gross  
Chaim Katsnelson  
Arthur Sweet  
Max Weinstein  
Helene Goldman

**9 Heshvan / October 22**

Dora Kapetovske  
Herman Kaufman  
Herman Mintz  
Sam Nager

**10 Heshvan / October 23**

Rose Passon

**11 Heshvan / October 24**

Beatrice Rosenthal  
Sol Kaplan  
Morris Kliebard

**12 Heshvan / October 25**

Stanley Langer  
Lillian Levin  
Sydney Bernard  
Joseph Frank

**13 Heshvan / October 26**

Sarah Goldberg  
Bella Goldstein  
Jacob Altschuler

**14 Heshvan / October 27**

Herman Argand  
Bessie Katz  
Aaron Kerlow  
Faye Jacobs  
Celia Weigler

**15 Heshvan / October 28**

Eli Wolman  
Marcy Deutsch  
Harry Luterman  
Ruth Seder  
Minnie Sokolov  
Reva Sweet

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## August 2015

| Sun                 | Mon                      | Tue                      | Wed | Thu                                                                 | Fri                                                       | Sat                                                      |
|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
|                     |                          |                          |     |                                                                     |                                                           | 1<br><br><i>Va'etchanan</i><br>Shabbat Nachamu           |
| 2                   | 3                        | 4                        | 5   | 6                                                                   | 7                                                         | 8<br><br>Children's Services<br><i>Ekev</i>              |
| 9                   | 10                       | 11<br>Board of Directors | 12  | 13<br>Torah & Mindfulness<br>Dessert & Discussion<br>(TT) East Side | 14                                                        | 15<br><br><i>Re'eh</i><br>Rosh Chodesh                   |
| 16<br>Rosh Chodesh  | 17                       | 18                       | 19  | 20                                                                  | 21<br>Kabbalat Shabbat<br>& Potluck Dinner<br>@ Hoyt Park | 22<br><br><i>Shoftim</i>                                 |
| 23<br>The Road Home | 24<br>Buddy Congregation | 25<br>Week >>>           | 26  | 27<br>Torah & Mindfulness                                           | 28                                                        | 29<br>Debbie Rudin<br>Bat Mitzvah<br>Children's Services |
| 30                  | 31                       |                          |     | Dessert & Discussion<br>(TT) West Side                              |                                                           | <i>Ki Tetze</i>                                          |

# September 2015

| Sun                                                                   | Mon                                                                       | Tue                                                   | Wed                                             | Thu | Fri                                                       | Sat                                                                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                       |                                                                           | 1                                                     | 2                                               | 3   | 4                                                         | 5<br>Vered & Lena<br>Ben-Gideon<br>B'not Mitzvah<br>Ki Tavo<br>Slichot |
| 6<br>Slichot Service<br>8:00pm                                        | 7<br>Office Closed<br><br>Labor Day                                       | 8<br>Talmud Torah<br>Begins<br><br>Board of Directors | 9                                               | 10  | 11<br>Kabbalat Shabbat<br>& Potluck Dinner<br>@ Hoyt Park | 12<br>SMP Begins<br><br>Nitzavim                                       |
| 13<br>Erev<br>Rosh Hashanah<br>5:45pm                                 | 14<br>Office Closed<br>Tashlich Nosh<br>4:00pm<br>Rosh Hashanah<br>8:00am | 15<br>Office Closed<br><br>Rosh Hashanah<br>8:00am    | 16                                              | 17  | 18                                                        | 19<br>Shabbat Shuvah<br>Mindfulness<br>Retreat<br>Vayelech             |
| 20<br>1st Sunday TT<br>Annual Meeting<br>9:30am<br><br>Mikveh Program | 21<br><br>Mikveh Program                                                  | 22<br><br>Kol Nidre                                   | 23<br>Office Closed<br><br>Yom Kippur<br>Yizkor | 24  | 25                                                        | 26<br>Maya Becker<br>Bat Mitzvah<br><br>Ha'azinu                       |
| 27<br>Yom Rishon<br><br>Erev Sukkot                                   | 28<br>Office Closed<br><br>Sukkot                                         | 29<br>Office Closed<br><br>Sukkot                     | 30<br><br>Kesharim Dinner                       |     |                                                           |                                                                        |

# October 2015

| Sun                                                   | Mon                                                                                       | Tue                                             | Wed                | Thu                                  | Fri                           | Sat                                                    |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                       |                                                                                           |                                                 |                    | 1<br>Happy Hour in the<br>BIC Sukkah | 2<br>Sukkot-Shabbat<br>Dinner | 3<br>Shabbat Afternoon<br>Sukkah Stroll<br>Chol Hamoed |
| 4<br>Hoshana<br>Rabbah<br><br>East Side<br>Sukkah Hop | 5<br>Office Closed<br>Shemini Atzeret<br>Yizkor (am)<br>Erev Simchat<br>Torah Celebration | 6<br>Office Closed<br><br>Simchat Torah         | 7                  | 8                                    | 9                             | 10<br><br>Bereshit                                     |
| 11<br>Melton Begins                                   | 12                                                                                        | 13<br>Board of Directors<br><br>Rosh Chodesh    | 14<br>Rosh Chodesh | 15                                   | 16                            | 17<br><br>Noach                                        |
| 18<br>Yom Rishon<br><br>Melton                        | 19                                                                                        | 20<br>B'nai Mitzvah<br>Parent Meeting<br>4:30pm | 21                 | 22                                   | 23                            | 24<br><br>Lech Lecha                                   |
| 25<br>Melton                                          | 26                                                                                        | 27                                              | 28                 | 29                                   | 30                            | 31<br><br>Vayera                                       |

## Yahrzeits

### 16 Heshvan / October 29

Erin Karp  
Lilly Kopelberg  
Meir Lazimy

### 17 Heshvan / October 30

Sam Sadoff  
Della Zimmerman

### 18 Heshvan / October 31

Philip Zlochenko  
Norman Feldman  
Jake Heifetz  
D.J. Wasserstrom  
Harry Joselewitz  
Sam Seidman  
Toyba Black  
Benny Sweet  
Bertha Weiner



*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](mailto:office@bethisraelcenter.org).*

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## August ~ September ~ October Schedule

| Date            | Parshat             | Candle Lighting | Shabbat Services                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| August 7/8      | Eikev               | Candles 7:53p   | Fridays<br>5:45pm<br><br>Saturdays<br>9:30am<br><br><hr/> <b>Weekday Services</b><br><br>Sunday mornings<br>8:15am<br><br>Monday & Thursday<br>mornings<br>7:00am<br><br>Sunday - Thursday evenings<br>5:30pm<br><br><hr/> Please call ahead to<br>ensure a minyan.<br>Other morning services may<br>be organized by request. |
| August 14/15    | Re'eh               | Candles 7:43p   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| August 21/22    | Shoftim             | Candles 7:32p   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| August 28/29    | Ki Teitzei          | Candles 7:20p   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| September 4/5   | Ki Tavo             | Candles 7:08p   | Please call ahead to<br>ensure a minyan.<br>Other morning services may<br>be organized by request.                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| September 11/12 | Nitzavim            | Candles 6:56p   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| September 18/19 | Vayelech            | Candles 6:43p   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| September 25/26 | Ha'azinu            | Candles 6:31p   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| October 2/3     | Chol Hamoed Sukkot  | Candles 6:18p   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| October 9/10    | Parashat Bereshit   | Candles 6:06p   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| October 16/17   | Parashat Noach      | Candles 5:54p   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| October 23/24   | Parashat Lech-Lecha | Candles 5:43p   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| October 30/31   | Parashat Vayera     | Candles 5:34p   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |