



## Upcoming Programs & Events

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### Summer Shabbat Potluck in Hoyt Park ~ Friday, August 29

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.

### Annual Membership Meeting ~ 6:30pm Tuesday, September 13

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. Enjoy a falafel-bar dinner before the meeting. RSVP to the office by September 6.

### Sukkah Building Workshop ~ Sunday, September 18

Come to Beth Israel Center and learn to build your own sukkah, what makes a sukkah kosher, and how to build one that will easily store between holiday seasons. Advance registrants will leave with supplies for an 8-by-12-foot sukkah. More details soon!

### High Holidays 5777

Rosh Hashanah begins Sunday evening, October 2. 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 9 deadline.**

S'lichot Service / September 25

Rosh Hashanah / October 2-4

Yom Kippur / October 11-12

Sukkot / October 16-23

Shemini Atzeret / October 24

Simchat Torah / October 24-25

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.

### Shabbat Shuvah Mindfulness Retreat ~ Saturday, October 8

Come for three hours of guided and unguided meditation, 2:00-5:00, as well as text study.

### Mikvah Programs ~ Sunday and Monday, Oct. 9 and 10

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

### Erev Simchat Torah Celebration! ~ Monday, October 24

Watch the BIC website and congregational emails for more information.



# Thoughts from the Rabbi...

## *Get Naked at Beth Israel Center*

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Next Centerite Deadline:  
September 26, 2016



Our new, beautiful, spa-like Sylvia Grunes Mikvah is a great resource for our community that we are only beginning to tap to its fullest potential. Having a mikvah that is open to all for the traditional purposes of

conversion and *niddah*, (ritual immersion by women and sometimes their partners to mark the end of their menstrual cycle) is a necessity. Beyond these classic uses, our new mikvah has so much more potential.

The title of this column is a double entendre, although not a bawdy one. A person enters the mikvah naked—that is, wearing no clothing. Our mikvah is a private, spiritual space where you can be naked and comfortable in these *mayim hayim*, living waters. The physical nakedness makes it possible for these living waters to completely envelop each person who immerses.

Over the past few decades, Jews have begun to use the mikvah for purposes other than conversion and *niddah*. The private space where the spiritual waters of the mikvah completely hold you offer a safe and accepting space where we each can be

spiritually naked. We can shed the clothing protection of ego and personal narrative to expose ourselves to ourselves. And in this moment we can find acceptance and healing.

Today, immersing to mark the end of chemo-therapy, survival of surgery, receiving the final decree in a divorce or generically to seek healing from something that pains is becoming ever more common. The testaments of people who have immersed often reveal how skeptical at first, they were surprised at the power of the experience and how it helped them. One of our own community members has agreed to share reflections on her experience (*see below*).

Our mikvah is open every day except Shabbat and holidays; please contact the office at least one business day in advance to make an appointment.

This year we will again be setting aside two nights immediately before Yom Kippur (October 9th for women and 10th for men) for learning about and experiencing the mikvah. Seize the opportunity that this ancient tradition affords to find solace, healing and spiritual commitment for the coming year.

Shalom,

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*I was not raised in a community with a mikvah. When I considered it as part of Jewish practice at all, it was as belonging to another world where marriages look much different than my own. The mikvah might be for other women, but certainly not for me.*

*However, when I heard BIC was building a mikvah, a beautiful and welcoming part of our communal home, I was intrigued about whether it could be used for non-halachically prescribed purposes. I have chronic PTSD arising from experiencing prolonged sexual violence, and my relationship to my community, my spirituality, and my body is complicated. Men and women in Reform and Conservative communities with similar histories have in recent years been exploring how to use the mikvah as part of their journeys to reconnect to that which has felt out of reach, and I wondered out loud to the Rabbi if maybe I could try using our mikvah in that way too.*

*For the last year, he and I have been meeting to study texts, understand the traditions and history of ritual immersions, and ultimately begin to create a ritual practice that both speaks to me and is conjunctive with our traditional understandings and uses of the mikvah. During my now monthly immersions I marvel at the space out of time that is our mikvah and mark the changes in myself as I move along my healing journey. This private ritual in a public space has provided me a visceral and emotional connection to our BIC family. Our community provided a room where I can pray, scream, cry and feel like I am very much not alone. What started as an abstract concept of things "other Jews do" became a central part of my Jewish experience. Thank you to BIC for supporting the building of this space and a heartfelt thank you to the Rabbi for exploring new and transformative uses for it.*



# President's Column

## Looking Forward to Looking Back

A strong slate of officers and directors will be presented (and presumably elected) at the annual meeting on September 13. Matt Banks and the officers on the 2016 Executive Committee are deeply committed to the mission and success of Beth Israel Center. The incoming Board of Directors is diverse, committed and enthusiastic. Before looking forward to what this fresh team of leadership might do, I want to look back at some of the things the current iteration of lay leadership has accomplished over the past two years.

To put things in perspective, recall that the current officers were elected at the 2014 annual meeting held in our temporary office downtown. Many of the Vice Presidents served on the Building Committee and had spent more than a year in multiple meetings each month. The primary task at that time was to maintain cohesion and programming throughout the many locations BIC was utilizing. We moved back into our building in December 2014 and were already developing programming for the new space.

It is impossible to acknowledge all the hard work and accomplishments of BIC's officers, directors, committee members and volunteers in this column. At the risk of omission, I want to highlight some of the efforts by our officers. Cynthia Hirsch ascended to the coveted post of Immediate Past President after serving a third year as President. Three years; enough said! Tenacity is a small part of her presidential portfolio. Cynthia's long-term commitment to BIC and *heimishkeit* made her uniquely qualified to lead us through a major building project and the accompanying displacement. President Hirsch also led many less visible efforts including working with the Personnel Committee to develop and implement a personnel policy manual.

Rick Ezell has been a steady hand as Vice President of Ritual. We can't recognize and thank the Ritual Committee enough for the work they do week in and week out to plan our services. High Holiday planning is work enough, but in the past two years it was all the more so. In 2014 the Ritual Committee and our

Rabbi planned High Holiday services in a church. In 2015 they planned services in our new sanctuary . . . while it was being built. Services both years had the continuity we expected and the enthusiasm we hoped for. Rick will transition to President-Elect; a demonstration of his commitment to Beth Israel Center and to the Jewish community.



Don Miner continues as our veteran officer, Vice President of Finance and volunteer bookkeeper. Need I say more? Of course I do. Don has been critical in maintaining our financial health—sometimes with not enough help and sometimes, probably, with too much help. We have endeavored to formalize our budget cycle so that each year will help inform decisions for the coming budget year. This involves meetings, debates and more meetings. In between budget cycles, Don works tirelessly to maintain our books.

Jennie Edes-Pierotti worked closely with our Education Director to maintain our Talmud Torah program as we moved from our old building to our temporary locations and back to our new building. Not content to rest on her accomplishments, Jennie and the Talmud Torah Committee have been working diligently to re-think how we deliver our Talmud Torah education. After significant research, community meetings and planning, BIC will implement a Shabbat-centered program this fall. Jennie demonstrates her commitment to developing our educational program as she continues as V.P. of Education next year.

Elana Matthews served as the tireless V.P. of Membership. Beth Israel has seen a steady influx of new members from

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### Office Hours

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9am to 5pm

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9am to Noon

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Sunday mornings  
8:15am

Monday & Thursday  
mornings  
7:00am

Sunday thru Thursday  
evenings  
5:30pm

### FINDING YOUR WAY AT BETH ISRAEL CENTER:

**On Shabbat mornings and for other programs in the main sanctuary or social hall, enter from either Mound Street or the parking lot.**

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

## Simchas & Announcements

### MAZAL TOV to...

Great-grandmother Fay Nager on the birth of Jacob Levi Ross and Saul Lev Grajower, both in April.

New grandparents Harvey & Barbara Myers Temkin and parents Daniel & Yaara Temkin on the birth of Adiv Simcha in May.

Grandparents Debbie & Joel Minkoff, parents Caren Minkoff & Ari Lampear, uncles and aunts Michael (Lainie) Minkoff, Josh (Kaylee Heller) Minkoff and Ben Minkoff on the birth of Eva Ruth in June.

Grandparents Phyllis Holman Weisbard and Alan Weisbard and parents Ari Weisbard & Rebecca Ennen on the birth of Misha Raphael in June.

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

Patricia & Ethan Jewett and big sister Ruthie on the birth of Judith Lisa in July.

Michael & Kathi Johnson Rock on their 18th wedding anniversary, to be celebrated with a special kiddush on August 20.

The Hadley family on Sophie becoming a Bat Mitzvah on September 3.

Hilda Fine on her birthday, to be celebrated with a special Kiddush on September 10.

The Desai family on Maya becoming a Bat Mitzvah on September 24.



## From the Executive Director's Desk

### *Surprise? (I hope not.)*

For the past several years, we have held our Annual Membership Meeting on the first day of Talmud Torah. Electing new Board members, reporting on the state of



the shul and announcing new programs fits well with the beginning of a new school year.

Once again this year, our Annual Meeting will be

on the first day of Talmud Torah.

However, for those of you who have grown accustomed to that being a Sunday, make special note: **Talmud Torah begins and our Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 13th.** The meeting will begin at 6:30pm, and a casual dinner will be served beginning at 5:45; we hope offering dinner will make it easier to attend the meeting.

In addition to the annual election and reports from lay leaders and staff, this

year's annual meeting presentations will include results from the congregational survey we conducted this summer.

One of the things that didn't surprise me about the survey is that Beth Israel Center members are more committed than average, if the survey's response rate is any indication. USCJ, which conducted the survey for us, considers 40% to be a good response rate. Our rate was about 50%. *Yasher koach.*

And one of the things our more-committed-than-average congregation commits to is education. More details are on the facing page, but I want to encourage you to consider enrolling in the Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning, which will once again be co-taught by Rabbis Joshua and Rebecca Ben-Gideon. Classes begin September 11. For course descriptions and to register: [www.events.org/madisonmelton](http://www.events.org/madisonmelton).

Elissa Pollack

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### *President's column, from previous page*

across the demographic gamut. Elana and the Membership Committee worked with our Executive Director to welcome prospective and new members and run programs to introduce BIC to people contemplating membership. The Shabbat potlucks at Hoyt Park are a wonderful demonstration of the personal commitment Elana and the committee bring to the task.

Jeff Lindholm leaves his post as Vice President of House. Jeff helped our old building limp along until the renovation began. I would joke that he had to make do with duct tape and bailing twine, but neither of those were in the budget. Jeff's knowledge was crucial to maintaining the old building and helping plan this new building. Lastly, Marc Shovers ends his tenure as Recording Secretary and will continue his commitment to BIC as a Director on our Board.

The Executive Committee as a whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

Together we navigate issues that arise, try to manage BIC business consistent with our mission and implement our strategic plan. Our focus since moving back into our building has been managing the budget and fine tuning the division of responsibility between lay leadership and professional staff. We strive to make our governance transparent, responsive and accountable. The Board of Directors has done an exemplary job of managing our institution's business with commitment and civility. We should all be proud.

I look forward to what incoming President Matt Banks and the other officers and directors can accomplish. Our leadership model creates both continuity and opportunities for new ideas and initiatives. We are in good hands.

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# From the Education Director's Desk

## What's New?

As I write this, I'm at Camp Ramah in Conover, WI, listening to campers playing, learning and just hanging out together. It's my first time here for any length of time and the whole experience--the fresh air, the Hebrew atmosphere, the joy and the rhythm of the day from *tefillot* in the morning to reading in the youngest bunk at bedtime (along with the tuna sandwiches) are really pulling me to go be a part of it. Instead, I'm a happy observer, reading and working in a sunny spot watching campers (*our* campers--campers from Madison are *everywhere* here!).

This summer, as always, I'm reading several books related to Jewish education and education in general. This week's book, *It's Our Challenge: A Social Entrepreneurship Approach to Jewish Education* by Jonathan Mirvis, is helping me understand exactly how important our innovative Shabbat-centered school will be for our community and our future. Mirvis likens educational change and social entrepreneurship to the famous biblical story of Jacob's ladder in which Jacob dreams that a ladder is placed on the ground, with

its "...head reaching the heavens. And the angels of God were ascending and descending" (Genesis 28:12). He claims that "In order to keep one's feet on the ground, a person needs to be immersed in the current reality... By contrast, in order to reach for the heavens, a person needs to have a higher belief that transcends the current situation and aspires to achieve seemingly unattainable goals...



In navigating the future, a person should always be rooted in the present, while his or her head constantly challenges the status quo and dreams of a new reality" (Mirvis xvii).

Thank you for dreaming with me this past year, while keeping me firmly rooted in reality. Our efforts will be worth it.

*Beth*

Beth Cohn Copelovitch  
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### Educational Programming for All Ages!

#### Preschool

**Matchilim:** Join us every or any Shabbat of the school year 10:30-11:30(ish) for friendship, singing, *tefillah* (praying), play, challah and juice.

**Yom Rishon:** See info, right.

#### Elementary and Middle School Age

**Talmud Torah:** Registration for students in grades 1-7 is open on our website. Please contact Beth Copelovitch with questions.

**Shabbat Tefillot:** All school-age children are welcome and encouraged to participate in age-appropriate services every Shabbat of the school year at 10:30am. (Talmud Torah begins at 9:30.)

#### Post-Bnai Mitzvah

**Madrichim:** Join a dedicated group of trained teaching assistants on Shabbat mornings from 9:30-10:30 to help guide our 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders in learning the Torah and Shabbat Shacharit services as well as help prepare them to be successful

*shlichei tzibbur* (service leaders) in our congregation and beyond. This is not a paid position, but volunteer hours, resume help, training and community-wide recognition are available for *madrichim* who meet minimum criteria. Watch for more information coming soon.

#### Adults

**Melton:** Registration for the popular and effective Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning is open. Classes will be taught by Rabbis Joshua and Rebecca Ben-Gideon. Register online at [www.events.org/madisonmelton](http://www.events.org/madisonmelton).

**Kolot Kehilla:** Our Sunday morning speaker series featuring the voices of our community resumes on September 11th.

**Ongoing Classes:** Watch our website, weekly emails and special announcements about ongoing Hebrew, Yiddish and Talmud classes.

### Talmud Torah Schedule

School starts Tuesday, September 13th!

Grades 1 & 2  
Tuesdays 4:00-5:45

Grades 3-7  
Tuesdays 4:00-5:45  
Thursdays 4:00-5:45  
Saturdays 9:30-12



### 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 2016-2017 dates on your calendar:

September 26

October 16

November 20

December 18

January 22

February 26

March 19

April 30

10:00-11:15am

## 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:

Diane and Ken Kliebard in celebration of their parents, Bernice and Herb Kliebard (z"l)-May 14

Laurie Nagus and Paul Wilson for Rhiannon's Bat Mitzvah - May 21

Rayla Temin for her birthday and other family nachas - May 28

Beth Fisher and Emery Bresnick for Jaren's Bar Mitzvah - June 4

Renee Lauber and Graham Cody for Rowan's Bat Mitzvah - June 11

Family of Sandie Offenstein in memory of David Offenstein (z"l) - June 25

Cynthia Hirsch for Benny and Corrina's Aufruf and marriage - July 2

Arlene Lukin and Zev Kianovsky for Jacob's Bar Mitzvah - July 9

Billie and Si Hellerstein in celebration of their big birthdays - July 30



## 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 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.

### Emily Desai, At-large Director, Incoming VP-Membership

*When did you join the congregation and why?* I joined Beth Israel Center in 2007 when I moved to Madison. During and after college, I was a vagrant, but after I got married, I joined a congregation wherever I lived. I lived in places with small Jewish communities and I felt a responsibility to supporting Judaism in the place I was. How else do *Nerot Tamid* stay lit aside from our commitment as individuals?



*Tell us a little bit about yourself.* My husband, Ankur, and I have three daughters, Maya, Lela and Sarita. My brother, Kyle, moved to Stoughton in 2014 and my parents followed soon after. Seven of the eight of us love to ski. I've been a special education teacher since 2005 and taught at West High School since 2010. Educating students with disabilities and their peers gives me the chance to learn humility daily, a trait I'll attempt to carry with me to the Board. I've spent Saturday mornings chilling with the eight and under set since 2008. We have amazing discussions together that always give me new ways of seeing. I am fortunate to live within walking distance of not just BIC, but also my workplace, Ankur's workplace, my parents' home, and two of the public schools in our attendance area.

*What has prepared you for service on the BIC Board?* In college, I was the Loose Ends Coordinator for the Kosher-Halal Coop at Oberlin College. Twice. The first semester, meals were often bad and late, but members were happy. The second time the food was prompt and tasty, but everyone was grumpy with each other. I'm still trying to puzzle that one out, but I think it shows that satisfaction and the quality of programming aren't necessarily correlated.

*Tell us a story that exemplifies Beth Israel Center for you.* One Shabbat morning, I asked the Shorashim children what we should start with. One of them pointed to a blank page, so I asked what was there. They said a midrash and defined midrash as a story with a story within a story. For many months after that, the kindergarten through second graders spun tales based on the week's parshah.

*What do you hope to accomplish as a Board member?* It's gonna be huge! But if it's not, I hope to participate in a smooth running congregation that meets the needs of its membership in a fiscally responsible way.

*Name one thing that may surprise people about you.* I have multiple sclerosis. Fortunately, my prognosis continues to look good, since I was diagnosed almost 17 years ago and have no disability.

### Trudy Barash, At-large Director, Membership Committee

Beth Israel Center is precious to me for many reasons. Therefore, in place of answering the usual questions, I've decided to write about what Beth Israel Center has come to mean to me over the 44 years since I moved to Madison with Harvey, whose parents, Hilda and Abraham Barash, were among the founders of Beth Israel Center in 1948.

Harvey's parents became deaf due to childhood diseases untreated in Russia. They met in Sheboygan (a story in itself!), and at that time, had to be married at Madison's Workman's Circle, as they were refused a synagogue wedding because of their lack of 'language.' Therefore, it was incredibly moving when, in the mid 1970s, Rabbi Feinberg, recognizing that the Halachic meaning of 'language' had changed over time, suggested that the moment had come for Abe to be given an Aliyah. It was touching to see him ascend to the bimah. Abraham Barash, a deaf shoe repairman, signed the blessings in translation in broad, graceful strokes with his immense, strapping hands. After he finished the blessing, the Torah reader, Mr. Rothblatt—a venerable scholar—fingerspelled A-M-E-N. Weeping could be heard throughout the congregation that day. Abe was called to the Torah many times after that, but no one who was there will forget his very first time.



Our four sons David, Jonathan, Joshua and Daniel were 7, 5, 3, and 1 years old when we moved back here in 1972, from Ft. Campbell, KY. The boys went through Talmud Torah and we remember bemoaning how naughty they all were during those years. But, as happens with all 12- and 13-year-olds, something miraculous occurs on the way to preparing to become a Bar or Bat Mitzvah. The process itself becomes life-changing—and it was especially so for the boys because of several remarkable people who happened to be passing through the university at that time.

Simcha Prombaum, who was working towards a Masters degree in the Business School and was our student cantor for several years, was a great tutor, made learning a joy and became a close family friend. Rafi Finkel was on the faculty in Computer Science during those years and was incredibly knowledgeable. When he learned that David had decided to become a Hazan, Rafi, together with Simcha, went out of their way to make tapes of the High Holiday and Festival services for him, as well as of the beautiful Piyutim within the services. (David has since tutored Rayla Temin from those very same tapes.) Our dear Deb Hoffman is still in touch with the boys. And finally Si Hellerstein, from all the way back then, is remembered by them for his radiant presence around the Torah—ever the teacher—gently correcting them on the use of a vowel or heartily congratulating them on a well-prepared reading. He's remembered, as well, for his extraordinary kindness.

Years later, in 1986, my mother came to live in Madison after my dad's death in Jerusalem (she had made Aliyah with my father 15 years before), and I offer profound thanks to the congregants of Beth Israel for embracing her. When she first met the women of Beth Israel Women's League, she was ready to dive right in to the matters at hand in a voice and volume that had worked for her all her adult life in New Jersey and during her childhood in Brooklyn. That wasn't QUITE the manner of the Midwest. Once that became clear to her, she pulled back and slowly, slowly began to gain the trust and admiration of people who came to know her. (Over the years she became great buddies with Jake Heifetz, another character worthy of a story.)

My mother could most often be found in the gift shop with lovely Sylvia Grunes.

Annabelle found joy in ordering for the shop and inevitably overbought, so the stock was much larger than it should have been. But if you were looking for an exquisite Pesach plate or Kiddush cup, the Beth Israel gift shop was definitely the place to go. I've been told that she was an integral part of many children's Hebrew school experience—a kind of surrogate grandmother. Of course, she sold candy in the gift shop, and even ran up candy 'credit accounts.' And I've heard so very many times that she was an embracing figure to anyone new to the congregation and to anyone who seemed in the least forlorn.

As I reminisce about Beth Israel, I mention with gratitude Rabbi Feinberg, Rabbi Re'em, Rabbi Katz and Rabbi Ben-Gideon, each having shared his singular capacity for inspiration and solace during his tenure here.

These are some of the memories I call upon and am grateful for as I sit in our beautifully renovated sanctuary on a Shabbat morning. I'm delighted to serve on the Board at this moment in time.

## 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 humashim, 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**

**Etz Hayim humash \$72**

**Mahzor Lev Shalem \$54**

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



## UPCOMING MOUSY EVENTS

### Sunday, Sept. 25

Rosh Hashana Gift  
Bags - Joint Youth  
Group Event

## REGIONAL and INTERNATIONAL USY CONVENTIONS:

November 11-13  
CHUSYFest

December 2-4  
Kadima Konvention

December 25-29  
USY International  
Convention in Dallas

January 27-28, 2017  
USY Midwinter

April 28-30, 2017  
CHUSY Spring Kinnus



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

### SAT & Subject Test Dates:

October 9, 2016  
November 6, 2016  
December 4, 2016  
January 22, 2017  
March 19, 2017  
May 7, 2017  
June 4, 2017

SAT registration info:  
866-756-7346.

### ACT Test Dates:

December 11, 2016  
April 9, 2017  
June 11, 2017

ACT Registration info:  
319-337-1270.



## By Word of Mouse

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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 2016-17 local and regional programs. (See left for dates.)

To recap, on Friday night, May 20, twelve mice gathered for our final *Shabbat Schmooze* event, ba-bayt Rabbis Joshua and Rebecca, and Lena, Vered, and Noam Ben-Gideon. After a taste of Kabbalat Shabbat davening, we indulged in a traditional Shabbat dinner of chicken, veggies, salad, and dessert. In addition to our own youth groupies, special guest Israel shaliach Daniel Gill joined us for dinner and dishing. We shared personal accounts of everyone's Jewish experience growing up in Madison, and how it differs or resembles Jewish life as a teenager in Israel. Rav todot to our gracious Ben-Gideon host family, and Daniel Gill (and everyone!) for very engaging conversation.

MOUSY's 2016 *Nominations/Elections* took place at Layla's Persian Cafe on Sunday morning, May 29. Our intimate group of mice participated in Jewish civics by reviewing the formal parliamentary proceedings, listening to speeches, engaging in question-and-answer periods and discussions, and finally, taking the big vote. We savored a delicious Persian brunch, prepared by our marvelous chef and hostess Laila Borokhim. Kol HaKavod to EX-Presidents Albert Shoshany Glosser and Deborah Blank for presiding over this formal meeting and our MOUSY constituents.

Kol HaKavod to Albert Shoshany Glosser (and Karen Shevet Dinah) of BIC for being honored at the Yom Ha'atzmaut torch-lighting ceremony for their Madison Jewish community service work on Sunday afternoon, May 15. Other BIC youth who took part in the celebration were Talia Ivry, Isaac Kianovsky, Mina Kianovsky, Max Lerner, Adam Levy, and Noah Pollack.

Kudos to Hannah Ehrlich and Talia Ivry for representing MOUSY teenagers at the Hava Nagila Picnic on Sunday, June 26 at the Goodman Jewish Community Campus (see photo, below).

Heartfelt farewells to the class of graduating seniors: *Josh Kohn, Jordyn Schreiber, and Jake Stein*. Chazak v'Ematz (*Be Strong and of Good Courage*) in your future endeavors.



Lorna Kniaz, Karen Shevet Dinah, Anna Heifetz, and Deborah Hoffman are backed up by Talia Ivry and Hannah Ehrlich, while sampling the cuisine at the Hava Nagila Picnic



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

On Sunday afternoon, May 22, a fun-loving group of twelve Kadima teens wrapped up the year of amusement and camaraderie by polishing up their magnifying glasses to take on the State Street Scavenger Hunt. From the Capitol building to Anthology to Soap Opera to Freedom Skateshop to Peace Park, and ending together at the Chocolate Shoppe for ice-cream and satisfaction, our Kadimaniks put in an energetic afternoon of competition and play.



Benno Loeb, Micah Copelovitch, Lily Matthews-Needelman, Eliza Mednick, and Talia Dolin show off their favorite rubber duckie from The Soap Opera on State Street.



Lily Matthews-Needelman, Maya Desai, Mirra Bleher, Maya Becker, Vered Ben-Gideon, Lena Ben-Gideon, Gaby Baum, Ellie Becker (MOUSY chaperone) and Hannah Ehrlich (MOUSY chaperone), enjoy their "just desserts" after completing the challenges from Kadima's State Street Scavenger Hunt

**2016-2017  
MOUSY BOARD**

**Co-Presidents**  
*Hannah Ehrlich*  
*Talia Ivry*

**1st VP**  
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*Ellie Becker*

**9th Grade  
Representative**  
*Maya Becker*

**EX-Presidents**  
*Deborah Blank*  
*Albert Shoshany Glosser*

Yasher Koach to the outgoing 2015-16 MOUSY board officers—*Albert Shoshany Glosser, Deborah Blank, Talia Ivry, Aviv Goldman, Miriam Syvertsen, Max Lerner, Hannah Ehrlich, and Moira Wilson*—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 Murder in the Air Mystery 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.

Beth Israel Center sponsors the youth groups MOUSY (8th-12th graders) and Kadima (6th-8th graders). Both are local chapters of the Conservative Movement's international organization United Synagogue Youth (USY).

MOUSY is open to all high school and middle school Jewish youth, affiliated or not. Join us for a year of exciting social programs, community service projects, outdoor play, and religious activities.

For more information, contact Deborah Hoffman at (608) 256-7763 or [hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org) or any MOUSY Board member (see right).

## Yahrzeits

### 26 Tammuz / August 1

Dora Moser  
Grace Rasmussen  
Hyman Schuster  
Linda Tetzlaff

### 27 Tammuz / August 2

Norman Dachman  
Frumeh Frank  
Fannie Stein

### 28 Tammuz / August 3

Rachel Mullin  
Bud Sweet  
Louise Wear

### 29 Tammuz / August 4

Elizabeth Berg  
Sidney Bernstein  
Celia Labow Holman  
Sophie Levine

### 1 Av / August 5

Lisa Sklarin

### 2 Av / August 6

Tsivia Morgenstern

### 4 Av / August 8

Julius Jacobs  
Myer Nathenson  
Anna Nathenson  
Harry Rosen

### 5 Av / August 9

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

### 6 Av / August 10

Ethel Goldstein  
Fanny Nosofsky  
Helen Ryan  
Benjamin Weinstein

### 7 Av / August 11

Rachel Hayman Cohen  
Ethel Lipstein  
Harry Usdansky

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## K'hilat Chesed, Caring Community

By Les Mirkin and Sara Karon

As part of our commitment to our community, the Rabbi and members of Beth Israel Center have developed ways to support members at times of need. The Kindness List is one way in which we do that, providing meals to help people at times of stress—when recovering from illness, adjusting to the arrival of a new family member, coping with grief, or any other life challenges that mean a little extra help would be welcome.

Over the past several months Rabbi Ben-Gideon and several congregants have been meeting to develop an additional way to support our members, particularly those who are unable to participate in synagogue-based life. This includes members who are homebound, hospitalized, living in a nursing home or other institution, or otherwise unable to readily get to the synagogue. The result of these meetings is the development of the K'hilat Chesed (Caring Community) group. Members of this group will visit individuals who find it difficult or impossible to attend the synagogue. Visits by members of the K'hilat Chesed group are not meant to replace any

existing visits or services a member may already be receiving. Rather, these visits are intended to be social in nature, and to extend the warmth of our community to anyone in the congregation in any of those situations who feels they want someone from the congregation to visit them.

Anyone who would like a friendly visit from a member of the K'hilat Chesed group should contact Rabbi Ben-Gideon through the Beth Israel Center office—call (608) 256-7763 or email [rabbi@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:rabbi@bethisraelcenter.org). The Rabbi will disseminate relevant information to the group to facilitate the visit or visits. One of the group's members will make contact and make arrangements to visit whomever requests a visit. Members of the group have received training on maintaining privacy and confidentiality, and assure the membership that they look forward to extending the walls of the synagogue through home-based visits.

Requests for meals through the Kindness List also can be made by contacting the Beth Israel Center office, or [kindness@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:kindness@bethisraelcenter.org).



## Rabbi Search Information

By Aaron Friedman

As the summer winds down, so too does the Rabbi Search Committee's information gathering activity. As this newsletter goes to press, we have two more listening sessions scheduled (on August 2nd at 7:00pm and August 10th at 3:00pm) that are open to all members of the congregation.

Thanks to everyone who participated in a listening session, completed the survey we sent out in June, sent comments to [rabbisearch@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:rabbisearch@bethisraelcenter.org) or talked to me or another member of the committee. All of this information will help us write an accurate description of our congregation, what we want to preserve, what we want to change, and

what we want our next rabbi to focus on.

Our next step is to write and submit our application, which will be our focus for most of August and September.

Stay tuned for more opportunities to participate in this congregational endeavor. We hope to bring candidates in for weekend-long interviews in the early months of 2017.

Until then, please continue to share your constructive input with me or any other member of the committee: Matt Banks, Jennie Edes-Pierotti, Sam Gellman, Anna Heifetz, Josh Minkoff, Fran Schrag, Bill Schwab, Nadav Shelef, Karen Shevet Dinah and Regina Vidaver.



# 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:**

Brent Bach, David Baum, Lena Ben-Gideon, Vered Ben-Gideon, Hannah Bernard-Donals, Ankur Desai, Emily Desai, Cherie Diamond, Beth Fisher, Joshua Gabai, Sylvia Grunes, Roz Gusinow, Jen Hadley, Anna Heifetz, Billie Hellerstein, Becky Holmes, Gail Jacob, Bobbie Jellinek, Steve Jellinek, Kathi Johnson Rock, Erica Kesin Richmond, Sarah Kessler, Steve Kessler, Kazu Kitano, Jill Korey, Judith Kornblatt, Renee Lauber, Jessie Loeb, Arlene Lukin, Laurel Mark, Adam Mednick, Aphra Mednick, Zach Myers, Barbara Myers Temkin, Laurie Nagus, Tziporah Quick, Kris Rasmussen, Nancy Resnick, Michael Rock, Karen Shevet Dinah, Stephanie Stone, Miriam Syvertsen, Regina Vidaver, Phyllis Wainger, Paul Wilson, Ziva Wear

## **Shabbat Greeters:**

Bennett Berson, Marsha Cohen, Cherie Diamond, Ron Diamond, Anna Heifetz, David Hoffert, Mike Pratzel, Mike Pressman, Barry Rich, Francie Saposnik

## **Barista:**

Karen Shevet Dinah

## **Kiddush Kugel Cooks:**

Hannah Bernard-Donals, Laurie Nagus, Kris Rasmussen

## **Lag B'Omer BBQ Cookout Helpers:**

Brent Bach, David Blehert, Kazu Kitano, Jonathan Pollack, Regina Vidaver, Ziva Wear

## **Tikkun Leil Shavuot Kitchen Crew:**

Judith Burstyn, Cherie Diamond, Ben Gellman, Louise Goldstein, Phyllis Holman Weisbard, Sally Jones, Bill Karasov, Corliss Karasov, Marci Katz, Lorna Knaiz, Laurel Mark, Barry Rich, Bruce Thomadsen, Phyllis Wainger

## **Ramah Brunch:**

Beth Copelovitch, Mark Copelovitch, Fran Greenman, Billie Hellerstein, Elana Matthews, Adam Mednick

## **Yom Ha'atzmaut Community Celebration BIC Players:**

Talia Ivry, Isaac Kianovsky, Mina Kianovsky, Max Lerner, Adam Levy, Noah Pollack, Karen Shevet Dinah, Albert Shoshany Glosser

## **Hava Nagila Picnic BIC Representatives:**

Emily Desai, Hannah Ehrlich, Talia Ivry, Elana Matthews

## **The Road Home Buddies:**

Donna Anderson, Marsha Cohen, Steve Goldstein, Bobbie Jellinek, Steve Kessler, Kazu Kitano, Mike Pressman, David Resnick

## **Laundry Angels:**

Hannah Bernard-Donals, Kazu Kitano, Renee Lauber, Kris Rasmussen, Karen Shevet Dinah, Anna Syvertsen

## **Yahrzits**

### **8 Av / August 12**

Anna Weiss Bentley  
Chaim Figler  
Rashe Nathenson

### **9 Av / August 13**

Anna Altman  
Samuel Kessel  
Susan Knapp Lundquist  
Ethel Rosenberg  
Emanuel Rosenberg

### **10 Av / August 14**

Phyllis Greenberg  
Gerald Schlossberg  
Sam Schwartz  
Dora Sweet  
Louis Wein

### **11 Av / August 15**

Ben Berman  
Maurice Parisek  
Pearl Shaffer

### **12 Av / August 16**

Celia Mullin  
Mary Victor

### **13 Av / August 17**

Reva Diamond

### **14 Av / August 18**

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

### **15 Av / August 19**

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

### **16 Av / August 20**

Bernard Rosenberg  
Isidore Russ

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## Yahrzeits

### 17 Av / August 21

Nathan Borenstein  
Ann Gusinow

### 18 Av / August 22

Shirley Epstein

### 19 Av / August 23

Ralph Musin  
Benjamin Rothblatt  
Dorothy Zukerman

### 20 Av / August 24

Jane Grady  
Bernard Joseph  
Howard Nudel  
Mary Wigonitz

### 21 Av / August 25

Herman Lazarov  
Beatrice Marlowe

### 22 Av / August 26

Paul Bloom  
Robert Gold  
Bessie Onheiber  
Jack Portnoy  
Maurice Smith

### 23 Av / August 27

Evelyn Dworetzky Lipp  
Hyman Kulakowsky

### 24 Av / August 28

Tobias Temkin

### 25 Av / August 29

Rose Nathenson

### 27 Av / August 31

E. Levine  
Harry Shaffer

### 29 Av / September 2

Annabelle Argand  
Louis Perlman

### 30 Av / September 3

Joshua Lerner  
Anna Marie Popkewitz  
Annie Wander

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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 which is expecting to resettle refugees. Contact Judy Pierotti for more information. [jwpierotti@gmail.com](mailto: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](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.

## 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](http://www.bethisraelcenter.org)) or the church's ([www.midvalelutheran.org](http://www.midvalelutheran.org)). Call the office if you need help signing up. Our remaining weeks in 2016 are:

- 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, August 10 at 5:30pm
- Wednesday, September 7 at 5:30pm
- Tuesday, September 20 at 6:30pm
- Wednesday, October 5 at 6:30pm

Visit [www.trhome.org](http://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 and lend other support as needs are identified.

For information on activities during the coming school year, send email to [jesjmadison@gmail.com](mailto:jesjmadison@gmail.com), visit [www.jewishcongregationsforsocialjustice.org](http://www.jewishcongregationsforsocialjustice.org), or visit JCSJ's Facebook page.



## Condolences to the families of...

- Naomi Kraus, mother of Jeff (Rachel) Levy, grandmother of Andrew, Heather, Adam and Miriam.
- Edith Fershtman, mother of Terrie (Len) Goren, grandmother of Jamie and Adam.
- Lori Gottlieb Rabb, daughter of Rhoda Gottlieb, wife of Stephen Rabb, and sister of Marci (Neal) Katz, Debi (Larry) Oxenberg, Michael Gottlieb, Dena Gottlieb and Michelle Gottlieb.
- Shirley Glazer, stepmother of Sherry (Paul) Minkus, grandmother of Michelle Minkus (Michael Heifetz) and Jamie Minkus, great-grandmother of Lilah and Shira.
- Jeffrey Lee Abramson, nephew of David (Sandy) Arfa.



## 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.

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:

**August 7-11** Emery Bresnick & Beth Fisher, Joel Ehrlich & Melanie Cohen, Stuart Glosser & Gila Shoshany, Henry & Terri Jasen, Raymond & Leah Kessel, Alan & Laurie Schwartzstein, Annalee Segal, Daniel & Ruth Siegel and Moshe & Haya Yuchtman

**August 14-18** Natalie Borenstein, Ronald & Cherie Diamond, Rosalind Gusinow, Pauline Heifetz, Noah & Roz Hershkowitz, Sara Karon, Herbert Lewis & Francie Saposnik, Max Rosenbaum and Eitan Zohar

**August 21-25** Matthew Banks, Bennett Berson & Rebecca Holmes, Nancy Leff & KC Lerner, Jonathan & Susan Lipp, Howard & Sally Mazur, Burke & Erica Kesin Richmond, Josh & Sarah Rubin, Robert & Judith Rubin and Judith Zukerman Kaufman

## Yahrzeits

### 1 Elul / September 4

Adel Haus  
Herman Karan  
Hyman Navin  
A. Rozansky  
Anna Stein

### 2 Elul / September 5

Ray Cohen  
Sarah Cramer  
Samuel Snovsky

### 3 Elul / September 6

Patricia Cohler  
Samuel Forsheit  
Lillian Harris  
Nathan Paley  
Aaron Richman  
Celia Schvid  
Chaya Setlick  
Rose (Rachel) Weinstein

### 4 Elul / September 7

Carl Friedman  
Charlotte Musin  
Louis Terry

### 5 Elul / September 8

William Frank

### 6 Elul / September 9

Sara Rosenzweig  
Harry Zimmerman

### 7 Elul / September 10

Leo Argand  
Serene Mazor

### 8 Elul / September 11

Fanny Friedman  
Sophie Levy  
Harry Mullin

### 9 Elul / September 12

Harry Kopelberg  
David Schwab

### 10 Elul / September 13

Hadasah Bloom  
Harry Kniaz  
Leah Zipursky

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## Yahrzeits

### 11 Elul / September 14

Robert Chortek  
Ethel Fine-Plen  
Irwin Goodman  
Victor Jacoby  
Rose Luterman  
Isadore Shapiro  
Jeanne Spiller  
Phillip Zulty

### 12 Elul / September 15

Jennie Becker  
Arthur Grant  
Rose Turinsky

### 13 Elul / September 16

Sally Hammer  
Ida Kaplan  
Carolyn Smoler  
Mollie Sweet

### 14 Elul / September 17

Hyman Daitch  
Solomon Glass  
Revetta Katsnelson

### 16 Elul / September 19

Oscar Ganetzky  
Leah Heifetz

### 18 Elul / September 21

Hilda Barash  
Goldie Kniaz Kruglak  
Simcha Lazimy  
Yetta Schwartz  
Chaim Zukerman

### 19 Elul / September 22

Peter Bensche  
Bertha Kniaz  
Sarah Mintz  
Harold Rutchick  
Samuel Schuckit

### 20 Elul / September 23

Charles Adler  
Ida Epstein  
Joseph Karch  
Evelyn Wasserstrom

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## Memorial & Tribute Gifts

The gifts to Beth Israel Center acknowledged on the following pages were made between late April and mid July. Each and every contribution makes a difference!

### Abraham Barash Handicapped Services Fund

*in memory of*

**Jeannette Frank** from the families of Corneilia Dixon & Jerome Frank  
**Abraham Barash** from Eva Barash Eiseman  
**Arlyne Eisenberg** from Leslie Eisenberg  
**Rose Druch** from Thomas & Shelley Davey

### Art Fund

*in honor of*

**Harvey & Barbara Myers Temkin's new grandchild** from Ghita Bessman  
**Rayla Temin's daughter Sarah's marriage** from Ghita Bessman  
**Publication of Sheila Cohen's latest book** from Ghita Bessman

*in memory of*

**Leontine Friedman** from Francis & Sally Schrag  
**Daniel Hill** from Ghita Bessman  
**Louis Roth** from Harry & Karen Roth  
**Elliot Iver** from Kazu Kitano  
**Jacob Popkewitz** from Thomas Popkewitz & Lea Aschkenase family

### Beth Israel Reserve Fund

*in honor of*

**Harvey and Barbara Myers Temkin's new grandchild** from Natalie Borenstein

*in memory of*

**John Wear and Louise Wear** from James & Ziva Wear  
**Emanuel Simon** from Mollybelle Simon Berish

### David Temkin Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund

*in honor of*

**Rayla Temin's birthday** from Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin  
**Rayla Temin's milestone birthday, daughter Sarah's marriage and daughter Miriam's job** from Marcus & Sheila Cohen  
**Jaren Bresnick's Bar Mitzvah and Rhiannon Wilson's Bat Mitzvah** from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

**The birth of Adiv Simcha Temkin** from Si & Billie Hellerstein

*in memory of*

**Jeffry Abramson** from Paul & Helen Rafson  
**Anne & Sol Goldstein** from Bernie & Lenora Goldstein

### General Fund

*Get Well*

**Natalie Borenstein** from Phyllis Eisenberg  
**David Sulman** from Steven Morrison & Goldie Kadushin

*in honor of*

**The birth of great-grandsons Jacob Levi Ross and Saul Lev Grajower** from Fay Nager  
**Rayla Temin and Family** from Elizabeth Palay & Ed Feige and Frank & Barbara Tuerkheimer  
**Harvey & Barbara Myers Temkin's grandson, Rayla's birthday, Sara Temin's**





# Memorial & Tribute Gifts

wedding, **Miriam Temin's new position and Micah's many accomplishments** from Herbert Lewis & Francie Saposnik  
**Rayla Temin's birthday and Rhiannon Wilson becoming a Bat Mitzvah** from Karen Shevet Dinah

*in memory of*

**Ellen Weiss Zitkin** from Alan Weinberg & Claire Weiss  
**Haskell Friedman** from David Friedman  
**Bill Karpe** from David Karpe & Julita Jankowska  
**Julius Ruskin** from David Ruskin and Dennis Ruskin  
**Edith Fershtman** from Dr. Robert Factor & Kris Rasmussen  
**Harry Gevirman and Mae Azen** from Edwin Azen  
**Rose Frank** from Frances Mann  
**Harry Sweet and Esther Sweet** from Gary Sweet & Rae Heide, Stephan & Rae Sweet, Howard Sweet & James Warren  
**Edith Fershtman, Dorothy Saposnik Smith and Robert L. Smith** from Herbert Lewis & Francie Saposnik  
**Yetta Sinagub and Abraham Sinagub** from Jonathan Sinagub  
**Anne Sweet** from Lawrence & Jessica Sweet  
**Nathan Frank** from Lynne Frank Turnquist  
**Ben Jacobs** from Mark Jacobs  
**Beatrice Kosowsky** from Mark Kosowsky  
**Evelyn Jellinek** from Steven & Roberta Jellinek  
**Haim Haimson** from Bezalel Haimson  
**Julius Miller** from Phyllis Davis  
**Mollie Becker, Abraham Peters, Howard Eisenberg and Lawrence Borenstein** from Phyllis Eisenberg  
**Nicholas Polgar** from Renata Laxova  
**Leo & Alice Barth** from Rosalie Schindel  
**Edith Fershtman** from Theodore & Irene Knupp  
**Lori Gottlieb Rabb** from Theodore & Irene Knupp

## Goodman Education Fund

*in honor of*

**Rayla Temin's special birthday** from Rita Applebaum

## Holman/Weisbard Fund for Adult Jewish Learning

*in honor of*

**Rayla Temin's birthday** from Larry & Linda Shriberg  
**New grandson of Phyllis Holman Weisbard and Alan Weisbard** from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen, Don & Kathy Miner and Si & Billie Hellerstein  
**Joel Minkoff's 65th birthday** from Sylvia Grunes  
**Joel & Debbie Minkoff's new granddaughter** from Thomas Popkewitz & Lea Aschkenase

*in memory of*

**Naomi Kraus** from Rayla Temin

## Joe Temkin Education Fund

*in honor of*

**The marriage of Benny Witkovsky and Corinna Regnier** from Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin  
**Temkin's new grandchild** from Rayla Temin

## Yahrzeits

### 21 Elul / September 24

Edward Bregman  
Leah Cherbachowsky  
Dinah Melman  
Eugenia Rozmalty  
Alex Sinaiko  
Allen Sweet  
Dora Wolman

### 22 Elul / September 25

Sophie Goldstein  
Anna Krashen  
Meyer Levin  
Helen Marcus

### 23 Elul / September 26

Mary Cohen  
Tillie Lem  
Hadassah Paley  
Leo Schwartz

### 24 Elul / September 27

Jake Isaac  
Henriette Miller

### 25 Elul / September 28

Leah Blachman  
Alexander Katsnelson  
Hyman Landweber  
David Wener

### 26 Elul / September 29

Stephen Mandell  
Bessie Rosen  
Israel Rozmaity  
Arthur Scholick  
Miriam Siroky

### 27 Elul / September 30

Rose Karan  
Phillip Kivolowitz

### 28 Elul / October 1

Abraham Chechik  
Frieda Epstein  
Anna Grossman Hill  
Danny Morgensteren  
George Silver  
Minnie Zulty  
Wesley Zulty

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## Yahrzeits

### 29 Elul / October 2

Faye Amdur  
Lillian Jacober  
David Rothblatt  
Sarah Stein  
Max Sweet

### 1 Tishrei / October 3

Dorothy Levy  
Marshall Mintz  
Sylvia Pasch  
Gilbert Rosenberg  
Yechiel Rosenzweig  
Leo Shapiro  
Harold Switzky  
Tilly Weiner

### 2 Tishrei / October 4

Norman Frank  
Coleman Slavney  
Henry Temkin  
Lillian Zakhem

### 3 Tishrei / October 5

Franklin Mann  
Bayla Rachel Mazursky

### 4 Tishrei / October 6

Molly Ansell  
Sam Katz  
Sarah Knupp

### 6 Tishrei / October 8

Max Weigler

### 7 Tishrei / October 9

Rudolph Dolezal  
Samuel Kneller  
Martin Mazor  
Elva Simon

### 8 Tishrei / October 10

Bessie Bornstein  
Donna Newman  
Gussie Wein

### 9 Tishrei / October 11

Murray Feit  
Zachary Onikul  
Lillian Rosenzweig  
Valentin Sobotka  
Ida Sweet

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## Memorial & Tribute Gifts

### Joe Temkin Education Fund

*in memory of*

**William Onheiber** from Sam & Maria Onheiber

### Martin & Serene Mazor Kiddush Fund

*in honor of*

**Si & Billie Hellerstein's birthdays** from Karen Shevet Dinah

**Rayla Temin's birthday** from Livia Asher

**Birth of Schwartzbrott daughter and grandson of Harvey & Barbara**

**Myers Temkin, Jacob Kianovsky's Bar Mitzvah and Kaveh Shabtaie's**

**wedding, Joel & Debbie Minkoff's new granddaughter, Rowan**

**Cody's Bat Mitzvah, the marriage of Corrina Regnier and Benny**

**Witkovsky and Rayla Temin's birthday** from Michael Pressman &

Marsha Cohen

*in memory of*

**Harry Altshuler and Blanche Altshuler** from David Sulman & Anne Altshuler

**Edith Fershtman** from James & Ziva Wear and Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

**Micky Pressman and Naomi Kraus** from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

**Jenny Lebowitz and Lillian Greenberg** from Rayla Temin

### L'Dor v'Dor Fund

*get well*

**Natalie Borenstein** from Si & Billie Hellerstein

*in honor of*

**Harvey & Barbara Myers Temkin grandson** from Ben & Sherry Hirschfeld

**Joel & Debbie Minkoff's new granddaughter and Harvey & Barbara**

**Myers Temkin's new grandson** from Donald & Kathy Miner

**The new grandson and first sabra of Harvey & Barbara Myers Temkin** from

Dr. Robert Factor & Kris Rasmussen

**Joel Minkoff's birthday and the birth of Joel & Debbie Minkoff's**

**granddaughter and the Ottenstein Family** from Harvey Temkin &

Barbara Myers Temkin

**Joel & Debbie Minkoff's new granddaughter** from Si & Billie Hellerstein

**Rhiannon Wilson's Bat Mitzvah** from Sylvia Grunes

*in memory of*

**Rose Frank and Rose Druch** from Alfred & Lois Frank

**Frances Rossman** from Ben & Sherry Hirschfeld

**Edith Fershtman** from Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin

**Hyman Lerner** from Mitch & Sharon Rapkin

**Dora Levin** from Roz Levin and Family

### Julius Mintz Fund

*in memory of*

**Dave Weinstein** from Barbara & Gary Beyer

**Sam Paley, Luby Mintz and Fruma Mintz** from Marvin & Phyllis Eisenberg

**Harry Gerson** from Sharon Gerson Glass



# Memorial & Tribute Gifts

## Rose & Morris Heifetz Welfare Fund

*in honor of*

**Rhiannon Wilson Bat Mitzvah, Rayla Temin's birthday and the beautiful service** from Anna Heifetz

*in memory of*

**Joan Chesler and Naomi Kraus** from Michael Heifetz & Michelle Minkus

## Prayerbook Fund

*in honor of*

**The Dolin Family; Ron, Nikki, Talia, Alex and Shayna from Bubbe and Grampa Dolin** from Jennifer Dolin

*in memory of*

**Bernie Mazursky** from Howard & Sally Mazur

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

*in honor of*

**Anna Heifetz** from Jane Ganz

**Kristen Bernard & Rick Ezell** from Anshel & Joan Weiss

*in memory of*

**Henry Yaskal, Julius Miller and Arthur Yaskal** from Maureen Yaskal

**Oscar Rapkin** from Mitch & Sharon Rapkin

**Minnie Isaac** from Sam & Maria Onheiber

## A.J. & Celia Rosenberg Library Fund

*in honor of*

**Rayla Temin's simchas** from Harvey & Trudy Barash

*in memory of*

**Gitel Kastrul Melrood and Hannah Ticktin Nash** from Laurie Melrood

**Meyer Sweet** from Merle & Patricia Sweet

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

**Samual Moskowsky, Julius Ruskin and Harry Moss** from Samuel Moss

## Shirley Epstein Memorial Fund

*in memory of*

**William Schwartz** from Dorothy Schwartz

**Claire Swartz** from Joel Marcus & Judith Swartz Marcus

**Sander Gusinow** from Rosalind Gusinow

**Belle Novick** from Ruth Ann Schumeister

## Social Action Fund

*in honor of*

**Harvey & Barbara Myers Temkin new grandson** from Livia Asher

**Rayla Temin's birthday** from Robert & Joann Skloot

*in memory of*

**Gustave Goldstein** from Laurie Melrood and Marc Shovers & Jan Loeb

## Talmud Torah Fund

*in honor of*

**Harvey and Barbara Myers Temkin new grandchild and Rayla Temin's milestone birthday** from Herman Goldstein

## Yahrzeits

### 10 Tishrei / October 12

Albert Borenstein  
Philip Borisy  
Rafael Bornstein  
Naomi Sinagub

### 11 Tishrei / October 13

Henry Karpe  
Rubin Schuckit  
Rose Shapiro  
Nate Sudow

### 12 Tishrei / October 14

Esther Lewis  
Harry Lewis  
Rose Schain  
Michael Stein  
Yecheiel Temkin

### 13 Tishrei / October 15

Harry Becker  
Phineas Grunes  
Alvin Pratzel  
Max Rosen  
Rose Winer

### 14 Tishrei / October 16

Esther Frank  
Ben Gahr  
Annette Gould  
Julius Grunes

### 15 Tishrei / October 17

Charles Halperin  
Meyer Levine  
Harry Sternberg

### 16 Tishrei / October 18

Jean Linderman  
Belle Spitz  
Abe Stein

### 17 Tishrei / October 19

William Simmons  
Marcia Terman

### 18 Tishrei / October 2

Albert Daniels  
Vivian Daniels  
Lena Snovsky

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**Yahrzeits**

**19 Tishrei / October 21**

Eva Cohen  
Joseph Rossman  
Dora Sinykin  
Rubin Stein  
Nehama Sweet

**20 Tishrei / October 22**

Lewis Altschuler  
Rebekah Azen  
Geraldine Randy  
Miriam Sulman  
Miriam Sweet

**21 Tishrei / October 23**

Ida Glick  
Solomon Sweet

**22 Tishrei / October 24**

Tsivyah Kanter  
Ben Minkoff

**23 Tishrei / October 25**

Selma Hill Cohen  
Claire Rudin

**24 Tishrei / October 26**

Edith Berg  
Clara Cohn  
Isadore Eisenberg  
Jacob Hellerstein  
Melvin Pover  
W.J. Shapiro

**25 Tishrei / October 27**

Harry Temkin  
Sol Weiman

**26 Tishrei / October 28**

Nathan Borokhim  
Leon Lassen  
Marcia Lewis  
Lillian Onikul  
Rachel Sinaiko

**27 Tishrei / October 29**

Charles Glick  
Sarah Glick  
Bella Sweet

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# Memorial & Tribute Gifts

**Talmud Torah Fund**

*in memory of*

**Max Goldstein** from Herman Goldstein

**Adolph & Janet Weinshel Torah Upkeep Fund**

*in honor of*

**Rayla Temin's milestone birthday and the birth of a new grandson to**

**Harvey and Barbara Myers Temkin** from Alan & Jean Lettofsky

**Rayla Temin's birthday** from Frances Mann, Michael Rock & Kathi

Johnson Rock and Rick Ezell

**Rayla Temin and her family's simcha's** from Roz Levin

*in memory of*

**Elmer Borsuk** from Lorraine Borsuk

**Steve Hawkins** from Rayla Temin

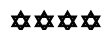
**Youth Fund Fund**

*Get Well*

**David Sulman** from Moshe & Haya Yuchtman

*in honor of*

**Rhiannon Wilson's Bat Mitzvah** from Rayla Temin



Memorial and tribute gifts may be made at any time to Beth Israel Center's general fund or any of the funds listed on the preceding pages. Descriptions of the various funds can be found on our website, [www.bethisraelcenter.org](http://www.bethisraelcenter.org), under "Ways to Give." To donate, simply send a check, log into your account online, or call the office.

## August 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		The Road Home Buddy Congregation Week →				Children's services
		Rabbi Search Listening Session			Rosh Chodesh	<i>Matot-Masei</i>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Torah & Mindfulness		Rabbi Search Listening Session			<i>Devarim</i> Shabbat Chazon Erev Tisha B'av
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Tisha b'Av						Kathi Johnson Rock & Michael Rock anniversary kiddush <i>Va'etchanan</i>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Torah & Mindfulness				Kabbalat Shabbat & potluck dinner Hoyt Park	Children's services  <i>Ekev</i>
28	29	30	31			

# September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Sophie Hadley Bat Mitzvah  Re'eh Rosh Chodesh
4  Rosh Chodesh	5 Office Closed  Labor Day	6	7	8	9  Membership Renewal Forms DUE TODAY	10  Hilda Fine birthday kiddush  Shofetim
11  Kolot Kehilla Melton begins	12	13 TALMUD TORAH BEGINS!  ANNUAL MEETING 6:30pm	14	15	16	17    Ki Tetze
18  Sukkah Building Workshop	19	20	21	22	23	24 Maya Desai Bat Mitzvah  Ki Tavo Slichot
25 Yom Rishon Youth Groups/RH Gift Bags Program S'lichot Service	26	27	28	29	30  Pre-holidays Shabbat dinner	

# October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1  Nitzavim
2  Erev Rosh Hashanah	3 Office Closed  Tashlikh Nosh 4:00 at Vilas Beach Rosh Hashanah	4 Office Closed  Rosh Hashanah	5	6	7	8 Torah & Mindfulness Fall Retreat Vayelech Shabbat Shuvah
9  Mikvah Program (Women)	10  Mikvah Program (Men)	11 Office Closed at noon  Kol Nidre	12 Office Closed  Yizkor Yom Kippur	13	14	15    Ha'azinu
16  Yom Rishon  Erev Sukkot	17 Office Closed  Sukkot	18 Office Closed  Sukkot	19	20  BIC Sukkah Hop	21	22    Chol Hamoed
23 Hoshanah Rabbah  East Side Sukkah Hop	24 Office Closed Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor  Simchat Torah Party	25 Office Closed  Simchat Torah	26	27	28	29    Bereshit
30  Kolot Kehilla  The Road Home Buddy Congregation Week →	31					

## Yahrzeits

**28 Tishrei / October 30**  
Sterling Fishman  
Danielle Goren  
Donald Meyers  
Chana Schostak  
Joseph Zatlín

**29 Tishrei / October 31**  
Helen Feit  
Rose Gerson  
Shoshana Hellerstein  
Jacob Sinagub



*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 call the office at (608) 256-7763 or write to office@bethisraelcenter.org.*



## Share the Spirit of Sukkot

Invite friends or people you don't know well to sit in your sukkah this year and enjoy a nosh, a drink, a meal...or just your company. Not building a sukkah this year? Meet in the Beth Israel sukkah. Bring lunch or dinner, meet for drinks, or just hang out. *Sukkot* begins on October 16.

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## August ~ September ~ October Schedule

Date	Parshat	Candle Lighting	<b>Shabbat Services</b>
August 5/6	Matot-Masei	Candles 7:54p	Fridays 5:45pm
August 12/13	Devarim	Candles 7:45p	Saturdays 9:30am
August 19/20	Vaetchanan	Candles 7:34p	_____
August 26/27	Eikev	Candles 7:22p	<b>Weekday Services</b>
September 2/3	Re'eh	Candles 7:10p	Sunday mornings 8:15am
September 9/10	Shoftim	Candles 6:58p	Monday & Thursday mornings 7:00am
September 16/17	Ki Teitzei	Candles 6:45p	Sunday - Thursday evenings 5:30pm
September 23/24	Ki Tavo	Candles 6:33p	_____
September 30/Oct 1	Nitzavim	Candles 6:20p	Please call ahead to ensure a minyan. Other morning services may be organized by request.
October 7/8	Vayeilech	Candles 6:08p	
October 14/15	Ha'Azinu	Candles 5:56p	
October 21/22	Sukkot	Candles 5:45p	
October 28/29	Bereshit	Candles 5:35p	