



# THE BETH ISRAEL CENTERITE

*Celebrating Jewish Life Together*

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## Upcoming Events

### Kolot Kehilla - Sunday Morning, February 2

Our Sunday morning speaker series featuring the voices of our community continues when Steve Nadler presents: "Menasseh ben Israel: The Most Famous Jew in the World." 9:30 - 11:00am

### Cozy Shabbat - February 22

It may be cold outside, but we'll be warm in shul enjoying cholent, an afternoon of board games, and a few surprises.



### Town Halls on Being Safe and Welcoming - Feb. 23 and March 3

See page 3 for details.

### Potluck Shabbat Dinners - Feb. 28 & April 3

Welcome Shabbat with old and new friends and a kosher-dairy potluck dinner after services.



### Merchav HaLev Shabbat Afternoon Meditation Retreat - February 29

Spend Shabbat afternoon meditating, chanting, and learning on the theme of "Bearing Witness" with Matt Banks and Rabbi Betsy Forester. 1:30-4:30pm

### Knish Cooking Workshop - Sunday Afternoon, March 1

Learn to make knishes with Mike & Barb Pratzel. Contact Deborah Hoffman with questions or to register by February 21. Space is limited.

**And much more!** Read the whole Centerite and your weekly e-news, too! Not getting our weekly e-news? Contact the office or go to [bethisraelcenter.org](http://bethisraelcenter.org) and click on "get e-news."

## Purim Celebrations: Monday, March 9

### Community Carnival hosted by Temple Beth El

3:30-5:30pm

Come one, come all! Cost of entry is \$7 per person ages 3-12 and free for younger babies, teens and adults. Presented by Beth Israel Center, Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, Jewish Federation of Madison, and Temple Beth El.

### Dramatic Interpretation of Megillat Esther

6:00pm

Also at Temple Beth El, this program will feature the talents of clergy and others from around the community and is open to all.

### Traditional Megillah Reading at Beth Israel Center

8:00pm

Boo Haman, cheer for Esther, and hear the whole megillah. More info coming soon!

### Tuesday, March 10: Purim Seudah (Dinner) at Beth Israel Center

After Talmud Torah and evening minyan, enjoy a casual dinner together.



## Thoughts from the Rabbi...

### מחשבות *Makh'shavot: Making Kiddush*

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9am to Noon

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#### FINDING YOUR WAY AT BETH ISRAEL CENTER:

If you are attending a meeting or class outside of regular office hours, contact the office for information about entering.

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.

Next Centerite Deadline:  
**April 3, 2020**

Thanks to Ted and Irene Knupp for underwriting the color printing of this issue of the Centerite.

In December, at the USCJ/RA Convention that Executive Director Elissa Pollack and I attended, a repeated message was, “we need to bring more of camp into our *shuls*.”



While that can mean many things, my mind jumped to a section of Talmud some of you studied with me last year, concerning how we make Kiddush on Shabbat. The main point of the passage is that

we must eat a meal, or at least a hearty snack, in the place where Kiddush is recited. If we don't stay to eat, then it is as if we did not make Kiddush at all (Talmud Bavli, Pesachim 100b)!

Why must we eat where we make *Kiddush*, and what does that have to do with camp?

I think the answer centers on the power of immersive experiences. The more we make of Shabbat -- the more we really live in it -- the more Shabbat lives inside of us. When we sit with friends and family around a Shabbat table, we know what it means to “call Shabbat a delight” (Isaiah 58:13-14). If we run out of the building right after services, we miss an important piece of the experience. When we slow down and linger with others over a meal, we begin to understand that nothing could be more important than taking time to be fully present to the gifts of Shabbat, literally being served up on a platter. I believe that Shabbat meals with our communal family are largely what Ahad Ha'am, the founder of cultural Zionism, had in mind when he said, famously: “More than Jews have kept Shabbat, Shabbat has kept the Jews.” The cumulative effect on our psyches and our spirits cannot be overstated.

Over the past year and a half, more and more people have been coming and staying longer for Kiddush lunch. Some weeks, people stick around to sing *z'mirot* or study the weekly Torah portion together. Increasingly, members are sponsoring our Kiddush lunches to honor special

moments in their lives, or to celebrate the memory of departed loved ones. These increases put us in the wonderful position of needing more food and volunteers than before. In these challenging times, I am happy that we are building community as well as reaping the personal benefits of celebrating Shabbat. I urge you to consider contributing your resources to help us continue to advance this growing strength.

We tried something new last Pesach and hosted lovely kiddush lunches after services on all four days of yom tov. As I've been told, this congregation has enjoyed lovely Yom Tov lunches for other festivals -- Sukkot, Shimini Atzeret, Simchat Torah, and Shavuot -- and has been limited on Pesach by the fact that prior to last year, the Beth Israel Center kitchen was closed for Pesach, rather than being kashered and used throughout the holiday.

Now that we are enjoying lunch together after shul for *all* festivals, we would like to up our Festival Kiddush game with modest co-sponsorships. Remembering last year's warm potatoes, matzo pizza, and other delicious treats, we're introducing an easy way for you to support this important aspect of congregational life. **Starting this Pesach, we are thrilled to announce that we are inviting \$36 co-sponsorships for our holiday kiddush lunches. We want to share the joy more widely. We want you to bring your visiting guests to shul and stay for lunch with us. We hope that “regulars” as well as “newcomers” will co-sponsor festival kiddush lunches.**

This is a time when we must do everything possible to strengthen our pride and excitement about being Jewish. Ours is a way of life that goes far beyond religious ritual. So much pleasure awaits you at kiddush lunch on Shabbat and on festivals. I urge you to feel the magic on Shabbat, join the fun on yom tov, help fund it, and help prepare it. The delight will be yours.

*Rabbi Betsy*

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## Safe and Welcoming

This time last year I began this column by noting that January derives its name from the Roman god Janus, who is typically portrayed as having two faces, one looking backwards and the other forwards. I concluded it with the hope that when Janus next came around with his two faces we would be able to look backwards and see only good and forwards and see only promise.

Looking backwards we do see much good; alas, we also see continual anti-semitic attacks on synagogues and individuals. As a community we have struggled with what steps to take to protect ourselves in our spiritual home. We have asked ourselves what is the appropriate point to occupy along a security spectrum

ranging from a complete open-door policy to one of locked doors with armed special-duty police officers. Over the past year our answer has evolved. We began with parents volunteering to monitor the downstairs doors during Talmud Torah on Shabbat mornings and concluded it with paid monitors and locked doors both upstairs and downstairs. Some members of our *kahal* think we have ventured too far towards the latter end of this spectrum, others that we have not gone nearly far enough.

There has been a call by some to hold a congregational vote on hiring armed security not just for High Holiday services but also for Shabbat. I appreciate the sincere concern which lies behind such calls. I also appreciate that this approach has the advantage of letting me and the rest of leadership off the hook for a decision, no matter what it is, sure to disappoint some of our members. However, in going down that road, leadership would be

abdicating its fiduciary and policy-making responsibilities. Exercising this responsibility, however, should not take place independent of congregational input. First and foremost leadership represents the members and the concerns of the *kahal*.

In that spirit I am here providing some details about the "town-hall meetings" I promised we would

hold. Two are scheduled, the first on Sunday, February 23rd at 11:30AM and the other on Tuesday, March 3rd at 7PM. We are scheduling two in order to enable as many members as possible to attend. These gatherings will be led by a professional facilitator, and elected and professional leadership will attend in a listening capacity. From these conversations we hope to gain a better understanding of the range of opinions and concerns among

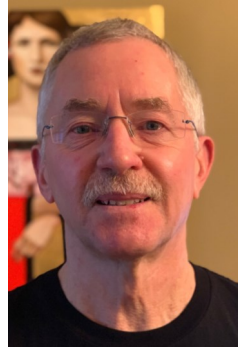
members of the *kahal*. That learning will then be incorporated into the continuing evolution of our security policies and procedures.

I urge as many of you as possible to attend one of these listening sessions and express your thoughts and concerns. This is your opportunity to provide to our leadership the information we need to formulate policy that will best serve the needs of the *kahal*.

Sincerely,



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**Town Hall  
 Listening Sessions**

on Creating  
 a Safe and Welcoming  
 Environment  
 at Beth Israel Center

**Sunday, February 23**  
 Mid-Day  
 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

**Tuesday, March 3**  
 Evening  
 7:00 - 8:30 pm

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## From the Executive Director's Desk

### Many Moving Parts

#### 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 machines
- 1-oz plastic shot cups

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

We are also in need of some larger items:

- Water dispensers
- Glass platters
- Good knives

If you would like to purchase one or more of these items for Beth Israel Center, please contact Elissa Pollack via email ([elissa@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:elissa@bethisraelcenter.org)) or phone (608-256-7763) for details.

**Every contribution helps our synagogue!**

There are so many things going on at Beth Israel Center that sometimes even I lose track of some of them -- and it's my job to know what's going on, pretty much at all times, at least



in our building. Here's a look at some recent and ongoing happenings that I'll bet many of you don't know about. I mean it. I will actually make that bet: I will buy a beverage for

anyone who can honestly say that you knew every one of the facts I'm going to list in this column -- before having read it. (No fair reading it and then telling me you knew everything listed.) Seriously, name the time and place, and your choice of coffee, beer, wine, whiskey, lemonade, hot chocolate or what-have-you is on me if you can honestly claim that you previously knew all of these facts:

- Benny Witkovsky, who grew up in our congregation, is serving as our Kadima advisor this semester. Welcome Benny!

- Our main sanctuary is equipped with a hearing assist system that "talks" to most hearing aids. If you wear hearing aids and would like to try out our system, please find me when you come to services. Or, make an appointment during the week and I'll happily show you how it works. We recently expanded the capacity of the system so more people can use it. The system can also be used by people who do not wear hearing aids. Please ask me about it.

- Rabbi Forester is leading a delegation of Beth Israel Center members Steve & Bobbie Jellinek, Judy Pierotti, Judy's friend Arlene Klavins, and Spanish translator Ruthanne Landsness to Tijuana, Feb. 10-14, under the auspices of *Al Otro Lado*. They will be observing conditions at the US-Mexico border

and volunteering. We look forward to hearing about their experience.

- The scotch, bourbon, and other whiskey served on Shabbat mornings at the end of services is donated by people who want to see this tradition continue. New donors are always appreciated! Most liquors are kosher despite not having hechshers (kosher certification symbols). Questions about which liquors are kosher? Ask the Rabbi. Also, please bring bottles during the week -- *i.e.*, not on Shabbat. Bottles may be donated on other holidays, such as Purim and Pesach. (Remember that whiskey is not kosher for Passover! Slivovitz is. And some people even like it.)

- We finally parted with some tables that we've been repairing for decades and acquired a few new round banquet tables along with round table storage carts. Aaron Friedman, Steve Goldstein, and Jim Wear assembled the carts and disposed of the tables that were no longer usable. (Thank you Aaron, Steve, and Jim!)

- We have held two events for young adults so far this year -- one at the end of Yom Kippur, the second in December -- and more plans are in the works.

- We are making progress on a long-discussed effort to reduce our use of disposable plates, particularly for Shabbat Kiddush. Thanks to Hannah Bernard-Donals, Leslie Fields, Aaron Friedman, Cynthia Hirsch, Sally Jones and Jeff Lindholm for completing some of the latest steps in this multi-year effort -- notably clearing space for the new dishes by finding a new home for the old ones and then boxing them up and carting them off.

Please be in touch if I've told you only things you already knew. I really would enjoy treating you to a drink.

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# From the Education Director's Desk

## Learning about "Otherness"

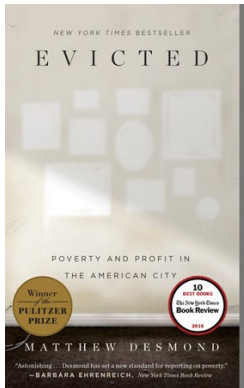
This year we embarked on a new concept for some of our Adult Education/Lifelong Learning classes. After looking at the data from last spring's feedback survey, and in collaboration with our Social Justice Committee, we connected some of our Adult Education initiatives and our Netivon high school program to the theme of "Otherness." This dovetails with our Social Justice Committee's work with refugees and the local Black community.

In our first trimester this fall, Rabbi Forester led learning focused on issues of race through the study of Jewish texts in three Living Torah discussion sessions on Sunday mornings.

This trimester we will continue making modern, meaningful sense out of the dynamic interplay between

our lives and our tradition by moving into learning about racial equity and combating racism in our community.

Together we will read and discuss the book *Evicted*, by Matthew Desmond. Reading the book together,



in community, and engaging in conversation led by Rabbi Forester -- informed and influenced by our Jewish values -- should provide an interesting and unique perspective on this very important work.

Please save lunchtime on March 12 and March 26 for these discussions and stay tuned for the next steps. The paperback is available for purchase at Mystery to Me (1863 Monroe St). Mention Beth Israel Center and receive a 10 percent discount. Call them at 283-9332 to order a copy.



In between our discussions of *Evicted*, we also will have an opportunity to come together for a special screening of the film *The Hate U Give*, and some of our Netivon students will lead a discussion for the whole community will participate in. The film and discussion night is Thursday, March 19.

I hope you can join us for these special learning opportunities and for more Living Torah in May.

*Beth*

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## Preschool Family Programs

### Berries & Jammies

Join Rabbi Forester on these Friday mornings starting at 8:00 to get ready for Shabbat together. Make challah. Sing songs. Enjoy berries. Come in your PJs! Rabbi Forester will.

January 31  
May 8



### Yom Rishon

Enjoy interactive family learning with Beth Copelovitch.

Meet other families with preschool-age children.

At Yom Rishon, we play, move, eat, sing, and do projects that teach us about Jewish holidays and Jewish values.

Here are the remaining 5780 (2019-20) dates:

February 23  
April 19

Please contact Beth with any questions about our family education programs.

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## Talmud Torah Calendar Highlights

- Jan. 31 - Feb. 1 6th Grade Shabbaton
- Feb. 22 Netivon (8th & 9th grades)
- March 7 Netivon (10th-12th grades)
- March 19 Netivon-led film discussion for the community
- March 28 - April 4 No TT - Spring Break
- April 7 Kitah Dalet Family Ed
- April 9-16 No TT - Pesach
- April 11 Netivon (11th & 12th grades)
- April 18 Talmud Torah Resumes
- April 24-25 Netivon 8th-10th grade Shabbaton
- April 30 Kitah Gimel Family Ed
- May 7 Last weekday Talmud Torah
- May 9 Kibud Limudim / last day of Talmud Torah

## Studio Sinai Returns This Trimester!

Students who participated in this unique midrash class with Rabbi Forester last year will attest that it is unlike any other class offered in our community.

Come unpack the tensions and emotions beneath the surface of biblical texts. Conceptualize and muse over themes that emerge, using various artistic media.

Three Sundays, 9am-noon:  
February 16  
March 8  
April 26

## Hakarat HaTov

Our ongoing volunteer recognition program, Hakarat HaTov, takes its name from the Hebrew phrase that means *recognizing the good*.

Through this program, we regularly honor and thank members who serve in both extraordinary and the most routine of ways. The recognition takes place on Shabbat mornings a few times each year. The honoree's contributions are acknowledged briefly during services and with a modest celebratory addition to the day's Kiddush lunch.

While this is first and foremost about showing gratitude, donations in honor of the individuals being recognized and their contributions to our shul are appreciated.

Watch your email to find out who will be honored next!



If you have time or talent to give to Beth Israel Center, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Deborah Hoffman. We always need people to set up and clean up Shabbat kiddush, festival celebrations and other events. We also need help in our library, arranging books in our sanctuary, keeping our grounds looking nice, and more. Call (608) 256-7763 or email [hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org). Todah!



## Volunteer Appreciation

### Rav todot to our recent...

**Shabbat Morning Torah and Haftarah Readers and Service Leaders:** Matt Banks, Harvey Barash, Daniel Belin, Flora Berklein, Marsha Cohen, Mark Copelovitch, Esther Criscuola de Laix, Cher Diamond, Susie Drazen, Yonah Drazen, Rick Ezell, Bob Factor, Rabbi Betsy Forester, Aaron Friedman, Joshua Gabai, Joshua Garoon, Jaime Goldberg, Daniel Goldman, Louise Goldstein, Steve Goldstein, Rabbi Judy Greenberg, Leslie Greenspan, Anna Heifetz, Si Hellerstein, Jonathan Ivry, Sara Karon, Erica Kesin Richmond, Steve Kessler, Kazu Kitano, Daniel Levitin, Ruth Litovsky, Ezra Matthews-Needelman, Lily Matthews-Needelman, Adam Mednick, Don Miner, Jon Pollack, Mike Pressman, David Resnick, Michael Rock, Aaron Rock-Singer, Fran Schrag, Bill Schwab, Sion Shabtaie, Aharon Shelef, Karen Shevet Dinah, Sarah Silverman, Bob Skloot, Jerry Sternberg, Merle Sternberg, Jeanne Swack, Rayla Temin, Jim Wear, Elan Weinstock

**Shabbat Kiddush Crew:** Donna Anderson & Steve Kessler, Daniel Bach, Emily Bailinson & Ellie Shoshany-Anderson, David Balkansky, David Baum, Hannah Bernard-Donals, Judith Burstyn, Emily Desai, Megan Diermeier & Isaac Brodkey, Susie Drazen, Joel Ehrlich & Melanie Cohen, Michal Engelman, Leslie Fields, Joshua Gabai, Jessica Goerling, Jaime Goldberg, Ashley Gordon, Patricia Green-Sotos, Roz Gusinow, Cynthia Hirsch, Raimund Huber, Michael & Kathi Johnson Rock, Sarah Kaplan, Erica Kesin Richmond, Kazu Kitano, Harris Krause & Katie Moorman, KC Lerner, Jeff & Sara Mandell, Elana Matthews, Aphra Mednick, Kathy Miner, Laurie Nagus & Paul Wilson, Janis Noonan, Tziporah Quick, Tanya Schlam & Jordan Ellenberg, Sue Shafer-Landau, Miriam & Nadav Shelef, Lucyna Shenker, Merle Sternberg, Marti Tenzer, Regina Vidaver, Max Zimon

**Shabbat Greeters and Door Watchers:** David Balkansky, Andrew de Laix, Emily Desai, Cher & Ron Diamond, Doris Dubielzig, Michal Engelman, Rick Ezell, Bob Factor, Josh Gabai, Anna Heifetz, Steve Jellinek, Jordy Loeb, Laurie Nagus, Jon Pollack, Mike Pratzel, Mike Pressman, Barry Rich, Nate Rudin, Francie Saposnik, Sally & Fran Schrag, Russ Shafer-Landau, Karen Shevet Dinah, Judith Sone, Jerry Sternberg, Ziva Wear

**Hanukkah Party Posse:** David Balkansky, Hannah Bernard-Donals, Cher Diamond, Doris Dubielzig, Sonia Dubielzig, Jordan Ellenberg & Tanya Schlam, Rabbi Betsy Forester, Roz Gusinow, Kazu Kitano, Danielle Man, Sarah & Zach Masa-Myers, Mike Pressman, Sue Shafer-Landau, Lucyna & Yoram Shenker

**Scientists and Synagogues Capstone Event & Reception Planners:** Matt Banks, Hannah Bernard-Donals, Irwin Goldman, Becky Holmes, Henry Steinberger, Marti Tenzer

**Kolot Kehilla Breakfast Makers and Presenter:** Adrienne Borisy-Gross, Roz Gusinow, Kazu Kitano, Jordy Loeb, Barry Rich

**StartingBlock Meetup Planners:** Scott Forester, Dan Sidney, Ziva Wear

**Fall Festivals Hosts and Kitchen Crews:** Daniel Bach, David Balkansky, Judith Burstyn & Steve Deutsch, Naomi Chesler & Dan Sidney, Beth Copelovitch, Andrea Dearlove, Emily & Ankur Desai, Susie and Yonah Drazen, Aaron Friedman, Josh Gabai, Sam Gellman, Ashley Gordon, Laura Heisler & Steve Goldstein, Jonathan Heller, Aleeza & David Hoffert, Sally Jones, Adam Mednick, Bart Miller & Elisa Heymann, Jessie & Jordy Loeb, Harris Krause & Katie Moorman, Judy Pierotti, Elissa Pollack, Mike Pressman, Dan and Amelia Sidney, Sarah Silverman & Elan Weinstock, Dan Stolz, Rabbis Laurie Zimmerman & Renee Bauer

**Kugel Bakers:** Hannah Bernard-Donals, Marsha Cohen, Roz Gusinow, Laurie Nagus, Marti Tenzer

**Porchlight Shelter Workers:** Harvey Barash, David Baum, Elisa Heymann, Steve Kessler, Zach Masa-Myers, Bart Miller, Simone Schweber, Bob Skloot, Jerry & Merle Sternberg

**Laundry Angels:** Donna Anderson, Hannah Bernard-Donals, Adrienne Borisy-Gross, Leslie Fields, Kazu Kitano, Willie Needelman, Kevin Shelley & Kara McCarty, Karen Shevet Dinah

# Supper Quiz

## A Journey in Time

The 10th Supper Quiz on January 18 was a rousing success!

Congratulations to the winning team, Jews in Space:



Steve Deutsch, Judith Burstyn, Nate Rudin, Felice Borisy Rudin, Adrienne Borisy-Gross, Shoshana Rudin, Marsha Cohen, and Mike Pressman

Many people donated many hours to pull off this amazing event, at which 14 teams competed in a most friendly fashion, enjoyed an incredible meal, and had a fun Saturday night out at Beth Israel Center.

Yasher Koach and Todah Rabah to:

### Team Leaders

Ziva Wear, lead event organizer  
 Joel Ehrlich, head chef  
 David Baum, quiz master / emcee  
 Ruth Litovksy, quiz scorer  
 Jim Wear, event engineer and cocktail master  
 Donna Anderson, décor designer  
 Beth Fisher, waitstaff organizer

### Quiz Assistants

Leora Baum  
 Emma Wasserstrom

### Bartenders

Kristen Bernard  
 Rick Ezell  
 Daniel Wear

### Setup/Teardown Crew

Isaac Brodkey  
 Naomi Chesler  
 Kazu Kitano  
 Harris Krause  
 Joshua Gabai  
 Hannah Greene  
 Roz Gusinow  
 Katie Moorman  
 Barry Rich  
 Paul Wilson

### Kitchen Crew

Donna Anderson  
 Isaac Brodkey  
 Melanie Cohen  
 Megan Diermeier  
 Nathan Ehrlich  
 Roz Gusinow  
 Harris Krause  
 KC Lerner  
 Jessie Loeb  
 Katie Moorman  
 Barry Rich  
 Russ Shafer-Landau  
 Sue Shafer-Landau  
 Amelia Sidney

### Waitstaff

Maya Becker  
 Mirra Blehert  
 Leila Loeb  
 Debbie Rudin  
 Jessica Fernandez

### Event Photographer

Bob Factor

### Laundry Angels

Donna Anderson  
 Cher & Ron Diamond  
 Shira & Danny Goldman  
 Kathy & Don Miner

## Super Duper Supper Quiz Appreciation

Deepest thanks to everyone who donated wonderful prizes to the tremendously successful raffle featuring the talents of our members:

**Donna Anderson** for the lap quilt

**Cher Diamond & Maurie's Fine Chocolates** for the chocolate bark

**Ron Diamond** for the cherry wood bowl

**Bob Factor** for the flight over Madison

**Goodman Jewelers** for the Star of David necklace

**The Minkoff Family & General Beverage** for the whiskey, port, and cognac

**Leora Saposnik** for the ceramic tile

**Fran Schrag** for the glass tile

**Ziva Wear** for the mohair capelet

**The Florettes** for the gift certificate

The winners of each item went home happy!

Thanks to all the people who purchased raffle tickets, too!

And to our 112 costumed participants. A good time was had by all!

And to **Steve's Liquor**, **Trader Joe's**, and **General Beverage** for donating cocktail ingredients.

Last but not least, thanks to **Madison Top** for donating the special cups awarded to the winning team at the end of this tremendous evening.





# By Word of Mouse

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## On the Youth Program Calendar:

### MOUSY Programs

Escape Room  
Saturday, Feb. 15

Shabbat Schmooze  
Friday, March 13

Lounge/Movie Night  
Saturday, April 18

MOUSY Makes a Meal  
Saturday, May 9

### Kadima Programs

Sky Zone!  
Saturday, Feb. 1

Falafel and Festivities  
Sunday, March 22

Geeks Mania Arcade  
Sunday, May 3

Outdoor Adventure  
Sunday, May 31

### Regional Programming

CHUSY Spring Kinnus  
Convention  
Friday-Sunday  
April 3-5



### Celebrate Shabbat! Take Standardized Tests on Sunday

Feel great because, by taking the test on a Sunday, you show your Jewish pride and help guarantee that this option remains available for Jewish students.

Upcoming Sunday SATs:  
May 3 and June 7, 2020.

Call 866-756-7346 to register.

Here's a look at some of what MOUSY has been up to lately...

On Sunday afternoon, November 24, MOUSY teens got together for **MOUSY Gets Real**, an interactive workshop to explore current environmental issues, conservation trends, and ways to make a difference in local and global communities. Appreciation to presenter, educator, botanist, and advocate Matt Wallrath from the UW Madison Nelson Institute. Kudos to co-chairs Leila Loeb and Yael Rosenblatt.



MOUSY hopes your Festival of Lights was a joyous one, and that you enjoyed your colorful, made-in-Israel Chanukah candles. We appreciate your generous support which enables us to continue our fabulous programming, Tikkun Olam efforts, and subsidies for local and regional USY events. *Rav todot I'kulam!*



On Sunday afternoon, December 15, MOUSY and Kadima got warm and fuzzy by making our most-ever 23 fleece blankets for donation to American Family Children's Hospital at our annual and favorite social action **No Sew Fleece Blankets** program. Special thanks to fabric shoppers Maya Becker and Yael Rosenblatt and to co-chairs, Debbie Rudin and Mia Kurzer.





# Pesach is Coming!

## **Pesach begins Wednesday evening, April 8.**

**Let all who are hungry come and eat! If you will have room at your Passover seder table this year, or do not have a seder to attend, please contact the office. We love making seder matches!**

Come by between 8:30 and 9:30 am on Wednesday, April 8 to burn your chametz with us. We'll bring the fire, you bring the bits of chametz.

And, if you are a first-born, April 8 is the big day for your annual special perk! The Talmud prescribes that all in the category of *b'khor* (first-born) should fast on the eve of Pesach from sunrise until the seder, recalling and recognizing that the first-born Israelite males were spared the 10th plague visited upon the Egyptians. Many do, in fact, observe this fast. But wait, keep reading! A fast is nullified if there is a Jewish ritual celebration, and many communities, including ours, provide this by holding a *siyyum* - a celebration of completing a unit of Talmudic study. Lucky you, your Rabbi has been studying Tractate Shabbat in preparation for this, and you can get in on it simply by attending the celebration. The *siyyum* at BIC (with bagels and more, courtesy of Rabbi Forester) will be held after morning minyan on Wednesday, April 8. All first-born Jewish humans are welcome. Minyan begins at 7:00am.

## **Mechirat Hametz - Selling Your Hametz**

Before Pesach, we are obligated to remove all hametz from our possession, either through rigorous cleaning and burning the remnant, or by formally selling any hametz of value that we do not wish to destroy. The practice of selling our hametz is traditionally undertaken by a Rabbi, and you are invited to formally appoint Rabbi Forester as your legal agent for this purpose using a document called a *Shtar Mechira*. Get in on it!

It is best to complete this transaction in person. Times when Rabbi Forester is available will be publicized a few weeks before Pesach. If meeting in person is not possible, we will provide a form that you can complete and return to Rabbi Forester or the BIC office.

There is no fee or charge for appointing a Rabbi as agent, but it is customary to make a charitable donation that is specially directed to helping those in need celebrate Pesach. This custom is called *Maot Chitin* ("wheat coins"). When you make a donation to fulfill this mitzvah, Beth Israel Center sends our collected funds to the Jewish Welfare Board to help provide a joyful Pesach for Jews serving in the U.S. Armed Forces around the world. One of the JWB's programs is the distribution of Passover MRE's (meals ready to eat).

## **Sell your hametz before 9:30am on Wednesday, April 8, 2020.**

**And make a Moat Chitin contribution at the same time if you choose. Checks may be made out to Beth Israel Center.**

### **MOUSY Hametz Food Drive**

MOUSY of Beth Israel Center is hosting its third annual Hametz Food Drive from **Tuesday, March 24 through Tuesday, April 7.**

As you clear your home of hametz, bring your leavened foods to our collection bin near the office at Beth Israel Center. Food will be donated to the Goodman Community Center.

MOUSY appreciates your contribution!

### **Yahrzeits**

#### **6 Shevat / Feb 1**

Harold Blank  
Clara Gahr  
Simon Katz  
Shirley Volpiansky

#### **7 Shevat / Feb. 2**

Bernard I. Kaplan  
Shirley Schuster  
Max Sherman  
Sidney Skom  
Sylvia Temkin

#### **8 Shevat / Feb 3**

Frieda Greenwald  
Sarah Schmidt  
Harry Z. Sweet

#### **9 Shevat / Feb 4**

Etta Daitch  
Yetta Moskowitz  
Doris Silvern  
Hyman Silverstein

#### **10 Shevat / Feb 5**

Harold E. Factor  
Lois Lashley  
Lois Lewis  
John H. Morrison  
Jack Rosenthal  
Ethel Shovers

#### **11 Shevat / Feb 6**

Rhoda Berk  
Abraham Hershkowitz  
Reva Moss  
David Perlman  
Minnie Slavney

#### **12 Shevat / Feb 7**

Louis Coppersmith  
Arthur Moss  
Martin Steinberger

#### **13 Shevat / Feb 8**

Abe Berk  
Morris Greenberg  
Ruth Hill  
Yetta Slafer

#### **13 Shevat / Feb 8**

David Sweet  
Jacob Sweet  
Morris Wyman

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## Yahrzeits

### 14 Shevat / Feb 9

Natalie Borenstein  
Esther Feldman  
Ella Hirschfeld  
Joseph P. Holman  
Samuel Swartz  
Miriam Weinman

### 15 Shevat / Feb 10

Max Weiner

### 16 Shevat / Feb 11

Paul Hoffert

### 17 Shevat / Feb 12

Sarah Esther Barkin  
Susan Frances de Laix  
Morris Gould  
Avery Krashen  
Gilbert Schreiber  
Marsha Schwartz  
Belle Sweet

### 18 Shevat / Feb 13

Benjamin Greenberg  
Everett Howard Karon  
Chisha Paley  
May Rosenthal

### 19 Shevat / Feb 14

Rachel Bleiweiss  
Erving Haber  
Harvey Johnson

### 20 Shevat / Feb 15

Lena Adler  
Isaac Cohen  
Benny Kopelberg  
Barnet Nathenson  
Chaim Schwartz  
Jerry Shapiro  
Benjamin G. Wendroff

### 21 Shevat / Feb 16

Harold Borenstein  
Francis Geller  
Jean Goldman  
Iver Karp  
Samuel Lande  
Anne Lazar  
Morris Mirkin  
George Shapiro  
Helen Temkin  
Rebecca Wyman

### 22 Shevat / Feb 17

Jean Kobylarz

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## Social Justice Activities Update

Once again this year, a crew of volunteers from Beth Israel Center prepared and served a pre-Christmas dinner at Safe Haven, which is Porchlight's shelter for homeless people with mental illnesses. This year's meal served 38 guests, with food to spare for other shelters. In addition, Cher Diamond and Merle Sternberg prepared beautiful gift bags that were handed out at the dinner.

Thanks to these Beth Israel Center members who bought, cooked, and/or served the food for this special meal: Dawn Berney, Brad Bernstein, Judith Burstyn, Marsha Cohen & Mike Pressman, Susie Drazen, Beth Fisher, Aaron Frank, Jessica Goerling, Jaime Goldberg, Steve Goldstein, Leslie Greenspan, Billie Hellerstein, Cynthia Hirsch, Bobbie Jellinek, Jenee Jerome, Sarah Kaplan, Corliss Karasov, Steve Kessler, Kazu Kitano, Ruth Litovsky & David Baum, Kathy Miner, Sally & Fran Schrag, Simone Schweber, Max Ivry, and Max's friend Anton, Russ Shafer-Landau, Karen Shevet Dinah, Rob and Destiny, Goldie Sternberg and friends, Jerry & Merle Sternberg, and Ellen Weisner.

Special thanks to Corliss Karasov and Merle Sternberg for organizing this annual effort.



*Above: Max Ivry, his friend Anton, Sally Schrag, Russ Shafer-Landau, Safe Haven staff member Leane, Jerry Sternberg, Fran Schrag, Merle Sternberg, Simone Schweber, Corliss Karasov and Cynthia Hirsch take a break from serving dinner.*



*Right: Sally and Simone have fun decorating cookies.*

In addition to the Safe Haven dinner, Beth Israel Center members were encouraged this year to volunteer at the annual First United Methodist Church Christmas Dinner. Danny and Shira Goldman and their family joined the crew that served more than 300 meals to those in need. "It was a privilege to serve people and help them feel a sense of dignity and respect," said Danny. "The people served were quite grateful, and it was wonderful seeing them smile and have a nice meal with one another."





# Social Justice Volunteer Opportunities

## Men's Shelter

Beth Israel Center members have been serving meals at Porchlight's Emergency Shelter for Men at Grace Episcopal Church in downtown Madison for decades. Beth Israel Center is responsible for serving dinner on the second Sunday each month and breakfast the next morning. At press time, there were many open slots! Sign up online or call the office.

## Meals on Wheels

For many years, Beth Israel Center volunteers have delivered meals to elderly and disabled Dane County residents as part of the Meals on Wheels program of Home Health United (now SSM Health at Home). Our volunteers deliver about 10 lunchtime meals on weekdays (except Jewish holidays) throughout the year. Each route takes about 1½ hours. Volunteers often form relationships with the people they are helping and enjoy visiting with them. Meals on Wheels volunteers see first-hand the benefits they provide: helping people maintain independence and remain in their own homes, as well as receiving a nutritious meal. Call Larry Bensky at (608) 238-2569 to volunteer, to schedule a "ride-a-long" to see how the program works, or for more information about the program.

## Refugee Resettlement

Jewish Social Services continues to resettle refugee families. Contact JSS at (608) 442-4081 or watch your email for opportunities to provide support.



# Shabbat Kiddush

**A Time for Togetherness** The Beth Israel Center Shabbat kiddush serves an important purpose in the life of our community. It is a special time and place to come together to celebrate Shabbat with our *kehilla* (sacred community) and to actively embody the mitzvah of *hachnasat orchim* (welcoming guests). If you would like to join the kiddush crew and be part of this vital – and fun! – tradition, email [hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org) or call (608) 256-7763.

**Looking to honor someone?** One of the many ways people honor special occasions - and special people - is to make a donation to Beth Israel Center's Martin and Serene Mazor Kiddush fund or to sponsor a Shabbat kiddush with a donation of \$360 or more. You can also co-sponsor a Yom Tov Kiddush with a minimum donation of \$36. To make a donation, simply contact the office with the amount of your donation and in whose honor you're making it, and we'll take it from there. Sponsorship information is available online (look under Ways to Give) or by calling Deborah Hoffman or Elissa Pollack at (608) 256-7763.

### Appreciation for recent and upcoming Kiddush sponsorships:

- December 7: Kazu Kitano on the occasion of becoming a bat mitzvah
- December 14: Nadav & Miriam Shelef on the occasion of their son Aharon becoming a bar mitzvah
- December 21: Roz Gusinow in celebration of her parents' (z"l) wedding anniversary
- January 4: Merle & Jerry Sternberg in honor of Merle's mother's yahrzeit and Merle's first time reading Torah
- January 11: Donna Anderson and Sarah & Zach Masa-Myers in celebration of Steve Kessler's retirement
- March 14: Scott & Rabbi Betsy Forester on the anniversary of Scott becoming a bar mitzvah
- March 21: The Social Justice Committee in honor of National Refugee Shabbat

## Yahrzeits

**23 Shevat / Feb 18**  
Bernard Harris  
Jerome Onheiber  
Mollie Cohen Paster

**24 Shevat / Feb 19**  
Edith Arfa Brod  
Sarah Gevirman  
Alfred Kadushin  
Ester Kooba  
William Swartz

**25 Shevat / Feb 20**  
Edward Ben Elson  
Millicent Dachman  
Kate Klong  
Bob Lerner  
Ci Stein  
Bella Groynom Swack

**26 Shevat / Feb 21**  
Harry Bleiweiss  
Shoshana Goodman  
Dollie Schuckit  
Eliezer Wein  
Howard Yaskal

**27 Shevat / Feb 22**  
Hyman Daniels  
William Hawkins  
Phil Kapell  
David S. Mazur  
Esther Pover  
Rubin Schwartzstein  
Jacob Yaskal

**28 Shevat / Feb 23**  
M.A. Bradkofsky  
Hannah Weinstein  
Cohen  
Matthew Fields  
Anne Layton  
Joseph Sweet

**29 Shevat / Feb 24**  
Jerry Kaplan  
Mikhail Pishchiker  
Murray Rodman  
Helena Siroky  
Louis Sweet  
Howard Temin

**30 Shevat / Feb 25**  
Fania Heifetz  
Anita Rothblatt Kapell  
Rose Machlis  
Leo Rasmussen  
Bess Smith

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## Yahrzeits

### 1 Adar / Feb 26

Louis Battalen  
Lena Daniels  
Rose Diamenstein  
Pauline Quick  
Janet Weinschel

### 2 Adar / Feb 27

Leahbelle Bercey  
Rachel Deprey  
Lena B. Goldberg  
Zelig Heifetz  
Malcolm Mintz  
Frank Onikul  
Sam Slabodnik  
Martin Stein

### 4 Adar / Feb 28

Moshe ben Baruch  
v'Malka  
Sandra Phyllis Evans  
Sara Frank  
Max Latinsky  
Morris Levin  
Israel Meirovitch

### 4 Adar / Feb 29

Harold Goldberg  
Paul Goodman  
Henry L. Gutmann  
Miril Heifetz  
Maier Nick Kaim  
Mollie Kaplan  
Gertrude Recht Stein  
Sara Schwartz  
Ruth Wolfson

### 5 Adar / March 1

Rivkah bat Fruma  
Leonard L. Loeb  
Blanche Cohn  
Schwartzstein  
Max Shapiro  
Shirley Swack

### 6 Adar / March 2

Joan Eleanor Chesler  
Freda Liberman Family  
Joseph S. Levy  
Freda Lieberman  
Sam Shapiro  
Alvin Shovers

### 7 Adar / March 3

Leanore Fridstein Factor  
Ruth Hertz  
Roberta Jacoby  
Norman Schwabacher

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## Yesod L'Atid

### Securing our Financial Future

Long-term financial sustainability is key to organizational success. Planned estate gifts can play a significant role in the sustainability of Beth Israel Center. To encourage more members, former members, and others with connections to our community to remember Beth Israel Center when designating legacy gifts, the Board of Directors established the **לענין יסוד** Yesod L'Atid / Legacy Society.

To join Yesod L'Atid, all you need to do is name Beth Israel Center as a beneficiary of your estate. There is a simple online form (look on our website under Ways to Give), and we will be happy to take your information over the phone in the office.

Please contact any member of the Development Committee (listed below) with questions about legacy giving or about making gifts in your lifetime to support our congregation's program, facility, and future.

### The BIC Development Committee

Judith Blank, Chair  
Matt Banks  
Steve Jellinek  
Jordy Loeb  
Russ Shafer-Landau  
Elissa Pollack, staff  
*Ex-officio:* Rick Ezell, President; Marci Katz, VP-Finance



## More Ways to Give

### Chesed Team

Members of the BIC Chesed Team visit individuals who find it difficult or impossible to attend services or other synagogue programs. Social visits by members of the Chesed Team extend the warmth of our community, keeping the BIC family close, beyond the walls of our building.

If you or someone you know would like a friendly visit from a member of the Chesed Team, please contact Rabbi Forester at (608) 256-7763 or via email at [rabbi@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:rabbi@bethisraelcenter.org).

### Kindness Group

In times of simcha and in times of sorrow, a meal from your BIC family can be a great help. Our loving kindness group of is made up of people who happily volunteer to make meals for congregants in times of need.

Email [kindness@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:kindness@bethisraelcenter.org) to be put on the list of volunteers or contact the office to find out more about the group.

If you or someone you know could benefit from some home-delivered meals, please do not hesitate to ask. Many people want to help, and needs are typically filled with surprising speed.

### Help Make Minyan

When a member of our congregation hopes to say kaddish with at least 9 other Jewish adults at Beth Israel Center, we post the need on our online calendar, under Ways to Give on our website, on our Facebook page and elsewhere. Please help when you can. Newcomers are always welcome!



## Mazal Tov to...

- Josh & Sarah Rubin on the birth of their son in November
- Ari Weisbard & Rebecca Ennen on the birth of their daughter in November, and also to big brother Misha, grandparents Phyllis Holman Weisbard and Alan Weisbard, Aunt Talya and Cousin Noam
- Livia Asher on the birth of her granddaughter in December
- Josh Bettner, son of Hannah Bettner and Norman Schulman, and Tsurit Bar-Hama, daughter of Sara & Gideon Bar-Hama, on their marriage in January
- Rabbi Ethan Witkovsky & Erin Beser on the birth of their daughter in January, and also to big brother Aldo, bubbe Cynthia Hirsh, Uncle Benny & Aunt Corrina



## Condolences to the family of

- Sam Onheiber, husband of Maria, father of Linda (Jon) Stone and Marissa Onheiber; grandfather of Dahlia, Isaac, Amira, Sofia and Juliana; uncle of Michael (Patrice) Onheiber; great-uncle of Josh and Mimi Onheiber



## 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! For \$36, you can dedicate a weekday siddur, for \$54 a High Holy Day Mahzor Lev Shalem, and for \$72 an Etz Chayim Chumash.

Complete and submit the form below or call (608) 256-7763 or email [office@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:office@bethisraelcenter.org) and tell us in whose honor or memory the book(s) should be dedicated, and we'll take it from there.

**Did you know that all of our Shabbat siddurim are dedicated?** The next time you pick up a Siddur Lev Shalem, turn to the inside front cover and see if you know the people whose names you'll find there. Each one tells a story.

### BETH ISRAEL CENTER BOOK DEDICATION FORM

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Mahzor Lev Shalem (High Holiday prayerbooks) — minimum donation \$54 per book

For each dedicated book, please provide the following:

In (circle one) honor / memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_

Dedicated by:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### Yahrzeits

#### 8 Adar / March 4

David Goldberg  
Fanny Klitsner  
Mary Levin  
Louis Mazursky  
Dora Schwartz  
Al Weschler

#### 9 Adar / March 5

Patricia Donals  
Bashe Leah Dworetzky  
Molly Epstein Karp  
Mollie Goodman  
Wilhelm Grzyb  
Rachel Mazur  
Isadore Miller  
Dorna Person  
Efraim Picus  
Ruth Esther Scholick

#### 10 Adar / March 6

Brian Friedman  
Haim ben Manachem  
Haimson  
Sol Levin  
Eunis Mann  
Sam Mead  
Ellen Shoshany Kaim

#### 11 Adar / March 7

Jennie Chortek  
Jeanette Russ  
Samuel Sinaiko

#### 12 Adar / March 8

Sonia Andrusier  
Marvin Eisenberg  
Sidney Goldman  
Henri Hanau  
Walter Novick  
Mary Zuker

#### 13 Adar / March 9

Rachel Green  
Harry Klitsner  
Ida Moskowsky  
Bessie Schwartz  
Fanny Kaufman Smith  
Dorothy Weiman  
Adolph Weinshel

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## Yahrzeits

### 14 Adar / March 10

Seymour Goodman  
Mary Ellen Hall  
Abe Mintz  
Rose Onikul  
Victor Rosenblum  
George J. Skloot  
Elizabeth Sweet  
Sam Webne  
Ruth Zitowsky

### 15 Adar / March 11

Rachel Brodsky  
Dan Pierotti

### 16 Adar / March 12

Thea Aschkenase  
Eva Deutschkron  
Mary Nathenson

### 17 Adar / March 13

Maurice Amdur  
Etya Fastovsky  
Rose Frank  
Milton Friedman  
Ida Gould  
Bessie Lutske  
Evelyn Minkoff  
Morris Schulman  
Leon Stein

### 18 Adar / March 14

Quinta Burattini  
Paula Grzyb  
Hyman Paley  
Aaron Scher

### 19 Adar / March 15

Jacob Becker  
Lloyd Borenstein  
Karen Eve Goldman  
Ira Katch  
Sarah Silverman  
Judith Zukerman  
Kaufman

### 20 Adar / March 16

Hyman Ansell  
Jerrold Gross  
Dorah Karp  
Arthur Mead  
Tessie Stein

### 21 Adar / March 17

Nathan A Cohen  
Marshall G Fields  
Benjamin Forester  
Gustave Leon Goldstein  
Vera Tyroler

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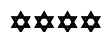


## Memorial & Tribute Gifts

**We are so grateful to each and every donor. Every gift makes it possible for us to create a community that is alive with celebration, learning, prayer and tikkun olam. Todah Rabbah!**

Memorial and tribute gifts may be made at any time to Beth Israel Center's general fund or any of the funds listed on the following pages. To donate, send us a check, call the office (608-256-7763) with a credit card number, or go to [www.bethisraelcenter.org](http://www.bethisraelcenter.org) and click on the "Donate" icon.

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



### Art Fund

*in memory of*

**Suzanne Schrag** from Francis & Sally Schrag  
**Bernice Kliebard** from Diane Silverberg  
**Naomi Sinagub** from Jonathan Sinagub  
**Joseph Sinagub** from Jonathan Sinagub  
**Michael Stein** from Susan Wick

### Abe Barash Fund

*in memory of*

**Lorraine Pollock** from Nancy & Scott Richard  
**Dov Schwartz** from Richard Schwartz

### Building Capital Fund

*in honor of*

**David & Nancy Resnick's 50th wedding anniversary, Si & Billie Hellerstein's 60th wedding anniversary, the birth of Selma Celia Ennen, Phyllis Weisbard's granddaughter, the birth of Livia Asher's granddaughter, and the B'nei Mitzvah of Zohar and Barkai Lazimy, grandsons of Clara & Rafi Lazimy** from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein  
**Rabbi Betsy Forester for her wonderful knowledge and the ability to express it to us** from David Balkansky

*in memory of*

**Goldie Portnoy** from Marilyn & Stuart Cooper  
**Joseph Frank** from Leslie Rukin

### Shirley Epstein Fund

*in memory of*

**Shirley Epstein** from Larry Epstein  
**Oscar & Helen Karp** from Ruth Ann Schumeister  
**Ben Gahr** from Dorothy Schwartz  
**Judy Siegel** from Eve-Lynn Siegel  
**David Zaichick** from Sol Zaichick

### Fund for the Future

*in memory of*

**Joseph Rossman** from Sherry Hirschfeld  
**Sam Onheiber** from Rayla Temin

### General Fund

*in honor of*

**Josh Gabai's Masters Degree** from David & Donna Gabai  
**Phyllis & Alan's new granddaughter** from Steve & Bobbie Jellinek  
**Caren Minkoff & Ari Lampear, on the birth of their son** from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen



# Memorial & Tribute Gifts (Con't.)

## General Fund

*in honor of*

**Kazu Kitano's Bat Mitzvah** from Jordan Ellenberg & Tanya Schlam

**Kazu Kitano's Bat Mitzvah** from Karen Shevet Dinah

*in memory of*

**Rebekah Azen** from Edwin Azen

**Julius Miller** from Phyllis Davis

**Phillip Becker, Frieda Borenstein, Celia Borenstein, Rudy Becker, Lena**

**Paturs** and **Phillip Zlockanks** from Phyllis Eisenberg

**Sandra K. Goldstein** from Bernie & Lenora Goldstein

**Golda Jacoby** from Steven Wilensky & Janice Gratch

**Estelle Fink** from Jonathan Ivry

**Faye Jacobs** from Mark Jacobs

**Irving Maydeck** from Steve & Bobbie Jellinek

**Theodore Jellinek** from Steve & Bobbie Jellinek

**Isadore Kosowsky** from Mark Kosowsky

**Tibor Lax** from Renata Laxova

**Al Frank** from Frances Mann

**Sam Onheiber** from Harry & Karen Roth

**Sam Lewis** from Arnold & Sharon Ruben

**Esther Lewis** from Arnold & Sharon Ruben

**Sam Onheiber** from Alan & Laurie Schwartzstein

**Tova Shabtaie** from Sion & Jane Shabtaie

**Leo Sulman** from David Sulman & Anne Altshuler

**Arthur Sweet** from Lawrence & Jessica Sweet

**Alma Frank** from Lynne Turnquist

**Esther Frank** from Lynne Turnquist

**Sylvia Wein** from Sanford & Marilyn Victor

**Gordon Wein** from Sanford & Marilyn Victor

**Al Frank** from Larry Chapman & Paula Volpiansky

**Solomon Volpiansky** from Larry Chapman & Paula Volpiansky

**Shirley Volpiansky** from Larry Chapman & Paula Volpiansky

## Jake Heifetz Fund

*in memory of*

**Jake Heifetz** from Lawrence Heifetz

**Jake Heifetz** from Pauline Heifetz

**Henry Karpe** from David Karpe & Julita Jankowska

**Jake Heifetz** from Lisa Robertson

**Marc Kornblatt's father** from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

## Morris Heifetz Welfare Fund

*in memory of*

**Bertha Rubin and Hyman Marlowe** from Robert & Judith Rubin

## Holman/Weisbard Fund for Adult Jewish Learning

*in honor of*

**Kazu Kitano's Bat Mitzvah** from Jane Armstrong

**the birth of Selma Celia** from Si & Billie Hellerstein

**Kazu Kitano's Bat Mitzvah** from Phyllis Holman Weisbard

**Phyllis Holman Weisbard and Alan Weisbard, on the birth of their granddaughter** from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

**Kazu Kitano's Bat Mitzvah** from Rayla Temin

**Kazu Kitano's Bat Mitzvah** from Bilha Mirkin

## L'Dor VaDor Building Fund

*in honor of*

**Kazu Kitano's Bat Mitzvah** from Si & Billie Hellerstein

## Yahrzeits

### 22 Adar / March 18

Frumeh Rachel Bloom  
Heather Joseph  
Rochelle Kianovsky  
Gertrude Rodman  
William Stein

### 23 Adar / March 19

Estelle Bernstein  
Ben Paley  
Sara Shapiro  
Ann Slavney  
Robert Sweet

### 24 Adar / March 20

Isador Borsuk  
Nathan DeLevie  
Eli Freedman  
Paul Goldman  
Steve Hawkins  
Hyman Lessack  
Jacques Lohr

### 25 Adar / March 21

Ida Figler  
David Rosenthal  
Herbert Weiner

### 26 Adar / March 22

Joseph Brodsky  
Harry Dworetzky  
Mayer Jacob  
Ross Kurzer  
Nathan Swartz  
Joseph Switzky  
Lillian Weber

### 27 Adar / March 23

David Altschuler  
Ruthie Moody  
Kenneth Rodan  
Celia Rosenberg

### 28 Adar / March 24

Lewis Gash  
Harry Karas  
Moshe Paley  
Helen Rosenblum  
Kitty Schorr  
Jean Wein

### 29 Adar / March 25

Anna Halperin  
Sarah Chechik Halperin  
Paul J Schrag  
Herschel Seder  
Osne Zaichick

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## Yahrzeits

### 1 Nisan / March 26

Anne Cooper  
Ben Hirschfeld  
Regina Jacob  
Sarah Seidner  
Dr. Herman Shapiro  
Helen Sweet

### 2 Nisan / March 27

Ervin Blake  
Jeanette Saltzberg  
Frank  
Samuel Goldberg  
Marvin Mazursky  
Abe McCants  
Arthur J Sweet

### 3 Nisan / March 28

Chaim Dubrovitz  
Naomi Epstein  
Roslyn Kopelberg  
Louis Landau  
Anne Marion  
Anna Shapiro  
Caroline Sulman

### 4 Nisan / March 29

Chaim Chaikel Dubrow  
Donald Goren  
Aaron Seidner

### 5 Nisan / March 30

Samuel Ottenstein  
Eva Rosenberg  
Isaac Stein  
Morris Stein

### 6 Nisan / March 31

Jack Goldberg  
Adele Klein Hirsch  
Carol Kean  
Herbert Nathenson  
Leah Segal  
Emanuel Weinstein

### 7 Nisan / April 1

Jack Jacobson  
Leonard Solinger

### 8 Nisan / April 2

Jenny Eva Lebowitz  
George S. Marcus  
Nechama Meister

### 10 Nisan / April 4

Jack Dachman  
Peter Deutsch  
Kathryn Grossman  
Leo Hill

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## Memorial & Tribute Gifts (Con't.)

### Martin & Serene Mazor Kiddush Fund

*in honor of*

**my appreciation of Cher Diamond and KC Lerner for Sous Chef help  
extraordinaire** from Rabbi Betsy Forester

**David Balkansky** from Daniel & Leslie Greenspan

**Kazu Kitano's Bat Mitzvah** from Sylvia Grunes

**David Balkansky** from Sylvia Grunes

**Kazu Kitano's Bat Mitzvah** from Sherry Hirschfeld

**Don & Kathy Miner on the birth of their granddaughter, Clara & Rafi**

**Lazimy on the birth of their granddaughter, Debbie & Joel Minkoff on the  
birth of their grandson, Phyllis Holman Weisbard and Alan Weisbard on  
the birth of their granddaughter** from Lorna Kniaz

**Sylvia Grunes** from Theodore & Irene Knupp

**David Balkansky** from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

**Kazu Kitano's Bat Mitzvah and Aharon Shelef's Bar Mitzvah** from Michael  
Pressman & Marsha Cohen

**the birth of Leona Maya Asher, granddaughter of Livia Asher** from  
Rayla Temin

*in memory of*

**Martin Deutschkron** from Russ & Ruth Frank

**Esther Frank** from Russ & Ruth Frank

**Sam Onheiber** from Sherry Hirschfeld

**Fritz Gutmann and Melvin Gutmann** from Thomas Palay & Diane Gutmann

**Alvin Pratzel** from Michael & Barbara Pratzel

**Stanley Cohen and Nat Pressman** from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

**Laura Gladstein** from David & Nancy Resnick

**Neal Loeb** from Marc Shovers & Jan Loeb

**Sam Onheiber** from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

**Al Frank** from Jim & Ziva Wear

### Mikvah Fund

*in honor of*

**Sylvia Grunes** from Livia Asher, Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen and  
Karen Shevet Dinah.

### Mintz Fund

*in memory of*

**Ida Weinstein** from Barbara Beyer

**Vivian Daniels and Albert Daniels** from Barbara Beyer

### Judith & Daniel Pierotti Social Justice Fund

*Get Well*

**Sol Zaichick and Herman Goldstein** from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise  
Goldstein

*in honor of*

**Bernard Harris** from Sue Harris

**Martha Wechselblatt Skloot** from Robert & JoAnn Skloot

**the birth of Ammi Lampear** from Livia Asher

**the naming of the Judith & Daniel Pierotti Social Justice Fund** from  
Amanda Croushore

**Judy Pierotti** from Jaime Goldberg

**Merle & Jerry Sternberg** from Judy Pierotti

*in memory of*

**Phyllis Bamberger** from Robert & JoAnn Skloot

**Jane R. Stern** from Rayla Temin

### Prayerbook Fund

*in memory of*

**Sylvia Wein and Gordon Wein** from Roslyn Gorchow





## Memorial & Tribute Gifts (Con't.)

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

*in honor of*

**Caren Minkoff & Ari Lampear on the birth of their son** from Theodore & Irene Knupp

**the goodness of Louise Goldstein & Bruce Thomadsen** from Herbert Lewis & Francie Saposnik

**Kazu Kitano's Bat Mitzvah** from Herbert Lewis & Francie Saposnik

**Yona Stolz-Greenberg's baby naming** from Robert Stolz & Marlene Nadel

*in memory of*

**Harry Zitowsky** from Robert Zitowsky

**Sam Onheiber** from Bill & Jill Boissonnault

**Joseph & Ruth Beitel** from Marion Gold

**Aaron Greenspan, Daniel Greenspan's father** from Theodore & Irene Knupp

**Sarah Knupp** from Theodore & Irene Knupp

**Irving Saposnik** from Francie Saposnik

**Marie Mocny** from Michael & Patrice Onheiber

**Eleanor Onheiber** from Michael & Patrice Onheiber

**Dorothy Lerner** from Mitch & Sharon Rapkin

**Ann Rock** from Michael Rock & Kathi Johnson Rock

**Miriam Sweet** from Richard Sweet & Judith Zvara

**Dorothy Miller** from Maureen Yaskal

### Rosenberg Library Fund

*in memory of*

**A.J. Rosenberg on his 50th yearzeit** from Irwin Rosenberg

**Abraham Rosenberg** from Lyn Rosenberg

**Jacob Meyer Schwam** from Emanuel Schwam

### Talmud Torah Fund

*in honor of*

**Ezra Matthews-Needelman's Bar Mitzvah** from Jared & Rachel Cordasco

**Joseph Fine's birthday** from Hilda Fine

**Kazu Kitano's Bat Mitzvah** from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

*in memory of*

**Faye Amdur and Ethel Fine Plen** from Hilda Fine

### David Temkin Camp Ramah Fund

*in honor of*

**Rabbi Chuck & Krayna Feinberg's 50th Wedding Anniversary** from Si & Billie Hellerstein

**My new great granddaughter, Lily Maya Ross** from Fay Nager

**Ezra Matthews-Needelman's Bar Mitzvah** from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

*in memory of*

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

**Sam Onheiber** from Si & Billie Hellerstein

**Sam Nager and Rose Passon** from Fay Nager

**Esther Lewis** from Sam & Maria Onheiber

**Daniel Greenspan's father, Aaron Greenspan** from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

**Jachial Temkin** from Cheryl Temkin

### Joe Temkin Education Fund

*in memory of*

**Sam Onheiber** from Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin

### Weinshel Torah Repair and Maintenance Fund

*in honor of*

**the Ritual Committee** from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

### Yahrzeits

#### 11 Nisan / April 5

Shlomo Dworetzky

Sarah Grebler

Sarah R Kulakowsky

#### 12 Nisan / April 6

Meyer Kaufman

Gerald Kleinman

Ann Matsoff

Ida Minkoff

Eileen Mondry

Herman Onheiber

Beatrice Josephine

Sweet

#### 13 Nisan / April 7

Aaron Epstein

Ruth Hawkins

Lillian Kaplan

Josephine Sinaiko

Mendow

Leon Mondry

#### 14 Nisan / April 8

Dorothy Berlinger Levy

Irving Levy

#### 15 Nisan / April 9

Maggie Eisenberg

Abraham Frank

Louis Roth

#### 16 Nisan / April 10

Leontine Friedman

Leo Geller

Helen Sweet

#### 17 Nisan / April 11

Mary Kaminsky Cohen

Robert D. Goodman

Robert Mann

Elsa Morgensteren

Max Novick

Saul Aaron Rosenthal

#### 18 Nisan / April 12

Samuel I Ablove

Albert J. Eisenberg

Esther Swartz

#### 19 Nisan / April 13

Eva Dizon

Mollie Chaloff Goldstein

Hermina Kneller

Catherine Odette

Jacob Popkewitz

Jacob J Sinaiko

William Sinaiko

Minna Slater

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**Yahrzeits**

**20 Nisan / April 14**

Jeanne Siegel  
Ellen Wolman

**21 Nisan / April 15**

Lillian Greenberg  
Elliott Karasov  
Joseph Morris Kessler

**22 Nisan / April 16**

Paulina Bloom  
Ezra Frank  
Isaac Pover  
Martin Siroky

**23 Nisan / April 17**

Mollie Becker  
Ida Lessack  
Ben Rubin  
Ruth Solinger

**24 Nisan / April 18**

Oscar Brodsky  
Aletha Rappaport  
Burton Zitkin

**25 Nisan / April 19**

Dora Levin  
Hannah Malamud  
William Onheiber

**26 Nisan / April 20**

Esther Sweet

**27 Nisan / April 21**

Gladys Godfried  
Sander Gusinow  
Abraham Sweet  
Nashe Sweet

**28 Nisan / April 22**

Blanche Altshuler  
Ed Deutschkron  
Jane England  
Rosalyn Schwab

**29 Nisan / April 23**

Alice Barth  
Leo Barth  
Frieda Melnik  
Meyer Prosansky  
Martin Rosenzweig

**30 Nisan / April 24**

Alice Field  
Gertrude Kastrul  
Melrood  
Rebecca Nathenson

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**Weinshel Torah Repair and Maintenance Fund**

*in memory of*

**Daniel Greenspan's father, Aaron Greenspan** from Rayla Temin  
**Aaron Greenspan** from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein  
**Joseph Wolman, Dora Wolman, Abraham Paster, Mollie Cohen Paster, Mollie Paster, Eli Wolman, Estelle Wolman, M. David Wolman, Ellen Wolman and Paul Fram** from Richard Wolman

**Youth Fund Donation**

*in honor of*

**the b'nai mitzvah of Ezra Matthews-Needelman and Aharon Shelef** from Jim & Ziva Wear



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. Undesignated donations of up to \$1,000 go into our General Fund, where they support our programming. Undesignated donations of \$1,000 or more go into our Fund for the Future.

To donate, send us a check or call the office (608-256-7763) with a credit card number. Please send all mail to 1406 Mound Street, Madison, WI 53711.

If you'd like to contribute toward a purchase on our wish list of building furnishings and improvements, please contact Executive Director Elissa Pollack at the number above or [elissa@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:elissa@bethisraelcenter.org).

## February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 TT Kadima
2 Kolot Kehilla	3 Yiddish Class	4 TT	5 Talmud Class	6 TT Talmud Class	7	8 TT Taste of Tu B'Shvat Kiddush
9 Men's Shelter Volunteering Opportunity	10 Tu BiShvat Men's Shelter Volunteering Opportunity Yiddish Class	11 TT	12 Talmud Class	13 TT Talmud Class	14	15 TT MOUSY
16 Studio Sinai	17 Yiddish Class	18 TT	19 Talmud Class	20 TT Talmud Class	21	22 TT Cozy Cholent & Board Game Shabbat Kadima
23 Yom Rishon Town Hall: Safe & Welcoming	24 Yiddish Class	25 TT	26 Talmud Class	27 TT Talmud Class	28 Kabbalat Shabbat Potluck	29 TT Merchav HaLev Meditation Retreat

## March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Knish Cooking Workshop	2 Yiddish Class	3 TT Safe & Welcoming Town Hall	4 Talmud Class	5 TT Hamantaschen Pick Up Talmud Class	6	7 TT
8 Studio Sinai	9 Erev Purim Community Carnival at TBE Megillah Reading at BIC	10 Purim Purim Dinner TT	11	12 Evicted book discussion TT	13 MOUSY Shabbat Schmooze	14 TT Pi Shabbat & Kiddush sponsored by Scott & Rabbi Forester
15	16 Yiddish Class	17 TT	18	19 TT Living Torah Film	20	21 TT National Refugee Shabbat
22 Seder Planning Class	23 Yiddish Class	24 MOUSY Hametz Drive Begins TT	25	26 Evicted book discussion	27	28 NO TT
29 Seder Planning Workshop	30 Yiddish Class	31 NO TT				

## April 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 No TT	3 Pre-Pesach Kabbalat Shabbat Potluck	4 NO TT
5 Kasher the BIC kitchen for Pesach	6 Yiddish Class	7 Dalet Family Ed TT	8 Siyum & Hametz Burn Erev Pesach	9 Pesach I No TT	10 Pesach II	11 Pesach III No TT
12 Pesach IV	13 Pesach V Yiddish Class	14 Pesach VI No TT	15 Pesach VII	16 Pesach VIII No TT	17	18 TT MOUSY Movie Night
19 Yom Rishon	20 Yiddish Class	21 Yom Hashoah TT	22	23 TT	24	25 TT
26 Studio Sinai	27 Yiddish Class	28 Yom HaZikaron TT	29 Yom HaAtzma'ut	30 Gimel Family Ed TT		

### Yahrzeits

#### 1 Iyar / April 25

Benjamin Fields  
Charles Karp  
Isadore Libanoff  
Cecile Rogut  
Joe Wagman  
Dobe Melnik Widrevitz

#### 2 Iyar / April 26

Rose Frank  
Libby Mead

#### 3 Iyar / April 27

Rose Melnik  
Helen Sweet  
Louis Sweet  
Morris Sweet  
Dora Weinberg

#### 4 Iyar / April 28

Harry Dachman  
Beatrice Nathenson  
Kosowsky  
Abraham Sinagub  
Ruth Weiner

#### 5 Iyar / April 29

Doris Mae Campbell  
Bill Karpe  
Morris Mead  
Harry Paley

#### 6 Iyar / April 30

Norman Balkansky  
David Fine  
Bernie Mazursky  
Moses Sweet  
Pauline Sweet



Beth Israel Center maintains a database of Yahrzeit observances for its members. The people listed on the sides of these pages died on these dates on the Hebrew calendar in years past.

If you hope to observe the anniversary of a loved one's passing by reciting kaddish at Beth Israel Center, please contact the office so we can notify the community of your need.

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**February / March / April Candle Lighting Times**

<b>Shabbat</b>	<b>Parasha</b>	<b>Candle Lighting</b>
Jan 31/Feb 1	Bo	4:50 pm
February 7/8	Beshalach	5:00 pm
February 14/15	Yitro	5:09 pm
February 21/22	Mishpatim	5:18 pm
February 29/30	Terumah	5:27 pm
March 6/7	Tetzaveh	5:36 pm
March 13/14	Parah	6:44 pm
March 20/21	Vayakhel-Pekudei	6:53 pm
March 27/28	Vayikra	7:01 pm
April 3/4	Tzav	7:09 pm
April 10/11	Pesach	7:17 pm
April 17/18	Shmini	7:25 pm
April 24/25	Tzaria-Metzora	7:33 pm
<b>Pesach</b>		
Wednesday, April 8	Erev Pesach	7:15 pm
Thursday, April 9	Pesach 2	8:16 pm
Tuesday, April 14	Pesach 7	7:22 pm
Wednesday, April 15	Pesach 8	8:23 pm
Thursday, April 16	End of Pesach (Havdalah)	8:24 pm

**Shabbat Services**

Fridays  
5:45pm

Saturdays  
9:15am

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**Weekday Services**

Sunday mornings  
8:15am

Monday & Thursday  
mornings  
7:00am

Weekday evenings  
5:30pm

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Please call ahead to  
ensure a minyan.

Other morning services may be  
organized by request.