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## Spring & Summer Gatherings

### Tikkun Leil Shavuot: A Whole New World?

One of the ways we receive Torah on Shavuot is to study texts and share learning late into the night. This year, on Erev Shavuot (**Sunday evening, May 16**), we invite you to select from a curated collection of online study opportunities. One of the options will be an online community program, "Y'tziat Mitzrayim: Moving Through the Narrow Time of Covid," consisting of a service, panel discussions, and breakout rooms with Madison rabbis and mental health professionals. Learn on your own or meet up with friends if you're comfortable doing so. On Yom Tov afternoon (**Monday, May 17**), those who feel safe doing so may attend an outdoor gathering where we'll socialize and share observations and revelations from these Shavuot learning opportunities. More details coming soon!



### RUACH Concert: Sunday, May 23

Tune in to this special online program, featuring a performance by French violinist Arnaud Sussmann honoring Jewish composers whose lives were directly affected by the Holocaust. Following the concert, he will describe his grandfather's experience in the Shoah, and take questions from the online audience. The program will be available to view online for one week after the May 23 premier.

### Ride the Drive: Sunday, June 6

Since 2009, cyclists, bladders, stroller pushers, and others with non-motorized wheels have taken over John Nolen Drive in a celebration of healthy, active lifestyles. The 2021 Ride the Drive will look different, as the Parks Department is organizing routes in Madison neighborhoods and parks, keeping crowds low but fun high. Meet up in our parking lot at 10:00 on Sunday, June 6 to join in the fun.



### Annual Membership Meeting: Tuesday, June 29

After a whoppingly inconceivable year, we are stable and grateful to every member household, lay leader, and volunteer who made it all possible. Please join us to celebrate each other, elect new Board members, thank those completing their terms, and hear important updates about the state of our shul. Committee reports will be sent to members prior to the meeting. Bring your questions on Tuesday evening, June 29. Plans at press time are for a hybrid experience: some people in person, others on Zoom.

### More Summer Programs for All Ages!

**Walk and Talk at Olbrich Gardens** - Nurture your spirit and deepen BIC friendships as we walk through the outdoor gardens on Monday, May 10 and Tuesday, June 22.

**Boating on Lake Wingra** - Meet up to paddle and play on the water. Bring your own boat or rent one from Wingra Boats on Sunday, May 16 and Friday, June 18.

**Neighborhood Farmers Markets** - Shop and schmooze with BIC friends on Sundays and weekdays throughout the season at the Eastside, Hilldale, Middleton, Monroe Street, and Southside markets. See dates on pages 18 & 19.

**Meditation Mini-Retreats** - Shabbat afternoon mindfulness. Watch for dates.



## Thoughts from the Rabbi...

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**Please do not drop by or expect to come in to the building without making prior arrangements.**

**Please DO continue to call and email us!**

Next Centerite Deadline:  
**July 5, 2021**

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I am writing to you before *Pesach*, imagining what life will be like by the time this Centerite goes out. The idea of all of us convening in one place still feels like a far-off fantasy,



but with predictions that we may reach "herd immunity" by mid-summer, it also feels real and possible to imagine that before long, we will laugh together, cry together, and live out life's

important moments in shared space. I am so excited to move forward together with all that we have learned from this time away. I look forward to providing healing rituals to mark the joy of our return as well as to mark what we have lost. You will hear more about those plans as we discern our readiness to implement them.

With all of that excitement, I must admit to feeling a bit nervous. Our sages teach that our ancestors celebrated their imminent liberation and sang a song of joy while tumult raged around them on their last night in Egypt. Hopeful, yet fearful, they sang with gratitude over hopes not yet realized. Like our ancestors experienced on the verge of liberation, our world still is a prickly place. Even as we hold a vision of the many ways in which we hope to flourish, with even more strength and joy than before, we have much to discern and to do as we emerge. We will need to learn the nuances of

sharing space in post-pandemic gatherings. We will need to figure out how to manifest the thoughts and ideals for our society that we have been discussing and studying from our Zoom screens. We will need to continue experimenting with our technologies and the various programming adaptations that served us through the pandemic, so that we can reclaim the Jewish practices that define our *kahal* and serve the strongest vision of who we want to be. Many of us will want to hurry back, yet we will need to be incredibly present to our evolving needs. I look forward to re-emerging, step by step.

At this time of rapid change in the religious landscape, I am grateful to all of you for making BIC a spiritual home I feel proud to lead over the next several years. While this Centerite sits on your coffee table, I will begin what I expect will be the last professional contract of my career, beginning this summer and ending in summer 2030. In the first three years of our relationship, we weathered trials and tribulations that came our way. We have learned much together. We have grown stronger in some ways and there are areas that we will need to strengthen when we return. Whatever comes, I am confident that we will keep learning and growing together.

Wishing you a summer filled with hope, happiness, and enjoying the Madison Summer vibe we love.

*Rabbi Betsy*

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#### See you in shul?

For *Pesach* this year, we experienced a new kind of freedom — freedom to hold Yom Tov services over Zoom with a Torah scroll on our *shulchan* rather than a laptop. Thanks to new tech (a Neat/Zoom Bar), we now offer high-quality hybrid services — with some people at BIC and others participating from home.

If you would like to attend Shabbat or Yom Tov services in person and haven't already completed the form we sent to members in early April (or contacted the office to express your interest), I encourage you to do so! I'd love to see more of you in shul on Erev Shabbat, Shabbat mornings, or Shavuot mornings.

## On Whose Shoulders

Shemot Rabbah, a Midrashic commentary on the Book of Exodus, contains an interpretation of what it means to assume a leadership position in a Jewish community: "When one assumes a role of responsibility within a congregation, an individual is enjoined to no longer say 'I live for my own benefit, I care not about the congregation,' but the whole burden of the community is on that person's shoulders." (Shemot Rabbah 27:9).

Beth Israel Center thrives because of our strong cadre of volunteers; some entered the pandemic with community responsibilities, others took them on in the past year. What it takes to serve a community in times of crisis is profound and worth honoring. Gratefully, BIC has not been in crisis this last year; we continue to live into our mission, offering programming, services, and community outreach. Our members, however, have been, and continue to be, in crisis. We are all experiencing loss, disconnection, and anxiety for the future. Every single person this last year has experienced new and profound dislocations, and the full accounting of the impact has not yet begun.

When we say "every single person" has been, and continues to be, affected by the pandemic, that includes every BIC volunteer, committee member, committee chairperson, and board member. It is also important to recognize that serving the BIC community has taken more time and more effort than in the before-times because of the scale and urgency of the decisions being made, and because it takes extra emotional effort to do the work.

Your executive committee met weekly for months to hone COVID policies for BIC. Your Budget Committee moved from meeting only during budget season to monthly meetings, proactively guiding our fiscal practices in this uncertain year. Your Social Justice Committee is doing more, not less, in response to increased needs. Your Ritual Committee has navigated myriad innovations in Shabbat and weekday offerings. Your Talmud Torah committee creatively adapted our rich and deep curriculum

to connect with and teach students over Zoom and, more recently, in small in-person groups.

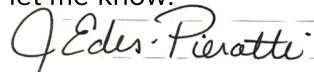
Steve Jellinek and Aaron Friedman assumed new roles as VP-House and Personnel Committee Chair during the pandemic. MOUSY teens cook meals for shelters and collect supplies for those in need, while navigating virtual school and being stuck at home with their parents. Dozens of volunteers delivered bagels and Mishloach Manot, bringing a little bit of BIC to everyone's doorstep.

Also this winter, an ad hoc committee of Bennett Berson, Steve Jellinek, and Marci Katz partnered with Rabbi Betsy to negotiate the terms of a 9-year contract, which the board unanimously approved in January. The mutual respect and generosity on display through the negotiating process is a model of BIC collaboration at its very best.

Our volunteer community has stepped in to help carry the community on their shoulders. There was no playbook for modern synagogue life in a pandemic. Our lay leaders have endeavored to follow the Midrashic teaching not to center what is for "our own benefit", but to focus on broader congregational needs.

I want to extend my deep gratitude to everyone who donated time, energy, creativity, suggestions, and thoughtfulness to strengthening our *kahal* during the pandemic. The examples in this column are far from a comprehensive list. Our entire community is enhanced by your choosing to stand up and help carry us on your shoulders.

BIC always benefits from new voices and energy, so if you would like to learn about ways you can help carry the community forward, please let me know.



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## Social Justice Activities

### Wellness Items Drive Now - May 14

Between Pesach and Shavuot, as we prepare to receive Torah, practicing compassion is among the ways we ready ourselves to stand at Sinai. The Nehemiah Center, our partner in Confronting Racism, collects needed items and distributes them through the Allied Wellness Center. Now through Friday, May 14, drop off your donations of needed items at BIC, contact-free, any time.

### Confronting Racism

About 60 Beth Israel Center members are meeting monthly with our partners from the Nehemiah Center for Urban Leadership Development to begin the work of understanding racism so that our congregation can embark on a unique project to combat it effectively. For more information, email [socialjustice@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:socialjustice@bethisraelcenter.org), or contact Andrea Dearlove, project manager.

### Cooking for COVID

Members have been baking commercial size **lasagnas** for delivery to the Catholic Multicultural Center, The Beacon, and Porchlight each month. For more information or to volunteer, email [cynthiaraehirsch@gmail.com](mailto:cynthiaraehirsch@gmail.com).

About four times each year, for one week at a time, we deliver dinners to **Healing House**, where families experiencing homelessness stay following hospitalization for childbirth, surgery, etc. Our next week begins June 20. For more information, email [socialjustice@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:socialjustice@bethisraelcenter.org) or contact Sally Jones.



## From the Executive Director's Desk

### Part of Something Bigger

For the second time in the past year, United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism (USCJ), an organization serving 500+ Conservative



congregations (including ours), invited me to present for a webinar. The topic was Membership Engagement, and I was asked to describe one way that we are engaging

members during the pandemic.

In deciding what to focus on, I recalled that when we first closed our doors back in March 2020, we speedily moved all non-Shabbat activities to Zoom and created new opportunities for ritual and Torah study. (Interestingly, since moving weekday minyan to Zoom, we no longer struggle to make the minyan.)

As much as it felt like exactly the right response when the pandemic first hit, being off-line on Shabbat created a huge void in our congregational life, and we heard how much you missed Shabbat. Whether that meant services, kiddush lunch, singing together, socializing, or a combination of some or all of those things, we missed our communal Shabbat. And it wasn't just the people who came most often who missed it.

As it became clear that the pandemic was going to be part of our lives for more than a few weeks or months, we had two related realizations. With no Shabbat kiddush to plan, we had an opportunity to direct resources to other kinds of programs. And with no Shabbat kiddush to attend, our members wanted things from us that we hadn't previously considered our responsibility to provide -- reasons to come together, in small groups.

Before the pandemic, we very intentionally directed our programming resources to things that were unique to us as a synagogue. Nearly all of our programming, and of our Program Director's time, focused on Jewish

ritual life -- when we offered a cooking class, it was on blintzes or gefilte fish. When we held book discussions, they were part of our Sinai and Synapses series or by Jewish authors. Week in and week out, our Program Director spent significant time recruiting volunteers and planning our Shabbat kiddush lunch.

The shutdown of our Shabbat gathering became an opportunity.

We rolled out several new programs last summer -- all outdoors. Deborah Hoffman organized boating, nature walks, the Shabbat Shidduch matching effort in which people visited each other (outdoors and taking appropriate precautions), and more.

As winter set in, and the pandemic got worse, we shut a lot of that down. Now, as things are starting to warm up, and more and more members are getting vaccinated, we're planning social programs again.

As long as we have to restrict the number of people who can attend Shabbat services in person, and until we can offer a safe way for an unrestricted number of people to stick around for lunch -- or at least a nosh -- after shul, we will continue putting the resources that previously went into Shabbat kiddush lunch into other kinds of programming.

This approach to congregational engagement resonated with many of the webinar participants. Some were impressed with the specific programs I described, and it felt good to be seen as an example for others.

We are a shul that others look to for ideas and support. At the same time, we have a lot in common with other congregations -- notably a deep desire to put this pandemic behind us, along with appreciation for what it's taught us about what matters most.

See you soon -- online or otherwise.

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# From the Education Director's Desk

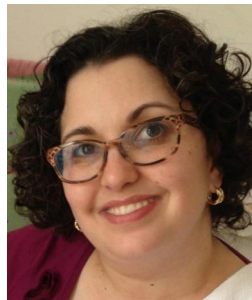
## From Strength to Strength

This time last year, I recounted the heroic work that our Talmud Torah students and teachers did at the end of the 2019-20 school year, when we closed the building and moved into our homes. I concluded with "Thank you for a wonderful, if peculiar, year. I hope we go from strength to strength and from living rooms to classrooms soon". A year later, I can say that we went from strength to strength this year, and eventually incorporated both living room sanctuaries and BIC sanctuaries into our lives. Since February, Talmud Torah students have been learning and praying in small groups together about every other week in our building-based sanctuaries as well as a concurrent robust online tefillah and parsha study (our Zoom sanctuary). On May 8 we'll gather in a hybrid way to celebrate our learners who are marking significant transitions in their Jewish educational life. First, our 7th graders who are moving on from a 3-day-a-week Talmud Torah commitment to Netivon (our Shabbat-based high school program) and Midrasha. This small but mighty group are tight friends who can often be found texting (sometimes during TT...), sharing life's ups and downs and playing heated games of Among Us. Their long-term friendship is inspiring, and the Shabbaton I spent with them in 6th grade may be a highlight of my career. These students are: **Dafna Copelovitch, Lilah Heifetz, Sydney Kasin and Joshua Pierotti.**

Our 5th graders are a group of strong individuals. They are artists, thinkers, competitors and questioners who can jump off each other's ideas (and sometimes on each other...) to shape and strengthen themselves. They will step into a new world of B'nai Mitzvah preparation by receiving a Siddur Lev Shalem and joining our Shabbat Morning Program. I am so proud of and excited for **Asher Berland, Roger deLaix, Shayna Dolin, Anna Ellenberg, Austin Kasin, Micah Mandell, and Raphael Shelef.**

Our 2nd graders (and their families) are enhancing their Jewish education by beginning their 6-hour-a-week course of study at Talmud Torah next year. **Gabe**

**Goldman, Nash Hollander, Rose Irving, Lev Stolz-Greenberg, and Solomon Weismer** are enthusiastic participants in anything we've asked of them. They are interested and interesting and are always so happy to see each other, whether in person or on screen. We honor them and their families for making this extended commitment to their education and to Talmud Torah.



Our teachers make Talmud Torah what it is. This year they went above and beyond, teaching from their homes in Madison, Michigan, Minnesota, and Israel, with uncertainty our only constant. This year's faculty was carefully chosen to be adaptable, responsible and dependable. They turned out to be supportive, imaginative, constructive and comforting. I could not have hoped for better colleagues with whom to plan and endure this year. **Maya Desai, Hilda Fine, Shira Forester, Deborah Hoffman, Azariah Horowitz, Talia Ivry, Noa Okner, Dena Rosen, Noam Scheepens, Ellen Weismer, and Moira Wilson,** I cannot thank you enough.

As a special treat for reading to the bottom of this column, a *meise* (story): (Not so) long ago, in a city far, far away, young Ellen Grossman (now Ellen Weismer) was taught in Hebrew high school by Jonathan Ivry, then a graduate student. Jonathan helped build Ellen's interest in Jewish studies, and Ellen came to the UW-Madison for her undergraduate and graduate degrees, mentored in Jewish education by Simone Schweber. In one of her many roles in the Madison Jewish community, Ellen taught Jonathan and Simone's daughter, Talia Ivry, at Gan HaYeled. This year, Talia, a Talmud Torah graduate, came back to teach our oldest students. One of them? Nevaeh Weismer, Ellen's daughter.

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## For Your Calendars

### Kibud Limudim

Shabbat morning, May 8, will be the last day of Talmud Torah for the semester and our annual day of recognition for our community of learners.

All are welcome to join this program via Zoom beginning around 10:45am.

Talmud Torah will be hybrid on May 8, with some students at BIC and others participating from home.

### Matchilim

Our popular Shabbat morning program for young children and their grownups will meet three times over the summer and will be geared to children ages 0-8. At press time, the plan is to keep Matchilim on Zoom.

The summer dates are:

**June 19**

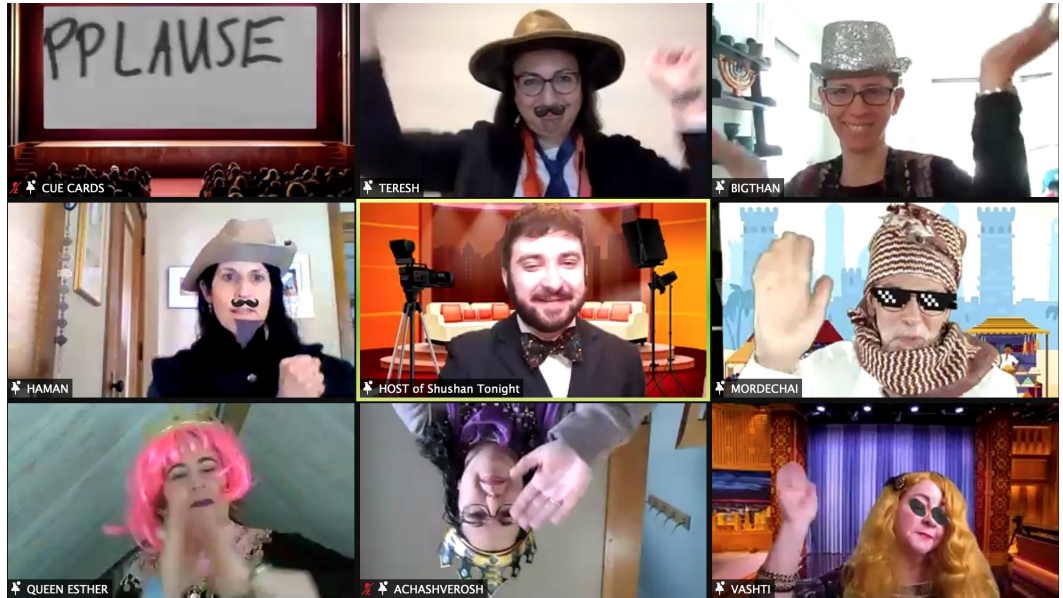
**July 17**

**August 14**

# Purim, Pandemic Style!

## Community Carnival—Online Edition

On Sunday morning, February 21, the Madison Jewish community enjoyed an online Purim carnival presented by Beth Israel Center, Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, Jewish Federation of Madison, Temple Beth El, and UW Hillel, generously underwritten by the Jewish Federation of Madison, and planned by our own Deborah Hoffman.



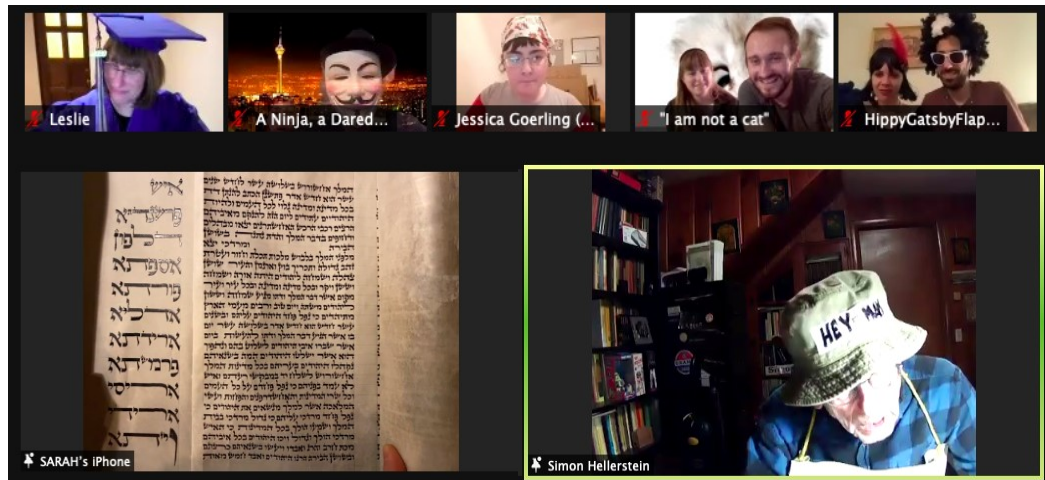
Madison community clergy and educators brought their buffoonery and banter live on Zoom at our online Community Purim Carnival (above), and Daniel Barash led a special Shadow Puppet workshop, enjoyed by Gavi and Lev (below).



**A fun look back at our 5781 Megillah Reading, themed “To Life!”**

On Zoom, we booed Haman, cheered for Esther, and celebrated with music, jokes, toasts, and even a costume contest!

Si Hellerstein in his “Hey Man” Hat enthusiastically chanted Megillat Esther!



## Ways to Give

### Kindness Group

In times of simcha and in times of sorrow, a meal from a friend can be a great help. The loving kindness group of Beth Israel Center is made up of people who volunteer to make meals for congregants in times of need.

Email 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.

### AmazonSmile

Beth Israel Center is an AmazonSmile beneficiary. That means, if Amazon is one of the ways you shop, your purchases could be benefitting Beth Israel Center. Rather than going directly to amazon.com the next time you're shopping online, start at smile.amazon.com, where you can designate Beth Israel Center as the recipient of donations from Amazon equal to 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases. Todah!



# Services Survey: Initial Gleanings

The Ritual Committee and staff are grateful to everyone who provided feedback on our Post-Pandemic Services Survey in early March. Thoughtful comments from more than 110 congregants, along with data provided in the closed-ended question responses, will be very helpful as we determine what services will look like when we can gather in person.

When this newsletter went to press, the Ritual Committee was busy reviewing the survey findings. A few gleanings are clear:

- Survey respondents overwhelmingly expressed gratitude for the variety and consistency of offerings through the pandemic thus far.
- The kahal is eager to return to our pre-pandemic Shabbat practices.
- Being together is what respondents have missed most.
- Zoom has brought about some positive changes in our ritual life that are likely to continue even when it is possible to hold in-person services.

The Ritual Committee is working with Rabbi Betsy to integrate some changes as we move forward. For example, we anticipate continuing to hold daily minyan using a blend of in-person and online options. Also, starting in April, we began welcoming small numbers of people to participate in services in person. If you would like to be among them and have not already completed the interest form (sent to members in early April), please find that form in your email or contact the office for another link to it.

Please continue to share your thoughts and ideas about the ritual life of our shul. Send thoughts to Ritual Committee chair Mark Copelovitch (mcpelov@gmail.com), Rabbi Betsy (rabbi@bethisraelcenter.org), or any other member of the Ritual Committee or staff.

## Most Outrageous Duo



## Maddest Hatter



**Kudos to the quasi-anonymous Victoridiots for their creative costume judging during one of the entertainment interludes that were a highlight of our festive Megillah Reading night.**

## Most Overdone Purim Character



## Jewish Life in Madison

### Shabbat in a Box and other Kosher take-out from Adamah

Each week, Adamah creates a delicious ready to eat (with a little bit of heating up) Shabbat meal. Place your order before 5pm on Thursday, pick it up between 2-3pm on Friday, and take it home for a great dinner that makes Shabbat extra special. Order Shabbat in a Box or other kosher café offerings online at [adamahmadison.com](http://adamahmadison.com).

Sandwiches, soups, entrees, smoothies, desserts and more are available for take-out Sunday through Friday.

Call 608-441-1574 for more information.

### Hannah's Kitchen Kosher Food Delivery Service

Order kosher meals from this Milwaukee-based caterer for delivery to Madison on Thursdays. Each week Hannah's offers a different theme meal (Israeli, Thai, Chinese, etc.) and a Shabbat menu. Holiday menus, too! Visit [hannahskitchenmke.com](http://hannahskitchenmke.com) or call 414-350-2086 for more information.

## MOUSY Calendar

Friday, April 30 -  
Sunday, May 2  
CHUSY Spring Online  
Kinnus Convention

Sunday, May 23  
MOUSY Elections



### Observe Shabbat! Take Standardized Tests on Sunday

The **SAT** will be offered at BIC on **June 6** (unless pandemic conditions change for the worse).

Call 866-756-7346 for information.



### Yasher Koach to the 2020-21 MOUSY

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**Chazak v'Ematz**  
*(Be strong and of good courage)*

# By Word of Mouse

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Take a peek at what fun and creative virtual events our wonderful world of MOUSY has put together over the winter months. In addition, Kol HaKavod to our youth who contributed to the BIC COVID Lasagnas project in March with eight homemade lasagnas.

MOUSY board officers kicked off second semester with the Top Secret Hush-Hush 8th Grade Welcome Breakfast. MOUSY board members meted and greeted incoming 8th graders on Zoom, and everyone enjoyed Sunday morning breakfast together from the comfort of their own home. Gift bags of kosher donuts and bagels, a complimentary MOUSY T-shirt, and other treats were delivered the night before to our newcomers. We played a game of Kahoot, and just had fun getting to know each other. Kudos to co-chairs Yael Rosenblatt and Mirra Bleher! *Pictured: Senior Leila Loeb welcomes her brother, 8th grader Isaiah, to MOUSY.*

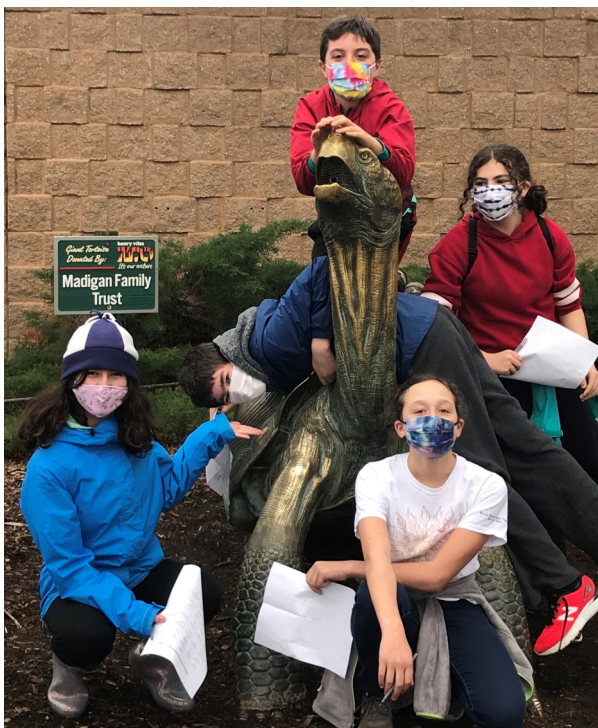


On Sunday afternoon, February 28, 13 teens laughed at funny videos, grooved to music, baked then decorated their brownies, and added their special touch of love at our MOUSY Zoom Brownie Bake, organized by Rotem Arad, Baila Becker, and Rhiannon Wilson. *Pictured: Mirra and Ari Bleher make their brownies disappear.*

On Friday evening, March 19, our faithful flock of 17 MOUSY teens got together for our favorite Shabbat Schmooze, Pre-Pesach Edition. We Zoomed together, played Passover Bingo, schmoozed, and snacked on pizza, personally delivered to everyone! We then joined our BIC community for online BIC Kabbalat Shabbat services.

## KADIMA

Kadimaniks Dafna, Josh, Zev, Nevaeh, and Lilah went to the zoo for a scavenger hunt on Sunday afternoon, April 11. They found kosher animals, animals mentioned in the Torah, and animals from our favorite movies. And although the lions looked hungry, only ice cream was eaten!





## **Rav todot (many thanks) to our recent..**

**Service leaders, sharers of divrei Torah, and chanters of Torah, Haftarat, Megillat Esther, and Shir HaShirim:** David Balkansky, Harvey Barash, Chezi & Betsy Buczakowski, Marsha Cohen, Mark Copelovitch, Esther Criscuola de Laix, Gila and Susie Drazen, Rick Ezell, Rabbi Betsy & Scott Forester, Aaron Friedman, Jaime and Stuart Goldberg, Louise Goldstein, Leslie Greenspan, Roz Gusinow, Anna Heifetz, River Heisler, Joe and Si Hellerstein, Deborah Hoffman, Sally Jones, Kazu Kitano, Bill Karasov, Sara Karon, Daniel Levitin, Ruth Litovsky, Don Miner, Patrice & Michael Onheiber, Tziporah Quick, Michael Rock, Nate Rudin, Bill Schwab, Sion Shabtaie, Aharon Shelef, Karen Shevet Dinah, Sarah Silverman, Bob Skloot, Judith Sone, Jerry Sternberg, Jeanne Swack, Rayla Temin, Bruce Thomadsen, Jim Wear, Elan Weinstock, Phyllis Wainger, Phyllis Weisbard; and special thanks to Leslie Fields for her help with *Biur Hametz*.

## **Mishloach Manot Assemblers & Deliverers and Hamantaschen Bakers:**

Donna Anderson & Steve Kessler, Livia Asher, Hannah Bernard-Donals, Bennett Berson, Marsha Cohen, Beth & Mark Copelovitch, Esther Criscuola de Laix, Joel and Nathan Ehrlich, Jennie Edes-Pierotti, Beth Fisher and Ellen Bresnick, Jaime Goldberg, Fran Greenman & Peter Schmitz, Jen and Sophia Hadley, Michael Heifetz, Steve & Bobbie Jellinek, Sally Jones, Harris & Katie Krause, Nancy Leff & KC Lerner, Laurel Mark, Elana Matthews and Lily Matthews-Needelman, Don & Kathy Miner, Barry Mirkin, Laurie Nagus and Moira Wilson, Judy Pierotti, Ari and Jon Pollack, Mike & Barb Pratzel, Franny Rodriguez, Fran Schrag, Sue Shafer-Landau, Karen Shevet Dinah, Regina Vidaver and Mirra Blehert, Jim & Ziva Wear

**Purim Posse of Carnival Carnies and L'Chaim Zoom Party:** David Baum & Ruth Litovsky, Mirra Blehert, Betsy & Chezi Buczakowski, Jessica Goerling, Jane Lowy, Kathy Miner, Nate Rudin, Ross and Yoram Shenker, Rhiannon Wilson

**Lasagna Cooks and Delivery Crews:** Stacy Anderson, Donna Anderson & Steve Kessler, David Baum & Ruth Litovsky, Baila Becker, Larry & Janice Bensky, Hannah Bernard-Donals, Bennett Berson, Mirra Blehert, Marsha Cohen, Beth Copelovitch, Cher Diamond, Susie Drazen, Beth Fisher, Janet Frenz, Joshua Gabai, Louise Goldstein, Janice Gratch, Diane Gutmann, Cynthia Hirsch, Linda Kailin, Corliss Karasov, Jacob Kianovsky, Bettine Lipman, Leila Loeb, Lily Matthews-Needelman, Laurie Nagus and Rhiannon Wilson, Judy Pierotti, Mary Quinn, Erica and Nathaniel Richmond, Ilona Rodan Ganetzky, Yael Rosenblatt, Karen Shevet Dinah, Cara Silverman, Beth Weber

**Healing House Dinner Chefs:** Donna Anderson & Steve Kessler, David Baum & Ruth Litovsky, Hannah Bernard-Donals, Leslie Grant, Leora Saposnik, Sue & Russ Shafer-Landau, and Bob & JoAnn Skloot

**Kolot Kehilla Presenters:** Adrienne Borisy-Gross, Barry Rich, Michael & Kathi Rock



If you have time or talent to offer to Beth Israel Center, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Deborah Hoffman. As projects and tasks arise, we really do need the volunteer support of our kind and generous congregants to be successful. Call (608) 256-7763 or email [hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org) for more information. Todah Rabbah!

## **Volunteer Spotlight: Heidi and Simon Heller**

The Afikomen Treasure Hunt led by Deborah Hoffman on Sunday, April 4, could not have happened without the mother and son team of Heidi and Simon Heller.

They both helped plan out, set up, and break down the games part of our family afternoon get-together.

We were lucky to have perfect weather for our outdoor, in-person fun final day of Passover event. Everyone was ready to run around, search for clues, and play the games.

Simon and Heidi took charge of putting together the Egg on Spoon Walk and Leap Frog activities, where all the kids walked and jumped through hula hoops from start to finish, with the goal of retrieving their Seder Plate food finds.

Simon did a great job keeping the younger children on track as they followed the hints. And if that wasn't enough? He willingly and neatly collected all of the props from each of the stations, and set a great example for several other kids who enthusiastically helped with clean-up as well. Readily, happily, and *voluntarily!*

**Kol HaKavod to Team Heller!**

## Yahrzeits

### 19 Iyar / May 1

Oscar Rapkin  
Harry Shapiro  
Ida Sweet

### 20 Iyar / May 2

Rose Dachman  
Betty Orman-Joseph  
Milton Proskansky  
Lori Rabb

### 21 Iyar / May 3

Rose Paley  
Mary Richman  
Nancy Rieger  
William Shovers

### 22 Iyar / May 4

Art Dodd  
Charles Lipstein  
Sam Paley  
Sam Sinykin  
Evelyn Sweet

### 23 Iyar / May 5

Sheldon Bernstein  
Harry Gerson  
Fruma Mintz  
Bessie Paskin  
Dave A. Sweet

### 25 Iyar / May 7

Larry Deitch  
Roslyn Hoffert  
Jacob Schmidman  
Joseph Schwartz  
Rachel Schwartz  
Herman Sweet

### 26 Iyar / May 8

Fannie Borsuk  
Anna Sarah Katz  
Michael Lewis  
Nellie Miller  
Rose Schwartz  
Henry Slater  
Gordon Sweet

### 27 Iyar / May 9

Mae Azen  
Robert Donals

### 28 Iyar / May 10

Paul Fram  
Isidor Frankel  
Shirley Banberger  
Alfred Regenstien  
Robert Thomadsen  
Tena Wasserstrom

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## NEW: The Herman Goldstein Fund



Herman Goldstein, z"l, was a dedicated member of Beth Israel Center from the time he arrived in Madison in 1964 for a position at the UW Law School until

his death on January 24, 2020, at the age of 88.

In 2018, Herman made a generous gift to Beth Israel Center with the understanding that it would be used by Rabbi Forester to advance her vision for the congregation. Subsequently, other donors made gifts similarly intended to support the vision and work of our then-new Rabbi. More recently Herman's three children -- Mark, David, and Rahel -- have made contributions in the same spirit. With these combined gifts, we are pleased and honored to announce the establishment of the Herman Goldstein Fund.

Donations to this fund may be used by our Rabbi to advance her vision for Beth Israel Center -- just as Herman intended with his initial gift.

Herman was beloved by many in our congregation. Whether the relationship consisted of casual conversations over Shabbat kiddush, nearly lifelong companionship, or something in between, any connection to Herman was warm, kind, thoughtful, and intellectually stimulating.

*What follows is excerpted from Rabbi Forester's eulogy:*

Herman was proud of his Jewish heritage and deeply committed to Jewish life. He was also widely known, acclaimed, lauded, and honored the world over for his work in criminology. In both realms, Herman was at his core a man of integrity, compassion, intelligence, and an innate spiritual wisdom who believed that goodness can be found in the darkest places.

His public achievements were matched by an inner conviction, and

he leveraged faith in the human spirit and the potential of law to foster a society in which human beings can thrive with dignity and security.

His body of work was recognized in June of 2018, when Herman was awarded the Stockholm Prize in Criminology. The Stockholm Prize is one of the most prestigious international academic awards in the field of police studies, given for outstanding achievements in criminological research, or for the reduction of crime and the advancement of human rights.

He could have used his status for personal gain, but he chose instead to leverage it to serve more deeply and more broadly, putting considerable time and thought into consulting, advising, and mentoring even when there was limited or no compensation. He was the epitome of a public servant.

While he was changing the face of police work, Herman was raising his children, sending them to Camp Ramah, and taking an active part in the Jewish community. He was a close advisor to Rabbi Chuck Feinberg during his time at Beth Israel Center (1973-1988) and a beloved member of this congregation. He welcomed guests into his home and was a consummate host. As his mother had done, he made Shabbat dinners a regular family ritual, complete with blessings and traditional foods. That was for starters. At the table, he would want to hear about important experiences from everyone's week, and then there would be a discussion, with text sources, often from *The New York Times*.

To know Herman was to know how much he loved to be of service in this world. He always wanted more time to sit in robust and probing conversation and to marvel in each person's uniqueness. We are grateful for the blessing of knowing Herman Goldstein, a man of integrity, thoughtfulness, decency, and humility, a man who knew that life is precious and all human beings deserve dedicated interest and care. He believed that human goodness could be raised up. And he raised it up.



## Mazal Tov to...

- Grandparents Haya & Moshe Yuchtman and parents Noam and Kate Yuchtman on the birth of Haya & Moshe's granddaughter in January
- Great-grandfather Bernie Goldstein and parents Sammy and Maria Usmani on the birth of Bernie's great-granddaughter in February
- Kol Goldman on his scholarship to study in Israel this semester
- Joshua Pierotti and family on the May celebration of his Bar Mitzvah
- Dafna Copelovitch and family on the May celebration of her Bat Mitzvah
- Sarah Silverman & Elan Weinstock on their new house and move to Connecticut in May



## Condolences to the families of...

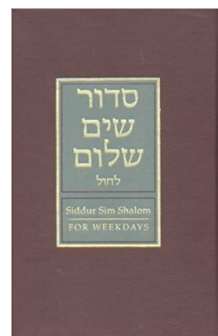
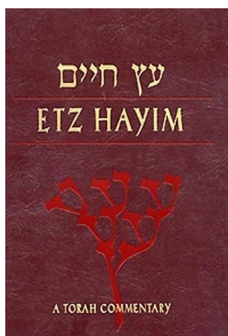
- Judith Smith Leland, sister of Francie Smith Saposnik, (Herb Lewis), aunt of Leora Saposnik (Irwin Goldman), great-aunt of Eliav and Aviv Goldman, who died in January
- Martin Heisler, father of Laura Heisler (Steve Goldstein), grandfather of River Heisler and Seth Goldstein, who died in February
- Phillip Levy, brother of Jeff Levy, who died in February
- Robert Klugman, father of Alan (Orly) Klugman, who died in February
- Ruth Cohen, cousin of Nancy Leff (KC Lerner), who died in February
- Mitch Grunes, son of Sylvia Grunes, who died in March
- Jeremiah "Jerry" Steinberger, father of Greg (Andrea) Steinberger, grandfather of Abby, Emma and Sari, who died in April
- Alice Joseph Hanau, mother of Helen Hanau (Ron Czerwien), who died in April



## 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 Hayim Chumash.

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.



### Yahrzeits

**29 Iyar / May 11**  
Frieda Blachman  
Rose Druch  
Daniel Hill  
Frieda Weinstein

**1 Sivan / May 12**  
Sophie Figler  
William Schuckit  
Emanuel Simon  
Solomon Swack

**2 Sivan / May 13**  
Steven Kopelberg  
Abraham Peturs  
Hilda Pover  
Meyer Sweet  
Ralph M Weisbard

**3 Sivan / May 14**  
Laura L. Gladstein  
Sol Jacobson  
Kurt F. Y. Jasen  
Samuel Moskowsky  
Hyman Mullin  
Meril Stein  
Anne Rachel Sweet  
Rosa Sweet  
Henry Yaskal

**4 Sivan / May 15**  
W. Feldman  
Honey Korshak  
Sarah Kress

**5 Sivan / May 16**  
Susan Freund  
Baileh Paley  
Alex Seltzer

**6 Sivan / May 17**  
Israel Sede Barkin  
Linda Cohn  
Etta Lakritz  
Shirley Magness  
Jennie Sinaiko  
Jeannette Switzky

**7 Sivan / May 18**  
Evelyn Jellinek

**8 Sivan / May 19**  
Shirley Blank  
George Deutsch  
Lloyd Frank  
Abraham Nosofsky  
Ronald Rosen  
Bess P. Stein

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## Yahrzeits

### 9 Sivan / May 20

Harry Altshuler  
Mae Borisy  
Asher Lazimy  
Robert Vannette

### 10 Sivan / May 21

Sam Chudacoff  
Max Goldstein  
Frances Rossman  
Samuel D. Wander  
Dave Weinstein

### 11 Sivan / May 22

Abraham Barash  
Morris Cohen  
Sarah Littky  
Claire Navin

### 12 Sivan / May 23

Emil Barth  
Zena Burstyn  
Nathan Frank  
Paula Gash  
Nancy R. Gelman  
Sylvia Kadushin  
Sonia Rosenthal

### 13 Sivan / May 24

Nessie Goldberg  
Helen Kivolowitz

### 14 Sivan / May 25

Mary Galanter  
Harry Kay  
Eli Mullin

### 15 Sivan / May 26

Herman Black  
Fannie Mack  
Julius Miller  
Hiam Orman  
Steve Rader  
William Rosenblum  
Claire F. Swartz  
Herman Temkin  
Sasha Temkin  
Ellen Weiss Zitkin

### 16 Sivan / May 27

Sophie Cohen  
Harry Cramer  
Rudolph Rich  
Julius Ruskin

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Donations to Beth Israel Center are a wonderful way to celebrate a special person, event, or accomplishment; to express gratitude; or to honor the memories of those who have died, recently or on the anniversary of their passing. Funds to which donations may be made are described below; additional details are on our website. A record of recent donations made begins on the facing page.

#### Building Funds

**Building Capital Fund**—Used for building improvement projects, including fixtures, furnishings, equipment.

**Building Maintenance Reserve**—Ensures our ability to upgrade and replace major facility systems and equipment.

#### Education Funds

*Except where noted\*, our Education Funds support salaries of our educators and our overall education program.*

**\*Holman/Weisbard Fund for Adult Jewish Learning**

**Ben Minkoff Fund**

**Julius Mintz Education Fund**

**AJ Rosenberg Education Fund**

**George Stewart Education Fund**

**\*Talmud Torah Fund**

**Alex Temkin Education Fund**

**Joe Temkin Education Fund**

#### Other Funds

**Art Fund**—Supports the acquisition and care of artwork for Beth Israel Center.

**Abe Barash Fund**—Provides accessibility services for members and guests with disabilities.

**Shirley Epstein Fund**—Pays for kitchen and kiddush supplies.

**Alfred A. and Lois Frank Congregational Life Fund**—Supports enhancement of programs that foster community connections among members.

**The Herman Goldstein Fund**—Supports the vision of the BIC Rabbi.

**Jake Heifetz Fund**—Supports the Jake Heifetz Award, which recognizes commitment by teens to participating in the ritual life of the shul.

**Rose & Morris Heifetz Welfare Fund**—Provides need-based scholarships for Talmud Torah and other educational programs.

**Irving & Dorothy Levy Foundation Rabbi's Discretionary Program Fund**—Supports significant special programs and initiatives.

**Martin & Serene Mazor Kiddush Fund**—Supports our weekly Shabbat Kiddush.

**Judith and Daniel Pierotti Social Justice Fund**—Supports social justice projects, as well as other organizations and initiatives.

**AJ & Celia Rosenberg Library Fund**—Supports the library.

**David Temkin Camp Ramah Fund**—Provides scholarships to youth attending Camp Ramah.

**Adolph Weinschel Torah Repair Fund**—Covers repair of our Torah scrolls.

**Prayerbook & Ritual Objects Fund**—Covers repair and purchase of prayerbooks and ritual objects.

**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**—Used by the Rabbi for charitable and educational purposes consistent with the mission and vision of Beth Israel Center.

**Women's League**—Supports the congregation in several ways, including the purchase of kiddush cups for each bar or bat mitzvah and supplies for the Beth Israel Center mikvah.

**Youth Fund**—Supports activities of our youth groups.



# Memorial & Tribute Gifts

The following pages contain a record of the memorial and tribute gifts made to Beth Israel Center between January and early April. We are so grateful to each donor. Every gift makes it possible for us to create a community that is alive with celebration, learning, prayer and tikkun olam. Todah Rabbah!

## Abe Barash Fund

*in memory of*

**Anita Kapell** from Agnes Rothblatt  
**Henry Weiss and Burton Zitkin** from Alan Weinberg & Claire Weiss  
**Frederic Lewis** from Herbert Lewis & Francie Saposnik  
**Louis Mazursky** from Howard & Sally Mazur  
**Frieda and Harold Borenstein** from Phyllis Eisenberg  
**Mollie Becker and Ann Slavney** from Phyllis T. Eisenberg  
**Dov Schwartz and Dora Schwartz** from Richard Schwartz

## Alfred A. & Lois Frank Congregational Life Fund

*in honor of*

**Moshe & Haya Yuchtman's new grandchild** from Kazu Kitano  
**4 generations of Frank members and thank you to Ziva Wear for making delicious hamantaschen** from Stephen Mann & Genie Grant Mann

*in memory of*

**Frances Mann** from Bob & JoEllen Cohen, Jerry Silver, Larry Chapman & Paula Volpiansky, Lynn Hirschfeld Brahin, Marc & Holly Lichtman, Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen, Phyllis T. Eisenberg, Sherry Hirschfeld, Si & Billie Hellerstein  
**Douglas Garfinkel and Judy Chrustowski-Garfinkel** from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein  
**Akiyasu Kitano** from Kazu Kitano  
**Joan Stephenson & Mary Cohen** from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen  
**Ira Moskowsky, Aaron Urkofsky, Esther Swartz** from Samuel Moss  
**Menucha Zinberg and Ben Hirschfeld** from Sherry Hirschfeld  
**Sara Schwartz** from Steven Schwartz

## Art Fund

*in memory of*

**Paul J. Schrag and Leontine Friedman** from Francis & Sally Schrag  
**Harvey Johnson** from Michael Rock & Kathi Johnson Rock

## Building Capital Fund

*in memory of*

**David Mazur** from Howard & Sally Mazur  
**Ann Slavney** from Phillip Slavney

## Building Maintenance Fund

*in memory of*

**Judith Smith Leland** from Kazu Kitano and Sherry Hirschfeld

## Shirley Epstein Fund

*in memory of*

**Iver Karp and Molly Epstein Karp** from Norma Klagos  
**Helen & Oscar Karp and Walter Novick** from Ruth Ann Schumeister  
**Ella Hirschfeld** from Sherry Hirschfeld

## General Fund Contribution

*in honor of*

**Anna Heifetz for being a good friend and a wonderful person** from Steven & Bobbie Jellinek  
**Everyone who baked hamantaschen and assembled and delivered Mishloach Manot** from Aaron & Dawn Frank

## Yahrzeits

### 17 Sivan / May 28

Ben Blachman  
Bernard Mandell  
Jacob Mintz  
David Remis  
Arthur Yaskal

### 18 Sivan / May 29

Haskell Friedman  
Herbert Miller  
David Ottenstein

### 19 Sivan / May 30

Israel D. Segal

### 20 Sivan / May 31

Florence S. Alexander  
Gail Busha  
Janice Greenberg  
Helen Machlis  
Frank Marion  
Harriet Rutchick  
William B. Sweet

### 21 Sivan / June 1

Pesach Bebczuk  
Herb Kliebard  
Gerald Kurzer  
Sam Lakritz  
Hyman Lerner

### 22 Sivan / June 2

Rose Picus  
Hyman Pinsky  
Sarah Scher  
Yehuda Temkin

### 23 Sivan / June 3

Harry Gevirman  
Anna Schwam

### 24 Sivan / June 4

Howard Eisenberg  
Susan Louis  
Maurice Pekarsky

### 25 Sivan / June 5

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

### 26 Sivan / June 6

Eva S. Lassen

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## Yahrzeits

### 27 Sivan / June 7

Esther Bloomfield  
Yetta Sinagub  
Frieda Stein

### 28 Sivan / June 8

Julius Burstyn  
Samson Mandelbaum  
Bessie Perlman  
Riva Polyakova  
Monroe Segal  
John E. Wear

### 29 Sivan / June 9

Binyamin Fine  
Eugene Greenberg  
Sol Lieberman  
Betty Silverman  
Dorothy Saposnik Smith

### 30 Sivan / June 10

Barbara Bernstein  
Dientia DeLevie  
Fannie Perlman  
Sol Sweet

### 1 Tammuz / June 11

Richard D. Brauer  
Rabbi Paul Drazen  
Belle Novick  
Paul Rock

### 3 Tammuz / June 13

Belle Epstein  
Selig Iwanter

### 4 Tammuz / June 14

Neil Grossman  
Harry Halloway  
Meyer James Pover  
Helen Rittenhouse  
Bernard Schwab  
Robert L. Smith

### 5 Tammuz / June 15

Sonyamae Alpert  
Beatrice Littman  
Dora Tomarkin

### 6 Tammuz / June 16

Martha Barth  
Mrs. Ben Rubin



## Memorial & Tribute Gifts

### General Fund Contribution

*in honor of*

**Josh Gabai & Hannah Greene** from David & Donna Gabai  
**Haya and Moshe Yuchtman's new grandchild** from Steven & Bobbie Jellinek

**BIC Shiva Book** from Daniel & Dr. Leslie Greenspan  
**Mishloach Manot volunteers** from Steven Morrison & Goldie Kadushin

*in memory of*

**Judith Smith Leland** from Alice Solomon, Steve & Bobbie Jellinek, Bruce & Myra Newman, Jaime Goldberg, Matthew & Jennie Edes-Pierotti, Rosalyn Hershkowitz

**Mona Schwab** from Bettina Cuneo

**Menucha Zinberg** from Bruce & Myra Newman, Debra Hershkowitz, Russ & Susan Shafer-Landau, Jaime Goldberg, Irwin Rosenthal, Lynn Hirschfeld Brahnm, Matthew & Jennie Edes-Pierotti, Moe & Harriet Brown, Steven & Bobbie Jellinek, Rosalyn Hershkowitz

**Phil & Anita Kappell** from Cheryl Lerner

**Frances Mann** from Cindy Resansky

**Oscar & Anna Bentley** from Daniel & Ruth Siegel

**Debra Friedman** from David Friedman

**Blanche Cohn Schwartzstein and Rubin Schwartzstein** from Alan & Laurie Schwartzstein

**Ellen Wolman, Eli Wolman, Estelle Wolman, M. David Wolman, Dora Wolman, Joseph Wolman, Abraham Paster, Mollie Cohen Paster, Mollie Paster & Paul Fram** from Richard Wolman

**Frances Mann** from Russ & Susan Shafer-Landau, Franklin & Renee Handel, Merle Coyle, Renee Weinberg

**Joan Stephenson** from Russ & Susan Shafer-Landau

**Sarah Gevirman** from Edwin Azen

**Helen Sinagub** from Jonathan Sinagub

**Joseph Sweet** from Judith Shapiro

**David Perlman** from Kato Perlman

**Solomon and Shirley Volpiansky** from Larry Chapman & Paula Volpiansky  
**Anne Cooper** from Marilyn & Stuart Cooper

**Mitch Grunes** from Marilyn Brown, Steven & Bobbie Jellinek, Rosalyn Hershkowitz

**Ida Figler and Betty Pack** from Michael Figler

**Martin Heisler** from Steven & Bobbie Jellinek

**Esther Sweet and Harry Sweet** from Mr. Howard Sweet & James Warren

**Natalie Borenstein** from Neil Borenstein

**Pearl Springberg** from Peter Springberg

**Noah Hershkowitz** from William & Corliss Karasov

**Sol Levin** from Roz Levin

**Albert Schain & Rose Schain** from William & Barbara Spitz

### Herman Goldstein Fund

*in honor of*

**Rabbi Forester's birthday** from David & Galit Gottlieb

*in memory of*

**Herman Goldstein** from Alex & Linda Orbach and Rahel Goldstein

### Jake Heifetz Fund

*in memory of*

**Fania Heifetz** from Lawrence Heifetz, Lisa Robertson, Steve Heifetz and Pauline Heifetz

**Arthur Moss and Reva Moss** from Samuel Moss

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

### Morris Heifetz Welfare Fund

*in memory of*

**Benjamin Heifetz and Jean Wein** from Anna Heifetz  
**Irma Heifetz** from Beth Heifetz  
**Estelle Lewis** from Herbert Lewis & Francie Saposnik  
**Benjamin Heifetz** from Michael Heifetz & Michelle Minkus

### Holman/Weisbard Fund for Adult Jewish Learning

*in honor of*

**Ben & Sarah Minkoff's new son** from Mike Pressman & Marsha Cohen

*in memory of*

**Martin Heisler** from David & Nancy Resnick  
**Rabbi Forester's mentor, Rabbi Gerald Teller** from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein  
**Noah Hershkowitz, his pursuit of lifelong learning, and for offering others a seat at his table each Sunday** from Isaac & Megan Brodkey  
**Judith Smith Leland, Joseph Holman, Menucha Zinberg and Martin Heisler** from Phyllis Holman Weisbard  
**Morris Greenberg and Howard Temin** from Rayla Temin

### Martin & Serene Mazor Kiddush Fund

*in honor of*

**The New Year's Kiddush** from Lori Hawkins  
**Hilda Fine** from Lorna Mazor Kniaz

*in memory of*

**Judith Smith Leland** from David & Nancy Resnick, Lorna Mazor Kniaz, Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen  
**Ruth Canter Cohen** from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein  
**Frances Mann and Mitch Grunes** from Lorna Mazor Kniaz  
**Menucha Zinberg** from Lorna Mazor Kniaz, Mike Pressman & Marsha Cohen  
**Phil Levy** from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen  
**Sander and Ann Gusinow** from Rosalind Gusinow

### Mikvah Fund

*in honor of*

**Maureen Miner's conversion** from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

*in memory of*

**Mitch Grunes** from Theodore & Irene Knupp

### Ben Minkoff Fund

*in memory of*

**Jacob Popkewitz** from Thomas Popkewitz & Lea Aschkenase  
**Ida Minkoff** from Joel & Debbie Minkoff

### Julius Mintz Fund

*in memory of*

**Lena Daniels & Hyman Daniels** from Barbara Beyer  
**Marvin Mazursky and Rachel Mazur** from Howard & Sally Mazur

### Mishloah Manot Fundraiser

*in memory of*

**Menucha Zinberg and Judith Smith Leland** from Leonard & Martha Kaplan

### Prayerbook Fund

*in memory of*

**Saul Rosenthal** from Len & Martha Tenzer  
**Beatrice Sweet** from Merle & Patricia Sweet  
**Abraham Blumenfeld and Frank Melnik** from Sol & Corlie Blumenfeld

### Yahrzeits

#### 7 Tammuz / June 17

Isidore Andrusier  
Louis Fine  
Julia Haber Lakritz  
Sidney Menchel  
Anne Onikul  
Ruth Spar  
Clara Sweet

#### 8 Tammuz / June 18

Lil Gerson

#### 9 Tammuz / June 19

Joel Epstein  
Ben Jacobs  
Melba Katz  
Al Mocny  
Frances Rackoff Myers  
Susan Sinaiko

#### 10 Tammuz / June 20

Louis Barkin  
Louis Setlick  
Benjamin Weisbrod  
Ida Wyman

#### 11 Tammuz / June 21

Sophie Schuster

#### 12 Tammuz / June 22

Sam Cohn  
Sedelle Lottie Diamond  
Arylne Eisenberg  
Morris Kniaz  
Alma Sweet  
Bessie Yaskal

#### 13 Tammuz / June 23

Arthur England  
Esther Kaplan

#### 14 Tammuz / June 24

Nathan Goldstone  
Yetta Temkin

#### 15 Tammuz / June 25

Max Gold  
Bruce Kay  
Henry Levine  
William Schwartz

#### 16 Tammuz / June 26

Helen Haber  
Daniel Mack  
Elliot Mager  
Phillip Mann  
Alex Paskin  
Genevieve Ruben  
Gary Sweet

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## Yahrzeits

### 17 Tammuz / June 27

Cecile Ehrman  
Benny Joss  
Fay Maydeck

### 18 Tammuz / June 28

Seymour Abrahamson  
Mary Grossman  
Mary Hart  
Harry Seeman  
Sarah Zaichick

### 19 Tammuz / June 29

Amy Azen  
Lawrence Borenstein  
Rosa Kammer  
Samuel Tomarkin

### 20 Tammuz / June 30

Ilse Karger Brauer  
William Emil Deutsch  
Freda Jacobson  
Molly Paster  
Sam Rosenthal

### 21 Tammuz / July 1

Max Ruskin  
Vera Terry

### 22 Tammuz / July 2

M. Jack Epstein  
Alex Kaplan  
Millie Kaplan  
Seymour Kaye  
Norman Parisek  
Eva Perlman  
Isaac Perlman  
Estelle Sheiffer  
Dinah Silverman

### 23 Tammuz / July 3

Norton Gahr  
Rae Rapkin  
Ruth Schwartz

### 24 Tammuz / July 4

Joshua Hollander  
Hyman Harry Minkoff  
Isadore Victor  
Israel Victor

### 25 Tammuz / July 5

Ida Bradkofsky  
Samuel Springberg



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

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

*in honor of*

**Rabbi Forester's new contract with Beth Israel Center** from David & Nancy Resnick

**Rabbi Forester's contract renewal** from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

**Maureen's conversion and Rabbi Betsy's next 9 years at BIC** from Jonathan & Maureen Miner

*in memory of*

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**Estelle Bernstein** from Bradley Bernstein

**Bess Smith** from Cher Diamond

**Sol Levin** from Daniel & Kathy Levin

**Judith Smith Leland** from Barry Ganetzky & Dr. Ilona Rodan Ganetzky, Rick Ezell & Kristen Bernard

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**Ronald, Nellie and David E. Jacobs** from Dr. Harold & Joan Burstyn

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**Ruth Zitowsky** from Robert Zitowsky

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**Frances Mann** from Rayla Temin, Stephen Mann & Genie Grant Mann, Sylvia Grunes

**Thea Aschkenase** from Thomas Popkewitz & Lea Aschkenase

### AJ & Celia Rosenberg Library Fund

*in memory of*

**Bruce Lundquist** from Alan & Laurie Schwartzstein

**Celia Rosenberg** from Irwin Rosenberg and Lyn Rosenberg

### Daniel & Judith Pierotti Social Justice Fund

*Refuah Shleima to*

**Marsha Cohen** from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

*in memory of*

**Judith Smith Leland** from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein,

Robert Factor & Kris Rasmussen, Karen and Harry Roth and Rayla Temin

**Jerome Onheiber** from Michael & Patrice Onheiber

**Martin Heisler** from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen and Si & Billie Hellerstein

**Noah Hershkowitz** from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

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**Mollie Becker** from Phyllis T. Eisenberg

**Martin Heisler and George Skloot** from Robert & JoAnn Skloot

**Judith Smith Leland** from Si & Billie Hellerstein

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# Memorial & Tribute Gifts (Con't.)

## Support for Streaming Services

*in memory of*

**Louis Landau** from Ellie Landau

## Talmud Torah Fund

*in honor of*

**Moshe & Haya Yuchtman's newest grandchild** from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

**The Bat Mitzvah of Lela Desai** from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

**Hilda Fine** from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

*in appreciation for*

**The Mishloach Manot** from Max Rosenbaum

## David Temkin Camp Ramah Fund

*in memory of*

**Menuha Zinberg** from Rabbi Charles & Krayna Feinberg, Alan & Jean Lettofsky and Rayla Temin

**Judy Smith Leland** from Rabbi Charles & Krayna Feinberg

**Libby Burstein** from Fay Nager

**Eva Moss** from Marcia Moss

**Jerome Onheiber** from Maria Onheiber

**David Rosenthal** from Si & Billie Hellerstein

## Joe Temkin Education Fund

*in honor of*

**Harvey and Barbara Myers Temkin's grandson** from Mike Pressman & Marsha Cohen

## Weinshel Torah Maintenance Fund Donation

*in memory of*

**Menucha Zinberg** from David & Nancy Resnick, Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein and Sylvia Grunes

**Adolph Weinshel and Janet Weinshel** from Leo & Renee Weinshel

**Abe and Bella Radbil** from Steven Schwartz

## Women's League

*in memory of*

**Mitch Grunes** from David & Nancy Resnick, Kazu Kitano, Matthew & Jennie Edes-Pierotti and Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

## Youth Fund Donation

*in honor of*

**Deborah Hoffman** from Anna Heifetz

**Deborah's special birthday** from Harvey & Barbara Myers Temkin, Rabbi Chuck & Krayna Feinberg, Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

*in appreciation for*

**The Mishloach Manot** from Max Rosenbaum



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## Yahrzeits

### 26 Tammuz / July 6

Dora Moser  
Frieda Pinsky  
Sam Pollack  
Grace Rasmussen  
Hyman Schuster  
Linda Tetzlaff

### 27 Tammuz / July 7

Frume Frank  
Warren Randy  
Fannie Stein

### 28 Tammuz / July 8

Rachel Mullin  
Bud Sweet  
Louise Wear

### 29 Tammuz / July 9

Elizabeth Berg  
Sidney Bernstein  
Celia Labow Holman  
Sophie Levine

### 1 Av / July 10

Donald Garelick  
Lisa Sklarin  
Molly Tomash

### 2 Av / July 11

Tomi Deutsch  
Tsivia Morgensteren

### 3 Av / July 12

Bernice Loewenstein

### 4 Av / July 13

Sidney Goldstein  
Julius Jacobs  
Myer Nathenson  
Harry Rosen

### 5 Av / July 14

Anna Blumenfeld  
Ed Dubrow  
Rose Greenfield  
Marc Allan Hanau  
Florence Landes  
Naomi Rich  
Susan Weiner  
Norman Zaichick

### 6 Av / July 15

Ethel Goldstein  
Fanny Nosofsky  
Helen Ryan  
Benjamin Weinstein

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## Yahrzeits

### 7 Av / July 16

Marcella Frank  
Rachel Hayman Cohen  
Ethel Lipstein  
Harry Usdansky  
Erika Weinfeld

### 8 Av / July 17

Anna Weiss Bentley  
Chaim Figler  
Rashe Nathenson

### 9 Av / July 18

Anna Altman  
Samuel Kessel  
Susan Knapp Lundquist  
Emanuel Rosenberg  
Ethel Rosenberg

### 10 Av / July 19

Abraham Chudacoff  
Phyllis Greenberg  
Sadie Miller Deutscher  
Gerald Schlossberg  
Sam Schwartz  
Dora Sweet  
Louie Wein

### 11 Av / July 20

Ben Berman  
Maurice Parisek  
Pearl Shaffer

### 12 Av / July 21

Reva Diamond  
Celia Mullin  
Mary Victor

### 14 Av / July 23

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

### 15 Av / July 24

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

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## Regular Service Schedule

Plans continue to evolve, and we are pleased to be coming together in person when possible, always with a Zoom option. Advance registration is required for in-person attendance.

### Daily Connection Minyanim

All kinds of connection goes on in this space, and newcomers are always welcome! We're on Zoom....

- Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 8:00
- Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings at 7:20
- Monday through Thursday evenings at 5:30.

*Let us know if you'd like to come to minyan in person on a Sunday or Torah reading morning.*

### Kabbalat Shabbat

Schmooze starts at 5:00. Services at 5:45. In-person option available!

### Shabbat Mornings

There is something happening every Shabbat morning, sometimes in person, always on Zoom. For families with young children, Matchilim will meet on May 8 and 22, June 19, July 17, and Aug. 14.

### Ha-video-dallah

Join us on Zoom once a month as Shabbat goes out for Ma'ariv and Havdallah. Upcoming dates: May 8, June 10, July 10. Turn the page for times.



## Calendars

### May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Joshua Pierotti Bar Mitzvah (Hybrid Services)
2	3	4 Tea & Torah	5 Wednesday Wisdom	6	7 Kabbalat Shabbat (Hybrid)	8 Matchilim Davar Acher Kibud Limudim Ha-video-dallah
9	10 Olbrich Gardens	11 Board of Directors	12 Wednesday Wisdom	13	14 Kabbalat Shabbat (Hybrid)	15 Shabbat Services (Hybrid)
16 Erev Shavuot Boating Tikkun Leil Shavuot	17 Shavuot Hybrid Services Yom Tov Gathering Office closed	18 Shavuot Hybrid Services Office closed	19 Wednesday Wisdom	20	21 Kabbalat Shabbat (Hybrid)	22 Matchilim Musaf & Tisch (Hybrid)
23 MOUSY Elections RUACH Concert	24	25 Tea & Torah	26 Hilldale Farmers Market Wednesday Wisdom	27	28 Kabbalat Shabbat (Hybrid)	29 Dafna Copelovitch Bat Mitzvah (Hybrid Services)
30 Southside Farmers Market	31 Memorial Day Office Closed					

## June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Tea & Torah	2 Wednesday Wisdom	3 Middleton Farmers Market	4 Kabbalat Shabbat (Hybrid)	5 Shabbat Services Honoring High School Grads (Hybrid)
6 Ride the Drive	7	8 Tea & Torah Board of Directors	9 Wednesday Wisdom	10	11 Kabbalat Shabbat (Hybrid)	12 Hybrid Shabbat (details TBD) Ha-video-dallah
13 Strawberry Picking	14	15 Tea & Torah	16 Wednesday Wisdom	17	18 Boating Kabbalat Shabbat (Hybrid)	19 Matchilim Hybrid Shabbat (details TBD)
20 Monroe Street Farmers Market	21	22 Olbrich Gardens Tea & Torah	23 Wednesday Wisdom	24	25 Kabbalat Shabbat (Hybrid)	26 Pride Shabbat
<i>Healing House Week (BIC Members providing dinners)</i> →						
27	28	29 Tea & Torah BIC Annual Meeting	30 Wednesday Wisdom			

## July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Kabbalat Shabbat (Hybrid)	3 Hybrid Shabbat (details TBD)
4 Monroe Street Farmers Market	5	6	7 Olbrich Gardens	8	9 Kabbalat Shabbat (Hybrid)	10 Hybrid Shabbat (details TBD) Ha-video-dallah
11	12	13 Tea & Torah Board of Directors	14 Wednesday Wisdom	15	16 Kabbalat Shabbat (Hybrid)	17 Matchilim Hybrid Shabbat (details TBD) Erev Tisha B'Av
18 Tisha B'Av	19	20 Tea & Torah Eastside Farmers Market	21 Wednesday Wisdom	22	23 Kabbalat Shabbat (Hybrid)	24 Hybrid Shabbat (details TBD)
25	26	27 Tea & Torah	28 Wednesday Wisdom	29	30 Kabbalat Shabbat (Hybrid)	31 Hybrid Shabbat (details TBD)

### Yahrzeits

#### 16 Av / July 25

Irving Feit  
Bernard Rosenberg  
Isidore Russ  
Anna Shapiro

#### 17 Av / July 26

Edward Aaron Berg  
Nathan Borenstein  
Phyllis Fellows  
Ann Gusinow

#### 18 Av / July 27

Shirley Epstein  
Macky Gaberman

#### 19 Av / July 28

Simon Lewis  
Ralph Musin  
Benjamin Rothblatt  
Joseph Spitz  
Dorothy Zukerman

#### 20 Av / July 29

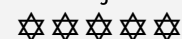
Jane Grady  
Bernard Joseph  
Howard Nudel  
Mary Wigonitz

#### 21 Av / July 30

Edith Lande  
Herman Lazarov  
Archie Loeb  
Beatrice Sinaiko Marlowe

#### 22 Av / July 31

Paul Bloom  
Robert Gold  
Bessie Onheiber  
Jack Portnoy  
Maurice Benjamin Smith



Beth Israel Center maintains Yahrzeit observance records for members and some former members. These lists show dates of death on the Hebrew calendar. A customary yahrzeit observation begins on the evening prior to the Gregorian dates shown. If you would like to observe a yahrzeit with a BIC minyan, or have any questions, please contact the office.

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## May/June/July Candle Lighting Times

Shabbat / Yom Tov	Parasha	Candle Lighting	Shabbat/Chag Goes Out
April 30/May 1	Emor	7:40pm	8:41pm
May 7/8	Behar-Bechukotai	7:48pm	8:49pm*
May 14/15	Bamidbar	7:56pm	8:57pm
May 16/17	Shavuot I (Sunday/Monday)	7:58pm	
May 17/18	Shavuot II (Monday/Tuesday)	8:59pm	9:00pm
May 21/22	Nasso	8:03pm	9:04pm
May 28/29	Beha'alotcha	8:09pm	9:10pm
June 4/5	Sh'lach	8:15pm	9:15pm
June 11/12	Korach	8:19pm	9:19pm*
June 18/19	Chukat	8:22pm	9:22pm
June 25/26	Balak	8:23pm	9:23pm
July 2/3	Pinchas	8:22pm	9:22pm
July 9/10	Matot-Masei	8:19pm	9:19pm*
July 16/17	Chazon	8:15pm	9:14pm
July 23/24	Vaetchanan	8:09pm	9:08pm
July 30/31	Eikev	8:02pm	9:01pm

\* On the second Saturday of each month, join us online for Ha-video-dallah.