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You Belong Here!

Torah Writing Kickoff Event

Sunday, January 29

We are writing a new Torah for our congregation -- Beth Israel Center's first new Torah scroll! Come to our Torah Fair and learn about your part in this historic undertaking, the art of scribing a Torah, and how this connects to our upcoming 75th Anniversary. Rabbi Yochanan Nathan, the sofer bringing us our new sefer Torah, will help us begin this important chapter in the story of our kahal. Don't miss it!

Watch for more information.

New Member Welcome Event

Saturday Evening, December 3, 5:30pm

Welcome folks who have joined our congregation since the last time we were able to hold an in-person welcome event (in 2019!). Come for Havdalah, games, a casual dinner with beer, wine and soft drinks, more games, and an ice cream bar. This is an all-ages program, for our entire kahal. Cost is \$18 per person, \$36 per family. If you'd rather contribute time than money, the setup and cleanup crews attend for free! RSVP to bic@bethisraelcenter.org by Monday, Nov. 21 if you can.

Scholar-in-Residence: Rabbi Amy Levin

Shabbat, December 9 & 10

We are thrilled to welcome Rabbi Amy Levin to Beth Israel Center. She will share her insights and expertise on building strong Jewish communities. Please plan to join us for

- Kabbalat Shabbat services on Friday, December 9
- a catered Shabbat dinner
- her engaging d'var Torah on Shabbat morning
- a special evening program on Saturday, December 10

See page 7 for details.

Hanukkah Celebration

Sunday evening, December 18

We'll light the first Hanukkah candle together, in person!

Watch for more information.



Winter Hat Drive

Now through Thursday, December 1

As the days get colder, Porchlight needs warm, adult-size hats for the men who spend their nights at Porchlight and leave in the morning, often without hats -- or with threadbare hats -- on their heads. Beth Israel Center and Resurrection Madison (the Presbyterian congregation that meets at Beth Israel Center on Sunday mornings) are collecting new hats throughout the month of November. Look for our bins near (or just outside) the entries to Beth Israel Center. Please bring new hats any time except on Shabbat. Thank you!





Thoughts from the Rabbi...

מהשבות **Makh'shavot: Swimming in Seas of Text**

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January 5, 2023

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I used to ask my students if they could articulate how they were different as a result of our learning together. That question might have seemed audacious, but I meant it sincerely. If

our learning had not transformed us, then I was not accomplishing what I had hoped. These were middle schoolers. It would not have been unreasonable to believe that acquiring skills for higher level learning – such as parsing Biblical verbs, mastering vocabulary for Mishna and Talmud, or learning to sing along at Kabbalat Shabbat – would have qualified as a satisfactory learning experience. I did expect a great deal of skills and content mastery, actually, but I was looking for more. I wanted the learning experience to transform every person in the room. I wanted it to matter deeply that we had engaged in sacred study together.

That was a high bar. I believe that my commitment to transformative learning is the reason that many years later, my former students still call me “Hamorah!” (Teacher!) and why running into them fills me with joy. We grew together in deep ways. We strove to build learning communities of trust in which we could feel how our learning pushed and pulled at our sense of who we were and how we wanted to be in the world. On some of our best days, we lost all sense of time, swimming together in seas of Torah, Talmud, or Jewish Thought. Yes, middle schoolers can do that.

One might think that adults, who have figured out how to sustain attention and stay in their seats, don't get tripped up on vocabulary, and have habituated learning styles, don't need to be transformed by our learning. Are we not already formed? And I would say, “I hope not!” I continue to be nourished and transformed by swimming in seas of text and exchanges of ideas. I have felt that happen when we study together at Beth Israel Center.

Over the past four years, we have

studied parshiot, Midrash, Talmud, practical Halacha, Megillot, Psalms, Mussar, Melton on social justice, the compositions of Leonard Cohen, and more. In our Combating Racism initiative, we are learning how to be anti-racist allies (even if we thought we were already). In all of these spaces I have hoped that our learning would transform us. I want us to learn to listen better, to read better, to try out new ways of thinking, feeling, and being in the world because we have spent time together swimming in seas of ink.

This year, once again, we're trying out some new ideas. I am humbled and thrilled that more than 50 people have registered for our “Let's Talk About Israel” discussions, led by our shlichim, Hanna Bloch and Oz Bin-Nun; co-chaired by our members, Madeline Tyner and Bob Factor; and co-sponsored by Jewish Federation of Madison. It's not too late to add your name –or just show up! The schedule and topics are on the facing page.

I will continue teaching a weekly afternoon class on the Megillot, and we will run three mini-series throughout the year: Quirky Talmud, Racism in the American Jewish Story, and Topics in Jewish Practice. (See pages 6 and 7 for descriptions.) Professor Tony Michels, our member and Director of the UW Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies, will lead one of the Winter sessions, and another will feature a lecture by JTS Professor Jason Schulman. (See page 6 for details.)

We will also host Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Amy Levin over Shabbat December 9-10. (See pages 1 and 7 for details.)

Our Mishnaic sages teach that of all the mitzvot that benefit us in this world and in the World to Come, including honoring one's father and mother, performing acts of kindness, and making peace between people, the study of Torah is equal to them all (Pe'ah 1:1). Do you agree? Disagree? Not sure? Come live in the question with us, and see where it takes you.

With love,

Rabbi Betsy

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President's Column

Learning to Talk About Israel

Anshei yisrael. The people of Israel. The descendants of Israel (Jacob). Since biblical times our community has been synonymous with Israel, yet in our times we are cautious about discussing and deciding what Israel means to us. Israel is defined and defines itself by its diverse population – native-born and immigrant, practicing many religions and holding diverse political views. Israel is defined by its relationships with allies and enemies, with neighbors and trading partners, and with interested people in countries around the globe. Indeed, given all these points of view, it can be a challenge *even for Israel* to understand Israel.

Many of these same points of view and relationships define our own connections to Israel. Some find connection by engaging with historical, liturgical, or academic texts. Others bring deeply personal and visceral feelings about Israel to the table. Still others look to personal or family history. Fortunately, learning (Limud) – a core value of our new strategic plan – gives us tools to process and share these various points of connection. Our plan

explicitly recognizes that not everyone is in the same place, and acknowledges the need for each person to begin where they are and to learn more.

In her Rosh Hashanah sermon (“Speaking of Israel,” which you can find on our website), Rabbi Betsy challenged our community to explore thoughtfully how we discuss Israel. In October, we began our exploration with the topic “Connections: American and Israeli Jews,” which was the first of eight monthly conversations, presented collaboratively with Madison’s community shlichim Hanna Bloch and Oz Bin-Nun. The rest of the schedule is below. I hope you will join us for these important conversations.



Bennett Berson
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“Let’s Talk About Israel” discussions are facilitated by shlichim Hanna Bloch and Oz Bin-Nun, and by BIC members Bob Factor and Madeline Tyner.

The dates, times, and formats (in-person vs. Zoom) of these discussions are intentionally varied to allow for the greatest possible participation. Your voice matters. Come to any or all.

Sessions on Shabbat are in-person only. Other days/times may be “hybrid” or Zoom only.

Month	Day	Time	Topic
Kislev	Tuesday, Nov. 29	4:00 PM	Indigenous People
Tevet	Wednesday, Dec. 21	7:30 PM	Zionism - its origins and where it is now
Shvat	Saturday, Jan. 21	7:30 PM	The West Bank
Adar	Tuesday, Feb. 21	4:00 PM	The Conflict
Nisan	Shabbat, March 25	1:00 PM	Racism in Israel and in the United States
Iyar	Shabbat, April 22	7:00 PM	What does a "Jewish country" mean?
Sivan	Sunday, May 21	9:30 AM	Wrap Up

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From the Executive Director's Desk

Staying Safe

Ways to Help

Kindness Group

In times of simcha and in times of sorrow, a meal from a friend can be a great help. The 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.

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This fall, we received two safety-related grants, one from the federal government (specifically FEMA), the other from Jewish Federation of Milwaukee. The larger of the two is a Nonprofit Security Grant, which we will use to apply more impact-resistant film to our exterior ground-floor windows and doors, as well as more of our interior glass. We installed some impact-resistant window film using 2019 funding from the same federal source. For 2022, we have been awarded the amount we applied for -- about \$115,000 -- for the express purpose of completing the project initiated previously. If you would like more information about our window-protection project, please let me know.



The state-level grant from Jewish Federation of Milwaukee will cover some of the cost of hiring special-duty police officers, which we do when such protection is warranted. If you have questions about when we hire special-duty police officers, please contact me or anyone on our

Safety & Welcoming Committee: Miriam Shelef, chair; David Balkansky, Michal Engelman, and William Needelman.

In other safety news, we hosted a community-wide training in September on responding to active threat situations, and we will schedule more such programs.

One of the most important things we do to keep ourselves safe is to know who is in the building. The door greeter role is an important part of this plan. If you are interested in learning about this important role and possibly stepping into our rotation of door greeters, please let me know. If there is enough interest, we will schedule another round of greeter trainings.

Being safe and welcoming is the shared responsibility of our entire kahal. While it would not be sound security practice to publish more information about our safety plan here, I am more than willing to talk with any of our members about what we do and how you can help.

Please let me know if you'd like to set up a time to talk.

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Greening - A Congregational Endeavor

We are making progress on our commitment to better earth stewardship, notably working toward more changes to our food service practices. In recent years, we have switched from plastic to cloth table cloths (or sometimes forego table cloths altogether), we conserve and reuse supplies whenever possible, and we are committed to recycling.

In more recent months, we have invested both money and time (staff and volunteer) to acquire new durable, reusable dishes and storage systems; to reorganize our pantry to accommodate the new items and find new homes for items we no longer use; and to plan a new bussing and dish-washing system for congregational meals, including Shabbat Kiddush lunch. All of this is in anticipation of a significant reduction in our use of disposable plates, cutlery, and cups.

Before we can complete the change, though, we'll need new volunteers who can help with a new and different kind of Kiddush lunch cleanup.

Look for the call for this new community service opportunity, and let us know you're ready to help us go greener.



From the Education Director's Desk

Asking Good Questions

In the Passover Haggadah that my family uses, there is a story right before the four questions about Isidor I. Rabi, the Nobel laureate in physics. In an interview, he was asked how he became a scientist instead of a doctor or a lawyer. He responded that while the other kids' mothers asked them, "Did you learn anything today?" his mother asked, "What good questions did you ask today?" Her emphasis on asking good questions made him a scientist.

I was never cut out to be a scientist. As a teacher, though, I think about this story a lot. What is the difference between those two questions: Did you learn anything today versus What good questions did you ask today? The first question we can answer with a yes or a no. And that might just end the conversation. The second question opens the door to many possibilities for continuing the dialogue. This open-ended question from Rabi's mother shows us that not only is learning a dynamic process, but it is also a reciprocal one. How we phrase the questions is critical to the type and quality of the responses we will get. As teachers, we need to create dynamic questions that engage our students in thoughtful and deep conversations. In this way, we will continue to grow in our shared learning experiences by listening to each other, building upon each other's ideas, and assimilating new knowledge that we have gained by learning how to share what we know.

In the education world, this is called "reciprocal learning." In a typical reciprocal learning situation, students work together in pairs to build upon each other's knowledge, jointly seeking answers and solving problems. In the Jewish world, this sounds a lot like havruta learning. One of my favorite parts of Talmudic study is learning in havruta. Havruta not only means the action of studying together, it also is the term for your learning partner. Like all important learning strategies, we must teach our

students how to learn in havruta. Havruta learning requires students to study a text, and to ask each other questions in order to get to know the text and each other better. It also requires students to listen actively and to learn how to respectfully disagree with a partner.



In the next few months, our Shabbat morning students in the third, fourth, and fifth grade classes will have the opportunity to begin a havruta unit. We will learn about the importance of active listening and respectful challenge (two crucial aspects of learning in havruta). Part of this unit will be focused on modeling and exploring what active listening and respectful challenge looks like, feels like, and sounds like by working with various Talmudic texts. In exploring active listening, students will have the opportunity to ask about the difference between hearing and listening and how we show and model active listening to our partner.

Isidor I. Rabi became a scientist because his mother encouraged him to ask good questions. In doing so, she encouraged an ongoing conversation and engaged in a reciprocal learning model. In modeling this also for our community, I will leave you with a dynamic question: how would you bring the practices of havruta learning into your everyday lives? As we begin our havruta unit, I encourage you to seek opportunities to be active listeners and experience respectful challenge.

Wishing you all the best in the coming season! Chazak u'varuch!

Dr. Stephanie Kirklin / Morah Shoshana
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Talmud Torah Breaks
Thanksgiving
No TT on Nov. 22, 24 or 26
Winter
Last classes are Dec. 20
Classes resume Jan. 10

Introducing: Expert Symposium

Do you have a special skill to share with our Talmud Torah students?

We hope to welcome adults in the community to teach, read a story, or bring other talents to our Talmud Torah.

Each visit can be 15 minutes, 30 minutes, 45 minutes, or an hour long. You may work with all of our students or a smaller group.

Please contact Morah Shoshana to volunteer or with any questions.

Here are the dates when we hope to hold these special programs, along with the grades who would be available for your visit to our school:

Tuesdays (K-7)
December 13
January 10
January 17
January 24

Thursdays (3-7)
December 15
January 12
January 19

Shabbat (K-5)
December 17
January 14
January 21

We would love to welcome more members of the congregation into our learning community!



Adult Learning - Wednesdays at BIC

Join us on Wednesday afternoons and evenings for a variety of adult learning opportunities with Rabbi Betsy and other scholars.

Social Justice Volunteer Opportunities: Battling Food Insecurity

Little John's Kitchen

In the words of founder Chef Dave Heide, Little John's aims to transform food excess into food access. BIC members have been helping every Monday afternoon. The volunteer opportunities vary from week to week. More info about Little John's is online at littlejohnskitchens.org

Healing House

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 or a medical procedure.

Each BIC volunteer prepares and delivers dinner, or part of dinner, usually serving four to eight people. Volunteers can work singly, or as a family, or they can partner with other volunteers to cook and deliver one evening's meal. Healing House staff do the serving and cleaning up.

**Our next week starts
December 25.**

Meals on Wheels

For many years, Beth Israel Center volunteers have driven local routes to deliver Meals On Wheels (now a program of SSM Health at Home) to senior or disabled recipients. New volunteers are needed to join in this adaptable—and vital—weekday task.

For more information or to volunteer, please write to socialjustice@bethisraelcenter.org.

Three Mini-Series - Wednesday Evenings 7:30-8:45, Zoom

FALL - Quirky Talmud

November 2, 16, 30

The only learning Rabbi Betsy likes more than discovering quirky bits of Talmud is sharing those discoveries with you and hearing what you think! We will explore and discuss three Talmudic passages, one per session, using English texts with some references to the original languages of the text.

New students are welcome any time, no prior Talmud experience is necessary, and texts will be provided on the screen.

WINTER - Racism in the American Jewish Story

February 1, February 18, March 1

All BIC members are strongly encouraged to attend our winter mini-series. Participants in our Confronting Racism initiative have organized this program for all of us to expand our learning. Those who have taken the Black History for a New Day course through the Nehemiah Center for Urban Leadership will find these sessions to be important additions to that material. Together, we will seek to understand the roots and complexities of white American Jews' tangled relationship with the Black community.

February 1

Jews and Anti-Racism in the 20th Century

Prof. Tony Michels

How did Jews respond to racism and antisemitism in the United States? How did they, often in league with African-Americans, work to expand rights and the boundaries of inclusion in American society? This lecture will explore those questions by taking a long view on a complicated, often over-simplified subject.

February 18

Looking Back at Jews and the Civil Rights Movement

Dr. Jason Schulman

This lecture by JTS adjunct instructor Dr. Jason Schulman was originally part of a series on "The 'Other' in Jewish Text and Tradition." The story of how Jews were key allies to African Americans in the Civil Rights Movement is well known. But when historical narratives become conventional wisdom, it can lead to stagnation. Now, many are asking when it comes to Black-Jewish relations, where do we go from here? In this session, Dr. Jason Schulman looks back at the story of Jews and the Civil Rights Movement to explore some new directions for the study of the field and new bases for honest dialogue.

March 1

Shared Reflections, Reactions, and Thoughts

Facilitated by Rabbi Betsy

This session will give us an opportunity to debrief and reflect more deeply on what we are taking away from these two lectures. Please join us to hear and share what surprised you, disturbed you, or gave you a sense of pride, and how what you have learned will impact your commitment to combating racism now.

SPRING - Topics in Jewish Practice

March 22, April 19, May 3

Why do we do what we do, and does it do us any good? We will explore and discuss three areas of Jewish practice, one per session, from halachic and human thriving perspectives:

Pro Tips for Planning Your Seder
Modesty for Contemporary Jews (of All Genders)
Life Cycle Events for Transgender Jews: What is the Halacha?

New students are welcome any time, no prior experience is necessary, and texts will be provided on the screen.

Tea & Torah - Wednesday afternoons, 4:00-4:55 on Zoom

Join old and new BIC friends in a verse-by-verse study of our TaNaKH (Hebrew Bible). With the support of classical commentary, contemporary resources, and our own voices, this friendly group seeks to understand Biblical texts on their own terms and draw personal connections to the material.

The class began Chapter Two of the Book of Ruth in October. Next up, Lamentations ("Eicha"). New students are welcome any time, no prior experience is necessary, and the text is provided on the screen.

Please contact Rabbi Betsy with questions about any of our Adult Education offerings.



Scholar-in-Residence - December 9 & 10

Rabbi Amy Levin lives in Israel and serves as President of the Rabbinical Assembly there. Rabbi Levin has served in a variety of rabbinic roles in the United States and in Israel. Her consulting firm, Tzibur Strategies, supports Jewish organizations and rabbis through challenging transitions and strategic processes. Rabbi Levin also curated the Daily Elul Meditations appreciated by many of our members, as Founder and Director of Pirka Mobile Jewish Learning. Dr. Levin will spend the second Shabbat in December with us at Beth Israel Center.

Friday, Dec. 9: Schmooze, Services, and Dinner

5:00 Schmooze

5:30 Services, during which Rabbi Levin will share her own, heartfelt reflections about military service in Israel, as a parent of children who serve and friend and relative of many others.

7:00 Catered congregational Shabbat dinner (\$18 per person).

Shabbat morning, Dec. 10

Services begin at 9:15am, during which Rabbi Levin will speak about the realities, accomplishments, and challenges of Masorti/Conservative life in Israel.

Shabbat afternoon, Dec. 10

3:30-5:15pm - Rabbi Levin will lead an activity for our N'tivon teens entitled "So You Think You Can Pasken!" in which students draw on sources and their own reasoning to posit a compelling response to a halachic question.

Saturday night, Dec. 10

7:30pm - Join us for a Havdalah and dessert event during which Rabbi Levin will lead us in an experiential session on the nature and dynamics of community, at the home of Bob Factor. This event aligns with our new Strategic Plan and will help all of us to better understand the opportunities and challenges of strengthening our kahal.

ScholarStream Online Lectures

Beth Israel Center is pleased to sponsor the ScholarStream series of online lectures by Conservative Movement leaders, making these courses free for BIC members. Contact the office for our congregation's code.

Here's what's coming up next:

Series 3: Great Thinkers Who Have Influenced Conservative Judaism

Wednesdays, 7 PM

Nov. 30 - Heschel on Prophecy: Spirituality and Activism, with Rabbi Gordon Tucker

Dec. 7 - Understanding God and Ourselves through the Stories of Our Tradition (Neil Gillman), with Rabbi Elliot Dorff

Dec. 14 - Gender, Theology, Halakhah: the Works of Rachel Adler, with Rabbi Gail Labovitz

Dec. 21 - What's Next for Conservative Judaism: What Has Changed, What Will Change, and What Should Change? with Dr. Arnold M. Eisen

Series 4: The Exodus in the Jewish Tradition:

Philosophy, Bible, Midrash and Art

Wednesdays, 11 AM, January 11 - February 1

Series 5: How the Conservative Movement's Law Committee Impacts Our Lives Today

Wednesdays, 7 PM February 8 - March 1

Watch your email or go to <https://www.rabbinicalassembly.org/story/scholarstream-5783-series-descriptions> for details.



Upcoming Events:

Saturday, November 19
MOUSY Movie Night with Gesher

Sunday, December 18
MOUSY Thrifts for Hanukkah

Friday-Sunday, December 9-11
Gesherfest: Minions the Rise to U...SY
(6-7th graders at Camp CHI)

Friday-Sunday, December 9-11
CHUSYfest: Despicable U...SY
(8-12th graders at Camp CHI)



Kol HaKavod to our MOUSY and Gesher teenagers and USY adviser who chanted Haftarat Yonah on Yom Kippur afternoon for our kahal. We're so proud of:

- Caleb Ellenberg
- Ethan Weiner
- Aharon Shelef
- Ari Bleher
- Dafna Copelovitch
- Sarita Desai
- Talia Richmond



Watch for your opportunity to buy Israeli, hand-made candles from MOUSY in our annual fundraiser.

Thanks for supporting your favorite Jewish youth group!

Have a look at what our wonderful world of MOUSY has been up to!

MOUSY high school and Gesher middle school lake lovers started off the new year with a paddle on Lake Wingra on Sunday, Sept. 18, with our wonderful new youth advisers, Elissa Hoffman and Ethan Weiner!



MOUSY got busy with Tikun Olam at our first-ever Reverse Tashlich on Sunday, Oct. 2. Instead of just casting our own sins into the water, teens removed human "sins" (in the form of trash) from Vilas Park beach.





Who Knew?!

This recurring feature encourages Beth Israel Center members to find connections with each other. We ask randomly selected members a question, the answers to which appear below; we hope that Centerite readers will learn a little something about a few fellow congregants in each issue.

This Fall, we asked a few randomly selected members to **recall a particular Hanukkah experience and tell us about it.**

Gabe Goldman

Playing with the dreidels is super fun, and it's not just about the gelt. It's also fun just spinning the dreidels. One year I got a super fun mini basketball hoop for a present for my room, I love playing on it. It's also fun playing with fire when we light the candles. The songs are pretty fun too. We sing "Dreidel Dreidel" and make up rhymes. Hanukkah is one of my favorite holidays!

Lighting the first candle of Hanukkah 2011.

Daniel had his heart transplant the Sunday after Thanksgiving that year. It was a fast-moving, shocking, and amazing sequence of events that gave him the gift of a renewed life. My memory is that he was just a week or two post-transplant and we were home from the hospital maybe a week. We decided to invite a few close friends to come over to light the first candle with us and celebrate miracles. It was a beautiful and emotional small ceremony: the lighting of one candle. It was a chance to catch up to all that had just happened. A chance to see the joy and miracle reflected in the faces of our friends. A chance to feel and share the love and gratitude that graced our lives. And the beginning of an amazing new chapter, going on 11 years now.

Stephanie Stone



Mazal Tov to...

- Nancy & David Resnick, on their daughter Yael's marriage to Tom Zilch
- New parents Benny Hirsch Witkovsky & Corrina Regnier, and grandmother Cynthia Hirsch, on the birth of Hugo Thomas Regnier
- Parents Kaylee & Josh Minkoff and the Minkoff family on the birth of Mila Belle Minkoff
- New parents Peter Wear & Nicole Brimmer, and grandparents Ziva & Jim Wear, on the birth of Theodore Robin Wear
- Parents Eli & Emma Temkin, and grandparents Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin, on the birth of Lily Elizabeth Temkin



Condolences to the families of...

- Paul Buettner, brother-in-law of T'filla Bensche
- Leon Rosenberg, son of BIC co-founders A.J. and Celia Rosenberg (z"l), brother of Irv (Civia) Rosenberg.
- Roz Levin, mother of Daniel (Kathy), Jim, Bruce (Meiqing) and Mark Levin
- Carolyn Goodman, sister of Joan (Dr. William) Ershler
- Carol Mendelson, sister of Sheila (Marc) Cohen
- Margaret Lindholm, mother of Jeff Lindholm (Leslie Fields)
- Veta Segal, mother of Annalee Segal

Yahrzeits

7 Cheshvan / Nov. 1

Max Weinstein
Arthur Sweet
Chaim Katsnelson
Dora Cohen Gross

8 Cheshvan / Nov. 2

Dora Kapetovske
Rose Passon
Beatrice Rosenthal
Herman Kaufman
Helene Goldman
Patricia Lohr Haas
Sam Nager

9 Cheshvan / Nov. 3

Sol Kaplan
Stanley Langer

10 Cheshvan / Nov. 4

Ghita Bessman
Michael Karp
Sydney Bernard

11 Cheshvan / Nov. 5

Marvin Gottlieb
Sol Burstein
Joseph Frank
Bella Goldstein
Sarah Rebekah
Goldberg

12 Cheshvan / Nov. 6

Frances Mesuse
Mildred "Babe" Conney
Pnina Karsh
Bessie Katz
Herman Argand
Jacob Altschuler
Aaron Kerlow

13 Cheshvan / Nov. 7

Eli Wolman
Irving Levy
Fred Brauer

14 Cheshvan / Nov. 8

Ruth Seder
Harry Luterman
Danquela D. Johnson
Minnie Sokolov
Reva Sweet
Marcy Deutsch
Irving H. Rozenfeld

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Yahrzeits

15 Cheshvan / Nov. 9

Harry Diamantstein
Meir Lazimy
Max Kulakowsky
Lily Kopelberg
Sam Sadoff
Al Frank
Philip Zlochenko
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So Glad You Could Join Us!

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BIC programs engage friends of all ages and stages in fun and learning! While many of our gatherings take place on Shabbat and other holy days, when we don't use cameras, here's a look at some of our recently photographed fun...



From the UW Memorial Union to the Allen Centennial Garden to the end of Picnic Point, BIC nature lovers biked, walked, and reveled in the sun, fresh air, and good company on Sunday, August 21.



After Ma'ariv and Havdalah, we enjoyed S'lichot on September 17, starting with the Israeli film *Shoelaces*, then schmoozing over an outdoor wine-and-cheese nosh, discussing the film with Bob Skloot, and singing along with Matt Banks and Rabbi Betsy, using the new custom-made siddur designed by Leslie Greenspan.



We had such a sweet first B'Yachad B'Kef (Together in Fun) program, on Sunday, September 18, celebrating Rosh Hashanah with shlichim Hanna Bloch and Oz Bin-Nun, and getting all sticky with apples and honey.

Support Shabbat Kiddush!

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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). We serve lunch every week after Shabbat morning services.

You can contribute in one (or more!) of these three ways:

Sponsor: Select a date and treat the congregation with your generosity. Honor a special occasion or special people. Help plan the menu, or leave it to us. We offer three sponsorship levels, featuring different menu options associated with minimum donations of \$400, \$580, or \$810.

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Volunteer: If you would like to join the kiddush crew and be part of this vital – and fun! – Beth Israel Center tradition, email Deborah Hoffman (hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org) or call (608) 256-7763 for information. Help prepare foods or set up during the week, or be part of the crew on a Shabbat morning. There are lots of jobs to do. We'll help find the one that's best for you!

Many thanks to these recent Kiddush sponsors:

September 10 – Regina Vidaver & Dave Blehert to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary

October 10 – Judy, Dan, Lev, and Yona Stolz-Greenberg to celebrate Gavi's birthday

October 29 – Becky Holmes & Bennett Berson to celebrate their 36th wedding anniversary, and Allan Levin to honor the *yahrzeit* of his mother Dorothy S. Levin

November 5 -- The Mandell family in celebration of Micah Mandell becoming a Bat Mitzvah

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David Cramer
Mae Levy
Dorothy Nelson
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Joseph Vein
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Ann Rock
Milton Slavney
Beatrice Feit
Pearl Balkansky
Rachel Dworetzky
Martin Kaufman
Eliezer Yona Shelef
Pinie Morgensteren
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Ivan Lavine
Abraham Nathenson
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Aaron Slavney
Eleanor Onheiber
David Silverman
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Sam Levin

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3 Kislev / November 27

Geneva Boissonault
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Louis Rodman
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West Side Sukkah Stroll Hosts: Josh Garoon & Michal Engelman, Cynthia Hirsch, Aleeza & David Hoffert, Elissa & Jon Pollack

Volunteer Spotlight

For all of us who have enjoyed the BIC Sunday morning speaker series Kolot Kehilla since 2015, one of the hallmarks of this program is the bountiful breakfast buffet conceived and produced by our two “cuisine connoisseurs,” Adrienne Borisy Gross and Barry Rich. In the early years of this program, the brunch was your basic bagels and cream cheese affair. Then Adrienne and Barry brought their creative flair to the menus with innovative spreads that matched the theme of each Kolot Kehilla presentation by our talented congregants.

For every menu, Adrienne and Barry decide on the food concept, research recipes, shop for ingredients, try out the recipes, and manage the outright disasters. As Barry said, “Things happen. We once made a spice cake but in our haste, forgot to add the spices. We couldn’t figure out why it was so bland!”

While BIC did not serve communal meals during the pandemic, Adrienne and Barry did not skip a beat. They continued to cook and bake together, took photos of their dishes, provided the recipes for everyone to try at home, and warmed up the audience with an online tour of their brunch foods. In their leisure, Adrienne and Barry write thriller novels together, as “we’re among the great unpublished!” Kol HaKavod and B’tei’avon to you both!



East Side Sukkah Hop Hosts: Matt Banks, Ruth Conniff & Mitch Cooper, Stormy-Kito Aliyah Justice, Jordy & Jessie Loeb, Rabbis Laurie Zimmerman & Renee Bauer

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Lasagna Cooks & Drivers: Stacy Anderson, Mimi Aron, David Baum, Larry & Janice Bensky, Hannah Bernard-Donals, Marsha Cohen, Cher Diamond, Susie Drazen, Janet Frenz, Joshua Gabai, Louise Goldstein, Janice Gratch, Billie Hellerstein, Cynthia Hirsch, Linda Kailin, Erica Kesin Richmond, Bettine Lipman, Laurie Nagus, Judy Pierotti, Ilona Rodan Ganetzky, Bob & JoAnn Skloot, Paula Volpianky, Beth Weber.

Healing House Dinner Chefs: Donna Anderson, Nancy Feingold, Bobbie Jellinek, Lorna Mazur Kniaz, Leora Saposnik, Merle Sternberg, Paula Volpianky

Laundry Angels: Hannah Bernard-Donals, Adrienne Borisy Gross, Leslie Fields, Sally Jones, Zachary Masa-Myers, Elana Matthews, Karen Shevet Dinah

Groundskeepers: Leslie Fields & Jeff Lindholm, Cynthia Hirsch, Steve Jellinek, Karen Shevet Dinah



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Henry Weiss
Menucha Zinberg
Pearl Springberg
William Sweet
Leo Stark

3 Shevat / January 25

Bernice Kliebard
Tilly Nathenson

4 Shevat / January 26

Bernice Wechsler
Phyllis Levinthal
Sam Sweet

5 Shevat / January 27

Ayikasu Kitano
Melvin Comins
Anita Messerman
Wolf Mintz

6 Shevat / January 28

Harold Blank
Simon Katz
Shirley Volpiansky

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Regular Service Schedule

Kabbalat Shabbat

Every Friday, come schmooze starting at 5:00. Services start at 5:45. For those unable to attend in person, services are broadcast online.

Shabbat Mornings

Lively, song-filled services start every week at 9:15am. For those unable to attend, services are broadcast online. Kiddush lunch follows and all are warmly invited to stay, eat, and socialize. Weather permitting, lunch seating is available outdoors.

Matchilim, our preschool family service, meets at 10:45 on Shabbat mornings during the school year.

Ha-video-dallah

Join us on Zoom on "third Saturdays" this winter starting at 5:45pm.

Daily Connection Minyanim

Mornings:

Sunday 8:15, hybrid*

Monday and Thursday 7:15, hybrid

Tuesday and Wednesday 8:00, Zoom; Wednesday with musical accompaniment

Friday, 7:15 Zoom only

*Hybrid means come in person if you can, or join us on Zoom.

If you need instructions for getting into the building for morning minyan, please contact the office.

Evenings: Monday through Thursday at 5:45 on Zoom.



Calendars

November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Tea & Torah 4:00pm	3	4	5 9:15 services TT Micah Mandell Bat Mitzvah
		TT	Quirky Talmud 7:30pm	TT	5:00 schmooze 5:45 services	
6 Sacred Volunteering (Shmira) Program 9:30am	7	8 TT Board of Directors	9 Tea & Torah 4:00pm Confronting Racism	10 TT	11 5:00 schmooze 5:45 services	12 9:15 services TT N'tivon
13	14	15	16 Tea & Torah 4:00pm Quirky Talmud 7:30pm	17 TT	18 5:00 schmooze 5:45 services	19 9:15 services TT Ha-video-dallah MOUSY/Gesher Movie Night, 7pm
20	21	22	23 Tea & Torah 4:00pm	24 Office closed Rosh Chodesh Kislev Thanksgiving Day	25 Office closed Rosh Chodesh Kislev	26 9:15 services
27	28	29 TT Let's Talk About Israel #2 4:00pm	30 Tea & Torah 4:00pm Quirky Talmud 7:30pm			

December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 TT	2 5:00 schmooze 5:45 services	3 9:15 services TT New Member Program
4	5	6 TT	7 Tea & Torah 4:00pm	8 TT	9 Scholar-in-Residence: Rabbi Amy Levin 5:00 schmooze 5:45 services	10 9:15 services TT N'tivon
11	12	13 TT Board of Directors	14 Tea & Torah 4:00pm Confronting Racism	15 TT	16 5:00 schmooze 5:45 services	17 9:15 services TT Ha-video-dallah 5:45
18 MOUSY Dig and Save Thrifting BIC Hanukkah Party Hanukkah 🕯️	19 Hanukkah 🕯️	20 TT Hanukkah 🕯️	21 Tea & Torah 4:00pm Let's Talk About Israel #3 7:30pm Hanukkah 🕯️	22 Hanukkah 🕯️	23 Hanukkah 🕯️ 5:00 schmooze 5:45pm services	24 9:15 services Rosh Chodesh Tevet Hanukkah 🕯️
25 Rosh Chodesh Tevet Healing House Week Hanukkah 🕯️	26 Office closed	27	28	29	30 5:00 schmooze 5:45pm services	31 9:15 services New Year's Eve

January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day	2 Office closed	3	4 Tea & Torah 4:00pm	5	6 5:00 schmooze 5:45 services	7 9:15 services
8	9	10 TT Board of Directors	11 Tea & Torah 4:00pm Confronting Racism	12 TT	13 5:00 schmooze 5:45 services	14 9:15 services TT MLK Shabbat
15	16 Office closed: Martin Luther King Jr. Day	17 TT	18 Tea & Torah 4:00pm	19 TT	20 5:00 schmooze 5:45 services	21 9:15 services, TT Ha-video-dallah 5:45 Let's Talk About Israel #4 7:30
22 MOUSY Program	23 Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat	24 TT	25 Tea & Torah 4:00pm	26 TT	27 5:00 schmooze 5:45 services	28 9:15 services TT N'tivon
29 Torah Fair!	30	31 TT				

Yahrzeits

7 Shevat / January 29

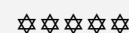
Sylvia Temkin
Bernard I. Kaplan
Sidney Skom
Shirley Schuster
Judith Smith Leland

8 Shevat / January 30

Frieda Greenwald
Harry Z. Sweet

9 Shevat / January 31

Etta Daitch
Hyman Silverstein
Yetta Moskowitz



Beth Israel Center maintains a database of Yahrzeit observances for members and some former members.

The people listed on the sides of the previous pages died in years past on the Hebrew calendar dates shown.

The customary yahrzeit observation begins on the evening prior to the Gregorian dates listed on these pages.

If you would like to observe a yahrzeit with the BIC minyan, please contact the office as far in advance as possible so that we can notify the community. Those observing yahrzeits are warmly invited -- but not required -- to share memories following the short prayer service.

If you have a question, correction, or addition to our records, please contact the office.

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November/December/January Candle Lighting Times

Shabbat	Parasha	Candle Lighting	Shabbat Ends
November 4/5	Lech-Lecha	5:26pm	6:25pm
November 11/12	Vayera	4:19pm	5:18pm
November 18/19	Chayei Sara	4:12pm	5:11pm - Ha-video-dallah (5:45)
November 25/26	Toldot	4:08pm	5:07pm
December 2/3	Vayetzei	4:05pm	5:05pm
December 9/10	Vayishlach	4:04pm	5:04pm
December 16/17	Vayeshev	4:05pm	5:06pm - Ha-video-dallah (5:45)
December 23/24	Miketz	4:09pm	5:09pm
December 30/31	Vayigash	4:14pm	5:14pm
January 6/7	Vayechi	4:20pm	5:21pm
January 13/14	Shemot	4:28pm	5:29pm
January 20/21	Vaera	4:36pm	5:38pm - Ha-video-dallah (5:45)
January 27/28	Bo	4:45pm	5:47pm

Hanukkah	Candle Lighting
December 18	One Candle 5:06pm
December 19	Two Candles 5:07pm
December 20	Three Candles 5:07pm
December 21	Four Candles 5:07pm
December 22	Five Candles 5:08pm
December 23	Six Candles 4:09pm
December 24	Seven Candles 5:09pm
December 25	Eight Candles 5:10pm