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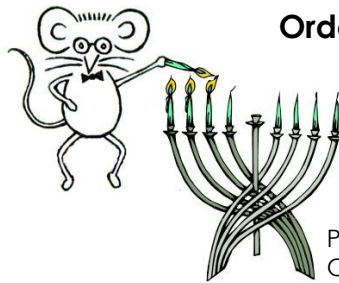
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New Adult Education Programming Rolling Out in November

Check out Living Torah, Studio Sinai, Talmud Class and more. Details on pages 6-7.



Order Your Chanukah Candles by Nov. 12

\$18 per box of hand-made candles from Israel. Send checks payable to Beth Israel Center with "MOUSY candles" on the memo line to 1406 Mound St., Madison, WI 53711

Please include your name and phone number OR email Deborah Hoffman, hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org

Pre-Order Deadline: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2018

Pick-up dates: Tuesday & Thursday, November 27 & 29 4:00-6:00pm
Sunday, December 2, 9:30-11:30am

Todah rabbah for supporting our USY chapter!

BIC Hanukkah Party ~ Tuesday, December 4

Celebrate the Festival of Lights on the 3rd night of Hanukkah at BIC.

MLK Youth Service Day ~ Monday, January 21

Children and youth in grades 1-8 from BIC, First Congregational Church, and other congregations gather as a faith community in honor of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

HOLD THE DATE:

Celebrate Rabbi Betsy Forester's Installation and Beth Israel Center's 70th Anniversary over the weekend of January 25-27, 2019.

Rabbis with whom Rabbi Forester studied on her path to ordination will be joining us over the weekend.

Weekend plans include:

- Welcoming our guests over services Friday evening, January 25.
- Learning with our guests on Shabbat.
- Enjoying delicious food, fun music, and some congregational history at the big celebration Saturday night, January 26.
- A formal Installation ceremony and reception on Sunday, January 27.

More information coming soon!!

Celebrate Rabbi Forester's Installation and

BETH ISRAEL CENTERS

70TH

ANNIVERSARY

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SATURDAY

JANUARY 26, 2019

7:00 - 10:30 PM

First 70 to buy a ticket get a free gift at the party

TICKETS: \$100

(\$70 of which is tax deductible)



Thoughts from the Rabbi...

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FINDING YOUR WAY AT BETH ISRAEL CENTER:

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

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

Next Centerite Deadline:
January 7, 2019

We now find ourselves solidly in the book of Genesis in our Torah reading cycle. In the Talmud (Avodah Zara 25a), the book of Genesis is called “ספר הישר” *Sefer*



HaYashar,” the Book of the Upright, because our patriarchs and matriarchs upheld the Creation by treating all people with respect. Although they disagree with others, they love humanity and want

the best for all people. People who are “*yashar*” never undermine Creation by promoting themselves at the expense of others. Even if they think others are wrong, they separate judgement of behavior from a fundamental love of Creation. The distinguishing quality is their humanity.

I think a great deal about how we at BIC can cultivate our humanity together, as a sacred community. Our tradition offers particularly Jewish ways to show up for others with compassionate attention. I urge you to help us build our community by attending Shabbat services and daily minyan, participating in social action activities, and engaging in the full range of programming that makes BIC so vibrant and alive. We generate powerful and life-giving warmth and strength when we gather together, and each person who participates enhances our rich array of experiences.

You will hear more about new initiatives to help strengthen our Shabbat services and our daily minyan. Our daily minyan struggles to get a quorum of ten on a regular basis, especially in the evenings. The best way out of the current crisis is for each member to come as often as they are able. Please find dates when you can join us in the morning or evening. We need you!

Adult Education has begun in earnest. I am excited to bring you a menu of offerings to meet different interests

and learning styles. All of our teens are welcome and encouraged to participate in these offerings. More details and dates are on pages 6 and 7.

- Talmud class is a havruta-based, yeshiva-style encounter with evolving Torah. No prior Talmud experience or vocabulary knowledge is required. Texts are selected to inspire discussion.
- Gain text access and havruta skills as you get into the weeds with the Hebrew and Aramaic text.
- Following each Thursday night Talmud session, join in “*mishmar*,” a soulful music session at 8:45pm, to get in the groove for the Shabbat to come.
- “*Living Torah*” is a series on Sunday mornings in which we explore current topics through the lens of the Bible and rabbinic interpretation. We will evaluate the decisions of our rabbis and draw our own conclusions based on the sources.
- Studio Sinai offers opportunities for artistic musing and exploration based on midrashic/imaginative readings of biblical texts. It is not an art class, but a surfacing and sharing of underlying themes, emotions, and tensions stimulated by our literary sources.
- Monthly *parasha* study after Kiddush is a great way to connect with diverse *kahal* members in a relaxed setting. Study and discuss with me a theme from the weekly Torah portion.

Getting acquainted with the members of our *kahal* family over the past four months has been one of the most joyful and energizing experiences of my life. If you and I have not yet had a significant conversation--and even if we have--please drop in during my office hours (Tuesday afternoons or Friday mornings) or make an appointment so that we can build our relationship and I can best serve you.

Warmly,

Rabbi Betsy Forester

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President's Column

The Beauty and the Bank

The weeks following the end of the chagim mark the return to the familiar order of our weekly services and with it to the regular order of business. Before turning to a preview of those tasks I would like to take a few words to express my deep thanks to all those who worked so hard to make this year's High Holiday services so beautiful, meaningful and fulfilling. It was a joy to see the evident pleasure of Rabbis Forester and Diamond working together. To the Ritual Committee let me say thank you and yasher koach! The sheer complexity of the services make the smooth coordination of all the moving pieces a huge challenge, and, just as they have done in previous years, the Ritual Committee made it all look seamless and easy.

The end of the chagim this year also marks the beginning of the new board's work. We start the year in a good financial position, but we face real challenges. As I mentioned at Kol Nidre, annual membership contributions ("dues") cover less than 70% of our operating expenses. The good news is that dues income has been rising slightly for the last several years. But even if dues income continues to increase at a modest rate, it will never be able to cover all of our expenses. Returns from our investments provide additional support, but the sum of dues income and investment returns still leaves a significant shortfall to make up.

Fortunately, the foresight and planning of prior leaders and boards has put in place processes to address this challenge. I want to focus on two of them. One enables us to accurately assess the scope of our financial challenges and the other helps us meet it.

The first is a rigorous and detailed budgeting process. As we have gained more experience operating and maintaining our synagogue, we have been able to build a reliable data foundation upon which to build cost and revenue projections. This has enabled us to build more accurate budgets. This, in turn,

equips us to plan more effectively and to make better decisions.

With these more accurate budgets in hand, we can then plan more effectively how to meet the financial needs of the synagogue. This brings me to the other major process alluded to above, namely fund raising. In addition to raising funds to help cover operating expenses we often need to raise funds for more targeted projects. Two recent examples come to mind. Several years ago we raised funds to purchase *Machzor Lev Shalem* for our High Holy Day observances and *Siddur Lev Shalem* for our Shabbat and Festival observances.

As successful as we've been in the past, the growing challenge requires a more focused and coordinated effort. Last year saw the establishment of a Development Committee chaired by a congregant who is a professional fundraiser. This committee is charged not with making phone calls and solicitations but rather with developing a strategic approach to our financial development efforts. By prioritizing and coordinating all of our fundraising efforts, we expect to be more successful in the critical effort of filling the gap between dues and expenses.

As I begin my two-year term as your president, I hope to build on the solid foundation laid by my predecessors, particularly in ways that further ensure our financial well being far into the future. With sustainable financial resources, we will be able to continue celebrating all of the beautiful things that define our wonderful *kahal*.



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From the Executive Director's Desk

Doing Many Things at Once

Like most faith-based institutions, Beth Israel Center functions both like a family and like a business. Sometimes, we



respond to situations by asking ourselves: How will we pay for this? Is it safe? Is there a security risk? Could there be legal or political ramifications? Sometimes, we

respond purely from a place of compassion, asking only what we can do to help. Often, we draw on several of those factors simultaneously.

This summer, when it became clear that Don Miner would be leaving the BIC Board of Directors after 41 years of service (41 years!!), I invited my fellow past presidents to join me in sponsoring Kiddush in Don's honor. All 14 joyfully replied yes. We are both celebrating Don's contributions (like a family) and sustaining one of our central resources by contributing to our Kiddush fund (like a business).

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 1, and join us in shul to celebrate Don's decades of leadership.

For the third year, our Social Action Committee collected money before Kol Nidre to support the Food for Thought Initiative (Food4TI), which operates food pantries in Madison public schools. (For more details, see page 10.) In this effort, too, we are simultaneously a caring family and an organized institution. And, once again, Food4TI founder and BIC member Lea Aschkenase asked that we broadly convey her gratitude to the congregation. Here is Lea's note:

Dear Beth Israel congregants, Food For Thought Initiative (Food4TI) volunteers and I thank you for your generous donations to our organization. Your contributions allow us to fulfill our mission of providing nutritious food to hungry students and their families. Food4TI now operates four in-school pantries (East High, Sandburg Elementary, Mendota Elementary,

Cherokee Heights Middle School) and Thea's Table Weekend Program, which provides weekend meals for homeless students and their families. The money you donated will provide food to 40 families for 5 weeks. This is indeed a mitzvah.

*With deep gratitude,
Lea Aschkenase, Founder, Food4TI*

The last example I'll share for now came about after Sally Schrag fainted in shul on Yom Kippur. (Sally is fine!) It seemed every medical professional in the room jumped up (as did I) to tend to Sally. Almost as quickly, those who could help stuck by her, and the rest of us got out of the way. Our collective, caring instincts to help if we could (like a family) and trust that the right systems were in place (like an institution) were clearly evident. Sally thinks so, too:

*Dear Beth Israel Family –
For many years people have referred to our members as a "family." Somehow that concept never felt exactly apt to me. But now, after my dramatic fainting episode on Yom Kippur right during Rabbi Forester's sermon (which I so wanted to hear) I can use that expression sincerely. When I came to I found that I was surrounded by doctors of just about every specialty who were focused, compassionate, reassuring and who displayed every other characteristic a patient would wish for in her physician. I was given cups of water, granola bars (whipped out of the recesses of Miriam Shelef's voluminous purse) and follow-ups. So many other people came into the social hall to see how I was doing that I was overwhelmed and in addition I received phone calls and emails.*

I'm still a little embarrassed about the whole thing: what a way to get attention! But I'm so grateful to all of you and I'm so proud to be part of such a congregation.

*With appreciation,
Sally Schrag*

Kol HaKavod!

*Elissa Pollack
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A LITTLE WISH LIST

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

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

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

We are also in need of some larger items:

- Water dispensers
- Coffee makers
- Glass platters

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

Every contribution helps our synagogue!



From the Education Director's Desk

Classroom Learning and Beyond!

Many of you have heard my take on the “Ma Tovv” story in the book of Numbers -- Balaam was sent by Balak, the king of Moab to curse the Israelites, but God intervenes and Balaam is only able to praise the Israelites. His 3rd attempt at a curse becomes our opening words at the morning service -- “*Ma tovuv ohalecha Ya’akov, mishkenotecha Yisrael!*” (“How lovely are your tents, Jacob; your sanctuaries, people of Israel!”). I see this as an opportunity to see things differently, to bless when we could be cursing. How lucky we are that our busy, working, professional congregants get their children here as often as they can! How amazing that in a world FILLED with extra-curriculars, sports and clubs that our students like being here and love being together! It’s easy, with this mindset, to be amazed at the community that we have built here at Beth Israel Center.

I am, truly, amazed by our community’s dedication to Jewish education through the year. I marvel at the list of Adult Education opportunities (see page 8), at seeing so many people come out to learn about mikvah when Naomi Malka visited in August, and to prepare themselves for the high holidays. I also love knowing that we are considered a “unicorn” for continuing to joyfully sustain a 6 hour/week Talmud Torah (often with 90%-100% attendance!). All of this shows our belief in education and its centrality to modern and future Judaism. Jennie Edes-Pierotti, our former education vice president, put it beautifully when she said “We should be yelling it from the rooftops -- our parents seek out Jewish education for their children. And they want more!”

We can give our children more -- Jewish summer camp! Beth Israel Center sends about 30 children to various Jewish residential camps throughout the country (Camp Ramah in Wisconsin, Beber Camp, Camp Interlaken- JCC, Camp Tavor, Camp Ramah in the Rockies...) as well as many other

children to Camp Shalom, the day camp run by Jewish Federation of Madison. We are known throughout the Jewish world as a “camping community.” We know that many of the most effective lessons are not taught in the classroom.



Education research proves this. Further, immersive experiences are the most powerful. Camps provide a living lab in Judaism and in Jewish communal living. When the lessons that prayer, sports, classes, meals, swimming (I could go on and on...) are held in a Jewish context, they are internalized and ritualized in a way that would take years of traditional, classroom education to cover.

While many Jewish camps have missions and visions that we can get behind, Rabbi Betsy Forester, a lifelong proponent and alumna of the Ramah system says “Camp Ramah is the place to send your children for an unparalleled encounter with Jewish life. The depth, breadth, and intensity of the Ramah experience nurtures knowledgeable and joyful connections to Jewish values and practices, Hebrew language, and Israel, while building lifelong friendships. Ramah is the summer home of the Conservative Movement and its crown jewel.”

If someone in your family is between the ages of 7 and 17, now is the time to consider a Jewish residential camp. Some camps register children as early as going into 2nd grade. Many camps fill up for the summer by early winter. Please contact me or Rabbi Forester to discuss the benefits of Jewish camping and the merits of individual camps. We know people at all of them!

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PRESCHOOL FAMILY PROGRAMS

NEW: Berries & Jammies

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

November 16
December 14
January 11



Yom Rishon

Enjoy interactive family learning on a different Jewish theme each month. Meet other families with preschool-age children.

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

Yom Rishon 5779

November 18
December 9
January 20
February 10
March 10
April 7

Bring friends!

Members may attend Yom Rishon for free. Others pay \$5/child, or \$10/family



By Word of Mouse

Deborah Hoffman, Program & Youth Director, hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org



High Schoolers!

Observe Shabbat! Take Standardized Tests on Sunday

Study hard and feel great because, by taking the test on a Sunday, you increase your Shabbat observance and help to guarantee that this option is available for Jewish students in the future!

2018-19 SAT & Achievement Test Dates:

- November 4
- December 2
- March 10
- May 5
- June 2

SAT registration info:
866-756-7346.

2018-19 ACT Dates:

- December 9
- April 14
- June 16

ACT Registration info:
319-337-1270.



★Chanukah is closer than you think! MOUSY is again offering pre-orders only for a box of deluxe and decorative Chanukah candles to our BIC congregants. To get your Israeli-made, stylish holiday candles that are hand-dipped and -crafted by skilled Safed artisans in the Galilee, just mail in your payment of \$18 per box to MOUSY of Beth Israel Center by the **Monday, November 12** deadline. Your generous support of MOUSY goes toward our outstanding programming, our chapter donations to Madison and USY Tikun Olam charities, and the Shabbat experience of our members to attend regional retreats and international convention. We will have your candles available for pick-up on Tuesday, November 27 and Thursday, November 29 from 4:00-6:00pm, and Sunday, December 2 from 9:30-11:30am at BIC. Don't be caught unawares—the first candle-lighting will be on the evening of Sunday, December 2.★

On Sunday, September 9, MOUSY ushered in the new year with one of our most meaningful community youth events—the annual **Rosh Hashanah Gift Bags**—with 18 members from MOUSY of BIC, along with our friends from MaTTY of Temple Beth El and Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, in collaboration with Jewish Social Services. Our teenagers got together to socialize, make holiday bags and greeting cards, and then deliver these gifts to more than 50 area Jewish seniors. We enjoyed the opportunity to mingle with Jewish friends, make new acquaintances, and visit with our delighted and delightful Jewish recipients. Kol HaKavod to our BIC Blehert/Vidaver host family, Paul Borowsky and JSS staff for coordinating this mitzvah program, along with youth advisers Deborah Hoffman of MOUSY and Lucy Marshall of MaTTY.



Doing good works and having good times at the annual Madison Jewish Community Rosh Hashanah Gift Bags event. 18 mice joined our Jewish friends from MaTTY, CSS and JSS. Such a mitzvah!

On the weekend of Friday-Sunday, September 14-16, two of our teens, Debbie Rudin and Mia Kurzer, attended the regional **CHUSY Leadership Training Institute** in Chicago, where Debbie, “learned about Yad v’Yad, a school in Israel in which Jewish, Muslim Arab, and Christian Arab kids learn together”; and Mia learned that “communication is the base of any group, because if you do not have clear communication, that group...will never get anything done”.

Yasher Koach to MOUSY youth, Isaac Kianovsky, Jacob Kianovsky, Debbie Rudin, Rhiannon Wilson, Micah Copelovitch, Lily Matthews-Needelman, and Eliza Mednick for so beautifully chanting **Haftarat Yonah** at Yom Kippur Mincha service on Wednesday, September 19. Additional kudos to our high-schoolers, who helped with the High Holiday Youth Program downstairs during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, as well as the ongoing Kehillat Noar Hadracha program of tefillah tutors.

Our active semester continued on Sunday afternoon, September 23, erev Sukkot, with **MOUSY Goes Outdoors**, as 11 mice hiked, socialized, picnicked, and hung out at the Pheasant Branch Conservancy in Middleton on a perfectly beautiful autumn day. Thanks to the Becker family for hosting everyone at the end for ice-cream treats, and Rhiannon Wilson and Maya Becker for co-chairing this nature walk.

On Tuesday morning, October 2, during *Simchat Torah* services, costumed MOUSY members marched into the main sanctuary, put Rabbi Forester in a human-sized “mouse trap,” and stuck her in a small chair with a large hunk of cheese on her head! Preschoolers got into the spirit of the silliness, yelling “let her go!” Fortunately, the *kahal* bought her freedom for the price of a rousing chorus of “David Melech Yisrael,” while patting their heads and rubbing their tummies! Then all sang and danced with our Torah scrolls. Kudos to Ellie Becker and Rhiannon Wilson for adding surprise and delight to our last holiday service of the season!

A minyan of mice got together on Sunday morning, October 14 for an *Implicit Bias Workshop*, presented by Associate Scientist Eve Fine, from the UW College of Engineering, (and daughter of our own eminent Hilda Fine). We learned ‘what is implicit or unconscious bias’, how to understand how it affects our interpersonal interactions, and strategies to minimize its influence on our judgments about individuals of different groups. Appreciation to Eve Fine for such an exceptional and fun info session, as well as preparations by co-chairs Mia Kurzer, Isaac Kianovsky, and Mirra Blehert.



Lots of teachable moments with Eve Fine, as we looked at how our unconscious perceptions and stereotypes affect our interactions and judgments at the Implicit Bias workshop.

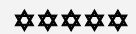
LOCAL MOUSY & KADIMA EVENTS

Sunday, November 4
MOUSY & Kadima Get Artsy

Sunday, Nov. 18
Kadima Sky Zone
Trampoline Park

Saturday, December 1
MOUSY No Sew Fleece
Blankets

Saturday, December 15
MOUSY Game Jam



REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL USY EVENTS

Friday-Sunday
November 9-11
CHUSYfest Fall
Convention

Friday-Sunday
December 7-9
Regional Kadima
Konvention/8th Grade
Shabbaton

Sunday-Thursday,
December 23-27
International USY
Convention—Orlando

Friday-Sunday,
April 5-7, 2019
CHUSY Spring Kinnus
Convention

KADIMA

On Sunday, October 7, a sportive and sprightly group of Kadimaniks teed off, played lots of Mulligans, and never quite succeeded in getting a hole-in-one while having fun at miniature golf, and then satisfied their sweet-tooth by filling up on frozen custard.



Kadimanicks Isaiah, Alex, Simon, Lela, Aharon, Ezra, Ari, Caleb, Barkai and Zohar have big fun at Vitense (above) and Michael's Frozen Custard (left)!



Adult Education Opportunities

CHESED TEAM

Members of the BIC Chesed Team visit individuals who find it difficult or impossible to attend services or other synagogue programs. Visits by members of the Chesed Team are intended to be social in nature, to extend the warmth of our community beyond the walls of Beth Israel Center.

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

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.

Learn with Rabbi Betsy Forester and other scholars in our community. All classes are offered free of charge except where noted.

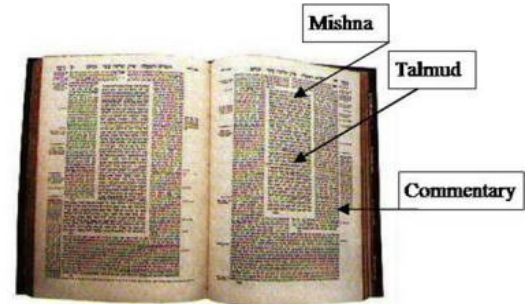
Talmud: Thursday evenings beginning October 25

7:00pm

Study Talmud with Rabbi Forester. Students will learn how to study Talmud and delve into the meanings and interpretations of the text. Participants must be able to sound out Hebrew words, recognizing the sounds each letter makes. Talmud beginners, advanced learners, and everyone in between is welcome.

The first six-session series began on October 25, will skip Thanksgiving, and conclude on December 6. If you would like to join the class mid-series, please contact Rabbi Forester. Or just show up.

Also Thursday nights beginning November 8: Stay after Talmud (or just come at 8:45pm) for Mishmar -- a meditative and soulful singing experience. Set your intention for a spiritually uplifting Shabbat and get your groove on with us starting at 8:45pm on Thursday, November 8 and subsequent Thursday evenings.



Talmud Class Start Dates:

- October 25
- January 10
- March 7
- May 2

Each series will be 4-6 class sessions long.

Parasha Study with Rabbi Forester: Saturdays after Kiddush

After our communal Shabbat kiddush lunch, Rabbi Forester will lead a focused study and discussion of the week's Torah portion using interpretive sources. This program is offered about once a month.

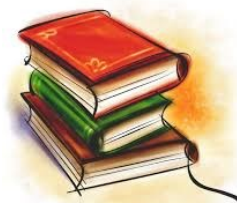
Parasha Study

- November 3
- December 1
- January 19
- February 23
- March 23
- April 20

Living Torah: Sunday mornings

9:15 - 10:15am

In this class, work with Rabbi Forester to make modern, meaningful sense out of the dynamic interplay between our lives and our tradition, exploring current topics through the lens of Torah. Through studying and evaluating our sources, we will draw practical conclusions. Texts will include teshuvot and articles, as well as more traditional Jewish texts. Sources will be studied in English, with Hebrew translations available.



Living Torah

- November 4 & 18
- December 2
- January 20
- February 3 & 24
- March 10 & 24
- April 7 & 28
- May 12

The theme of the first session will be end-of-life issues. Put any or all of the Living Torah class sessions on your calendar.

Studio Sinai: Five Sunday afternoons beginning November 11

1:00 - 4:00 pm

Explore with Rabbi Forester the use of art to bring forth and share our responses to midrashic/imaginative readings of biblical texts. Conceptualize and muse about Jewish texts using various artistic media, including creative writing. See what emotions and tensions surface for you as we look together at the themes in various texts.

Students need not have artistic talent or ability, and will not be expected to produce fully-realized works of art as part of the class. This is not an art class, although artists and art appreciators are welcome. Rather, this is a Midrash class that allows for personal explorations and shared reflections about the concepts represented.

Each session stands alone, although attending all five sessions will provide a deeper experience of community and personal growth.

A small fee to cover supplies may be necessary. Watch for details.



Studio Sinai

November 11
December 16
January 13
February 24
March 31

Yiddish with Sylvia Grunes: Monday evenings

7:00 - 8:30pm

Join Yiddish enthusiast and talented teacher Sylvia Grunes at Yiddish class on Monday nights 7-8:30. Sylvia builds a love for the Yiddish language and culture through her long-running classes. Come learn from a master - all levels welcome and encouraged to attend.

Scientists in Synagogues

Beth Israel Center has received a grant to support our participation in a project called Scientists in Synagogues, aimed at promoting dialog about the intersection of science and Judaism.

The project is sponsored by Sinai and Synapses, a joint venture of the national organization Clal, which works to promote an expansive and post-denominational Jewish worldview, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the world's largest scientific society.

BIC's program, "Dynamic Connection, Divine Reflection," draws on the expertise of more than two dozen scientists who are members of our congregation. It will take various shapes, which you will see in the speakers and topics selected for our Kolot Kehilla Sunday morning speaker series this year, as well as upcoming book discussions.

All are welcome to read any or all of the following books and join us for a series of discussions about each one, tied to touch points on the Jewish calendar:

Tu B'Shevat (January)

The Hidden Life of Trees by Peter Wohlleben and Jane Billinghamurst

Pesach (April)

Close Encounters with Human Kind by Sang-Hee Lee

Tisha B'Av (August)

The Sixth Extinction by Elizabeth Kolbert

Kolot Kehilla

Sunday morning
speaker series:

December 16
Ruth Litovsky

February 17
Steve Nadler

May 26
Tanya Schlam

Please consider a
\$5 donation to
cover the cost of
the breakfast
served before
each talk.

Yahrzeits

23 Heshvan / 1 Nov.

Abraham Felsher
Mathilde Salomon

24 Heshvan / 2 Nov.

Mae Levy
Dorothy Nelson
Horace Rosen

25 Heshvan / 3 Nov.

Victor Dorret
Lena Peturs
Irving Saposnik
Andrea Stein

26 Heshvan / 4 Nov.

Ella Glass
Bertha Rubin
David Zaichick

27 Heshvan / 5 Nov.

Daniel Goldstein
Frank Quick
Joseph Vein
Soloman Volpiansky
Ida Weinstein

28 Heshvan / 6 Nov.

Fritz Gutmann
Fannie Sweet

29 Heshvan / 7 Nov.

Rachel Dworetzky
Martin Kaufman
Pinie Morgensteren
Ann Rock
Dov Schwartz
Eli Shelef
Milton Slavney

1 Kislev / 9 November

Ivan Lavine

2 Kislev / 10 November

Roger Alain de Laix
Sam Levin
Eleanor Onheiber
David Silverman
Aaron Slavney

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Yahrzeits

3 Kislev / 11 November

Daniel Alexander
Joseph Epstein
Isaac Kanter
Robert Schneider
Abraham Wolfson

4 Kislev / 12 November

Max Meister
Rachel Recht

5 Kislev / 13 November

Cara Hoffert
Lizzie Silverman
Maurice Silverman

6 Kislev / 14 November

George Behrman
Sol Frank
Earl Gladstein
Rebecca Rosenberg

7 Kislev / 15 November

Alfred Barth
Tibor Lax
Sam Lewis
Alex Swartz

8 Kislev / 16 November

Leonard Baumblatt

9 Kislev / 17 November

Stanley Cohen
Bertha Friedman
Henry Rosenberg

10 Kislev / 18 November

Betty Mandell
Irving Maydeck
Julius Mintz
Louis Rodman

11 Kislev / 19 November

Peter Druch
Morris Frank

12 Kislev / 20 November

Max Friedman
Emanuel "Muni" Mark
Jake Temkin

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Social Action Updates

Meals on Wheels

BIC volunteers deliver lunchtime meals to elderly and disabled Dane County residents as part of the Meals on Wheels program of Home Health United (now SSM Health at Home) and have for many years. Our schedule recently changed, so new volunteers are needed. **If you can commit to one weekday lunchtime per month from January through June, 2019, you could be the perfect new Meals on Wheels volunteer!** Each shift takes about 1.5 hours. Meals on Wheels volunteers see first-hand the benefits they provide, such as helping people maintain independence and the ability to remain in their own homes, as well as providing nutritious meals. Call Larry Bensky (238-2569) to schedule a ride-a-long or for more information.

Serve Food at the Men's Shelter

Beth Israel Center members have been serving meals at Porchlight's Emergency Shelter for Men in downtown Madison for decades. Beth Israel Center is responsible for serving dinner on the second Sunday each month and breakfast the next morning. The shelter is at Grace Episcopal Church, at 116 West Washington Ave. At press time, there were many open slots! In addition, we are planning once again to cook and serve Christmas Dinner at Safe Haven, Porchlight's service for homeless mentally ill. If you can offer an occasional Sunday evening or Monday morning at the Emergency Shelter or are interested in the Christmas dinner project, please contact Corliss Karasov at ckarasov@gmail.com or 831-6521.

Friends of Emerson School

Beth Israel Center members tutor students and assist with evening programs at Emerson Elementary School (2421 East Johnson Street). One upcoming opportunity is **Book Fair Night, Tuesday, November 13, 5:15 to 7:15 pm.** Volunteer to set up and serve a spaghetti dinner, help with book selections, and clean up after the event. The online link to volunteer is on our website, www.bethisraelcenter.org, on the Volunteer Opportunities page, under Ways to Give. If you need help signing up, call the BIC office at (608) 256-7763.

Food For Thought Initiative (Food4TI) Fund Drive Report

The Food For Thought Initiative -- co-founded by Beth Israel Center member Lea Aschkenase in honor of her mother, a Holocaust survivor who knew hunger as a child -- works with the Madison Metropolitan School District to provide food to hungry students and their families. For the third year, we asked you to donate the dollars you might have spent on food were you not fasting for Yom Kippur. Our 2018 fund drive brought in \$1,694 on Kol Nidre night, and at least another \$800 was donated online. Todah Rabbah!

Refugee Resettlement Efforts

Beth Israel Center volunteers are among those supporting the refugee resettlement program spearheaded by Jewish Social Services of Madison. Over the summer, we set up and stocked an apartment for a family from Rwanda, thanks to tremendous response from you to our calls for household items, furniture, and more. The family visited us on Shabbat, October 20, and we enjoyed getting to know them. As our new Rwandan friends and others settle in to their new homes, gift cards from stores like Target and Woodmans are among the most needed items. To donate gift cards, bring or mail them to Jewish Social Services, 6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison, WI 53719. Another current need is rides to appointments. All volunteers interested in providing rides need to complete important paperwork with JSS. Contact Becca at 442-4086.



NEW: יסוד לעתיד / Legacy Society

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

To join this society, all you need to do is name Beth Israel Center as a beneficiary in your will.

BIC will be holding an informational program about estate planning in the near future. Watch for details. In the meantime, if you've already named Beth Israel Center in your will, let us know! We'll happily welcome you to the club.



New Shabbat Service Start Time

Heads and Hearts Up: To invigorate our davening (praying) and ease time pressure, we will be adjusting the start time of our Shabbat morning services to 9:15, probably in late November. Stay tuned for details.



Mazal Tov to...

- Rose Nadler, daughter of Jane Bernstein and Steven Nadler, and Ricky Pajewski, son of Ruth Davis, Rick Pajewski, and Mike Davis, who were married in July
- David Deutsch, son of Judith Burstyn and Stephan Deutsch, and Rachel Lubman, daughter of Richard Lubman and Sue Feinberg (z"l), who were married in July
- Samantha Katch, daughter of Harry and Carol Katch, and Jason Geneman, son of Dawn and Carl Geneman, who were married in August
- Roy and Jackie Irving and big sister Rose on the arrival in September of baby Flora



Condolences to the families of...

- Anita Parks, aunt of Claudia (Willie) Haus
- Fay Forester, mother of Scott (Rabbi Betsy) Forester and Robin (Marc) Joseph, grandmother of Rena, Benjy and Shira Forester and Brad (Lauren), Michael and Josh Joseph
- Dorothy Whitcomb, mother of Patricia Green-Sotos (Bart Green, z"l, Peter Sotos)
- Suzanne Schrag, mother of Fran (Sally) Schrag, grandmother of Naomi Schrag (Todd Krischmar) and Stephanie Schrag
- Esther Lefevre, mother of Yael Katz

Yahrzeits

13 Kislev / 21 November

Theodore Hirschfeld
Dorothy Lerner

14 Kislev / 22 November

Andrew Benedict
Herman Richey
Pauline Rosenthal
Clara Shapiro

5 Kislev / 23 November

Ida Chudacoff
Isadore Schuster

16 Kislev / 24 November

Fannie Battalen
Ed Pickett
Arnold Simon

17 Kislev / 25 November

Herman Cohen
Susanne Gellman
Pola Gordon
Esther Zatlin

18 Kislev / 26 November

Celia Borenstein
Louis Gross
Julia Grunes
Ann Siegel

19 Kislev / 27 November

Idabella Rosen
Jacob Meyer Schwam

21 Kislev / 29 November

Louis Kaufman
Dov Morgensteren
Clara Novick
Franya Sotbotka

22 Kislev / 30 November

Sarah Klitsner

23 Kislev / 1 December

Menashe Lazimy
Dorothy Miller
Sampson Myers
Morris Schwab
Akiva Temkin

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Yahrzeits

24 Kislev / 2 December

Jerome Berson
S.B. Schein

25 Kislev / 3 December

Evelyn Friedman
Regina Gordon
Nathan Pressman
Leah Sweet

26 Kislev / 4 December

Cynthia Von Klingler
Harry Zitowsky

27 Kislev / 5 December

Jesse Battalen
Joseph Beitel
Regina Charon
Melvin Gutmann
Dora Jacobson
Leo Sulman

28 Kislev / 6 December

Jane Larson
Faith Meissner Macke
Bessie Schwab
Edward Soref
Max Victor
Jane Wolman

29 Kislev / 7 December

Abraham Rosenberg
Yehoshua Zaichick

30 Kislev / 8 December

Miriam Joselewitz
Phillip Kaplan
Za'av Rosenberg

1 Tevet / 9 December

Frieda Borenstein
Isadore Kosowsky
Charles Smith

2 Tevet / 10 December

William Bloom
Richard Kaplan
Martha Wechselblatt
Skloot
Al Wechsler

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Volunteer Appreciation

Shabbat Kiddush Krew: Donna Anderson, David Baum, Naomi Chesler, Cher Diamond, Josh Gabai, Patricia Green-Sotos, Roz Gusinow, Billie Hellerstein, Raimund Huber, Michael & Kathi Johnson Rock, Bill & Corliss Karasov, Erica Kesin Richmond, Steve Kessler, Kazu Kitano, Lorna Kniaz, Jessie Loeb, Sarah & Zach Masa-Myers, Bart Miller, Laurie Nagus, Janis Noonan, Marina Orio, Tziporah Quick, Nancy Resnick, Miriam Shelef, Lucyna Shenker, Bob Skloot, Jerry & Merle Sternberg, Regina Vidaver, Phyllis Wainger, Ziva Wear, Paul Wilson

Shabbat Greeters: Cher & Ron Diamond, Yonah Drazen, Josh Gabai, Anna Heifetz, David Hoffert, Jordy Loeb, Janis Noonan, Mike Pressman, Barry Rich, Francie Saposnik, Karen Shevet Dinah, Jim Wear

High Holiday Helpers

Polishing Torah Silver/Steaming Aron Kodesh Parochet: David Balkansky

Washing Tallitot: Hannah Bernard-Donals, Trudy Barash

Siddur/Machzor Book Swap: Mark Copelovitch, Anna Ellenberg, Leslie Greenspan, Owen Mandell, Bill Schwab, Karen Shevet Dinah, Ruby Sidney, Rayla Temin

Ushers: David Balkansky, David Baum, Bennett Berson, Howard Bregman, Melanie Cohen, Ankur Desai, Yonah Drazen, Josh Gabai, Roz Gusinow, Elisa Heymann, Hank Jasen, Steve Jellinek, Lorna Kniaz, Jeff Lindholm, Jordy Loeb, Bart Miller, Laurie Nagus, Mike Pressman, Russ & Sue Shafer-Landau, Jim Wear, Paul Wilson

Yom Kippur Break Fast: Judith Kornblatt, Jane & Michael Fox, Josh Gabai, Jaime Goldberg, Erica Kesin Richmond, Kazu Kitano, Don & Kathy Miner, Janis Noonan

Office Help & Talmud Torah Resource Room Organizers: David Balkansky, Jane Fox, Jaime Goldberg, Anna Heifetz, Sally Jones

Annual Meeting Pesto Pasta Dinner: David Balkansky, Josh Gabai, Jen Hadley, Bobbie Jellinek, Josh & Kaylee Minkoff, Mike Pressman, Regina Vidaver

BIC Sukkah & S'chach: Matt Banks, Copelovitch family, Aaron Friedman, Josh Gabai, Steve Goldstein, Heller family, Hank & Terri Jasen, Loeb Family, Mandell Family, Shelef family, Kevin Shelley, Dan Sidney

Fall Festival Kiddushim: Judith Burstyn, Josh Garoon, Raimund Huber, Ariel Kaufman, Adam Mednick

Sukkah Hosts: Judy Greenberg & Dan Stolz, Sara & Jeff Mandell, Cynthia Hirsch, Craig & Jen Hadley, Ruth Conniff & Mitch Cooper, Rabbis Laurie Zimmerman & Renee Bauer, Matt Banks, Jessie & Jordy Loeb, Steve Goldstein & Laura Heisler

Simchat Torah Deli Dinner: David Balkansky, Dave Blehert, Josh Gabai, Josh Garoon, Sam Gellman, Ashley Gordon, Roz Gusinow, Sally Jones, Adam Mednick, Janis Noonan, Mike Pressman, Nancy Resnick, Avir Waxman

Laundry Angels: Livia Asher, Leslie Fields & Jeff Lindholm, Patricia Green-Sotos, Cynthia Hirsch, Laurie Nagus, Erica Kesin Richmond, Kazu Kitano, Kara McCarty & Kevin Shelley, Karen Shevet Dinah, Anna Syvertsen

Porchlight Men's Shelter: Donna Anderson, Harvey Barash, Elisa Heymann, Steve Kessler, Bart Miller, Jerry & Merle Sternberg

Fall Yard Work: Judith Burstyn, Howard Bregman, Leslie Fields, Aaron Friedman, Steve Goldstein, Sally Jones, Jeff Lindholm

Hakarot Hatov

NEW in 2018, this ongoing volunteer recognition program, Hakarot Hatov, takes its name from the Hebrew phrase that means *recognizing the good*.

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

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

Please contact Membership Committee Chair Elana Matthews with questions. She can be reached at membership@bethisraelcenter.org.



Shabbat Kiddush

A Time for Togetherness

The Beth Israel Center Shabbat kiddush serves an important purpose in the life of our community. It is a special time and place to come together to celebrate Shabbat with our *kehilla* (sacred community) and to actively embody the mitzvah of *hachnasat orchim* (welcoming guests).

If you'd like to join the kiddush crew and be part of this vital – and fun! – Beth Israel Center tradition, email hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org or call (608) 256-7763 for information. We're also happy to discuss sponsorship opportunities.

Appreciation for recent and upcoming Kiddush sponsorships:

- August 18 – Sherwood & Barbara Malamud for Sherwood's birthday and Beth Israel Center for Pride Shabbat
- September 15 – Sara & Jeff Mandell for the first day of Shabbat Talmud Torah
- October 13 – Beth Israel Center and Membership Committee for Hakarat HaTov honoree Tziporah Quick and Allan Levin for a yearzeit
- October 20 – Social Action Committee for Refugee Shabbat
- October 27 – Francie Saposnik & Herb Lewis for 100 years of love and marriage
- November 10 – Bob & JoAnn Skloot for their anniversary and in memory of Kristallnacht
- November 17 – Aaron & Dawn Frank to thank BIC for the warm welcome
- December 1 – Beth Israel Center's Past Presidents for Don Miner's 41 years on the Board of Directors
- December 8 – Regina Vidaver & David Bleher for their son Ari's Bar Mitzvah celebration
- January 26 – Beth Israel Center for Rabbi Betsy Forester's Installation

Yahrzeits

3 Tevet / 11 December

Phillip Becker
Sol Goldstein
Bart Green
Max Sklar
Harry Sweet

4 Tevet / 12 December

Oscar Karp
Leila Kniaz
Tova Magness
Eva Moss

5 Tevet / 13 December

Ruth Beitel
Esther Shapiro
Ben Sweet
Gordon Wein
Sylvia Wein

6 Tevet / 14 December

George Arfa
Gertrude Jacoby
Abraham Joselewitz
Estelle Juster
Nancy Nadler
Lorraine Pollock
Harry Wigonitz

7 Tevet / 15 December

Irving Rudin

8 Tevet / 16 December

Fanny Cherkas
M. David Wolman

9 Tevet / 17 December

Oscar Bentley
Natasha Deutsch
Helen Karp
Sam Schuster
Gertrude Steinberger
Ben Wein

10 Tevet / 18 December

Rudolph Becker
Sarah Frankel
Thelma Goren
Herman Mack
Abraham Paster
Louis Stein

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Yahrzeits

11 Tevet / 19 December

Harold Blachman
Lydia Kniaz
Bessie Ruttenberg
Carl Schlam
Frances Spitz

12 Tevet / 20 December

Rebecca Greenwald
Bella Radbil
Oscar Randy

13 Tevet / 21 December

Sushie Hershkowitz
Irene Margolis
Hyman Shapiro
Herman Stein
Shaine Temkin
Moshe Temkin

14 Tevet / 22 December

Abraham Blumenfeld
Martin Deutschkron
Celia Temkin

15 Tevet / 23 December

Frank Melnik
Paul Stein

16 Tevet / 24 December

Arthur Figler
Raymond Lassen
Larry Mazursky
Ida Paley
Sophie Sweet

17 Tevet / 25 December

Rose Argand
Frank Cohen
Esther Frank
Sam Picus
Helen Sinagub
Louis Terman
Joseph Wyman

18 Tevet / 26 December

Nehama Grant Kaufman
Gofberg
Benjamin Heifetz
Bessie Ottenstein
Sayde Schackter
Moshe Temkin

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Memorial & Tribute Gifts

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

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



Art Fund

in memory of

Suzanne Schrag from Robert Factor & Kris Rasmussen

Anna Hill from Ghita Bessman

Abraham Barash Handicap Services Fund

in honor of

My children, Leslie Grant and Bill Schwab from Laeh Grant

in memory of

Rose Karan from Val Karan

Hilda Barash from Eva Eiseman

Robert Gold from Marion Gold

Coleman Slavney, Albert Borenstein, Marilyn Holman, Nathan Borenstein,

Harold Borenstein from Phyllis Eisenberg

Lydia Sananes Lohr from Sara Karon

Rudolph & Helen Dolezal from Sion & Jane Shabtaie

Building Capital Fund (formerly L'Dor VaDor)

in honor of

The marriage of David Deutsch & Rachel Lubman, the marriage of Rose

Nadler & Ricky Pajewski, and Scott & Rabbi Forester from Bruce

Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

The Minkoffs' milestones from Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin

Sylvia Grunes' birthday from Michael Rock & Kathi Johnson Rock

Sherwood Malamud from Si & Billie Hellerstein

in memory of

William Frank from Alfred & Lois Frank

Harry Hirschfeld and Joseph Rossman from Ben & Sherry Hirschfeld

Benjamin Rothblatt from Cheryl Lerner

Sarah Grajower from Richard Wolman

Gary Sweet from Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin

Fay Forester from Jordan & Jessie Loeb and Sylvia Grunes

Miriam Siroky from Livia Asher

Jack Portnoy and Goldie Portnoy from Marilyn & Stuart Cooper

Rae Rapkin from Mitch & Sharon Rapkin

Anita Parks and Fay Forester from Nicki Milin

Coleman Slavney from Phillip Slavney

Bessie Onheiber from Sam & Maria Onheiber

Anita Parks and Suzanne Schrag from Si & Billie Hellerstein



Memorial & Tribute Gifts

Building Maintenance Reserve Fund

in honor of

Rick Ezell from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

Shirley Epstein Fund

in memory of

Shirley Epstein from Dennis & Nancy Lieder

Yetta Schwartz from Dorothy Schwartz

Norman Zaichick from Sol Zaichick

Sam Schwartz from Steven Schwartz

Fund for the Future

in memory of

Amy Azen from Edwin Azen

General Fund

in honor of

Betsy Forester becoming BIC's new Rabbi from Marshall & Rita Plaut

Sherwood Malamud's birthday from Ted & Irene Knupp

New great-grandson from Fay Nager

Herb Lewis & Francie Saposnik from Marilyn Kupferberg

Rabbi Forester from Rabbi Forester's Deerfield friends

The marriage of Carol and Harry Katch's daughter Samantha from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

BIC and Elissa & Jon Pollack for their hospitality from Ron Feldman & Julie Hirsch

Rabbi Forester's ordination from Steve & Frances Shapiro

in memory of

Esther Lewis from Arnold & Sharon Ruben

Suzanne Schrag from Bill & Jill Boissonnault

Rebekah Azen from Edwin Azen

Dr. Sarah Nager Grajower from Fay Nager

William Frank and Franklin Mann from Frances Mann

Fay Forester from Isaiah & Diane Halivni, Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen, Moe & Harriet Brown, Ronnie Jo Sokol

Jacob Sinagub, Naomi Sinagub and Yetta Sinagub from Jonathan Sinagub

Arthur Sweet from Lawrence & Jessica Sweet

Faye Jacobs from Mark Jacobs

Ralph & Charlotte Musin from Mark Musin

Julius Grunes from Mitch & Shari Grunes

Herman Landweber and Hyman Landweber from Mr. & Mrs. Larry Landweber

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Miriam Sweet from Richard Sweet & Judith Zvara

Dorothy Whitcomb from Theodore & Irene Knupp

Anna Popkewitz from Thomas Popkewitz & Lea Aschkenase

Eugenia & Israel Rozmaity from Yoram & Lucyna Shenker

Jake Heifetz Fund

in memory of

Jake Heifetz from Lawrence Heifetz and Lisa Robertson

Harvey L. Johnson from Michael Rock & Kathi Johnson Rock

Yahrzeits

19 Tevet / 27 December

Abraham Freedman

Debra Friedman

Patricia Mary Johnson

Libby Sweet

20 Tevet / 28 December

Minnie Frank Lustgarten

Eva Jacobsohn

Louis Paley

Benjamin Rappaport

Joseph Wolman

21 Tevet / 29 December

Libby Burstein

Herbert Hirsch

Harry Schiff

Celia Sweet

Bess Wexler

22 Tevet / 30 December

Anna Kneller

Sidney Sweet

23 Tevet / 31 December

Nathan Bornstein

Zlota Goodman

Anne Newburg Remis

Zehavah bat Shmuel

v'Hannah

Rose Sweet

Pauline Switzky

Harold Weber

24 Tevet / 1 January

Pearl England

Euruchim Epstein

Henry Gurevich

Jack Haus

Mildred Robinson

Fannie Ruskin

George Vidaver

25 Tevet / 2 January

Kitty Katz

Ethel Latinsky

Albert Schain

Tillie Yaskal

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Yahrzeits

26 Tevet / 3 January

Aaron Urkofsky

27 Tevet / 4 January

Lois Graber
Edwin Miner

28 Tevet / 5 January

Irma Heifetz
Alexander Katz
Jerome Kaufman
Paul Macke
Abe Radbil
Helen Stark
Ben Sweet

29 Tevet / 6 January

Carol Bregman
Arnold Luterman
Portia Paradise

1 Shevat / 7 January

Alma Frank
Louis Kaplan
Mollie Paley Finn
Nell Pekarsky

2 Shevat / 8 January

Pearl Springberg
Leo Stark
William Sweet
Henry Weiss

3 Shevat / 9 January

Bernice Kliebard
Tilly Nathenson

4 Shevat / 10 January

Phyllis Levinthal
Sam Sweet

5 Shevat / 11 January

Melvin Comins
Anita Messerman
Wolf Mintz

6 Shevat / 12 January

Harold Blank
Clara Gahr
Simon Katz

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Memorial & Tribute Gifts

Jake Heifetz Fund

in memory of

Henry Karpe from David Karpe & Julita Jankowska

Rose & Morris Heifetz Welfare Fund

in memory of

Suzanne Schrag and Fay Forester from Anna Heifetz

Hyman Marlowe and Bertha Rubin and Isadore Rubin & Beatrice Marlowe
from Robert & Judith Rubin

Holman/Weisbard Fund for Adult Jewish Learning

Get Well

Phyllis Holman Weisbard from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

in memory of

Gary Sweet from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

Martin & Serene Mazor Kiddush Fund

Get Well

Patricia Green-Sotos from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

in honor of

Bruce Thomadsen's retirement from Karen Shevet Dinah

Tziporah Quick on becoming a Hakarat Hatov honoree from Kazu Kitano,
Lorna Kniaz

The volunteers and donors to Food For Thought from Lorna Kniaz

Sherwood Malamud's birthday from Michael Rock & Kathi Johnson Rock

Bilha Mirkin's birthday from Moshe & Haya Yuchtman

in memory of

Fay Forester, Anita Parks, Suzanne Schrag, Esther Lefevre from Lorna Kniaz

Rachel Hayman Cohen and Meir Hayman from Moshe & Haya Yuchtman

Suzanne Schrag from Rayla Temin

Esther Frank from Russ & Ruth Frank

Merchav HaLev Meditation Fund

Get Well

Ron Diamond from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

in honor of

Matt Banks from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

Ben Minkoff Fund

in memory of

Ben Minkoff from Joel & Debbie Minkoff

Julius Mintz Fund

in memory of

Vivian & Albert Daniels from Barbara Beyer

Bayla Rachel Mazursky from Howard & Sally Mazur

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Sarah Mintz, Milton & Mollie Finn, Joe & Belle Liebovich, Ted & Anne

Matsoff, Moshe, Lieb & Ben Paley, Sheldon Liebovich, Asne Zaitchick,

Fruma Mintz, Isadore & Minnie Eisenberg, Herman & Mollie Fortgang,

Bina & Rose Frey and Abe Eisenberg from Phyllis Mintz Eisenberg



Memorial & Tribute Gifts

Prayerbook Fund

in memory of

Sonia and Saul Rosenthal from Len & Martha Tenzer

in honor of

Rabbi Barth from Michael Rock & Kathi Johnson Rock

in memory of

Jane Grady from Howard & Sally Mazur

Benjamin Weinstein and Anna Blumenfeld from Sol & Corlie Blumenfeld

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

in honor of

Rabbi Forester from David & Galit Gottlieb and Gail Shorr

Rabbi Forester's ordination from Stephen & Amy Pincus

in memory of

Clara Rothblatt from Agnes Rothblatt

Fay Forester from David & Galit Gottlieb, David Eisenberg & Karen Lobl, David Sulman & Anne Altshuler, Donald & Kathy Miner, Hal & Karen Sider, Hanoch & Karen Barak, Judy Elkayam & Isaac Elkayam, Mark & Ruth Harris, Matthew & Jennie Edes-Pierotti, Russ & Ruth Frank, Rayla Temin, Robert Romanoff, Sarah Herzberg and Si & Billie Hellerstein

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

Marcy Deutsch from Stephan Deutsch & Judith Burstyn

A. J. & Celia Rosenberg Library Fund

in memory of

Gilbert Rosenberg from Lyn Rosenberg

Emanuel & Elva Simon Building Fund

in memory of

Elva Simon from Mollybelle Berish

Social Action Fund

in honor of

Sara Karon, Ron & Cher Diamond's new grandchild, Tziporah Quick, Bob & Joanna Skloot anniversary and Herb Lewis & Francie Saposnik from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

Our mom, Judy Pierotti's birthday from Jeremy Pierotti & Kathryn Klibanoff

Matt Banks and his service to BIC from Livia Asher

Talmud Torah Fund

in honor of

Nadler/Pajewski wedding from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

in memory of

Anita Parks, Fay Forester, Dorothy Whitcomb and Bill Karasov's step-sister from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

David Temkin Camp Ramah Fund

in honor of

Appreciation to BIC for hosting Ramah Campers from Benjamin Forester

New great-grandson from Fay Nager

Yahrzeits

7 Shevat / 13 January

Bernard Kaplan
Max Sherman
Sidney Skom
Sylvia Temkin

8 Shevat / 14 January

Sarah Schmidt
Harry Sweet

9 Shevat / 15 January

Yetta Moskowitz
Doris Silvern
Hyman Silverstein

10 Shevat / 16 January

Harold E. Factor
John Morrison
Jack Rosenthal
Ethel Shovers

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Rhoda Berk
Abraham Hershkowitz
Reva Moss
David Perlman
Minnie Slavney

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Louis Coppersmith
Arthur Moss
Martin Steinberger

13 Shevat / 19 January

Abe Berk
Morris Greenberg
Ruth Hill
Yetta Slafer
Jacob Sweet
Morris Wyman

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Esther Feldman
Ella Hirschfeld
Joseph Holman
Samuel Swartz

16 Shevat / 22 January

Ida Gould
Paul Hoffert

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Yahrzeits

17 Shevat / 23 January

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

18 Shevat / 24 January

Benjamin Greenberg
Everett Howard Karon
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19 Shevat / 25 January

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20 Shevat / 26 January

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Barnet Nathenson
Chaim Schwartz
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21 Shevat / 27 January

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Morris Mirkin
George Shapiro
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Jerome Onheiber
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William Swartz

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Memorial & Tribute Gifts

David Temkin Camp Ramah Fund

in honor of

Betsy becoming Beth Israel Center's new rabbi from Ben (z"l) and Fay Forester
in memory of

Moshe Yudel, Hersch Goldstein and Yudel Brandt from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

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November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Talmud class	2 New Member Dinner	3 Talmud Torah Parasha Study <i>Chaye Sarah</i>
4 DST ends SAT Living Torah MOUSY/Kadima	5	6 Talmud Torah	7	8 Rosh Chodesh Talmud Torah Talmud class	9 Rosh Chodesh Shabbat Across Ramah Dinner	10 Talmud Torah CHUSYFest Sponsored kiddush <i>Toldot</i>
11 Studio Sinai Men's Shelter	12 Men's Shelter	13 Talmud Torah Board of Directors	14	15 Talmud Torah Talmud class	16 Berries & Jammies	17 Talmud Torah Sponsored kiddush Z'mirot <i>Vayetze</i>
18 Living Torah Yom Rishon	19	20	21 Office Closed	22 Office Closed Thanksgiving	23 Office Closed	24 <i>Vayishlach</i>
25	26	27 Talmud Torah	28	29 Talmud Torah Talmud class	30	

December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Talmud Torah Don Miner Kiddush Parasha Study MOUSY program Vayeshev
2 SAT Living Torah 	3 	4 Talmud Torah Hanukkah Party 	5 	6 Talmud Torah Talmud class 	7 Kadima Konvention 	8 Talmud Torah Bleher Bar Mitzvah Rosh Chodesh Miketz 
9 Rosh Chodesh ACT Yom Rishon Men's Shelter 	10 Men's Shelter	11 Talmud Torah Board of Directors	12	13 Talmud Torah	14 Berries & Jammies BIC Shabbat Dinner	15 Talmud Torah Z'mirot MOUSY program Vayigash
16 Kolot Kehilla Studio Sinai	17	18 Last Talmud Torah of 2018	19	20	21	22 Vayechi
23 USY International Convention in Orlando →	24	25	26	27	28	29 Shemot
30	31					

January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Va'era
6	7 Rosh Chodesh	8 Board of Directors	9	10 Talmud class	11 Berries & Jammies	12 Z'mirot Bo
13 Studio Sinai Men's Shelter	14 Men's Shelter	15	16	17 Talmud class	18	19 Parasha study Beshalach
20 Living Torah Yom Rishon	21 Office Closed Youth Service Day MLK Day Tu B'shevat	22 Talmud Torah Resumes	23	24 Talmud Torah Talmud class	25	26 Talmud Torah 70th Anniversary Party Yitro
27 Rabbi Forester Installation	28	29 Talmud Torah	30	31 Talmud Torah Talmud class		

Yahrzeits

25 Shevat / 31 January
Edward Ben Elson
Millicent Dachman
Kate Klong
Bob Lerner
Ci Stein
Bella Swack



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

If you would like to observe the anniversary of a loved one's passing with a minyan at Beth Israel Center, please contact the office so we can notify the community of your need.

Yahrzeits are traditionally observed on the Hebrew calendar. Using the Gregorian dates, an observer would say kaddish during the evening service prior to the Gregorian date and during the morning and afternoon services on the Gregorian date.

Our Yahrzeit records are only as accurate as the information provided by the people who know the stories of those listed on these pages. If you have additional information or any questions, please contact the office at (608) 256-7763 or office@bethisraelcenter.org.

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November ~ December ~ January Schedule

Date	Parasha	Candle Lighting	Shabbat Services
November 2/3	Chayei Sara	Candles 5:29p	Fridays 5:45pm Saturdays 9:30am* <i>*Time change coming. See p. 11.</i>
November 9/10	Toldot	Candles 4:21p	
November 16/17	Vayetzei	Candles 4:14p	
November 23/24	Vayishlach	Candles 4:09p	
Nov. 30/Dec. 1	Vayeshev	Candles 4:05p	
December 7/8	Miketz	Candles 4:04p	Weekday Services Sunday mornings 8:15am Monday & Thursday mornings 7:00am Weekday evenings 5:30pm <hr style="width: 20%; margin: 0 auto;"/> Please call ahead to ensure a minyan. Other morning services may be organized by request.
December 14/15	Vayigash	Candles 4:05p	
December 21/22	Vayechi	Candles 4:07p	
December 28/29	Shemot	Candles 4:12p	
January 4/5	Vaera	Candles 4:18p	
January 11/12	Bo	Candles 4:26p	
January 18/19	Beshalach	Candles 4:34p	
January 25/26	Yitro	Candles 4:43p	