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Community Connections

From our morning and evening minyan to special holiday celebrations and engaging educational programs, Beth Israel Center is alive with celebration and fostering community despite the physical isolation brought on by COVID-19.

Here are a few upcoming highlights:

Confronting Racism: BIC-Nehemiah Strategic Learning Partnership

We are embarking on a multi-year exploration, aimed, ultimately, at identifying our role in dismantling systemic racism. *Details on page 9.*

Melton Returns, with a Social Justice angle

We are thrilled to bring a new engaging curriculum from the Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning to our community. Join us for a 10-session online course, Social Justice: The Heart of Judaism in Theory and Practice. *Details on page 7.*

Kolot Kehilla: The COVID-19 Pandemic in Muslim Communities

Daniel Stolz, assistant professor of history at UW-Madison, is the next presenter in our Sunday morning speaker series featuring the voices of our congregation. Find us on Zoom on Sunday, December 6. *Details on page 7.*

Hanukkah Happenings



*Shorter days, longer nights
 Hanukkah comes to bring us light.
 Join online for eight evenings of illumination
 Each with its own, unique celebration!*

Brighten up your Hanukkah with community candle lighting on Zoom every night at 6:30 — except on Erev Shabbat, when we'll light earlier — *keep reading!*

☆☆ **PLUS: Special program on the 1st night: "Wonders and Miracles"** ☆☆
Thursday, December 10
7:30-8:15pm

We'll raise each other up as we share and celebrate the wonders in our lives. However you define "miracle," we want to hear your story. Bring a few words about an amazing event, act, person, or thing...or perhaps a routine, ordinary or commonplace miracle. ☆☆☆

On Erev Shabbat Hanukkah, we'll light during Kabbalat Shabbat, around 4:00. On each of the other nights, we'll light together at 6:30 and then enjoy 15 minutes of entertainment — something different every night. Bring your own hanukkiah and candles.

Also during Hanukkah, we will formally dedicate the BIC community Torah introduced on Simchat Torah. Join us on Sunday morning, Dec. 13 after minyan.

Hanukkah Sock & Glove Drive: Bring new wool socks and winter gloves to Beth Israel Center by appointment or on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays, 9 - 3, Fridays 9 - noon. Make your donations by December 21, and we will deliver to Porchlight before Christmas.

Order candles from MOUSY by November 10! Details on page 8.



Thoughts from the Rabbi...

מהשבות **Makh'shavot: On Thriving**

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As this newsletter goes to press, Beth Israel Center is closed. Staff are mostly working from home, but coming in when necessary and taking appropriate safety precautions.

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

Please DO continue to call and email us!

Next Centerite Deadline:

January 4, 2021

We are living through a watershed moment in history and the most discontinuous episode in most of our lives. If Jewish history teaches us anything about discontinuity, it is that



it breeds growth in unprecedented directions. We have known for decades that Judaism is undergoing radical transformation. New forms and paradigms were replacing old ways at an accelerating pace well before

the current pandemic, and Conservative Judaism has been the most vulnerable to shifts in how people view notions of commandedness, normative practice, community, identity, and choice, among others.

At Beth Israel Center, it has been many years since we needed to consider radical changes to our communal norms. It might be tempting to think that before too long, we will return to the way things were. The fact is that what we are experiencing now already is changing us.

The pandemic has forced communal religious practices and ways of identifying to be reshaped, discarded, re-invigorated, redefined, or put on hold. We are seeing more clearly what we will fight to keep and what we are ready to let go. Across the religious spectrum, the greatest range in responses seems to be among Conservative synagogues. At stake is the Movement's foundational commitment to a careful, deliberative process of evolving halachic practice to meet changing realities. The genie is out of the bottle. It is clear that while some Conservative synagogues choose to uphold the Movement's religious standards, many do not. We are all experiencing a moment of brutal honesty about what we value. Just as the pandemic will change us individually, Judaism, and especially Conservative Judaism, will be forever changed by the decisions we are making now.

Balancing compassion and care with upholding traditions and *halakha* is the greatest challenge for any *Mara*

D'Atra (Jewish authority for an organization). I constantly challenge myself to explain the principles by which I lead our *kahal*. I strive to meet the spiritual, emotional, and educational needs of our members while strengthening our communal practices. I am paying careful attention to the thinking, stressing, and experimenting we are doing now, because I know that we are sowing seeds for the Jewish future.

These are the questions I ask myself routinely:

- What do we need at this time?
- How do our current circumstances call us to action?
- How can our practices be tailored to help us thrive?
- What creative ideas may serve better, rather than relying only on prior practices?
- When we reinterpret our religious standards, how should we manage risks and implications?
- How do I set religious boundaries for our *kahal*?

What emerges from that set of questions is a picture of a **practice-based approach to building thriving Jewish life and community**. It is worth naming it. It feels important to know what sort of raft we are riding in a turbulent sea of possibilities at this time of instability. We are riding on practices, which we sometimes adapt, sometimes cling to, and sometimes create. Collaboration, earnest and intelligent use of our sources, and a willingness to take risks give our practices and our thriving the contours that make us a treasure among *kehillot*. I am honored to be the Rabbi of a shul that is prepared to grow in these ways, faithful that we will not only survive, but truly thrive, as individuals and as a *kahal*.

I am genuinely excited about what we are planting in our little corner of the Jewish world. At a time when so much feels precarious, it is heartening to know that we are blessed to have in Beth Israel Center a robust, intentional, striving, and loving spiritual home.

Rabbi Betsy

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The Work of Creation

In the Or Chaim, an 18th century commentary on the Chumash, Rabbi Hayyim ben Moshe ibn Attar recalls a “well-known dispute” between Rabbi Eliezer and Rabbi Joshua about whether the universe was created in Tishrei or Nisan. The Or Chaim’s position is that both sages were correct because the word בראשית encompasses both the planning and execution stages of creation and, anyway, when the Almighty conceives of a plan it is the same as executing it.

For us, of course, it is not so simple. We conceive of plans all the time and then find executing them to be a horse of an entirely different color. This year has complicated all of our plans, personally and communally. When such unprecedented uncertainty exists, successful execution of plans is all the more reason to celebrate and express gratitude.

Our holiday observances, from services in our parking lot *Mishkan* to the creation of a BIC Torah, were magnificently and meticulously organized and brought to fruition. A hearty yasher koach and thank you to Elissa Pollack, Rabbi Betsy Forester, Rabbi Eliezer Diamond, Beth Copelovitch, Deborah Hoffman, Sarah Masa-Myers, Mark Copelovitch and the ritual committee, Emily Desai and the Talmud Torah committee, Cher and Ron Diamond, Regina Vidaver and the COVID work group, and everyone who attended, participated, and celebrated with us.

Organizational planning has also been ongoing. In the Spring, the budget and development committees and the Board of Directors recognized the financial uncertainties of the years ahead and began conceptualizing how we could best position BIC to weather the unknowns. In August I asked all of us, if able, to increase our pledges by 15% and, just as

importantly, let BIC know by September what would be possible for us to contribute. Your timely responses were needed to support responsible fiscal planning for our future.

Your response to our need to plan was overwhelming. 221 of us have, as of October 5, pledged our renewal contributions for 2020-2021. The quick returns help us beyond measure. I’m also very pleased to report that our average pledge amount increased by 11% over last



year, which speaks to the importance of BIC in our lives as well as our determination to support its vibrancy for years to come. Additionally, of those of us who were able to increase our donations, the average increase so far is 28 percent. All of your annual contributions are greatly appreciated. By the time this Centerite goes to press, you will have had the

opportunity to provide feedback about our programming and services. Your responses are helping us plan opportunities to engage that are meaningful and enjoyable. We hope that our execution hits the mark and you’ll let us know if it does.

As 5781 begins, BIC leadership continues to make plans and work towards successful execution of those ideas. I am grateful that each and every one of you is part of our work of creation.

L’shalom,



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We Want Your Feedback

Calling all members!
 Have you completed our programming assessment survey yet? Please do!

If you don’t have the survey, contact the office.

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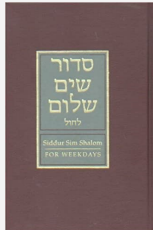
From the Executive Director's Desk

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Book Dedications

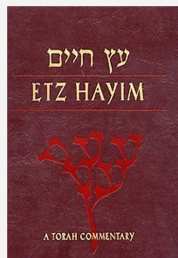
The next time you're looking for a way to honor a special person, couple, family or occasion, or memorialize a loved one, consider dedicating a prayerbook!

For \$36, you can dedicate a weekday *Siddur Sim Shalom*,



for \$54 a High Holy Day *Mahzor Lev Shalem*,

and for \$72 an *Etz Hayim Chumash*.



(Our Shabbat and Festivals prayerbooks, *Siddur Lev Shalem*, are all dedicated.)

Call Sarah or Elissa at (608) 256-7763 or email office@bethisraelcenter.org and tell us in whose honor or memory the book(s) should be dedicated, and we'll take it from there.

Looking back on our High Holy Day services this year, I see details that are unique to my particular viewpoint. I am acutely aware of the big picture and the minutiae involved



in selecting and planning for the cameras and other equipment we purchased so we could stream services from our sanctuary.

Thanks again to Jewish Federation of

Madison for supporting this investment.

Then we decided to stream High Holy Day services from outdoors so at-home participants could hear more voices and service leaders could remove their masks (when facing away from the kahal). In just a few weeks, I learned a whole lot about what's involved in running -- and live-streaming -- services from our parking lot. *Thanks to the stream team from Audio for the Arts for their expertise, high quality product, and delightful attitude through it all.*

Thanks, too, to the Irving and Dorothy Levy Family Foundation for partially funding this endeavor.

Through these interesting weeks of hectic decision making, I was also acutely aware of the tension between wanting high production value for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services and wondering if we'd have to dip into reserves to foot the bill. Donations to cover these expenses as of press time were enough to cover about half the cost of Audio for the Arts' services and tent rental. *Thanks to the foresight of generations of donors and thoughtful financial stewards, along with the above-mentioned support of the Levy Family Foundation, we were able to incur this unbudgeted expense confident that our reserves could cover what donations may not.*

If you or your extended family or friends appreciated our High Holy Day services and would like to express that appreciation with a

donation to Beth Israel Center, we will gratefully accept! Contact me for more information.

Part of my confidence that we'd cover the costs of our High Holy Day service streaming plan came from watching with delight, pride, and deep gratitude as so many of you responded to our annual membership renewal appeal by increasing your contributions. Your generous increases, coupled with the promptness with which so many of you pledged your annual support, were clear signs that Beth Israel Center is important in your lives. As a practical matter, the on-time and generous renewals that came in before our fiscal year began on September 1 are helping me, our Board, and Finance committees make informed decisions about how to navigate the uncertainties that surround us at this strange time. *Thank you to everyone who renewed your annual commitment to Beth Israel Center and those who were able to increase their pledges this year.*

Lastly, for now, I'm grateful to everyone who has already completed our recent program assessment survey. With less face-to-face contact and virtually no incidental encounters, we need your feedback to guide programming decisions going forward.

Please share your feedback by November 5 if you haven't already. Also, just because we sent out a survey doesn't mean we want feedback only in that format. Please continue to call and email me, Rabbi Betsy, Beth, Deb, and Sarah with questions or concerns. I also encourage you to contact our President, Jennie Edes-Pierotti, or the chair of the committee most relevant to your ideas. We are all committed to meeting whatever needs we can at this time. It helps us to know what they are. *Thank you for keeping in touch.*

Thank you for everything.

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From the Education Director's Desk

Youth Questions Inform Adult Learning

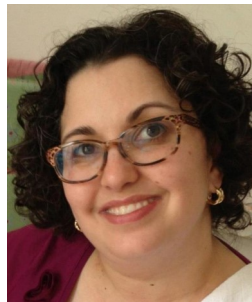
Over the summer a small group of students and I sat together and looked at *Eichah*, Lamentations, the book of the Bible traditionally read on Tisha B'Av, the 'saddest' day of the Jewish calendar. Rather than a more traditional text study, we looked briefly at the tone of several lines, especially when correlated to the historical period and context of the Babylonian destruction of Jerusalem in 586 BCE. We projected forward to the destruction of the Second Temple (also traditionally thought to have occurred on Tisha B'Av) the end of Temple-based Judaism and, indeed, Judaism as its practitioners knew it. As we talked a little about the huge changes to Judaism that had to happen with the destruction of the Second Temple, we wondered if history will see 2020 as parallel to 70 CE, with wholesale communal and institutional change needed. Our questions all started with the plaintive cry that starts the book of *Eichah*, "How"....

- Can we take the opportunity to rebuild Judaism better than it was before,
- Can Jews bond if we can't eat together,
- Can we bend our tradition to fit these circumstances,
- Can we, as Jews, find our place in a world that's been turned upside down,
- Do we keep Judaism special and the same and still be safe at home,
- Will we maintain the holiness of Shabbat,
- Will we pray as a community if we can't be a community (in the same place),
- Will we restore the strength of the community we had before,
- Can we be better people, community and Jews,
- Will we keep our traditions while adapting to times and circumstances?

Eventually we defined and began to answer a big question based on Megillat Eichah -- How do we strengthen our community, maintain Jewish traditions and adapt to

change? As you can imagine, the children's answers ranged from concrete -- socially distanced bagel brunches in a park! -- to decidedly Jewish --

"Everyone should do their part to carry out Tikun Olam as best we can"; from supportive -- "Our community is strong and will prevail. Shared experiences strengthen us" -- to meta -- "Go with the flow". Wise words from our youth!



Indeed, this conversation with younger students was on my mind as plans for our adult education programs took shape. We will combine some familiar aspects with some entirely new and different ones.

Guided by our Adult Education committee, we are inaugurating Wednesday nights as Adult Education nights. On the second Wednesday of each month starting in November, you can join us in our Confronting Racism partnership with Nehemiah. (For more information on this endeavor, see page 6.)

On the first and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, we are excited to bring the Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning's brand new Social Justice curriculum to Madison. This course stands alone as an exceptional opportunity for Jewish learning, and will also complement our work with Nehemiah and ourselves. (See page 6 for more details.)

For those who prefer daytime learning, Rabbi Forester will continue teaching Tea and Torah on Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday Wisdom on Wednesday afternoons -- both classes begin at 4:00.

Currently, we are planning that all of our adult education offerings will be over Zoom, but we are poised to move to face-to-face as soon as we safely can for our community of learners.

Beth

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Talmud Torah 2020

Here's what Talmud Torah looks like this Fall:

Talmud Torah for students in grades K-7 is meeting twice a week over Zoom.

We are using a new curriculum based on Avraham Infeld's 5 Legged Table philosophy that Judaism has five components: Memory, Family, Covenant, Israel, and Hebrew.

The five units in our new curriculum are structured around each leg. Talmud Torah families will have opportunities to learn together on five Sundays, each corresponding with one of the five units.

Our students will collaborate on a meaningful final project.

We are focusing on community and connection this year, so we're learning in multi-age groupings with returning (and beloved!) teachers.

An earlier version of our plan for Talmud Torah to be in person on Tuesday and some Shabbatot, but as the school year began (and as this newsletter went to press), we were meeting only online.

It's a strange year, but we're learning, always learning!



A Look Back at Summer/Fall Fun

Ways to Give

Kindness Group

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

Email kindness@bethisraelcenter.org to be put on the list of volunteers or contact the office to find out more about the group.

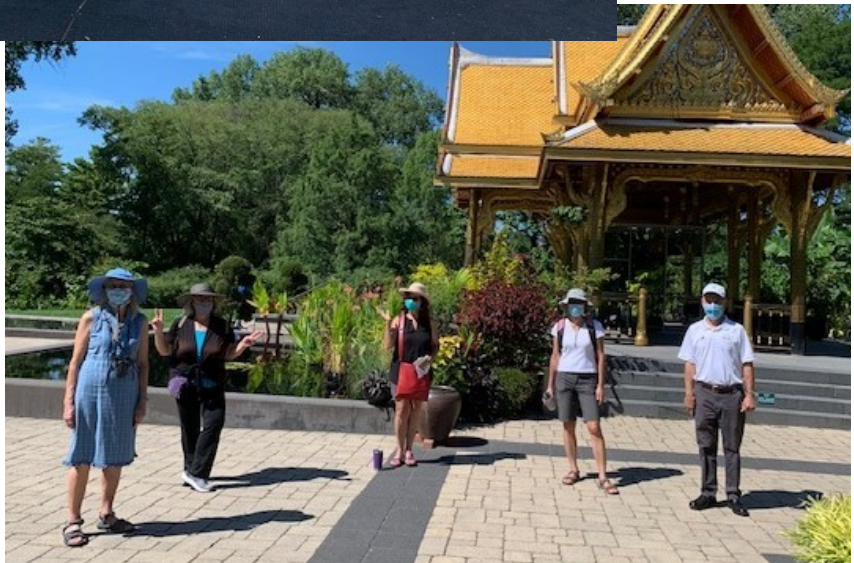
If you or someone you know could benefit from some home-delivered meals, please do not hesitate to ask. Many people want to help, and needs are typically filled with surprising speed.

AmazonSmile

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



We spent our summer and early fall finding ways to gather in person and delight in apple picking, boating on Lake Wingra, walking through Olbrich Botanical Gardens, and gathering inside and around our sukkah. Watch for information about winter activities!



More Upcoming Programs!

Melton Returns (On Zoom)

Starts November 18, then 1st and 3rd Wednesdays through May 2021.

Beth Israel Center is excited to offer a brand new 10-session course from the Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning called “Social Justice: The Heart of Judaism in Theory and Practice.”

In this course, we will explore historical and contemporary examples of Jewish commitment to social justice through the lens of Jewish wisdom manifest in our texts. Drawing from Jewish texts and history, topics of study include poverty, immigration, environmental degradation and more. Thanks to a generous, anonymous donation, we are offering this course at no cost to members. The non-member course fee is \$100. **Register by November 15** by contacting the office at 608-256-7763 or office@bethisraelcenter.org.



Davar Acher Shabbat

November 28, 10:00-10:45am

Across our congregational programming, we have embraced the concept of Davar Acher, a different way of looking at things. Now we are using that lens to try something new on Shabbat mornings. On November 28, the Shabbat after Thanksgiving, we will offer a pilot of Davar Acher Shabbat. In this online program, Rabbi Forester and others will lead songs and offer a Torah study opportunity in lieu of regular davening. Join us online, 10:00-10:45 on November 28.

Kolot Kehilla: Dan Stolz on COVID-19 in Muslim Communities

Sunday, December 6, 9:45-11:15am on Zoom

Our Sunday morning speaker series featuring the voices of our community continues when Dan Stolz presents “The Covid-19 Pandemic in Muslim communities.” The Covid-19 pandemic has drawn our attention to the variety of ways in which contemporary Jewish communities deal with matters of public health. This talk will offer some comparative reflections on the pandemic in Muslim communities, drawing on diverse case studies including the U.S., the Middle East, and South and Southeast Asia. The talk will place current events in historical perspective by introducing some of the ways in which Islamic interpretations of sickness and medicine were shaped by epidemic disease in the past. Join us online to schmooze from 9:45 to 10:00. The presentation begins at 10:00, followed by Q&A. Bring your own brunch! Watch your email for special menu information!

MLK Day Interfaith Youth Program

Monday, January 18

Reimagined for the current situation, the theme of this year’s program is “Dreaming of a New Now!” Participants in elementary and middle school will receive supplies and links to participate in projects and activities ranging from art and music to a scavenger hunt, all exploring the theme, inspired by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s statement: *“We have also come to this hallowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of Now...Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God’s children.”*

Watch your inboxes for registration information for this free program, designed by Beth Copelovitch and her counterparts from other faith communities in Madison. Contact Beth for more details at (608) 256-7763 or education@bethisraelcenter.org.

Jewish Life in Madison

JSS Grief Group

Jewish Social Services is offering a virtual Jewish Grief Support Group run by Rabbi Renée Bauer and Nancy Feingold, MSSW, Tuesdays 4-5 PM: starting Nov. 17 and running through Jan. 5. Cost: \$54 fee for professional facilitation, readings and book. (No one will be turned away for inability to pay.) More information is available from JSS at 608-424-4033 or online at www.jssmadison.org. Email rabbii@jssmadison.org with questions or to register.

Hannah’s Kitchen Kosher Food Delivery Service

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

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

Each week, Adamah creates a delicious ready to eat (with a little bit of heating up) Shabbat meal. Place your order before 5pm on Thursday, pick it up between 2-3pm on Friday, and take it home for a great dinner that makes Shabbat extra special. Order Shabbat in a Box or other kosher café offerings online at adamahmadison.com. Call 608-441-1574 for more information.



Upcoming Youth Programs

MOUSY/Kadima Scavenger Hunt
Sunday, Nov. 1

CHUSYFest Fall Convention Online
Nov. 5-8

MOUSY Hanukkah Celebration: Latkes & Levity
Sunday, Dec. 13

MOUSY Goes Ice Skating
Sunday, Jan. 10

MOUSY 8th Grade Welcome
Sunday, Jan. 31



Order Chanukah Candles by November 10

Chanukah is closer than you think! Order your deluxe Israeli-made, stylish holiday candles, hand-crafted by skilled Safed artisans in the Galilee by Tuesday, Nov. 10. **Just mail in your payment of \$18 per box** to MOUSY of BIC and email hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org. Your generous support of MOUSY goes toward our local programming, Jewish celebrations, online regional retreats and events, and more. Your candles will be available for pick-up on Sunday, Dec. 6 and Wednesday, Dec. 9. Times TBD.

MOUSY continues to find creative ways to do its thing pandemic-style! On Sunday morning, September 13, MOUSY ushered in the new year with one of our most meaningful intergenerational community events—the 36th annual **Rosh Hashanah Gift Bags**. More than 30 participants from four different youth groups (BIC, TBE, CSS, and BBYO) shared personal stories and memories about past Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot celebrations, along with seniors from local nursing homes and staff from Jewish Social Services. 120 Madison Jewish seniors received cards from our teens. Kol HaKavod to Paul Borowsky and Rabbi Renee Bauer of JSS, co-chairs Jacob Kianovsky and Zoe Barmore, and advisors Deborah Hoffman of BIC, Johanna Golden of TBE, Sam Moser of BBYO, and Rabbi Laurie Zimmerman of CSS.



MOUSY lake lovers escaped to the great outdoors with safely-distanced kayaking and paddle-boarding on Lake Wingra on Sunday, July 19.



MOUSY “got together... apart” for our favorite Shabbat Schmooze event with a twist—Sukkot Edition. Eleven teens decorated the BIC Sukkah and socialized with four more mice who zoomed in for some Erev Chag/Shabbat fun and banter.

A Memorable Summer Program — Eliza Mednick

When Jewish overnight camps closed in Summer 2020, The Hartman Institute offered a program for high school students interested in grappling with questions of spirituality, social responsibility, and how COVID-19 has reshaped attitudes. Our own Eliza Mednick was accepted into the FindYourSummer.org program and researched Cancel Culture through a Jewish Lens, specifically dealing with anti-Semitism. Her study group examined responses to hate speech and how actions that were taken played out. They looked at well-known instances of racism, such as the DeSean Jackson case, where a football player posted anti-Semitic quotes on social media. They learned about the negative impact of

cancel culture as an inappropriate response, and how to combat these ideas. They considered that “cancel culture” goes against Jewish values, as this Gen Z concept often punishes with such excessive hate, that it doesn’t leave room for forgiveness.

“The most meaningful part of the fellowship,” Eliza said, “was all of the wonderful people involved. It was awesome to meet so many Jewish young adults, especially with the absence of my final summer at Camp Ramah. Although it was a zoom program, the connections made with my peers were strong. We had a lot of laughs and fun discussions, and I’m so grateful for my chevruta. I made many friendships that I know will last!”

BIC-Nehemiah Strategic Learning Partnership

In June 2020, our Board of Directors endorsed a position statement and pledge to action in support of Black communities. The full statement is posted on our website and was emailed to members when it was adopted.

The statement cites Leviticus (19:16), saying that we may not stand idly by while our neighbor's blood is shed. Further, we pledged to stand in solidarity with Madison Black communities and with Black communities throughout the country rising up against police violence, against white supremacy, and against the social order which has oppressed Black people in America for 400 years. In these acts, we affirm our belief that all human beings share in the Divine image and equally deserve respect and dignity.

In particular, we will...

- educate ourselves and each other
- call out racism when we encounter it
- use our voices, both individual and collective, to amplify calls to action and the demands of Black communities
- center the voices of Jews of Color in our congregation and in the broader community to ensure the inclusion of all Jewish perspectives as we wrestle with institutional racism and white supremacy in our society;
- cultivate relationships of mutual aid with local Black churches and Black-led organizations;
- share information about Black organizations fighting to defend Black communities ...and... encourage those who can to assist these organizations
- work first to define and then to pursue a long-term racial justice project to engage BIC members.

Our new partnership with Nehemiah Center for Urban Leadership Development delivers on that last promise.

In this exciting new partnership, Nehemiah will initiate customized learning for our congregation to help

us create a platform for understanding racism in our country through an historical lens. They will also help us see how all people in a society internalize racism. Honest and probing self-reflection will be a key part of the process. In time, Nehemiah's talented team will help us identify the areas where our passions and possibility for impact overlap.

Partnering with Nehemiah will allow us to build and equip our community to combat racism, and create the processes and tools to do this work even after the partnership is over.

We will begin the work with members who are interested and able to devote the necessary time to engage in the discovery process.

This phase of the project begins with an online information session on Wednesday, November 11. If you are not already registered and would like to attend, please contact the office as soon as possible.

After the November 11 session, we will form our foundational learning cohort. This cohort will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month for about a year. Please sign up only if you believe you can attend most sessions. Don't worry if this schedule doesn't fit yours; there will be opportunities to get involved down the road. We will find ways for the participants in the cohort to share their learning more broadly among our kahal, and we will welcome all who wish to participate in the work we will eventually take on.

We are at our best as a kahal when we learn and grow together.

Thanks to a generous grant awarded by the Jewish Federation of Madison's Cheryl Rosen Weston Fund to help support our partnership with Nehemiah, participation fees for the first year of this initiative are \$180 per person. Please contact the office if the participation fee is a barrier to your joining us. Beth Israel Center is committed to subsidizing participation so that cost is not a barrier to anyone.

For more information, email socialjustice@bethisraelcenter.org.

Yahrzeits

14 Heshvan / Nov. 1

Marcy Deutsch
Harry Luterman
Ruth Seder
Minnie Sokolov
Reva Sweet

15 Heshvan / Nov. 2

Harry Diamantstein
Al Frank
Erin Karp
Lilly Kopelberg
Max Kulakowsky
Meir Lazimov
Sam Sadoff
Della Zimmerman
Philip Zlochenko

16 Heshvan / Nov. 3

Norman Feldman
Jake Heifetz
Howard Klein
D.J. Wasserstrom

17 Heshvan / Nov. 4

Harry Joselewitz
Sam Seidman

18 Heshvan / Nov. 5

Toyba Black
Harvey Korshak
Benny Sweet
Bertha Sweet Wener

19 Heshvan / Nov 6

Phylis Skloot
Bamberger
Rebecca Cohen
Chaim Field
Judy Siegel
D. Bernard Weinberg

20 Heshvan / Nov. 7

Clara Rothblatt

21 Heshvan / Nov. 8

Isadore Goldstein
Sidney Laitman
Hyman Marlowe
Dottie Weiner

22 Heshvan / Nov. 9

Abe Gast
Lila Hodes
Gussie Lorber
Lippa Nathenson
Phillip Siegel
Leo Stein
Bessie Vein

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Yahrzeits

23 Heshvan / Nov. 10

Abraham Felsher
Mathilde Salomon

24 Heshvan / Nov. 11

David Cramer
Mae Levy
Dorothy Nelson
Horace Rosen

25 Heshvan / Nov. 12

Victor Dorret
Bess Frank
Sarah Gordon
Lena Peturs
Irving S. Saposnik

26 Heshvan / Nov. 13

Ella Glass
Neal Loeb
Bertha Rubin
David Zaichick

27 Heshvan / Nov. 14

Daniel Goldstein
Frank Quick
Joseph Vein
Solomon Volpiansky
Ida Weinstein

28 Heshvan / Nov. 15

Fritz Gutmann
Tova Shabtaie
Fannie Sweet
Sarah Sweet

29 Heshvan / Nov. 16

Pearl Balkansky
Rachel Dworetzky
Beatrice Feit
Martin Kaufman
Pinie Morgensteren
Ann Rock
David Root
Dov Schwartz
Eli Shelef
Milton Slavney

1 Kislev / Nov. 17

Ivan Lavine
Sam Onheiber

2 Kislev / Nov. 18

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

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Social Justice Activities Update

Cooking for COVID-19 - Lasagnas for The Beacon and CMC

When it came to our attention that the pandemic has resulted in long lines at food pantries and meal kitchens, Beth Israel Center got to work!! Thanks to all of our members who baked delicious commercial size lasagnas and thanks to those who delivered them to the Catholic Multicultural Center and The Beacon every month since May.

In November, MOUSY will be making the lasagnas that we'll be donating -- Yay MOUSY! -- we'll welcome new and returning volunteers to participate in this program in December and into 2021.

Each volunteer receives a recipe and an empty pan on your front door step. Then we'll pick up your baked lasagna with no personal contact.

If you'd like to bake, or help out with the deliveries, please email Cynthia at cynthiaraehirsch@gmail.com and let her know what you can do when.

Cooking for COVID-19 2 - The Road Home / Healing House

Beth Israel Center has provided volunteers and other forms of support to The Road Home for decades. The Road Home, which supports homeless families, recently changed its shelter practices, and we've missed working with this excellent agency.

Now they have a different kind of opportunity for our volunteers. The Road Home's Ambassador congregations, including Beth Israel Center,

deliver dinners for residents of Healing House, with each volunteer group taking one week at a time. BIC's next week begins December 27, and we will be taking on additional weeks going forward. Email socialjustice@bethisraelcenter.org with any questions or if you would like to help the week of December 27.



Porchlight Men's Shelter

Beth Israel Center members have been serving meals at Porchlight's Emergency Shelter for Men for decades. Porchlight is currently operating at the Warner Park Recreation Center.

Porchlight volunteers help perform health assessments on the men as they arrive at Warner Park each afternoon. If you are interested in volunteering in this or other ways, please contact Kim Sutter, Director of Services, at ksutter@porchlightinc.org or (608) 257-2534.

Check Porchlight's Facebook page ([Facebook.com/PorchlightMadison](https://www.facebook.com/PorchlightMadison)) for updates, additional volunteer opportunities, and a list of items needed at the shelter.

PLUS: Donate to BIC's second-annual Hanukkah Sock/Glove drive! See page 1.

Meals on Wheels

For many years, Beth Israel Center volunteers have delivered meals to elderly and disabled Dane County residents as part of the Meals on Wheels program of Home Health United (now SSM Health at Home), and with new precautions and protocols, Beth Israel Center volunteers continue to deliver meals.

Our volunteers provide about 10 lunchtime meals on weekdays (except Jewish holidays) throughout the year. Each route takes about 1½ hours. Meals on Wheels volunteers see first-hand the benefits they provide: helping people maintain independence and remain in their own homes, as well as receiving a nutritious meal.

For more information about Meals on Wheels and how to volunteer, please call Larry Bensky at (608) 238-2569.





Volunteer Appreciation

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

People who make weekday and Shabbat services possible by leading services, giving d'vrei Torah, and chanting Torah and Haftaret: Matt Banks, Marsha Cohen, Mark Copelovitch, Esther Criscuola de Laix, Susie Drazen, Yonah Drazen, Aaron Friedman, Josh Garoon, Leslie Greenspan, Anna Heifetz, Si Hellerstein, Deborah Hoffman, Bill Karasov, Sara Karon, Daniel Levitin, Ruth Litovsky, Elana Matthews, Don Miner, Jon Pollack, Marsha Pressman, Michael Rock, Fran Schrag, Bill Schwab, Sion Shabtaie, Sarah Silverman, Jeanne Swack, Rayla Temin, Bruce Thomadsen

Holiday Helpers: **Torah Silver Polisher:** David Balkansky; **S'lichot Film Facilitator and Service Leader:** Jon Pollack, Leslie Greenspan; **Machzor Distributors:** Mirra Bleher, Mark Copelovitch, Yonah Drazen, Michael Heifetz, Jacob Kianovsky, Yael Rosenblatt, Rhiannon Wilson; **High Holy Day Service Leaders and Leyners:** Matt Banks, Mark Copelovitch, Esther Criscuola de Laix, Susie Drazen, Rick Ezell, Benjy Forester, Bill Karasov, Sara Karon, Ruth Litovsky, David Resnick, Sarah Silverman; **Shofar Blowers:** Bob Factor, Steve Kessler; **Sukkot Kumsitz Crew:** David Baum & Ruth Litovsky, Bill & Corliss Karasov, Kathy & Don Miner, Laurel Mark, Bruce Wasserstrom; **Sukkah Crews and S'chach Harvesters:** Mark Copelovitch, Aaron Friedman, Steve Goldstein, Steve Jellinek, Jordy Loeb, Jeff Mandell, Jim Wear

Lasagna Cooks and Delivery Crews: Stacy Anderson, David Baum & Ruth Litovsky, Larry & Janice Bensky, Debra Berman, Hannah Bernard-Donals, Marsha Cohen, Beth and Dafna Copelovitch, Cher Diamond, Susie Drazen, Beth Fisher, Janet Frenz, Joshua Gabai, Ashley Gordon, Janice Gratch, Diane Gutmann, Billie Hellerstein, Cynthia Hirsch, Becky Holmes, Sally Jones & Aaron Friedman, Corliss Karasov, Bettine Lipman, Laurie Nagus, Judy Pierotti, Mary Quinn, Henry Regnier, Erica and Nathaniel Richmond, Leora Saposnik, Diane Seder Rosen, Karen Shevet Dinah, Cara Silverman, Beth Weber

Healing House Dinner Chefs: Bob & JoAnn Skloot (with belated thanks to them for volunteering in July); Russ & Sue Shafer-Landau; Leslie Grant, Lorna Kniaz, Nancy Feingold, Bobbie Jellinek, Paula Volpiansky, Ellen Weismer

Kolot Kehilla Presenters: Adrienne Borisy-Gross, Barry Rich, Jordan Rosenblum

Young Adult Apple Picking Point Person: Ashley Gordon

Aging Wisely at Any Age Presenter: Lorrie Klemons

Volunteer Spotlight: Mirra Bleher, Leila Loeb, Jane Lowy

With BIC High Holy Day services being reconfigured during the pandemic, a reimagining of our tradition of having MOUSY teens chant the Haftarah on Yom Kippur afternoon was in order. MOUSY youth Mirra Bleher, Leila Loeb, and Jane Lowy embraced the challenge -- devising, writing, and producing the clever rendition of the story of Yonah, which we enjoyed during the Yom Kippur Mincha service. (If you missed it, you can find it on BIC's YouTube channel.)



Yasher Koach to the performers — Mirra Bleher as Jonah, Leila Loeb as God (pictured), and Ari Bleher as the sailor — as well as videographer and editor Jane Lowy. The production couldn't have happened without extras Regina Vidaver and Dave Bleher.

Yahrzeits

3 Kislev / Nov. 19
Geneva Boissonnault
Joseph W. Epstein
Isaac Kanter
Morris Root
Abraham M. Wolfson

4 Kislev / Nov. 20
Isadore Goldstein
Betty Lewis
Max Meister
Rachel Recht

5 Kislev / Nov. 21
Cara Hoffert
Lizzie Silverman
Maurice Silverman

6 Kislev / Nov. 22
Sol Frank
Earl Gladstein
Rebecca Rosenberg

7 Kislev / Nov. 23
Alfred Barth
Tibor Lax
Sam Lewis
Alex Swartz

8 Kislev / Nov. 24
Leonard Baumblatt
Lorraine Borsuk

9 Kislev / Nov. 25
Stanley Cohen
Bertha Friedman
Henry Rosenberg

10 Kislev / Nov. 26
Ida Andrusier Schwartz
Betty Mandell
Irving Maydeck
Julius Mintz
Louis Rodman
Rose Sweet

11 Kislev / Nov. 27
Peter Druch
Morris Frank
Morris Lazar
Sam Waisman

12 Kislev / Nov. 28
Max Friedman
Emanuel "Muni" Mark
Jake Temkin

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Yahrzeits

13 Kislev / Nov. 29
Theodore Hirschfeld
Dorothy Lerner

14 Kislev / Nov. 30
Andrew Martin
Benedict
David Friedman
Herman Richey
Pauline Rosenthal
Clara Shapiro

15 Kislev / Dec. 1
Ida Chudacoff
Isadore Schuster

16 Kislev / Dec. 2
Fannie Battalen
Ed Pickett
Arnold Simon

17 Kislev / Dec. 3
Herman Cohen
Susanne Gellman
Pola Gordon
Esther Zatlin

18 Kislev / Dec. 4
Celia Borenstein
Louis Gross
Julia Cotton Grunes
Ann Siegel

19 Kislev / Dec. 5
Idabella Rosen
Jacob Meyer Schwam

20 Kislev / Dec. 6
Rebecca Hart
Marie Mocny

21 Kislev / Dec. 7
Louis Kaufman
Bernardo Morgensteren
Dov Morgensteren
Clara Novick
Morris Schackter
Franya Sobotka

22 Kislev / Dec. 8
Lee Gollman
Sarah Klitsner
Faith Meissner Macke
Za'av Rosenberg
Daniel Wiener

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Introducing...

The Alfred A. and Lois Frank Congregational Life Fund

Our congregation is honored to announce that the family of Al and Lois Frank have established a new fund in their memory.

The Alfred A. and Lois Frank Congregational Life Fund will support enhancement of programs that foster community connection among the members of the congregation.

In their lifetimes, Al and Lois were deeply committed members of Beth Israel Center who devoted countless hours to their congregational family. Lois helped make many a simcha Kiddush, and Al was a minyan stalwart for decades. Together, they delivered many Meals on Wheels. The congregation was an integral part of their lives. It's where they raised their daughters, Ziva and Tina, and where they formed their closest friendships. It is a fitting tribute to their memory that this fund will enable Beth Israel Center to enhance programs that make it a foundational bedrock for families as it was for Al and Lois.

In the process of establishing the fund, Al and Lois's daughter Ziva Wear, currently serving as BIC's Membership Vice President, imagined that her parents would appreciate seeing their legacy strengthen Beth Israel Center's congregational life. It could, for example, enhance menus and decor for dinners honoring new members and other congregational events, provide gifts to be delivered by our Chesed Team, add goodies to our new member welcome baskets, and make other things possible with the goals of fostering a sense of belonging and forming connections with this special community .



Alfred A. Frank died peacefully on October 24, 2018 at the age of 87. Lois Frank died peacefully August 5, 2020, at the age of 82.

Al proudly grew up in in the great post-Depression ethnic soup of the Greenbush neighborhood, son of William and Rose Frank, who ran a humble grocery carved out of the front room of their Park Street home.

Al graduated from UW-Madison and its law school in the early 1950's. While practicing law in La Crosse, he met his life-long love and partner, Lois Druch of



Milwaukee, and they were engaged to marry on New Year's Eve of 1961. Several months prior to their wedding, Lois suffered a serious and debilitating car accident. Al rushed to her side for her recovery and they were married in her hospital room, on their planned wedding date. Thus began a 56-year marriage filled with the joys of family life and tribulations from multiple follow-up surgeries for Lois.

Despite enduring eight hip surgeries over nearly 40 years, their lives were filled with the joys of raising two daughters, becoming grandparents, and travelling extensively. Lois worked for the state, but she lived for volunteering. She donated her time to WPR, RSVP of Dane County, Madison Opera, Red Cross, Chevra Kadisha and other organizations.

They had a foster child for several years and hosted many international exchange students.

Lois loved music and for years organized the purchase of symphony and opera tickets for a posse of friends. The classical music radio station played at her bedside non-stop for final five years of her life. In 2005 further illness related to her shattered hip led to the loss of that leg and left her confined to a wheelchair. True to form, once recovered she and Al resumed delivering Meals on Wheels, with Lois driving! Despite her enormous challenges, Lois maintained a positive outlook and generous personality to the very end of her life.

Beth Israel Center is grateful to Ziva and Jim Wear and to Tina and Richard Pearson for establishing this new fund to honor their memory.



Mazal Tov to...

- grandparents Harvey and Barbara Myers Temkin on the August arrival of a healthy baby boy, Gilad Shachar, son of Daniel and Yaara Temkin, brother of Adiv.
- Dror Bar-Hai and Neta Gochman, who were married in Israel in September, and also to the grandmother of the groom, Hilda Fine, and his aunt and uncle, Eve Fine and Ken Schneck.



Condolences to the families of...

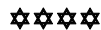
- Barry Goz, brother-in-law of Rayla Temin, who died in July.
- Lois Frank, mother of Ziva (Jim) Wear and Tina (Richard) Pearson, grandmother of Peter Wear (Nicole Brimmer) and Daniel Wear, who died in August.
- Edgar R. Holmes, father of Becky Holmes (Bennett Berson), grandfather of Miles and Jeremy Berson, who died in August.
- Irwin Tenzer, father of Len (Marti) Tenzer, who died in August.
- Aaron Saltzman, grandfather of Lainie (Michael) Minkoff and great-grandfather of Eitan, Ori, and Samuel Minkoff, who died in August.
- Richard Quick, twin brother of Tziporah Quick, who died in September.
- Naomi Kessler, mother of Steve Kessler (Donna Anderson) and grandmother of Hannah Kessler (Adam Lombardi) and Sarah (Zach) Masa-Myers, who died in September.
- Betty S. Miner, mother of Don (Kathy) Miner, grandmother of Jonathan (Maureen) Miner and Robin (Erica) Miner, and great-grandmother of Rosemary and Elijah, who died in October.



Memorial & Tribute Gifts

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

Below and on the following pages is a record of the memorial and tribute gifts made to Beth Israel Center between early July and early October, as well as recent Yizkor donations.



Abe Barash Fund

in memory of

Mona Schwab from Barry & Debbi Berman

Hilda Barash from Eva Eiseman

Harry Seeman from Myron Seeman

Coleman Slavney, Albert Borenstein, Nathan Borenstein, Harry Becker and **Howard Eisenberg** from Phyllis Eisenberg

Building Capital Fund

in honor of

the birth of Daniel & Yaara Temkin's son from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

the Bar Mitzvah of Isaiah Loeb from Rick Ezell

Yahrzeits

23 Kislev / Dec. 9

Arthur L. Alpert
Menashe Lazimy
Dorothy Miller
Sampson L. Myers
Morris Schwab

24 Kislev / Dec. 10

Jerome Berson
Judge S.B. Schein

25 Kislev / Dec. 11

Evelyn Friedman
Regina Grunes Gordon
Estelle Lewis
Nathan Pressman
June Schlossberg
Leah Sweet

26 Kislev / Dec. 12

Leon Feingold
Cynthia Von Klingler
Harry Zitowsky

27 Kislev / Dec. 13

Jesse Battalen
Joseph Beitel
Melvin Gutmann
Dora Jacobson
Leo Sulman

28 Kislev / Dec. 14

Jane Larson
Bessie Schwab
Edward Soref
Max J. Victor
Jane Wolman

29 Kislev / Dec. 15

Abraham J. Rosenberg
Yehoshua Zaichick

1 Tevet / Dec. 16

Frieda Borenstein
Josephine Dodd
Miriam Joselewitz
Phillip Kaplan
Isadore Kosowsky
Charles Smith

2 Tevet / Dec. 17

William Bloom
Martha Skloot

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Yahrzeits

3 Tevet / Dec. 18

Phillip Becker
Sol Goldstein
Bart Green
Max Sklar
Harry Sweet

4 Tevet / Dec. 19

Oscar Karp
Leila Kniaz
Tova Magness
Eva L. Moss

5 Tevet / Dec. 20

Ruth Beitel
Augusta Schackter
Esther Shapiro
Ben Sweet
Gordon Wein
Sylvia Minnie Wein

6 Tevet / Dec. 21

George Arfa
Golda Rasha Jacoby
Abraham Joselewitz
Alvin Lorber
Nancy Nadler
Lorraine Pollock
Harry Wigonitz

7 Tevet / Dec. 22

Sylvia Gotautis
Richard Max Katz
Irving Rudin

8 Tevet / Dec. 23

Fanny Cherkas
M. David Wolman

9 Tevet / Dec. 24

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

10 Tevet / Dec. 25

Rudolph Becker
Sarah Frankel
Bruce Lundquist
Herman Mack
Abraham Paster
Russell Pollock
Louis Stein

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Memorial & Tribute Gifts

Building Capital Fund

in memory of

Louie Wein from Nancy & Loretta Wein
Coleman Slavney from Phillip Slavney

Building Maintenance Fund

in honor of

Isaiah Loeb being called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah from Karen Shevet Dinah and Rayla Temin

in memory of

Lois Frank from Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin
Barry Goz from Si & Billie Hellerstein

Shirley Epstein Fund

in memory of

Shirley Epstein from Dennis & Nancy Lieder
Claire Swartz from Joel Marcus & Judith Swartz Marcus
Aaron Epstein and Shirley Epstein from Larry Epstein
Norman Zaichick and **Sarah Zaichick** from Sol Zaichick

Alfred A. & Lois Frank Congregational Life Fund

in memory of

Lois Frank from Bonnie Stein Kammer, Daniel & Leslie Greenspan, Donald & Kathy Miner, George & Elizabeth Lubeley, Jordan & Jessie Loeb, Judith Blank, Lorna Mazor Kniaz, Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen, Richard Freifelder & Nancy Schek, Robert Factor & Kris Rasmussen, Sherry Hirschfeld, Michael & Patrice Onheiber, Steven & Bobbie Jellinek, Stephen Mann and Theodore & Irene Knupp.

Fund for the Future

in memory of

Ethel Lipstein from Joan Ershler
Harry Hirschfeld from Sherry Hirschfeld

General Fund

in honor of

Rosemary's first birthday and the generosity of the Miner family from Aaron Speiss

Sol Zaichick's 95th birthday from Allan Levin

Alan Weisbard's 70th birthday from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

the wedding of Nina Pressman & Ben Siebert from Karen Shevet Dinah
all that Jim & Ziva do in making this kahal a home for all Jews from

Isaac Brodkey & Megan Diermeier

Isaiah Loeb from Si & Billie Hellerstein

Rav Batya, with gratitude for the daily minyan and continued Talmud Study from David & Galit Gottlieb

in memory of

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

Naomi Kessler from Alan & Laurie Schwartzstein

Esther Lewis and **Genevieve Ruben** from Arnold & Sharon Ruben

Fay Forester from Scott & Rabbi Betsy Forester

Benjamin Rothblatt from Cheryl Lerner

Reine Rothblatt from Daniel & Jayne Rothblatt

Anna Weiss Bentley from Daniel & Ruth Siegel

Pauline & Sam Rosenthal from David Peterson

Rebekah and **Amy Azen** from Edwin Azen

Ida Wyman from Heather Garrison

Jane Grady from Howard & Sally Mazur

Evelyn Dworetzky Lipp from Jonathan & Susan Lipp

Alma Sweet from Judith Shapiro



Memorial & Tribute Gifts (Con't.)

General Fund *in memory of*

Herman Lazarov and Hyman Landweber from Larry & Jean Landweber
Eugenia & Israel Rozmaity from Yoram & Lucyna Shenker
Ralph & Charlotte Musin from Mark Musin
Julius Grunes from Mitch & Shari Grunes
Samuel Springberg from Peter Springberg
Nathan Borenstein from Phyllis Eisenberg
Reine Rothblatt and Naomi Kessler from Si & Billie Hellerstein
Edgar Holmes from Steven and Bobbie Jellinek

Morris Heifetz Welfare Fund *in memory of*

Isadore Rubin & Beatrice Marlowe from Robert & Judith Rubin
Helen Haber, Erving Haber and Julia Lakritz from Sheldon Haber

Holman/Weisbard Fund for Adult Jewish Learning *Refuah Schlemah*

Marsha Cohen from Rayla Temin

in memory of

Edgar Holmes from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein
Linda Tetzlaff from Michael & Barbara Pratzel
Rae Rapkin from Ruth Tash

Jake Heifetz Fund *in memory of*

Henry Karpe from David Karpe & Julita Jankowska
Leta Anderson from Stephen Kessler & Donna Anderson

Martin & Serene Mazor Kiddush Fund *in honor of*

Nina Pressman & Ben Siebert's Wedding and the birth of Daniel & Yaara Temkin's son from Lorna Mazor Kniaz

Katie and Harris Krause's wedding from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

Nina Pressman & Ben Siebert's Marriage from Doobie & Nash Hollander

in memory of

Richard Quick from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein
Naomi Kessler from Daniel & Leslie Greenspan and Lorna Mazor Kniaz
Reine Rothblatt from Lorna Mazor Kniaz
Saul Rosenthal from Len & Martha Tenzer
Annette Tenzer, Janice Greenberg, Barry Goz, Edgar Holmes, Richard Quick, Reine Rothblatt, Sara Karon's Dog, Maven, and Naomi Kessler from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

Ben Minkoff Fund *in honor of*

the wedding of Nina Pressman & Ben Siebert from Joel & Debbie Minkoff

in memory of

Lois Frank and Hyman Harry Minkoff from Joel & Debbie Minkoff

Mikvah Fund *in memory of*

Richard Quick from Sylvia Grunes

Julius Mintz Fund *in memory of*

Vivian & Albert Daniels from Barbara Beyer
Bayla Rachel Mazursky from Howard & Sally Mazur
Anna Blumenfeld & Benjamin Weinstein from Sol & Corlie Blumenfeld
Sam Schwartz from Steven Schwartz

Yahrzeits

11 Tevet / Dec. 26

Lydia Kniaz
Bessie Ruttenberg
Carl Schlam
Frances Spitz

12 Tevet / Dec. 27

Rebecca Greenwald
Bella Radbil
Oscar Randy

13 Tevet / Dec. 28

Rose Heifetz
Sushie Hershkowitz
Irene Margolis
Hyman C Shapiro
Daniel Sheffer
Herman Stein
Moshe Yaskow Temkin
Shaine Rochel Temkin

14 Tevet / Dec. 29

Abraham Blumenfeld
Martin Deutschkron
Eric Paskin
Celia Temkin

15 Tevet / Dec. 30

Frank Melnik
Paul Stein

16 Tevet / Dec. 31

Arthur Bernard Figler
Raymond Lassen
Larry Mazursky
Ida Paley
Abraham Sweet
Sophie Sweet

17 Tevet / Jan. 1

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

18 Tevet / Jan. 2

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

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Yahrzeits

19 Tevet / Jan. 3

Abraham Freedman
Debra Friedman
Patricia Mary Johnson
Libby Sweet

20 Tevet / Jan. 4

Minnie Frank
Lustgarten
Al Goldstein
Eva Jacobsohn
Louis Paley
Benjamin Rappaport
Joseph D Wolman

21 Tevet / Jan. 5

Libby Burstein
Herbert Hirsch
Harry Schiff
Celia Sweet
Bess Mullin Wexler

22 Tevet / Jan. 6

Anna Kneller
Sidney Sweet

23 Tevet / Jan. 7

Nathan Bornstein
Zlota Leah Goodman
Rose Sweet
Pauline M Switzky
Harold Weber

24 Tevet / Jan. 8

Pearl England
Euruchim Epstein
Henry Gurevich
Jack Haus
Fannie Ruskin
George Vidaver

25 Tevet / Jan. 9

Ronald Jacobs
Kitty Katz
Ethel Latinsky
Albert Schain
Tillie Yaskal

26 Tevet / Jan. 10

Aaron Urkofsky

27 Tevet / Jan. 11

Herman Goldstein
Myer Littky
Edwin Miner

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Memorial & Tribute Gifts (Con't.)

Daniel & Judith Pierotti Social Justice Fund

in honor of

Judy Pierotti from Barbara Spierer, Jonathon & Rebecca Kaiser, Julie Swedarsky, Michael Werner, Rita Applebaum and Harry & Karen Roth
the marriage of Herb Lewis' granddaughter, Leah Peacock from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

the marriage of Laurel Mark's son, Abraham Salamon to Agnes Lotukei from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

Laurel Mark's Retirement from Theodore & Irene Knupp

in memory of

Annette Tenzer and Ruth Bader Ginsberg from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

Naomi Kessler from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein, Robert Factor & Kris Rasmussen, Judy Pierotti, Sylvia Grunes and Mary Michor

Martin, Helena and Miriam Siroky from Livia Asher

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

in honor of

Rabbi Forester serving on my Beit Din from Amy Unger

the marriage of Nina Pressman & Ben Siebert from Bill & Jill Boissonnault

Katie and Harris Krause's wedding from Robert Moorman

Isaiah Loeb's Bar Mitzvah from Steven & Bobbie Jellinek

the wedding of Nina Pressman & Ben Siebert and the birth of Daniel & Yaara Temkin's son from Theodore & Irene Knupp

Sam Onheiber's Birthday from Maria Onheiber

in memory of

Naomi Kessler and Greg Boissonnault from Bill & Jill Boissonnault

Miriam Siroky, Lois Frank and Aaron Saltzman from Livia Asher

Herman Onheiber, William Onheiber, Herman Goldstein, Rose Schwartz, Julius Ruskin and Bessie Onheiber from Maria Onheiber

Max Gold and Robert Gold from Marion Gold

Annette and Irwin Tenzer from Len & Martha Tenzer

Naomi Kessler from Michael & Patrice Onheiber

Rae Rapkin from Mitch & Sharon Rapkin

Meir Hayman & Rachel Hayman Cohen from Moshe & Haya Yuchtman

Richard Quick from Steve & Bobbie Jellinek

Sarah Knupp from Theodore & Irene Knupp

Anna Marie Popkewitz from Thomas Popkewitz & Lea Aschkenase

Edith Lande and Ben Tzion (Bentzi) Karsh from Yehuda & Sari Karsh

Rosenberg Library Fund

in memory of

Patricia Cohler from Bill & Jill Boissonnault

Anna Schwam from Emanuel Schwam

Gilbert Rosenberg from Lyn Rosenberg

Sonia Rosenthal from Len & Martha Tenzer

Joann Anderson from Stephen Kessler & Donna Anderson

Talmud Torah Fund

in honor of

the marriage of Nina Pressman & Ben Siebert and Hilda's grandson's wedding from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

Alex Temkin Fund

in honor of

the birth of Daniel & Yaara Temkin's son from Livia Asher and Bob Factor & Kris Rasmussen.



Memorial & Tribute Gifts (Con't.)

David Temkin Camp Ramah Fund

in honor of

the birth of Daniel & Yaara Temkin's son from Bonnie Stein Kammer and Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

in memory of

Jake Isaac from Maria Onheiber

Sonyamae Alpert and Rabbi Paul Drazen from Susie Drazen

Joe Temkin Education Fund

in honor of

the marriage of Nina Pressman & Ben Siebert from Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin

in memory of

Naomi Kessler from Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin

Esther Lewis from Maria Onheiber

Weinshel Torah Maintenance and Repair Fund

in honor of

Sandie Ottenstein's 92nd Birthday from Debbie Alden

Leslie Greenspan and Rabbi Forester from Karen Shevet Dinah

Refuah Shlemah

Marsha Cohen from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

in memory of

Irwin Tenzer and Sara Karon's beloved dog, Maven, from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

Barry Goz from Livia Asher

Harry & Leah Sweet from Mike Sweet

Erika Weinfeld from Rayla Temin

Womens League

in memory of

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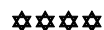
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Yahrzeits

28 Tevet / Jan. 12

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29 Tevet / Jan. 13

Carol Bregman
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3 Shevat / Jan. 16

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8 Shevat / Jan. 21

Frieda Greenwald
Sarah Schmidt
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Yahrzeits

9 Shevat / Jan. 22

Etta Daitch
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10 Shevat / Jan. 23

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12 Shevat / Jan. 25

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13 Shevat / Jan. 26

Morris Greenberg
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14 Shevat / Jan. 27

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15 Shevat / Jan. 28

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16 Shevat / Jan. 29

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17 Shevat / Jan. 30

Susan Frances de Laix
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Avery Krashen
Gilbert Schreiber
Belle Sweet

18 Shevat / Jan. 31

Benjamin Greenberg
Everett Howard Karon
Chisha Paley
May Rosenthal

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Find Us Online

Daily Connection Minyan

Every weekday morning at 8:00 and every weekday afternoon/evening at 5:30, join us via Zoom for davening, singing, and checking in on each other.

This schedule may change. Please check your email or our website for updates.

Kabbalat Shabbat

Every Friday evening, we gather via Zoom schmooze for about half an hour before services and begin our Kabbalat Shabbat service 50 minutes before candle-lighting time. See the times on the back page of this newsletter.

Shabbat Mornings

We are trying to offer something each Shabbat morning -- online services (live-streamed or on Zoom), Talmud Torah (when we can do so in person), or Davar Achar Shabbat (see page 7). Watch your email for schedule updates and links.

Ha-video-dallah

Every Saturday evening, about 10 minutes after Shabbat goes out, join us for Havdallah. See the times on the back page of this newsletter.

Tea & Torah

On Tuesday afternoons at 4:00, Rabbi Forester leads a 30-minute study of psalms and other interesting texts.

Wednesday Wisdom

On Wednesday afternoons at 4:00, Rabbi Forester leads a 45-minute discussion on Halachic decision-making.



Calendars

November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 MOUSY/Kadima Scavenger Hunt	2	3 Tea & Torah	4 Wednesday Wisdom	5	6	7 Lilah Heifetz Bat Mitzvah
8 TT Family Ed	9	10 MOUSY Candles Order Deadline! Tea & Torah Board of Directors	11 Wednesday Wisdom	12	13	14
15	16	17 Tea & Torah	18 Wednesday Wisdom	19	20	21 Services online Netivon
22	23	24 Tea & Torah	25 Wednesday Wisdom	26 Office Closed	27 Office Closed	28 Davar Acher Shabbat
29	30					

December 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Tea & Torah	2 Wednesday Wisdom	3	4	5 Netivon
6 Kolot Kehila w/ Dan Stolz	7	8 Tea & Torah Board of Directors	9 Wednesday Wisdom	10 Happy Hanukkah Hanukkah I Miracles Celebration	11 Hanukkah II	12 Lela Desai Bat Mitzvah
13 TT Family Ed MOUSY Hanukkah Latkes & Leivity Hanukkah IV	14 Hanukkah V	15 Tea & Torah Hanukkah VI	16 Wednesday Wisdom Hanukkah VII	17 Hanukkah VIII	18	19
20	21	22 Tea & Torah	23 Wednesday Wisdom	24	25 Office Closed	26
27	28	29 Tea & Torah	30 Wednesday Wisdom	31 Office Closed		

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Yahrzeits

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

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

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

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

זכרונם לברכה

January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Office Closed	2
3	4	5 Tea & Torah Board of Directors	6 Wednesday Wisdom	7	8	9
10 MOUSY Ice Skating	11	12 Tea & Torah	13 Wednesday Wisdom	14	15	16
17	18 Office Closed	19 Tea & Torah	20 Wednesday Wisdom	21	22	23
24 TT Family Ed MOUSY Program 31	25	26 Tea & Torah	27 Wednesday Wisdom	28	29	30



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November / December / January Candle Lighting Times

Shabbat	Parasha	Candle Lighting (Friday)	Havdallah (Saturday)
Nov 5/6	Vayera	4:24 pm	5:23 pm
Nov 12/13	Chayei Sara	4:17 pm	5:16 pm
Nov 19/20	Toldot	4:11 pm	5:11 pm
Nov 26/27	Vayetzei	4:07 pm	5:07 pm
Dec 4/5	Vayishlach	4:04 pm	5:05 pm
Dec 11/12	Vayeshev	4:04 pm	5:05 pm
Dec 18/19	Miketz	4:06 pm	5:07 pm
Dec 25/26	Vayigash	4:10 pm	5:11 pm
Jan 1/2	Vayechi	4:14 pm	5:15 pm
Jan 8/9	Shemot	4:20 pm	5:22 pm
Jan 15/16	Vaera	4:28 pm	5:29 pm
Jan 22/23	Bo	4:36 pm	5:38 pm
Jan 29/30	Lech-Lecha	4:45 pm	5:47 pm

Date	Holiday	Candle Lighting
Dec 10	Hanukkah - 1 Candle	5:05 pm
Dec 11	Hanukkah - 2 Candles	4:04 pm
Dec 12	Hanukkah - 3 Candles	5:05 pm
Dec 13	Hanukkah - 4 Candles	5:05 pm
Dec 14	Hanukkah - 5 Candles	5:05 pm
Dec 15	Hanukkah - 6 Candles	5:06 pm
Dec 16	Hanukkah - 7 Candles	5:06 pm
Dec 17	Hanukkah - 8 Candles	5:06 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat services begin on Zoom 50 minutes before candle-lighting time each Friday, with about 30 minutes of open schmooze time before services.

Ha-video-dallah begins on Zoom 10 minutes after Shabbat ends.