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Rabbi Search Update

As we prepare to bid a fond farewell to Rabbi Ben-Gideon and his family this summer, we are bringing in four candidates for the position of Rabbi at Beth Israel Center. At the time this newsletter is mailed, some of the candidates will have visited and others will be coming soon. We hope members and prospective members will take advantage of opportunities to meet the candidates during Shabbat services Friday evenings and Saturday mornings, Sunday morning minyan, and a Sunday morning question-and-answer forum.

One week after the fourth candidate visit, February 10-12, the Search Committee will hold a listening session, at which those who met any or all of the candidates can share their impressions and feedback for the committee. It will be:

Sunday, February 19 at 9:30am

Please write to rabbisearch@bethisraelcenter.org with comments and questions.

Rabbi Search Committee

Aaron Friedman, chair
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Purim Masquerade Ball

*Saturday, March 4, 2017 from 8:00 pm until 11:00 pm
 At Beth Israel Center*

Costume or cocktail attire with mask

<i>Generous hors d'oeuvres</i>	<i>Open bar</i>
<i>Delicious desserts</i>	<i>Music and Dancing</i>

Tickets: \$75 per person by February 17, \$100 at the door or after February 17

Contact Beth Israel Center at office@bethisraelcenter.org or (608) 256-7763 for tickets, mask purchase, donations, and volunteer opportunities.

All proceeds benefit Beth Israel Center

Purim Carnival ~ Sunday, March 12

This year's community carnival is at Beth Israel Center!
 Doors open at 9:30am
 Come for shpiel, stay for the food and fun!

Hametz Food Drive ~ March 26 - April 9

MOUSY of Beth Israel Center is hosting a Hametz Food Drive starting on Sunday, March 26 and ending at noon on Sunday, April 9.

As you clear your home of hametz, bring your leavened foods to our collection bin near the office at Beth Israel Center. From there, food will be donated to the Goodman East Side Community Center before Pesach.

MOUSY appreciates your contribution!



Thoughts from the Rabbi...

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Next Centerite Deadline:

March 31, 2017

This year on Yom Hashoah I am going to light a Yom Hashoah candle. This is a practice I have not taken up before, and you may or may not as well. In either event, I invite you to join me this



year in lighting one of these special yellow yahrtzeit candles produced by the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (FJMC) in concert with the Men of Reform Judaism.

Why this year?

How is this year different from all my other years? I have been aware of this program at least since I was in high school. And for every year that I have been in the rabbinate, the FJMC has sent me a mailing soliciting me to participate in this program and to lead my congregation to do so as well. This year when I opened the envelope, I realized that for me, things have changed.

Growing up in the 70's and 80's, the Holocaust was a huge, powerful and unknowable dark force at play in my Judaism. Our parents and teachers did not know how to process the emotional energy of the Shoah let alone how to teach it appropriately. In their time and space, in such proximity to the Shoah, how could they have known? We saw things at ages we should not have had them shown to us. We were taught justifications for Judaism that today we recognize as inappropriate. Today, with the benefit of wisdom, study and time, we are able to do better.

The memories of the millions of Jews murdered in the Shoah are a sacred trust for us. So very, very many of them had no one left to protect their memory and to bind up their memory in the bonds and energy of life. While it is petty to speak of my discomfort in the same paragraph that I mention the suffering of

millions of fellow Jews, I feel that I must acknowledge that for many years, I bristled at public use of the Shoah, in education, in commemoration or in ritual -- times when I felt the memory of our ancestors was used inappropriately.

Today especially, it is important that we individually find a way to remember the souls of the over six million Jews murdered in the Shoah. This year feels different to me. Perhaps the death of Eli Wiesel — a historical voice that was strong in Jewish life and in my perception of the Shoah — has helped me recognize my sacred responsibility to maintain a spiritual and emotional connection to the lives of those who perished in the Shoah as distinct from the sacred task to always remember how they were murdered.

This year, on Yom Hashoah (Sunday, April 23), I will light a yellow candle and think of the collective loss to the Jewish people and to humanity. I will think of the love, caring, community and learning that ceased so unnaturally and so violently. Perhaps you might want to join me. And when you light your candle, you might think broadly as I will, or perhaps light a candle for a specific person. There are many resources out there where you can identify a Jew murdered in the Shoah. One example is on the Yad Vashem website, in the digital collections at yvng.yadvashem.org.

Please let me know by March 17, which is the week after Purim, if you would like a candle. I am going to order a minimum number from the FJMC and will add to our order as time allows. The Rabbi's Discretionary Fund will be purchasing the candles, so there is no cost to you. However, if you would like to make a donation to help defray the cost, that will certainly be appreciated.

Shalom,

Rabbi Joshua W. Ben-Gideon
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President's Column

It is one of the great ironies of the natural world that all forms of life expend enormous amounts of energy opposing change, while life itself is an ongoing process of change. We find comfort in stasis, but we find meaning and purpose through growth. At Beth Israel Center, we are searching for a new rabbi, a change in spiritual leadership that evokes many emotions. We are saddened that Rabbi Ben-Gideon and his family will be leaving, but we're excited for them as they seek out new opportunities. We look forward to the new ideas and directions that we'll be experiencing at BIC in the coming years, but we're a bit anxious about the unknowns. What will the new rabbi be like? How will they integrate into our beloved kahal? As always, we have met this uncertainty with love, devotion and hard work.

Our Rabbi Search Committee began meeting almost a year ago, and I cannot overstate my admiration for their dedication to this task. They've gathered community input, composed an outstanding application, done numerous Skype-style interviews and identified our top candidates. Members of the committee have worked cheerfully and with love for hours at a time on our behalf. We are blessed to have so many dedicated volunteers, and blessed as well to have so many outstanding applicants, all of whom we could see as our next rabbi.

I am not surprised that our community has met this challenge in such a positive way. We've done it many times before, and, as Jews, we train for it every day. Our tradition embraces change, and teaches us that the impermanence of life is an opportunity to discover the Divine. Over the years we've grown and celebrated change in numerous ways. A couple of years ago we made an effort to revitalize our Kabbalat Shabbat service, which on most weeks was drawing barely half a minyan. Now, I

can't remember the last time we didn't have a minyan. In the small sanctuary in early January, 25 voices joined in the beautiful melodies welcoming Shabbat, and I found myself wondering how long it would be before we'd have so many people we'd need to move to the main sanctuary. (In truth, we do this almost every time we host a Shabbat dinner after services, as these tend to draw higher attendance.) What a fabulous problem to have!



As part of our spiritual growth, one of the new initiatives we've undertaken recently is to offer Jewish mindfulness meditation on some Shabbat mornings. We're meeting every other week before Shabbat morning services, and ending during Shacharit. It's a lovely way to connect more deeply to Shabbat, and to learn to be with our everyday experience in a more positive way. The door is always open; no experience is necessary. You only need bring your mind. Find us in Classroom 3 between 9:15 and 10:00 on February 4 and 18, March 4 and 18, and April 1.

Come March, spring will be just around the corner, we'll (likely) be done with our rabbi search, and Purim will trot gaily into our lives. Get ready for a real celebration! Our first ever Purim Masquerade Ball on Saturday night, March 4, is going to be the best party of the year, and you won't want to miss it. Dress up, put on your dancing shoes and join us for food, drinks and a little bit of wild abandon.

Come celebrate life, and all its unexpected changes.

Matt Banks

Matt Banks
president@bethisraelcenter.org

Weekday Minyan

To assure a weekday minyan, contact the office, (608) 256-7763

1406 Mound St.

Sunday mornings
8:15am

Monday & Thursday
mornings
7:00am

Sunday thru Thursday
evenings
5:30pm

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
9am to 5pm

Friday
9am to Noon

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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.



From the Executive Director's Desk

Simchas & Announcements

MAZAL TOV to...

The Matthews-Needelman family on Lily becoming a Bat Mitzvah on November 5

Judy Pierotti on the birth of her granddaughter Daniela Lynn Lavery in November

The Arfa family on the marriage of Benjamin to Laura Jennifer Rafson

Livia Asher on the birth of her granddaughter Helena Eve Kleinman in December

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.

Every contribution helps our synagogue!

As you may have seen on page 1 of this newsletter, there is a lot going on at Beth Israel Center! Coordinating the



logistics of our rabbi search and supporting the work of our amazing Rabbi Search Committee, chaired by Aaron

Friedman, has been keeping me very busy these past few months. I am also excited to be supporting the work of our Purim Masquerade Ball planning committee, chaired by Jessie Loeb. I hope many of you will be able to join the fun on Saturday, March 4. Can't come but want to support this important fundraiser? Let me know. We have lots of opportunities!

We also had a fun New Year's Eve party on the last night of Hanukkah. Joel Ehrlich and friends whipped up some phenomenal foods, and a good time was had by all!

In the middle of all that search coordination and party planning, our annual budget building process is getting underway.

Each year, our budget committee, which is made up of our incoming,

current and immediate-past presidents (Rick Ezell, Matt Banks, and Jordy Loeb), VP-Finance Don Miner, Marci Katz and Nadav Shelef, considers requests from many sources -- mostly committees and staff. These requests reflect some wonderful and creative ways to use the synagogue's money. Occasionally, someone will come forward with an idea or two that will feed our coffers.

Of course, one could easily argue that even ideas that initially cost money have the potential to lead to future resource development. New programs may attract new members. New members may encourage their friends to join. Every member is a resource for the congregation -- and not just for their monetary contributions, although we can't function without those....

That's a long way of saying that our annual operating budget reflects who we are and what we value as a community. Budget requests and proposals are due to me by March 15. Please contact me or any member of the Budget Committee with any questions.

Shalom,

Elissa Pollack

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Thanks to these families for sponsoring recent and upcoming kiddushim!

- Steven and Judy Matthews in honor of their granddaughter, Lily, becoming a Bat Mitzvah on November 5
- Billie and Si Hellerstein in honor of the anniversary of their daughter Judy Hellerstein becoming a Bat Mitzvah on November 12
- Joel and Debbie Minkoff in honor of their future daughter-in-law Kaylee Heller being called up for her first aliyah on November 19
- Daniel Pekarsky and Stephanie Stone in celebration of Daniel's 70th birthday and the 5th anniversary of his heart transplant on November 26
- Bobbie and Steve Jellinek in honor of Anna Heifetz for her patience and skill in teaching Hebrew on December 3
- Families of Rahel, Mark, and David Goldstein in celebration of their father Herman Goldstein's 85th birthday on December 24
- Leslie Fields and Jeff Lindholm in celebration of the aufruf and May wedding of their daughter Hannah to Ben Bray on March 18



From the Education Director's Desk

Now that Shabbat School is well underway and our Talmud Torah teachers are becoming better known in the Beth Israel Center community, I thought I'd share a few facts about them:

Shira Forester (Kitah Alef/1st grade and Shoreshim and Advanced



Hebrew) loves making videos and made several with her Talmud Torah students last year. She also made a Power Point presentation for

every possible tefillah service (holidays, Rosh Chodesh, minor fasts, etc.) that is used daily at Solomon Schechter in Chicago.



Ilana Haimes (Kitah Zayin/7th grade) is a *ba'alat tekiah* extraordinaire. She was chief shofar blower at Hillel's Conservative services for several years. She

now brings her shofar blowing prowess to our High Holiday Youth Program.



Matan Karasov (Kitah Dalet/4th grade) will next year be part of the Urban Teachers cohort, working toward a Masters Degree in education at John's

Hopkins while teaching in the Baltimore Public Schools.



Noa Rose (Kitah Hey/5th grade) just chaired USY's 66th annual International Convention, hosting nearly 1000 Jewish teenagers, educators, professionals and

alumni in Dallas, TX. There, in addition to experiential education and tefillah programs, hands on social action projects and leadership skills workshops, the teens participated in what may have been the world's largest kosher BBQ. Noa and her co-chair stated their goals for the gathering: "USYers will leave



feeling empowered to create positive change...and build a stronger future for themselves [and] their communities. We will grow together and learn to overcome modern challenges in a Jewish context."

Four of our faculty members are studying abroad this semester. Cole Bacig (Shoreshim) is in Copenhagen, Eva Bernstein (Matchilim and Kitah Bet/2nd grade) is in New Zealand, Isaac Stone (Kitah Gimel/3rd grade) is in Rome and Sam Weiner (Kitah Dalet/4th grade) is in Jerusalem as a Nachshon Fellow, preparing for a future as a Jewish leader. And, of course, Hilda Fine (Kitah Hey/5th grade) is on her annual "semester abroad", spending half the year with family in Israel after making aliyah several years ago.

Joining us this semester are **Naomi Frisch** and **Oren Shapiro**. Naomi is actually returning to Talmud Torah after a year off. She is an Occupational Therapy student at the UW-Madison and is in the process of applying to graduate school in her field. Oren is a senior Linguistics major at UW-Madison and has both experience and academic interest in teaching foreign languages. He hopes to teach English abroad after he graduates.

Beth Cohn Copelovitch
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Yom Rishon

Calling all families with preschoolers! Come to Yom Rishon and enjoy interactive family learning on a different Jewish theme each time. 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. It is family education at its finest.

Put all of the remaining 5777 dates on your calendar:

February 26

March 19

April 30

10:00-11:15am

Come to some or all!

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

UPCOMING MOUSY EVENTS

Sunday, February 5
8th Grade Welcome

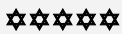
Friday, February 24
Shabbat Schmooze chez Hannah Ehrlich

Saturday, March 18
Casino Night

Saturday, April 1
MOUSY Screens A Movie with Kadimaniks

Sunday, April 23
MOUSY Makes A Meal

Sunday, May 21
MOUSY Nominations/ Elections



Regional, National and International USY programs:

Friday-Saturday
January 27-28
USY Midwinter Convention

Friday-Sunday
April 28-30
CHUSY Spring Kinnus Convention

On Friday night, October 21, a mass of mice gathered for our favorite **Shabbat Schmooze** event. After a taste of Kabbalat Shabbat davening, we enjoyed the comfy and cozy sukkah, compliments of the gracious host family of Talia, Max, and Jonathan Ivry. Everyone recited berachot and shared personal thoughts in our temporary shelter under a clear and starry sky, but pretty soon, we sought more permanent indoor shelter from the chilly night air. We ate aplenty, delighted in each other’s company aplenty, learned aplenty, and “schmoozed” aplenty. Kol HaKavod to mishpachat Ivry for your hospitality, sweet sukkah, and tasty macaroni and cheese dinner, Joel Ehrlich and Melanie Cohen for adding minestrone soup to the menu, and Daniel Gill for inviting the fun and friendly Shin-Shin guests from Milwaukee, Mark and Omar. These two Jewish Israeli teens engaged and enlivened our group of 14 Jewish American teens with their stories of growing up in Israel, as well as the cultural differences with their families at home, friends in school, and extracurricular activities.

★MOUSY hopes your festival of lights was a joyous one, and that you enjoyed your arty, *Made in Israel Chanukah candles*. We appreciate your generous support which enables us to continue our fabulous programming, Tikun Olam efforts, and subsidies for local and regional events. Rav todot!★

Kudos to Debbie Rudin for representing MOUSY of BIC at the regional CHUSYfest Convention at the Perlstein Resort, November 11 -13 at Camp CHI in Lake Delton, WI. According to Debbie, “we had beautiful Friday night services, icebreakers, battle of the bands, and an actually quite nice Shabbat dinner.” Because the weekend theme was “Sixties”, there were four options for Shabbat morning services—Beatles, hippie, meditation, and traditional. Other highlights were her study session on gender roles, playing human foosball, having fun at the Kalahari, a Saturday night dance, and making new friends. “I had a great time.” That says it all!



On Saturday night, November 19, a gang of eleven buckaroos tied up their horses and played out a night of murder and mayhem at the Deadwood Saloon for MOUSY’s **Murder Mystery**. Dressed in their wildest western attire, fun and intrigue were had by all, and prizes were given out for best acting, costuming, and scheming. Job well done by co-Presidents Hannah Ehrlich and Talia Ivry.

MOUSY threw a fabulous **MOUSE-Warming Party** on Thursday afternoon, December 15 to celebrate our spiffed up youth lounge with an adorable and delicious cake, balloons, brief speeches by Rabbi Ben-Gideon, President Matt Banks, Youth Committee Chair David Baum, MOUSY Co-Presidents Hannah Ehrlich and Talia Ivry and your truly -- all thanking our generous donors and rededicating our youth lounge.

On Saturday night, December 17, snowy conditions, freezing temperatures, and gusty winds put a halt to MOUSY's sixth annual **No Sew Fleece Blankets** social action program. Details to follow about our warm and fuzzy event, rescheduled for Saturday, January 21.

Like sands through the hourglass, MOUSY semesters change and young mouselets turn into full-fledged mice, as the first **8th Grade Welcome** kick-off program embraces our middle-school newcomers. Stay tuned for an update on how our mighty MOUSY board officers inducted—or is it abducted—the 8th graders into the ranks of MOUSY at the start of February.

*****KADIMA***KADIMA***KADIMA*****

On Sunday afternoon, November 13, a competitive and hungry group of Kadimaniks teed off, played lots of Mulligans, and never quite succeeded at a hole in one while having fun at miniature golf, and then filling up on frozen custard.



On Sunday afternoon, December 11, a handful of Kadima teenagers played their best arcade game and devoured tasty cheese pizza slices at Rossi's Pizza and Vintage Arcade. Warm and good times inside on a cold and snowy day outside. Thanks to Dan Sidney for carpooling us all to and from the hip and happening east side.

Kudos to Talia Dolin for representing Kadima of BIC at the Kadima Konvention, December 2-4 at the Perlstein Resort at Camp CHI in Lake Delton, WI. With an overall theme of "Music", all of the middle-schoolers bonded over bands, songs, and musicals, along with Talia's favorite part of the weekend, which was "the prayers we sang before and after we ate (meals). It felt...right, coming together as a Jewish community, singing songs and praying. Where I live (in Madison), I am one of the only Jewish people in my entire school. It was wonderful knowing that I am not one of the only Jewish people out there..." Other fun included meditation, playing "epic rounds of gaga in a huge gaga pit", and visiting the Kalahari waterslides and lazy river.



**Observe Shabbat!
Take your
Standardized Tests
on Sunday!**

SAT Test Dates:
March 19, 2017
May 7, 2017
June 4, 2017

SAT registration info:
866-756-7346.

ACT Test Dates:
April 9, 2017
June 11, 2017

ACT Registration info:
319-337-1270.



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Meet Your Leadership

K'HILAT CHESED

Members of the BIC K'hilat Chesed (Caring Community) group visit individuals who find it difficult or impossible to attend services or other synagogue programs. Visits by members of the K'hilat Chesed group 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 K'hilat Chesed group, please contact Rabbi Ben-Gideon 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. Requests are typically filled with surprising speed.

Beth Israel Center's Board of Directors sets policies consistent with our Mission and Vision and assures that our committees and professional staff work in concert with those policies. The Board is also responsible for our budget and fiscal well-being. You should know whose hands your synagogue is in, so we are introducing a few Board members in this and future issues of the Centerite.

Mark Copelovitch, VP-Ritual

When did you join the congregation and why? In 2006, when we first moved to Madison.



Beth and I both grew up in the Conservative Movement (we actually met years ago, at an international USY convention) and had been active in the Conservative shuls in Boston and Princeton. Finding a Jewish community in Madison was one of our top priorities.

Tell us a little bit about yourself. I think many BIC members know my family: Beth is the Education Director and our children, Micah and Dafna, are in the building several days each week. Some of you also know that I am an avid cyclist and have been one of the intrepid participants in our Ride2Ramah cycling trips. I have been a professor in the Political Science department and the La Follette School of

Public Affairs at the UW since we arrived in Madison. I study and teach international relations. My main areas of interest and expertise are the politics of international trade and finance and the politics of international organizations, such as the International Monetary Fund, the World Trade Organization, and the European Union. I also play the drums and have recently started a band with several friends. Keep an eye out for possible gigs of the Lost Wax Process this summer.

What has prepared you for service on the BIC Board? I've been deeply involved with Conservative Judaism – especially in terms of participating in and leading tefillot – for most of my life: at the shuls I grew up at in Pennsylvania, during high school in various regional and international leadership positions in USY, in college as leader of the egalitarian minyan at Yale and a staff member for USY on Wheels, and as a frequent davener and gabbai in the shuls that Beth and I have belonged to over the years. So, serving first on the Ritual Committee and now as Ritual VP seemed like a logical way to take a leadership role at BIC.

What is your favorite thing about Beth Israel Center? It's hard to pick only one. I enjoy sharing a glass of whiskey and davening Kabbalat Shabbat with our Friday night crowd, which has grown in size and enthusiasm over the past couple of years. As we've introduced new melodies and Niggunim and made the new Small Sanctuary our own space, the energy now during davening is special. I always enjoy leading services, especially on the chaggim, when we get to do some of the more unique tefillot and melodies. But I think my favorite thing of all is watching the B'nai Mitzvah students that I tutor on the days of their s'machot. It's a real privilege to work with our children and see their joy – and the pride of their parents – when all of their hard work pays off on the bimah.

Tell us a story that exemplifies Beth Israel Center for you. We first came to BIC on an ice-cold Shabbat in January 2005, when Beth and I (with 9-month-old Micah) were visiting Madison and deciding whether to move here. We were complete strangers and sleep-deprived new parents, but I remember how everyone was so welcoming from the moment we entered the building. It was Sam Factor's bar mitzvah celebration, and Kris and Bob took the time to introduce themselves and welcome us even though it was their special occasion.

Laurie Nagus and Paul Wilson sat with us at Kiddush for a long time, making us feel at home and patiently answering all of our questions about BIC and the community. I've seen similar scenes play out so many times over the years that it is sometimes easy to forget that not all shuls are so welcoming as ours. We have a special community.

What do you hope to accomplish as a Board member? My main goals are to do what I can to help make our rabbinical transition as smooth and successful as possible, and to help ensure that BIC remains on sound financial footing. As Ritual VP, I would like to keep working on increasing participation in tefillot. For a relatively small shul, we have a very large group of active participants in our services, but there is always room for more. With our new building, a new siddur, and soon a new rabbi, we are also still exploring the possibilities of how to enhance davening on Shabbat and the chaggim. I hope to play a small part in helping to move that process forward.

Name one thing that may surprise people about you. I was born in Canada (Montreal), but we moved to the US when I was three. I never learned to ski or ice skate, so I'm something of an embarrassment as both a native Canadian and resident of Wisconsin. That said, I've internalized enough of my Canadian heritage to know that real bagels are made at St-Viateur in Montreal, not in Manhattan or Brooklyn.

Regina Vidaver, At-large Director, Rabbi Search Committee

Who am I? Such an existential question for a newsletter!



I am a wife: My husband, David Blehert, and I have been married for nearly 20 years.

I am a mother: Our children, Mirra & Ari Blehert are 14 and 11, respectively. Mirra's Bat Mitzvah celebration was one year ago at BIC, and Ari attends Talmud Torah.

Professionally: I manage the Wisconsin Research & Education Network (WREN), a group performing real-world research in primary care practices around the state and in a few national locations. Prior to my time at WREN, I served as Executive Director of Free to Breathe, a national lung cancer research and advocacy organization, was an American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) National Science Foundation (NSF) Fellow, and worked in scientific programs at the Society for Women's Health Research in Washington, DC. My PhD is in molecular biology from UW-Madison (which is where I met Dave!), and my BA is from Amherst College.

I enthusiastically embrace fitness: I enjoy nature, often running, walking, biking or cross-country skiing. I also teach a boot camp class at the West YMCA, and do high intensity interval training (HIIT) and barre classes regularly.

I am a BIC member: We have been members since we returned to Madison in 2003. I have been serving on the Rabbi Search Committee, joined the Board this fall, and you can often find me working in the kitchen preparing for kiddush. I truly love the community of BIC, particularly as we gather to share meals, sing, and celebrate simchas. I have been touched by the outpouring of support the shul provides when times are tough – minyans are held for those saying kaddish (including at my dad's yahrzeit), and meals are prepared for those needing a little help to get through times of new babies, medical challenges, and the passing of loved ones. I am truly honored to be serving the membership on the Board, where I hope to use my non-profit management experience to inform best practices and future planning activities. I look forward to working with everyone!

Yahrzeits

5 Shevat / February 1

Melvin Comins
Anita Messerman
Wolf Mintz

6 Shevat / February 2

Harold Blank
Clara Gahr
Simon Katz

7 Shevat / February 3

Bernard Kaplan
Max Sherman
Sidney Skom
Sylvia Temkin

8 Shevat / February 4

Sarah Schmidt
Harry Sweet

9 Shevat / February 5

Etta Daitch
Yetta Moskowitz
Doris Silvern
Hyman Silverstein

10 Shevat / February 6

Harold E. Factor
John Morrison
Jack Rosenthal
Ethel Shovers

11 Shevat / February 7

Rhoda Berk
Abraham Hershkowitz
Reva Moss
David Perlman
Minnie Slavney

12 Shevat / February 8

Louis Coppersmith
Arthur Moss
Martin Steinberger

13 Shevat / February 9

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

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Yahrzeits

14 Shevat / February 10

Esther Feldman
Ella Hirschfeld
Joseph Holman
Samuel Swartz

16 Shevat / February 12

Ida Gould
Paul Hoffert

17 Shevat / February 13

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

18 Shevat / February 14

Benjamin Greenberg
Everett Howard Karon
Chisha Paley
Thomas Rosenmeyer
May Rosenthal

19 Shevat / February 15

Rachel Bleiweiss
Morris Gould
Erving Haber

20 Shevat / February 16

Lena Adler
Benny Kopelberg
Barnet Nathenson
Chaim Schwartz
Jerry Shapiro
Benjamin Wendroff

21 Shevat / February 17

Harold Borenstein
Iver Karp
Morris Mirkin
George Shapiro
Helen Temkin
Rebecca Wyman

23 Shevat / February 19

Bernard Harris
Jerome Onheiber
Mollie Paster

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Social Action Opportunities

Serve Food at the Men's Shelter

Beth Israel Center members have been serving meals at the Emergency Shelter for Men in downtown Madison for more than ten years. 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. If you can offer an occasional Sunday evening or Monday morning, please contact Corliss Karasov at ckarasov@gmail.com or 831-6521. Or find the sign-up link on our website. Look under Ways to Give, then Volunteer Opportunities. At press time, there were many open slots!

The Road Home

Four times each calendar year, Beth Israel Center serves as a Buddy Congregation when Midvale Community Lutheran Church, at the corner of S. Midvale and Tokay Boulevards, hosts homeless families in transition to permanent housing. Sign up on our website (www.bethisraelcenter.org) or the church's (www.midvalelutheran.org). Call the office if you need help signing up.

Our 2017 Buddy Congregation weeks are:

January 29-February 5

April 30-May 7

June 25-July 2

August 27-September 3

Training is available and required for any tasks that involve guest interaction. Trainings last 59 minutes and will be conducted at The Road Home's offices, located at 128 E. Olin Ave., Suite 202 on these dates:

Wednesday, February 1 at 5:30pm

Wednesday, February 15 at 5:30pm

Wednesday, March 1 at 6:30pm

Tuesday, March 14 at 5:30pm

More information is available at www.trhome.org.

Meals on Wheels

BIC volunteers deliver about 10 lunchtime meals on each of two routes every Sunday. Each volunteer's turn comes around about every six weeks. Please call Larry Bensky (238-2569) to schedule a ride-a-long or for more information.

Refugee Resettlement Efforts

Beth Israel Center volunteers are among those supporting the new refugee resettlement program spearheaded by Jewish Social Services of Madison. Please contact JSS for more information: (608) 278-1808, www.jssmadison.org.

Friends of Emerson School

Jewish Congregations for Social Justice -- our ongoing cooperative effort with Temple Beth El and Congregation Shaarei Shamayim -- continues to support Emerson Elementary School. For information on current volunteer opportunities, email jcsjmadison@gmail.com, visit www.jewishcongregationsforsocialjustice.org, or visit JCSJ's Facebook page.



Making the Minyan

Maintaining a daily minyan, particularly for those who are in mourning or marking the anniversary of a loved one's death, is important for our community. Being a part of a minyan and saying Kaddish, or being counted in a minyan that allows a friend to say Kaddish, makes us a link in a spiritual chain. We come together to recognize these losses through words that have been uttered for this purpose for two millennia. The essence of our daily prayers is to renew our connection to God, including in moments of loss and times of gratitude.

While many of us can relate to these thoughts and understand them as ideals and even core values of a traditional Jewish community, very few of us — often fewer than the required 10 to say Kaddish — regularly attend our weekday morning and evening minyanim at Beth Israel.

Many congregants have said they'll come when they know they're needed. To let each member know when s/he is particularly needed, we are asking each family to send at least one Jewish adult (over 13) to our morning and evening minyanim as often as possible during two assigned calendar weeks each year, beginning on Sunday and ending with Shabbat. Assignments are mailed out 4-6 weeks in advance with an email reminder the week before your assigned week. They are also posted on our website, and our office has a listing.

If you are unavailable during your week, consider swapping with a friend, or pick another week that works better for you.

Please come. You are needed.



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!

Complete and return this form to the office or email office@bethisraelcenter.org with all of the requested information.

BETH ISRAEL CENTER BOOK DEDICATION FORM

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

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

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

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

For each dedicated book, please provide the following:

In (circle one) honor / memory of: _____

Dedicated by: _____

Yahrzeits

24 Shevat / February 20

Edith Arfa Brod
Sarah Gevirman
Alfred Kadushin
Ester Kooba
William Swartz

25 Shevat / February 21

Edward Ben Elson
Millicent Dachman
Kate Klong
Bob Lerner
Ci Stein
Bella Swack

26 Shevat / February 22

Harry Bleiweiss
Belle Richman
Dollie Schuckit
Eliezer Wein
Howard Yaskal

27 Shevat / February 23

Hyman Daniels
William Hawkins
Phil Kapell
David Mazur
Esther Pover
Rubin Schwartzstein
Jacob Yaskal

28 Shevat / February 24

M.A. Bradkofsky
Hannah Cohen
Anne Layton
Mikhail Pishchiker
Joseph Sweet

29 Shevat / February 25

Murray Rodman
Helena Siroky
Howard Temin

30 Shevat / February 26

Fania Heifetz
Anita Kapell
Rose Machlis
Leo Rasmussen
Bess Smith

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Yahrzeits

1 Adar / February 27

Louis Battalen
Lena Daniels
Pauline Quick
Janet Weinshel

2 Adar / February 28

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

3 Adar / March 1

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

4 Adar / March 2

Harold Goldberg
Henry Gutmann
Miril Heifetz
Mollie Kaplan
Gertrude Recht Stein
Sara Schwartz
Ruth Wolfson

5 Adar / March 3

Leonard Loeb
Blanche Schwartzstein
Max Shapiro
Shirley Swack

6 Adar / March 4

Joseph Levy
Freda Lieberman
Sam Shapiro
Alvin Shovers

7 Adar / March 5

Leanore Fridstein Factor
Norman Schwabacher

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Volunteer Appreciation

There are many ways to contribute time, energy and expertise to our congregation. Here are a few, and the people who helped in these ways recently:

Shabbat Kiddush: Anne Altshuler, Donna Anderson, Livia Asher, Brent Bach, David Baum, Kristen Bernard, Hannah Bernard-Donals, Naomi Chesler, Ankur Desai, Emily Desai, Yonah Drazen, Rick Ezell, Joshua Gabai, Terrie Goren, Patricia Green-Sotos, Roz Gusinow, Jen Hadley, Kaylee Heller, Billie Hellerstein, Raimund Huber, Bobbie Jellinek, Sally Jones, Erica Kesin Richmond, Steve Kessler, Kazu Kitano, Renee Lauber, Clara Lazimy, Jessie Loeb, Arlene Lukin, Jeff Mandell, Sara Mandell, Aphra Mednick, Debbie Minkoff, Josh Minkoff, Laurie Nagus, Michael Onheiber, Tziporah Quick, Judy Pierotti, Kris Rasmussen, Megan Sanders-Drazen, Francie Saposnik, Aharon Shelef, Fran Schrag, Sally Schrag, Miriam Shelef, Raphael Shelef, Karen Shevet Dinah, Bob Skloot, Stephanie Stone, Miriam Syvertsen, Regina Vidaver, Phyllis Wainger, Jim Wear, Ziva Wear, Paul Wilson, Judith Zukerman Kaufman

Shabbat Greeters: Marsha Cohen, Bob Factor, Anna Heifetz, David Hoffert, Laurie Nagus, Mike Pressman, Barry Rich, Francie Saposnik, Sally Schrag

Kiddush Barista: Karen Shevet Dinah

Sukkah-Building/Breakdown: Brent Bach, Yonah Drazen, Steve Goldstein, Heidi Heller, Jonathan Heller, Simon Heller, Charlotte Heller, Kazu Kitano, Jeff Lindholm, Jordy Loeb

New Year's Eve / Eighth Night Hanukkah Party:

Chef Extraordinaire: Joel Ehrlich

Party Posse: Avi Bernard-Donals, Melanie Cohen, Hannah Ehrlich, Nathan Ehrlich, Jill Korey, KC Lerner, Jonathan Pollack, Simon Rosenblum, Jim Wear, Ziva Wear

Music Man: Daniel Gill

Kugel-Cooking Crew: Avi Bernard-Donals, Hannah Bernard-Donals, Shoshana Bernard-Donals, Emily Desai, Laurie Nagus, Kris Rasmussen

The Road Home Buddies: Marsha Cohen, Steve Goldstein, Kazu Kitano, Mike Pressman, David Resnick

Laundry Angels: Hannah Bernard-Donals, Becky Holmes, Kazu Kitano, Laurie Nagus, Kris Rasmussen, Karen Shevet Dinah, Anna Syvertsen

Shabbat Morning Kehillat Noar Madrichim: Gaby Baum, Lena Ben-Gideon, Vered Ben-Gideon, Mirra Blehert, Maya Desai, Leila Loeb, Bart Miller, Moira Wilson, Rhiannon Wilson

MOUSY Shabbat Schmooze Host Family: Talia, Max, and Jonathan Ivry

If you have time or talent to give to Beth Israel Center, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Deborah Hoffman. We always need people to help set up and clean up Shabbat kiddush, Festival celebrations and other programs. We also need help with some library support projects, occasional grounds keeping, and more. Call (608) 256-7763 or email hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org. Todah!



Condolences to the families of...

- Rabbi Gary Diamond, father of Jennie (Matthew) Edes-Pierotti, grandfather of Amira and Joshua
- Gabriel Swartz, cousin of Bob and Steve Schwartz and Judy (Joel) Swartz Marcus
- Dottie Weiner, mother of Mona Owens, grandmother of Hilary and Tracy Graber
- Geneva Boissonnault, mother of Bill (Jill) Boissonnault, grandmother of Josh, Jacob and Eliya
- Lorraine Borsuk
- Earl Gladstein, father of Nancy (David) Resnick
- Al Goldstein, partner of Phyllis Lefcowitz, father of Debra Goldstein and Karen (Darwin) Walker



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 below and on the following pages. Many of our named funds support particular aspects of our program.

Below is a list of funds you may contribute to and how we use them, followed (on pages 14-18) by a record of the memorial and tribute gifts made to these funds in the past three months.

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.

General Operations

General Fund
Frank Fund

Capital Improvements

Art Fund
L'Dor VaDor

Building Maintenance

Building Reserve Fund

Meet special program needs

Irving and Dorothy Levy Rabbi's
Discretionary Program Fund

Education

Ben Minkoff Fund
Julius Mintz Education Fund
A.J. Rosenberg Education Fund
George Stewart Education Fund
Alex Temkin Education Fund
Joe Temkin Education Fund
Holman/Weisbard Fund for Adult
Jewish Learning
Talmud Torah Fund

Purchase and repair prayerbooks

Prayerbook Fund

Scholarships to Camp Ramah

David Temkin Fund

Library

A.J. & Celia Rosenberg Library Fund

Services for disabled

Abraham Barash Handicapped Services
Fund

Torah Repair and Maintenance

Adolph and Janet Weinschel Fund

Kiddush

Martin and Serene Mazor Kiddush Fund

Kitchen Supplies

Shirley Epstein Fund

Social Action

Social Action Fund

To help people in need

Rose and Morris Heifetz Welfare Fund
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Support the Jake Heifetz Award

Jake Heifetz Fund

Youth Program

Youth Fund

Yahrzeits

8 Adar / March 6

David Goldberg
Mary Levin
Louis Mazursky
Dora Schwartz
Al Weschler

9 Adar / March 7

Patricia Donals
Bashe Dworetzky
Molly Epstein Karp
Mollie Goodman
Rachel Mazur
Efraim Picus
Ruth Scholick

10 Adar / March 8

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

11 Adar / March 9

Jennie Chortek
Jeanette Russ
Samuel Sinaiko

12 Adar / March 10

Sidney Goldman
Henri Hanau
Walter Novick
Mary Zuker

13 Adar / March 11

Rachel Green
Ida Moskowsky
Bessie Schwartz
Fanny Kaufman Smith
Dorothy Weiman
Adolph Weinschel

14 Adar / March 12

Mary Ellen Hall
Abe Mintz
Goldie Musin
Rose Onikul
Victor Rosenblum
George Skloot
Elizabeth Sweet
Sam Webne
Ruth Zitowsky

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Yahrzeits

15 Adar / March 13

Rachel Brodsky
Etya Fastovsky
Dan Pierotti

16 Adar / March 14

Mary Nathenson

17 Adar / March 15

Maurice Amdur
Rose Frank
Milton Friedman
Ida Gould
Roberta Jacoby
Bessie Lutske
Evelyn Minkoff
Morris Schulman
Milt Sherman

18 Adar / March 16

Paula Grzyb
Hyman Paley
Aaron Scher

19 Adar / March 17

Jacob Becker
Lloyd Borenstein
Ira Katch
Sarah Silverman

20 Adar / March 18

Hyman Ansell
Jerrold Gross
Dorah Karp
Arthur Mead
Tessie Stein

21 Adar / March 19

Nathan Cohen
Sylvia Feingold
Marshall Fields
Gustave Goldstein

22 Adar / March 20

Frumeh Bloom
Heather Joseph
Rochelle Kianovsky
Gertrude Rodman
William Stein

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Memorial & Tribute Gifts

Gifts acknowledged on the following pages were received between mid-October and mid-January. Each gift makes possible what we do at Beth Israel Center.

Abraham Barash Handicapped Services Fund

in honor of

David Schwab's birthday from Matthew & Jennie Edes-Pierotti

Natalie Borenstein's birthday from Phyllis Eisenberg

in memory of

Soloman Volpiansky from Larry Chapman & Paula Volpiansky

Isadore Kosowsky from Mark & Carolyn Kosowsky

Dov Schwartz from Richard Schwartz

Peter Druch from Shelley & Tom Davey

Art Fund

in memory of

Dottie Weiner from Ghita Bessman

Beth Israel Reserve

in honor of

Livia Asher's grandchild from Donald & Kathy Miner

Lily Matthews-Needelman Bat Mitzvah and Herman Goldstein's birthday
from Natalie Borenstein

in memory of

Geneva Boissonnault from Donald & Kathy Miner

Jake Heifetz from Edith DuMary

Albert Borenstein, Sara Schwartz, Earl Gladstein and Dottie Weiner from
Natalie Borenstein

Building Maintenance Fund

in memory of

Rabbi Gary Diamond from Barbara Spierer

David Temkin Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund

Get Well

Rabbi Rebecca Ben-Gideon from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

in honor of

The birthdays of Daniel Pekarsky and Si & Billie Hellerstein from Alan &
Jean Lettofsky

Lily Matthews-Needelman Bat Mitzvah from Michael Pressman & Marsha
Cohen

Daniel Pekarsky birthday and transplant anniversary from Michael Pressman
& Marsha Cohen and Rabbi Charles & Krayna Feinberg

Lily Matthews-Needelman's Bat Mitzvah and Herman Goldstein's birthday
from Rayla Temin

in memory of

Lorraine Borsuk from Bonnie Stein Kammer



Memorial & Tribute Gifts

General Fund Contribution

in honor of

Shirley Abrahamson's 40th anniversary as a judge from Beth Israel Women's League

Birthdays of Mike Pressman, Kris Rasmussen, Bob Factor and Daniel Pekarsky from Herbert Lewis & Francie Saposnik

Lily Matthews-Needelman becoming a Bat Mitzvah from Karen Shevet Dinah

Bill Schwab & Leslie Grant from Laeh Grant

The BIC Staff from Natalie Borenstein

Rayla Temin and Family, Michael & Kathi Johnson Rock and Deborah Hoffman from Samuel Gellman & Julie Plotkin

Herman Goldstein's birthday and Judy Pierotti's new grandchild from Thomas Palay & Diane Gutmann

in memory of

Sam Lewis from Arnold & Sharon Ruben

Clara Rothblatt from Cheryl Lerner

Geneva Boissonnault and Lorraine Borsuk from Dr. Robert Factor & Kris Rasmussen

Irv Saposnik from Herbert Lewis & Francie Saposnik

Alex Swartz from Joel Marcus & Judith Swartz Marcus

Soloman Volpiansky from Shirley Volpiansky, Larry Chapman & Paula Volpiansky

Edward & Isabelle Soref from Michael Soref

Arnold Simon from Mollybelle Berish

Irving Maydeck from Steven & Bobbie Jellinek

Bart Green from Patricia Green-Sotos

Dorothy Miller from Phyllis Davis

Marilyn Holman, Phillip Zlochenko, Celia Borenstein, Frieda "Babe" Borenstein, Phillip Becker and Rudy Becker from Phyllis Eisenberg

Carol Bregman, Matt Fields, Gustave Goldstein, Benny Joss, Earl Gladstein, Joan Chesler, Steve Hawkins, Geneva Boissonnault, Susanne Gellman and Aaron Gellman from Samuel Gellman & Julie Plotkin

Gordon Wein and Sylvia Wein from Sanford & Marilyn Victor

Dottie Weiner from Sharon Glass

Melvin Gutmann and Fritz Gutmann from Thomas Palay & Diane Gutmann

Holman/Weisbard Fund for Adult Jewish Learning

in honor of

Daniel Pekarsky from Burke Richmond & Erica Kesin Richmond

Herman Goldstein's birthday from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

Daniel Pekarsky birthday and heart transplant anniversary from Rayla Temin

in memory of

Isadore Goldstein, Sol Goldstein, Jess Battalen, Lorraine Borsuk and Earl Gladstein from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

Jake Heifetz Fund

in memory of

Jake Heifetz from Lawrence Heifetz and Lisa Robertson

Yahrzeits

23 Adar / March 21

Estelle Bernstein

Ben Paley

Sara Shapiro

Ann Slavney

24 Adar / March 22

Isador Borsuk

Nathan DeLevie

Eli Freedman

Steve Hawkins

Jacques Lohr

Lillian Weber

25 Adar / March 23

Ida Figler

Mayer Jacob

David Rosenthal

26 Adar / March 24

Joseph Brodsky

Harry Dworetzky

Ross Kurzer

Nathan Swartz

Joseph Switzky

27 Adar / March 25

David Altschuler

Celia Rosenberg

28 Adar / March 26

Moshe Paley

Helen Rosenblum

Kitty Schorr

Jean Wein

29 Adar / March 27

Sarah Halperin

Anna Halperin

Paul Schrag

Osne Zaichick

1 Nisan / March 28

Anne Cooper

Sarah Seidner

Herman Shapiro

Helen Sweet

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Yahrzeits

2 Nisan / March 29

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

3 Nisan / March 30

Chaim Dubrovitz
Naomi Epstein
Roslyn Kopelberg
Louis Landau
Eva Rosenberg
Caroline Sulman

4 Nisan / March 31

Chaim Dubrow
Donald Goren
Aaron Seidner

5 Nisan / April 1

Samuel Ottenstein
David Rubin
Isaac Stein
Morris Stein

6 Nisan / April 2

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

7 Nisan / April 3

Jack Jacobson
Ben Shore
Leonard Solinger

8 Nisan / April 4

Jenny Lebowitz
George Marcus
Nechama Meister

10 Nisan / April 6

Jack Dachman
Peter Deutsch
Kathryn Grossman
Leo Hill

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Memorial & Tribute Gifts

Martin & Serene Mazor Kiddush Fund

in honor of

Herman Goldstein birthday from David Sulman & Anne Altshuler
Mazel Tov to Brent Bach from Karen Shevet Dinah
Joel Ehrlich for his wonderful cooking, Natalie Borenstein in celebration of her special birthday, Susan Bernstein & Daniel Kleinman's move, Jonathan Ivry's birthday, Bob Factor's special birthday and Brent Bach's move to Israel from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen
Oren Swagel's Bar Mitzvah from Rayla Temin

in memory of

Earl Gladstein from Bill & Jill Boissonnault
Leo Sulman from David Sulman & Anne Altshuler
Earl Gladstein, Stanley Cohen, Nat Pressman and Patrick Hawkins from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

L'Dor v'Dor

in honor of

Herman Goldstein's special birthday, Dan Pekarsky's special birthday, Jay Robert Myers' 90th birthday, Don Miner's birthday and Oren Swagel's Bar Mitzvah from Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin
Francie Smith Saposnik's 75th Birthday from Herman Goldstein
Livia Asher's new grandchild from Rayla Temin
Herman Goldstein's birthday from Roz Levin

in memory of

Peter Druch from Alfred & Lois Frank
Lorraine Borsuk, Joseph Wolman, Dora Wolman, Eli Wolman, M. David Wolman, Ellen Wolman, Abraham Paster, Mollie Paster, Molly Cohen Paster, Paul Fram, Estelle Wolman from Richard Wolman
Fritz Gutmann, Mel Gutmann, Lorraine Borsuk and S. L. Myers from Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin
Earl Gladstein from Livia Asher
Ann Rock from Michael Rock & Kathi Johnson Rock
Jacob Hellerstein, Beatrice Rosenthal, Shoshanna Hellerstein, Lorraine Borsuk and Earl Gladstein from Si & Billie Hellerstein

Julius Mintz Fund

in memory of

Ida Weinstein from Barbara Beyer
Larry Mazursky from Howard & Sally Mazur

Rose & Morris Heifetz Welfare Fund

in honor of

Mike Pressman's birthday from Anna Heifetz

in memory of

Bertha Rubin & Hyman Marlowe from Robert & Judith Rubin

Prayerbook Fund

in memory of

Gordon Wein and Sylvia Sweet Wein from Roslyn Gorchow
Patrick Hawkins from Burke Richmond & Erica Kesin Richmond



Memorial & Tribute Gifts

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

in honor of

Herman Goldstein's birthday from Marcus Cohen

Rabbi Joshua Ben-Gideon from Jennie Edes-Pierotti and the Warren Randy Family

in memory of

Ida Chudacoff from Manny & Caryl Chudwin

Bertha Friedman from Harry Friedman

Earl Gladstein from Marcus Cohen

Eleanor Onheiber from Michael & Patrice Onheiber

Dorothy Lerner from Mitch & Sharon Rapkin

Harry Zitowsky from Robert Zitowsky

A. J. & Celia Rosenberg Library Fund

in honor of

Mike Pressman's birthday from Rick Ezell

in memory of

Ethel Zukerman from Judith Zukerman Kaufman

Abraham Rosenberg from Lyn Rosenberg

Jacob Meyer Schwam from Emanuel Schwam

Earl Gladstein from Rayla Temin

Shirley Epstein Memorial Fund

in memory of

Judy Siegel from Eve Siegel Beck

Shirley Epstein and Aaron Epstein from Larry Epstein

Erin Karp from Norma Klagos

Celia Weigler from Roz Levin

David Zaichick from Sol Zaichick

Social Action Fund

in honor of

Mike Pressman's kindness and his birthday from Gary & Cheri Keen

Judy Pierotti's new granddaughter from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

Livia Asher's Ben Minkoff award, Special Birthdays of Kris Rasmussen &

Bob Factor and Mike Pressman from Rayla Temin

Mike Pressman's birthday from Robert & Joann Skloot

in memory of

Earl Gladstein from Judy Pierotti and Theodore & Irene Knupp

Martha Wechselblatt Skloot from Robert & Joann Skloot

Talmud Torah Donation

in honor of

Livia Asher's grandchild from David & Nancy Resnick

Lily Matthews-Needelman's Bat Mitzvah and Maya Desai's Bat Mitzvah from Howard & Heidi Bregman

in memory of

Rabbi Gary Diamond from Burke Richmond & Erica Kesin Richmond, Robert Factor & Kris Rasmussen, Marcus & Elizabeth Friedman and Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

Yahrzeits

11 Nisan / April 7

Selma Becker
Shlomo Dworetzky
Sarah Kulakowsky

12 Nisan / April 8

Meyer Kaufman
Gerald Kleinman
Ida Minkoff
Herman Onheiber
Beatrice Sweet

13 Nisan / April 9

Aaron Epstein
Lillian Kaplan
Josephine Mendow
14 Nisan / April 10
Dorothy Berlinger Levy
Shirley Cohn
Irving Levy

15 Nisan / April 11

Abraham Frank
Louis Roth

16 Nisan / April 12

I. Cohen
Leontine Friedman
Armand Richman

17 Nisan / April 13

Sherman Ansell
Robert Goodman
Elsa Morgenstern
Max Novick
Hy Parks

18 Nisan / April 14

Samuel Ablove
Albert Eisenberg
Esther Swartz

19 Nisan / April 15

Eva Dizon
Molly Goldstein
Hermine Kneller
Catherine Odette
Jacob Popkewitz
William Sinaiko
Jacob Sinaiko
David Slafer
Minna Slater

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Yahrzeits

20 Nisan / April 16

Jeanne Siegel
Ellen Wolman

21 Nisan / April 17

Lillian Greenberg
Elliott Karasov
Jack Schvid

22 Nisan / April 18

Paulina Bloom
Ezra Frank
Isaac Pover
Lilo Rosenmeyer
Martin Siroky

23 Nisan / April 19

Mollie Becker
Ruth Solinger

24 Nisan / April 20

Oscar Brodsky
Aletha Rappaport
Morris Richman
Burton Zitkin

25 Nisan / April 21

Dora Levin
Hannah Malamud
William Onheiber

26 Nisan / April 22

Esther Sweet

27 Nisan / April 23

Gladys Godfried
Sander Gusinow
Nashe Sweet
Abraham Sweet

28 Nisan / April 24

Blanche Altshuler
Jane England
Roselyn Schwab

29 Nisan / April 25

Alice Barth
Leo Barth
Frieda Melnik
Martin Rosenzweig
Anna Shapiro

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Memorial & Tribute Gifts

Adolph & Janet Weinshel Torah Upkeep Fund

in memory of

Celia Borenstein and Frieda Borenstein from Bess Borenstein
Leah & Harry Sweet from Mike Sweet

Youth Fund Donation

in honor of

Lily Matthews-Needelman Bat Mitzvah from Bernard & Temah Copelovitch



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

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

February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
					Candidate weekend #3: Rabbi Dina Rosenberg	
						Bo
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Rabbi candidate Q&A 11:30					Candidate weekend #4: Rabbi Adam Rubin	
						Tu B'Shevat Beshallah
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Rabbi candidate Q&A 9:30		Board of Directors				Yitro
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Rabbi Search Listening Session 9:30					MOUSY Shabbat Schmooze	Shabbat Shekalim Mishpatim
26	27	28				
Yom Rishon						
Rosh Chodesh	Rosh Chodesh					

March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Purim Masquerade Ball Terumah
5	6	7	8	9 Fast of Esther	10	11 Shabbat Zachor Megillah Reading Tetzaveh
12 Daylight Savings Time Begins Megillah Reading Purim Carnival Purim	13 Shushan Purim	14 Board of Directors	15	16	17	18 Lindholm Aufruf MOUSY Casino Night Shabbat Parah Ki Tisa
19 Yom Rishon	20	21	22	23	24 Potluck Dinner	25 Shabbat Hachodesh Vayakhel-Pekude
26 Kolot Kehilla with Jon Pollack	27	28 Rosh Chodesh	29	30	31	

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 MOUSY/Kadima Movie Night Vayikra
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Shabbat Hagadol Tzav
9 Search for Chametz	10 First Seder	11 Office Closed Passover	12 Office Closed Passover	13	14	15 Chol Hamoed
16	17 Office Closed Passover	18 Office Closed Passover Yizkor	19	20	21	22 Shemini
23 MOUSY Makes a Meal Yom HaShoah Program	24 Yom HaShoah	25	26 Rosh Chodesh	27 Rosh Chodesh	28 New Member Shabbat Dinner	29 Tazria-Metzora
30 Yom Rishon The Road Home Buddy Congregation week ->						

Yahrzeits

30 Nisan / April 26
Alice Field
Gertrude Melrood
Rebecca Nathenson

1 Iyar / April 27
Charles Karp
Isadore Libanoff
Cecile Rogut
Joe Wagman
Dobe Widrevitz

2 Iyar / April 28
Rose Frank
Libby Mead

3 Iyar / April 29
Yetta Chover
Rose Melnik
Louis Sweet
Helen Sweet
Morris Sweet
Dora Weinberg

4 Iyar / April 30
Harry Dachman
Beatrice Kosowsky
Abraham Sinagub
Ruth Weiner



Beth Israel Center maintains a database of Yahrzeit observances for its members. The people listed on the sides of these pages are those being remembered by people in our community.

Our database is only as accurate as the information provided by our members.

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February ~ March ~ April Schedule

Date	Parshat	Candle Lighting	Shabbat Services
February 3/4	Bo	Candles 4:56p	Fridays 5:45pm Saturdays 9:30am <hr style="width: 20%; margin: auto;"/> Weekday Services Sunday mornings 8:15am Monday & Thursday mornings 7:00am Sunday - Thursday evenings 5:30pm <hr style="width: 20%; margin: auto;"/> Please call ahead to ensure a minyan. Other morning services may be organized by request.
February 10/11	Beshalach	Candles 5:05p	
February 17/18	Yitro	Candles 5:14p	
February 24/25	Mishpatim	Candles 5:23p	
March 3/4	Terumah	Candles 5:32p	Please call ahead to ensure a minyan. Other morning services may be organized by request.
March 10/11	Tetzaveh	Candles 5:41p	
March 17/18	Ki Tisa	Candles 6:49p	
March 24/25	Vayakhel-Pekudei	Candles 6:57p	
March 31/April 1	Vayikra	Candles 7:05p	
April 7/8	Tzav	Candles 7:13p	
April 10	<i>Pesach I</i>	Candles 7:17p	
April 11	<i>Pesach II</i>	Candles 8:26p	
April 14	Pesach	Candles 7:21p	
April 16	<i>Pesach VII</i>	Candles 7:24p	
April 17	<i>Pesach VIII</i>	Candles 8:33p	
April 21/22	Shemini	Candles 7:30p	
April 28/29	Tazria-Metzora	Candles 7:38p	