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## Upcoming Events

### Shabbat Potluck Dinner—Friday, February 21

Building on the success of Beth Israel's first in-shul Shabbat potluck dinner (in December), we're having another one on Friday, Feb. 21. Dinner follows Kabbalat Shabbat; services begin at 5:45. Food brought in for the potluck must follow all of the rules spelled out in our Kashrut Policy for Home-Cooked Food. The policy is posted on our website ([www.bethisraelcenter.org](http://www.bethisraelcenter.org)) and on fliers available at shul.

### Vashti's Den—Thursday, March 13

Back by popular demand: a girls' night out in Vashti's Den! You thought Purim was just about Queen Esther? Come hear the tale of the woman who "Just said no!" to the King! Enjoy spirit and spirituality, crafts, Middle Eastern music, salon-like discussions and learning, wine, Vashtinis, Middle-Eastern inspired nosh & dessert.

Thursday, March 13 • 7-9 pm • Beth Israel Center; Cost: \$18; RSVP by March 7 to [office@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:office@bethisraelcenter.org) or 256-7763.

### Purim Celebration—Saturday, March 15

Traditional Megilla reading and after-party with our friends from Congregation Shaarei Shamayim and Temple Beth El! Starting with Ma'ariv at 8:00pm Saturday, March 15.

### Purim Carnival—Sunday, March 16

Bring the whole family for Purim festivities at Temple Beth El on Sunday, March 16, 11:30am-2:00pm. The carnival offers food, games, and a Purim spiel featuring clergy and other educators from around the Madison Jewish community. Doors open at 11:00 to prepurchase carnival entry: \$7/person for children age 2-13.

### Kiddush Honoring Rayla Temin—Saturday, March 29

For more years than most of us can recall, Rayla Temin has devoted time, love, and energy to coordinating Torah readers and service leaders for Shabbat and holidays at Beth Israel. Honor her commitment with your presence on Shabbat morning, March 29. If you would like to also make a financial contribution to the Kiddush in her honor, please send a check or note to the office indicating how much you would like to donate.

### PJ Library Comes to Madison!

Beth Israel Center—through a partnership between United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ) and PJ Library—is bringing PJ Library to Madison.

PJ Library offers the gift of free, high-quality Jewish books and music to children ages 6 months to 8 years. If you have children or grandchildren in that age range who did not receive our introductory mailing and would like to enroll (for free!), please go to [www.bethisraelcenter.org](http://www.bethisraelcenter.org) and click on PJ Library.

Several generous donors are helping us meet the matching grant from USCJ that makes this program possible. THANK YOU!! Support is still needed.

Contact Elissa Pollack (256-7763 x 12 or [elissa@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:elissa@bethisraelcenter.org)) for more information about participating in or supporting this exciting program.

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Next Centerite Deadline:

**April 4, 2014**



## Thoughts from the Rabbi...

### Time to Double Down!

There is a well-known scene in the cult-classic movie "Swingers" where the lead character is taught that when you are dealt an eleven in the game of Blackjack the proper move is to double down. Doubling down has a specific meaning in the game, doubling your wager, and has come to have idiomatic meaning in popular culture along the lines of significantly increasing a risk, investment, or other commitment.

As you will hopefully read in other sections of this Centerite, our community is not at a time of increased risk—quite the contrary. We are about to break ground on a building project to renew and revitalize our spiritual home. This project has been on our communal horizon since before I became your rabbi and we are all proud and excited to be able to complete it soon. So we do not need to double down on the building.

The details of our construction project are getting worked out as I write these words. By the time you read them, more will be known about how much we will have access to our building, and what other locations we might need to use during this time. We know that this work will be quite invasive and will undoubtedly affect our day to day, week to week and month by month activities. How we will function as a community in the months during demolition and construction is a very important concern.

We now look at another horizon, the date in the near future when our project will be complete and we daven for the first time in our new

sanctuary. This is the time when we should double down on our commitment to community. It is not a time to sit back and wait, quite the contrary. We are a growing and vibrant community. This is the time to invest ourselves even more in congregational life to both help sustain us through these next months and also to build up our potential communal energy so that when we do walk through our new doors for the first time, our collective energy that has been building over the past years and now months, explodes forth and fills every nook and cranny of our beautifully revitalized and expanded space.

Ways to double down on Beth Israel Center in the coming months:

**Participate in a new or renewed way:** Help make the statement that we do need to wait for our new building to continue growing by learning to participate or lead a part of the Shabbat morning service that you have not done before, or not for a long time. This is the perfect time to ask Rayla to assign you another Torah reading after a hiatus.

**Come to class:** Beth Israel has a number of ongoing adult education classes and all of them will be continuing throughout the period of construction. Bring your voice to the discussion, learn a new skill or refine an old one. Our congregation has two on-going Talmud classes, our Beit Midrash, Hebrew and Yiddish and other classes—find one that speaks to you and join in.

**Come to daily minyan:** As we face the uncertainties and perhaps changed



## Thoughts from the Rabbi...(cont.)

location, our regular minyan goes would so appreciate the support and vote of confidence that having more members show up for minyan.

**Volunteer:** While we do not know exactly what kiddush on Shabbat morning will look like, we do know that we will need volunteers to help create it. Shabbat kiddish is a most important time in our communal life, when we get to check in with one another after a sometimes long and challenging week.

**Become a greeter:** This is a time when the uncertainty of a new environment or changing conditions will cause us to rely upon our greeters even more to ensure that those who

walk through our doors are made to feel comfortable and a welcome addition to our community. The Talmud teaches us that it is more important to welcome the stranger than to welcome God. Help fulfill this important mitzvah.

We do not know how the next months will be. Now is the time to double down on all that makes our community so special. The promised land is on the horizon

Shalom,

Rabbi Joshua Ben-Gideon  
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## President's Column

Cynthia Hirsch

You WILL be able to find us. Your shul will not disappear behind construction barriers. We promise. Everyone is excited and plans are being made.

We do not yet know how long, if at all, we will be required to vacate the building....but the good news is: we WILL know that very soon. Maybe even by the time you are reading this. But whether you have to look for your Rabbi and educators and executive director and Shabbat morning programs ..... in another corner of the building or down the street in a borrowed space, there will be lots of signage and lots of notice....you WILL be able to find us.

And Purim will not be canceled. Nor will Passover, or Shavuot, or end of the year school traditions, or the Lag B'Omer barbecue or simchas or Shabbat morning prayers. We might

be barbecuing in a different parking lot, but we will be eating hot dogs. Promise. New members will still be welcomed. Students will still be tutored. Adults will still learn. Mourners will be comforted.

Think of it as a bit like camping out. Whether we are in the building or at a different location, we will experience disruption. But please don't go away. Your shul needs you now just as much. Just like camping, we all need to pitch in and help hold up the tent. We can be creative and cheerful, because we know that big and wonderful things are about to happen. And you WILL be able to find us. So stay tuned and listen for details.

B'Shalom,

Cynthia Hirsch, President  
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### Weekday Minyan Times

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

#### Our weekday minyan meets

Sunday mornings  
8:15am

Mondays & Thursday mornings  
7:00am

Sunday thru Thursday evenings  
5:30pm

### Shabbat Morning Child Care

Most Saturdays  
10:00am  
until services end  
(around noon)  
Room 106

Sponsored by  
the Beth Israel  
Women's League

### Office Hours Monday - Thursday 9am to 5pm

Friday  
9am to Noon  
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# From the Building Committee Chair

Jordy Loeb

Since the last Centerite came out in early November, the Building Committee has been incredibly busy with the design process. I wrote the following in the Fall 2013 Centerite:

*The goal is to advance through Design Development in early 2014 so the architects can assemble construction development documents and put the project out for bids in late Winter.*

I am pleased to report we have met our goal and stayed on schedule. In November and December, our architects, Paul Cuta and Marc Schelpfeffer from CaS4 Architecture, spent more than 50 hours in focus group meetings with congregants, honing design concepts related to how we will use our sacred spaces, social spaces, classrooms, kitchens, bathrooms, and offices. That intense six weeks of work lead to the presentation (on December 22) of the floor plans shown here.

In January, we selected CG Schmidt as our Construction Manager. We will devote the coming weeks to finalizing the design and getting ready for construction.

CG Schmidt, a family-owned company since 1920, is a leader in quality construction management, general construction, and design-build services in the Midwest. The company serves the markets of community, healthcare, educational, senior living, corporate, industrial and religious facilities. CG Schmidt's notable projects include the Milwaukee Art Museum's Calatrava Addition; Jewish Community Center in Milwaukee; Spectrum Brands New World Headquarters in Middleton; University of Wisconsin – Madison's New South Union and Carson Gulley Center; and Monroe Clinic Hospital in Monroe.

Our project includes a complete renovation of the west side of the building, and the east portion (the current sanctuaries, offices, library and lounges) will be removed and replaced with a slightly larger footprint. Structural components will be replaced, and the building systems will be updated including mechanical, electrical, plumbing and kitchen systems. The renovated building will offer reconfigured worship, study and gathering spaces to address the space needs for the congregation for generations to come. The renovations are intended to update this long-time beloved synagogue that has been part of the fabric of the Vilas Neighborhood since 1950. Demolition and construction will begin in the Spring of 2014.

It is exciting to think about what will be accomplished by the time the Spring Centerite is published. Our goals include: complete construction documents and solicit bids from subcontractors; obtain final City approval and permits; and finalize a construction schedule. As you read the next Centerite, BIC will have packed up for the transition, decided how much of our program can remain in the building during construction, made necessary temporary relocation arrangements and selected a location for 2014 High Holiday services.

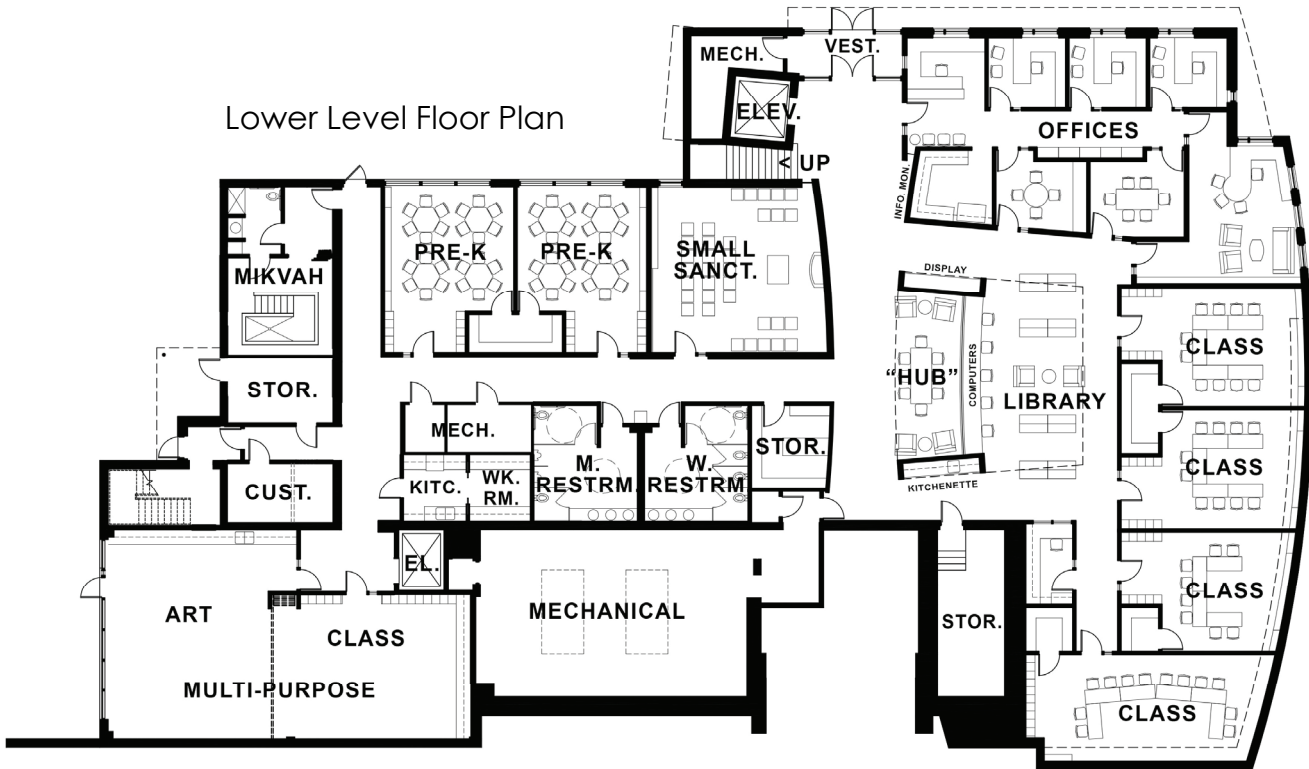
It is a bit *chutzpadik* to put scheduling goals in writing, especially when many aspects are out of our control. Given the commitment and hard work of the Building Committee, BIC staff and focus group volunteers, I am confident we will stay on track and on schedule. I would like to thank the people listed to the left for their hard work over the past several months.

— Jordy Loeb  
jordy.loeb@gmail.com

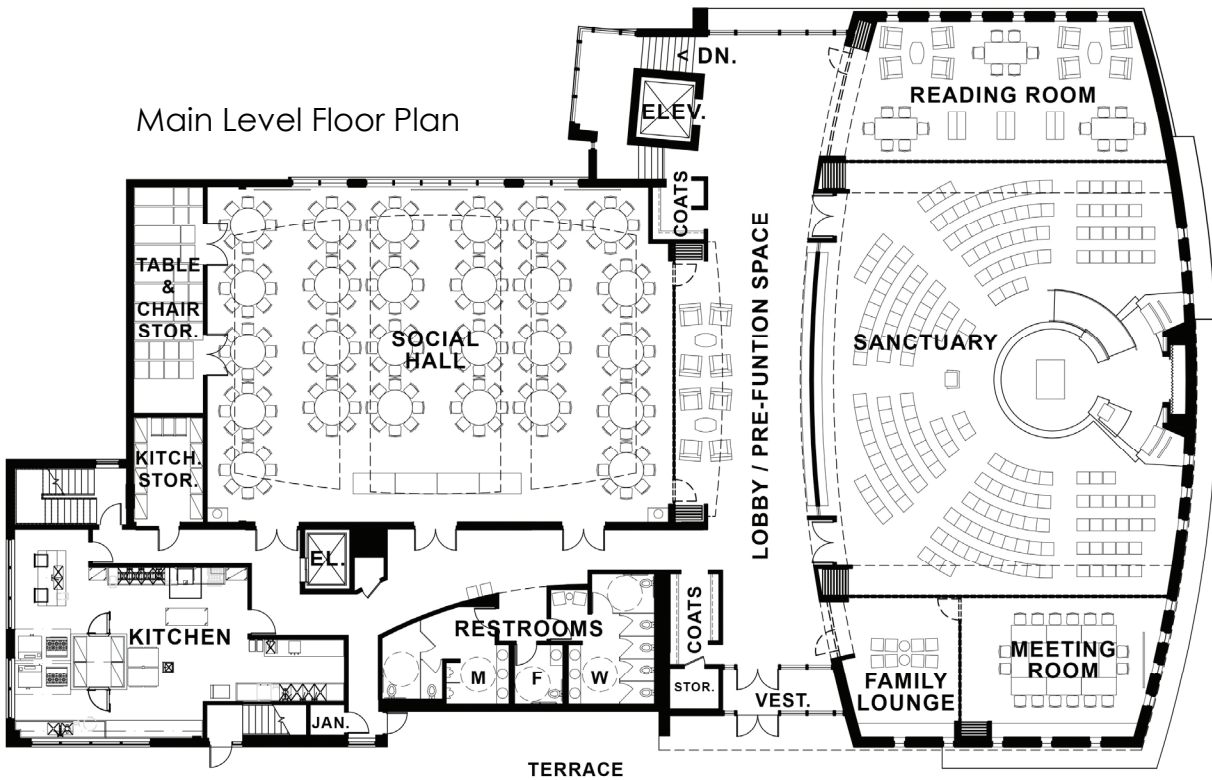
## **Building Committee, Focus Group Participants and other congregants and staff who worked on Design Development and deserve our thanks:**

David Baker  
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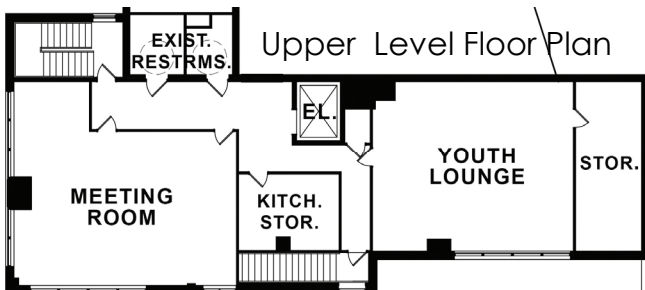
Lower Level Floor Plan



Main Level Floor Plan



Upper Level Floor Plan



*For more information about how these floor plans were developed, please review the recap of the December 22 presentation by architect Paul Cuta. A link is on our website, [www.bethisraelcenter.org](http://www.bethisraelcenter.org).*



## From the Executive Director's Desk

Elissa Pollack

Identifying myself as the executive director of a congregation planning for a major renovation is a little bit like walking into a room visibly pregnant. Pretty much anyone who has had any experience remodeling anything has advice for me. Much of the advice is really quite good, and I'm learning a lot as we prepare for the big transition.

In January, I attended my first regional meeting of Conservative synagogue Executive Directors. (It's mostly a Chicago-based group, plus me and my counterpart at Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid in Milwaukee.) Just by mentioning our upcoming remodeling project, I may have found a portable Ark for our use. I also received some advice about Shabbat- and Chag-friendly light switch designs. These are small details, but important ones to add to my lists of things to manage as we delve deeper into design of both the building itself and the systems we'll use to operate it.

While it is easy, especially for detail-oriented people like me, to get caught up in the minutiae of a multimillion-dollar renovation project, it is also exhilarating to be on the cusp of something so many of us have been working toward for so long.

Keep the advice coming, folks. We'll need all the good ideas we can get!

### Library Highlights for Adar

*Overweight Sensation: The life and comedy of Allan Sherman*, by Mark Cohen

*Whitey Joins the Revolution*, by Franklynn Peterson

*Like Dreamers*, by Yossi Klein Halevi

*Israel: A History*, by Anita Shapira

*My Promised Land: The triumph and tragedy of Israel*, by Ari Shavit

*Little Failure: A memoir*, by Gary Shteyngart

*The Boy Who Loved Math*, by Deborah Heiligman

*The Blessing Cup*, by Patricia Polacco

*Rifka Takes a Bow*, by Betty Rosenberg Perlov

*Sam and Charlie (and Sam Too!)*, by Leslie Kimmelman

*Odette's Secrets*, by Maryann MacDonald

*Lauren Yanofsky Hates the Holocaust*, by Leanne Lieberman



## AJ & Celia Rosenberg Library

Stephanie Rose

### Be Happy, It's Little Purim!!

What?!? It's leap year in the Hebrew calendar, so we get a bonus round of Purim. Purim Katan, or minor Purim, is upon us the 14<sup>th</sup> of Adar I, or February 14th. While we are not obligated to be festive on Purim Katan, we may choose to be of good heart in anticipation of Big Purim in Adar II, for "one who is of good heart is festive always" (Proverbs 15:15).

The library will celebrate both Purims with books of good heart. Please stop in for chocolate and check out the latest — listed to the left.

Todah Rabbah to the following friends of the library for donations of books: Anonymous, Franklynn Peterson, Karen Miller, Sharon Barish, Eve and Marc Galanter

Special thanks to Nathan Ehrlich for performing volunteer work for the library.

As we prepare for our new space, the library will need your help. Please contact the librarian first if you have books you wish to donate as the collections will be packed up during construction and we will be accepting donations on a very limited basis. Let us know if you wish to volunteer before, during and after the construction project. Email [library@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:library@bethisraelcenter.org)



# From the Education Director's Desk

Lily Nagy-Deak

For several years, Beth Israel Center and Congregation Beth Israel in Milwaukee (now Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid) have planned a joint program to bring our Talmud Torah students together. This year a dozen Milwaukee students joined us for a ruach-filled Shabbat at the end of January. Our weekend was full of singing, food (of course!), activities, and learning. Many participants knew each other already, either from previous years or from camp, and were excited to see their friends; others met for the first time and made new friends.

It might be tempting to live in a Madison-centric bubble. We have our friends, our families, and our roots here. And yet, as Jews, we are connected into a much larger community of people. Just think of the last time you played “Jewish geography” with someone -- we strive to connect ourselves into a larger network of Jews. When we come together and pray, or share a meal, or learn, we are joining a worldwide community of Jews doing those same things; this Shabbaton gave our students an opportunity to begin or continue building those connections, as well as their understanding of how vast the Jewish world really is. It was an amazing weekend to be a part of, and definitely a highlight of the year!

Other possible contenders for highlights of the year are our upcoming Family Education programs:

February 16: Kitah Bet explores Jewish identity, symbols and values.

March 30: Kitah Alef makes pillowcases with the Shema prayer on them.

April 10: Kitot Gimel/Dalet prepares for Pesach with a “Torn Paper Midrash”.

April 29: Kitah Hey presents their family history and genealogy projects.

## ADULT EDUCATION ~ ONGOING CLASSES

### Yiddish ~ Mondays, 7-8:30pm

Join Yiddish enthusiast and talented teacher Sylvia Grunes as she builds a love for the Yiddish language and culture through her long-running classes. All levels are welcome!

### Beit Midrash

#### Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30pm

Using the model of the traditional Beit Midrash (House of Study), participants study Jewish text and engaging in meaningful discussion. Explore the world of *hevruta* (partner) learning and dive into both traditional texts and modern Jewish writings. Come every week, or just drop by when you can!

### Talmud Class

#### Thursdays 9:15am

Come study Talmud in its original Hebrew and Aramaic with Rabbi Joshua Ben-Gideon. New students are always welcome.

### Hebrew II ~ Thursdays, 7pm

This class is designed for those interested in reading Biblical Hebrew through study of the weekly Torah portion. Whether beginner or intermediate readers, all levels of knowledge are welcomed. Led by Anna Heifetz. Contact the office to confirm schedule and location.

## Yom Rishon

Calling all families with preschoolers! Come to Yom Rishon at Beth Israel about once a month on Sunday mornings, 10:00-11:15. 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 the whole schedule on your calendar:

February 9  
Tzedakah

March 9  
Purim

May 4  
Israel

June 8  
Blessings



## By Word of Mouse

Deborah Hoffman, Program & Youth Director

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

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

### SAT & Achievement Test Dates:

March 9, 2014  
May 4, 2014  
June 8, 2014

For more information, call the Educational Testing Service at 866-756-7346.

### ACT Test Dates:

April 13, 2014  
June 15, 2014

For more information, call the ACT Registration phone line at 319-337-1270.

On Wednesday night, October 23, 18 mice turned out for our first-ever, ***Walk on the Wild Side***. This past fall, when we all thought that temperatures below freezing were unbearable, we bundled up and braved the Fahrenheit 20s by hiking to the end of Picnic Point, “warming our chill” around a blazing bonfire, making marshmallows and s’mores, munching on popcorn, drinking juice, schmoozing with sweet friends, and telling not-so-scary stories and not-so-funny jokes. Kudos to Eliav Goldman, Elisheva Pront, and Avi Bernard-Donals for putting together such a fun time for our sociable group.

MOUSY continued its ***Shabbat Schmooze*** initiative on Friday night, November 15 at the home of Avi Bernard-Donals. We started by making minyan with our congregation for Kabbalat Shabbat, walking and talking together, enjoying a delicious and traditional Shabbat dinner, schmoozing aplenty, playing Taboo, and ended with birkat hamazon. Our fourteen strong chevrah shared a wonderful Shabbat, with thanks to our gracious hosts, Avi, Hannah, Michael, and Shoshana Bernard-Donals.

☆ 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 programs, Tikun Olam contributions, and subsidies for local and regional events. Rav todot! ☆

MOUSY is proud to have been represented by Isaac Rudin at the Regional CHUSYfest Convention of Camp Chi in Lake Delton, Wisconsin on the weekend of Friday, November 22.



*Naomi Goldman-Nagel, Ariella Rader, and Ben Gellman finish up their fourth and senior year of making No Sew Fleece Blankets for American Family Children’s Hospital.*



On Saturday night, December 14, 14 mice got warm and fuzzy while making a record-breaking 18 no-sew fleece blankets for donation to the American Family Children's Hospital (AFCH). We broke up into smaller groups to measure, cut, and tie together an array of printed fleece fabric designs (such as farm animals, sports balls, playing cards, flowers, butterflies, robots, planets, and other adorable patterns), while we grooved to tunes and noshed on snacks. Kol HaKavod to chairpersons Ben Gellman and Naomi Goldman-Nagel for our fourth straight *No Sew Fleece Blankets* social action program.

Like sands through the hourglass, MOUSY semesters change and young mouselets turn into full-fledged mice, so is the *8th Grade Welcome Shabbat Schmooze* of 2014. Our MOUSY mishpacha invited our middle-school newcomers over to the home of Eliav and Aviv Goldman on Friday night, January 27 for a taste of Shabbat davening, dining, learning, playing, and schmoozing.

### ...KADIMA...KADIMA...KADIMA...

Calling all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Kadimaniks: Gear up for a ton of fun this semester with Kadima: State Street Chill-out, Boulders Indoor Climbing Gym, Bowling Bash and Pizza Party, Board Games Bonanza, Frosty Fun Overnight—pick your favorite!

On Sunday, November 17, our Kadimaniks made a date to roller-skate for a lively afternoon of frolicking, food, and confab at Fast Forward. Pictured: Miriam Syvertsen, Max Lerner, Eliya Syvertsen, Maya Becker, Moira Wilson, and Ellie Becker.



Keep a lookout for our spring calendar of good times.

### UPCOMING LOCAL MOUSY EVENTS:

Saturday, February 22  
*Murder Mystery*

Friday, March 7 OR 21  
*Shabbat Schmooze*

Saturday, March 8 OR 22  
*Casino Royale Night*

### Regional & National USY Events

Friday, February 7-  
Saturday, February 8  
*USY Midwinter Convention*

Friday, April 25-  
Sunday, April 27  
*CHUSY Spring Kinnus Convention*

## When's your week?

An up-to-date list is posted on our website. Look under Worship, then click Jewry Duty.

Coming up.....

### February 2

Michael & Hannah Bernard -Donals, Mark & Debbie Blitz, Sylvia Grunes, Daniel & Kathy Levin, Jeff & Rachel Levy, Mitch & Sharon Rapkin, Barry & Nancy Rich, Robert Schwartz, Naomi Shapiro & Ray Spits, Jeanne Swack

### February 9

Stephan Deutsch & Judith Burstyn, Joan Ershler, Joshua Gabai, Patricia Green-Sotos, Herbert Lewis & Francie Saposnik, Joel & Debbie Minkoff, Jonathan Rosenblum, Robert & JoAnn Skloot

### February 16

David Baum & Ruth Litovsky, Howard Bregman, Nancy Feingold, Stuart Glosser & Gila Shoshany, Zev Kianovsky & Arlene Lukin, Lorna Kniaz, Jeff Lindholm & Leslie Fields, Ronald & Susan Magness, Barton Miller, David & Nancy Resnick

### February 23

Rachel & Jared Cordasco, Mikhail Feldman & Eugenia Malitsky, Anna Heifetz, Si & Billie Hellerstein, Robin Kurzer, Lisa Rader, Francis & Sally Schrag



## 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 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 one assigned calendar week, beginning on Sunday and ending with Shabbat. Assignments close to the date of this newsletter are in the sidebar on this page. Assignments are also posted on our website, and our office has a listing.

Please come. You are needed.



## Kabbalat Shabbat Initiative

Kabbalat Shabbat is one of the most beautiful times of the week. Every Friday night, as we transition from our weeks filled with work, school, and community activities, we have the opportunity to come together to welcome the peace of Shabbat.

The Beth Israel Center strategic plan, developed by the Board of Directors in 2010, prioritizes strengthening our congregational Kabbalat Shabbat observance. To assure that we have a vibrant minyan every Friday evening, we invite groups of committee members, Talmud Torah parents, MOUSY mice, and others to join with fellow congregants on particular dates and participate in our Kabbalat Shabbat service.

In addition to supporting that week's minyan, this plan provides a wonderful opportunity for people within those groups to come together after the service for a Shabbat gathering if they wish. Among the feedback we have received since beginning this initiative is that groups who plan a communal dinner at one of their homes following the service find the experience to be even more meaningful.

When your congregational group is asked to participate in the Kabbalat Shabbat minyan, please know that your families and friends are very welcome, as well. The service begins at 5:45 and lasts about 45 minutes. We are confident that you will find great satisfaction in contributing to our Beth Israel community in this way.

### 2014 Kabbalat Shabbat ~ Special Invitations:

February 7 ~ Ritual Committee  
February 14 ~ Kitah Gimel/Dalet  
February 28 ~ Youth & Membership Committees

March 7 ~ Kitah Hey  
March 14 ~ Kitah Gan  
March 21 ~ Kitah Vav/Zayin

April 4 ~ Kitah Gimel/Dalet  
April 25 ~ Kitah Alef

May 9 ~ MOUSY  
May 23 ~ Ritual Committee  
May 30 ~ Kitah Bet

June 6 ~ Ten Plagues softball team  
June 13 ~ Education Committees  
June 20 ~ Board of Directors  
June 27 ~ Finance and Personnel Committees



## Rav Todot to BIC Volunteers

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**Shabbat Kiddush Crew:** Livia Asher, Matt Banks, Trudy Barash, David Baum, Avi Bernard-Donals, Hannah Bernard-Donals, Jill Boissonnault, Felice Borisy-Rudin, Naomi Chesler, Marsha Cohen, Esther de Laix, Joel Ehrlich, Nathan Ehrlich, Steven Goldstein, Sylvia Grunes, Billie Hellerstein, Kathi Johnson Rock, Kazu Kitano, Evan Kivolowitz, Sara Kivolowitz, Clara Lazimy, Rafi Lazimy, Jessie Loeb, Arlene Lukin, Barbara Myers Temkin, Judy Pierotti, Tziporah Quick, Michael Rock, Isaac Rudin, Shoshana Rudin, Sion Shabtaie, Bob Skloot, Anna Syvertsen, Marc Syvertsen, Paul Wilson

**Kiddush Stager and Barista:** Karen Shevet Dinah

**Shabbat Niggunim Se'udah Shlishit Helpers:** Avi Bernard-Donals, Hannah Bernard-Donals, Marsha Cohen, Cher Diamond, Roz Gusinow, Clara Lazimy, Laurel Mark, Stephanie Stone, Sally Schrag, Fran Schrag, Bruce Thomadsen, Leslie Greenspan

**Shabbat Greeters:** Cynthia Hirsch, Laurie Nagus, Jonathan Pollack, Mike Pressman, Barry Rich, Francie Saposnik, Sally Schrag, Jim Wear

**Hanukkah Party Team:** Joel Ehrlich, Melanie Cohen, Beth Fisher, KC Lerner, Arlene Lukin, Jonathan Pollack, Felice Rudin, Avi Bernard-Donals, Isaac Rudin, Ruth Litovsky, Judy Knupp, Adam Mednick, David Baum; Shlichah Racheli Komar Aziz, Simon Rosenblum-Larson

**Hanukkah Party Story Rappers:** David Baum, Marla Becker, Avi Bernard-Donals, Marsha Cohen, Talia Ivry, Gideon Klionsky, Clara Lazimy, Mike Pressman, Jonathan Rosenblum, Simon Rosenblum-Larson, Nathan Rudin

**Special Event Bakers and Cooks:** Beth Fisher, Arlene Lukin, Elana Matthews

**Supper Quiz Servers:** Maya Banks, Avi Bernard-Donals, Hannah Ehrlich, Nathan Ehrlich, Evan Kivolowitz, Samara Leff Lerner, Ari Pollack, Noah Pollack

**The Road Home Buddies:** Donna Anderson, Jill Boissonnault, Steve Goldstein, Steve Kessler, Marsha Cohen, Mike Pressman, Nina Pressman

**MOUSY Shabbat Schmooze Hosts:** Hannah & Michael Bernard Donals; Leora Saposnik & Irwin Goldman

**Laundry Angels:** Anna, Marc, Miriam, and Eliya Syvertsen; Donna Anderson; Kris Rasmussen

**Shabbat Morning Program Substitute Teachers:** Marsha Cohen, Bart Miller

**Technology Support:** Perry Kivolowitz

### Appreciation for Sponsored and Enhanced Shabbat Kiddushim:

\*Special Shabbat Kiddush in celebration of Karen Shevet Dinah's samech hey birthday on November 30.

\*Social Action Shabbat Kiddush enhanced by the Social Action Committee on December 7.

\*Shabbat Kiddush Sponsored by Herman Goldstein in honor of his grandchildren, who recently celebrated their b'nai mitzvah on December 14.

\*Shabbat Kiddush Sponsored by Matt Banks to celebrate his 49th birthday, the 36th anniversary of his bar mitzvah, and the 5th anniversary of his daughter Maya's bat mitzvah on January 18.

### Upcoming Attractions:

\* Shabbat Kiddush Sponsored by Anna Heifetz on March 1.

\* Sponsored Shabbat Kiddush to honor Rayla Temin on March 29.

## Yahrzeits

### 1 Adar I / February 1

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

### 2 Adar I / February 2

Sandra Evans  
Max Latinsky  
Morris Levin

### 3 Adar I / February 3

Harold Goldberg  
Miril Heifetz  
Maier Kaim  
Mollie Kaplan  
Gertrude Recht Stein  
Sara Schwartz  
Ruth Wolfson

### 4 Adar I / February 4

Max Shapiro  
Shirley Swack

### 4 Adar I / February 5

Joseph Levy  
Sam Shapiro  
Alvin Shovers

### 6 Adar I / February 6

Leanore Fridstein Factor  
Ruth Hertz  
Norman Schwabacher

### 7 Adar I / February 7

David Goldberg  
Fanny Klitsner  
Mary Levin  
Louis Mazursky  
Dora Schwartz  
Al Weschler

### 8 Adar I / February 8

Patricia Donals  
Bashe Dworetzky  
Molly Epstein Karp  
Mollie Goodman  
Wilhelm Grzyb  
Rachel Mazur  
Isadore Miller  
Dorna Person  
Ruth Scholick

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# Social Action

## Friends of Emerson School Initiative

Madison's joint synagogue social action organization, now known as Jewish Congregations for Social Justice (JCSJ), continues successfully to recruit and place new volunteers through Friends of Emerson School.

Among the ways we are supporting Emerson School so far are through the Chess Club (see the facing page), as Math Mentors, and by volunteering at the school's Tuesday Night Lights programs.

### Math Mentors

The Emerson School math mentor program has been launched with many mentors beginning to meet with students. Currently, 18 mentors are working with 25 students in grades 2-5. Lisa Stein, math specialist at Emerson, has found it delightful to meet the volunteers and partner them with the students. Both adults and students are excited about the one-on-one meeting times--even looking forward to the math practice.

The volunteers have a wide range of experiences and ability with math students, but all are earnest and sincere in their desire to build a relationship with the students. Emerson's principal, math specialist and teachers are very excited about the math mentor program. Teachers (even new teachers) are confident with the content and activities to support mentors.

One important aspect of the program at Emerson is the method they have created to evaluate the success of math mentoring. The goal of partnering volunteers with students is to improve skills in understanding of math facts. The teachers are currently re-assessing students in the area of fact understanding for mid-year measures/report cards. Teachers and students will then set goals for facts based on this new evaluation. Appropriate routines and activities are already developed to enhance students' skills, and volunteers were trained on these activities. Many students will need extra one-to-one practice to "break the code". Others are working on becoming more fluent with composing and decomposing numbers within 10 or 20 (adding and subtraction) and yet others are working on skip counting to become fluent with multiplication. In the spring, students will be evaluated again to see the outcome of the math mentoring program.

There are still several slots available, so if you are interested in serving as a math

mentor, contact Sherie Sondel at [sherie.sondel@gmail.com](mailto:sherie.sondel@gmail.com).



### Family nights – Tuesday Night Lights

*"I love 'Tuesday Night Lights' at Emerson. It's fun getting to know the kids and parents of this fantastic close-knit community and providing another few set of hands to add something special to their programs." – Temple Beth El volunteer*

Every Tuesday evening, Emerson School holds an open house for students and their families, with about 150 people attending each week. Our volunteers arrive at the school at 5:15 pm and are



finished by 7:15. Volunteers welcome the parents and kids, help check out books, hand out snacks, and do whatever the school needs that night. Simple and fun! Programs include concerts, jugglers, scientists, and hands-on projects. Recently, an evening of Math Games was a huge success!

If you are available to volunteer on a Tuesday evening, contact Betsy Abramson at [betsyabramson@gmail.com](mailto:betsyabramson@gmail.com).

## Why Volunteer...

*In each issue of the Centerite, we look at one individual's volunteer experience. This issue, we focus on Larry Bensky and the Emerson School Chess Club.*

Last fall, Beth Israel member Larry Bensky started volunteering with the Emerson School Chess Club. Every other week, he attends the meeting of the after-school club, which attracts 20 to 30 students.

Typically, Ron, the chess instructor, gives the students several chess problems to discuss and solve, talks about principles of chess, and, then, the kids play games of chess. Larry helps the students with the games, answers questions, or makes sure that the moves are legal. Larry loves to see the Emerson kids learning chess.

Larry learned to play chess as a young boy. He was inspired to play seriously after the 1972 World Chess Championship match between challenger Bobby Fischer of the United States and defending champion Boris Spassky of the Soviet Union. Now, Larry loves playing chess with his 8-year-old grandson.

## Yahrzeits

### 9 Adar I / February 9

Haim ben Manachem Haimson  
Sol Levin  
Sam Mead

### 10 Adar I / February 10

Jennie Chortek  
Samuel Sinaiko

### 11 Adar I / February 11

Walter Novick  
Mary Zuker

### 12 Adar I / February 12

Rachel Green  
Harry Klitsner  
Ida Moskowsky  
Bessie Schwartz  
Fanny Kaufman Smith

### 13 Adar I / February 13

Abe Mintz  
Rose Onikul  
Victor Rosenblum  
George Skloot  
Elizabeth Sweet  
Sam Webne

### 14 Adar I / February 14

Rachel Brodsky

### 15 Adar I / February 15

Mary Nathenson

### 16 Adar I / February 16

Rose Frank  
Ida Gould  
Roberta Jacoby  
Evelyn Minkoff  
Leon Stein

### 17 Adar I / February 17

Sam Etzkin  
Paula Grzyb  
Hyman Paley  
Aaron Scher

### 18 Adar I / February 18

Jacob Becker  
Lloyd Borenstein  
Ira Katch

### 19 Adar I / February 19

Hyman Ansell  
Dorah Karp  
Clara Levin  
Arthur Mead  
Tessie Stein

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## Yahrzeits

### 20 Adar I / February 20

Nathan Cohen  
Sylvia Feingold  
Marshall Fields

### 21 Adar I / February 21

Frumeh Bloom  
Heather Joseph  
Rochelle Kianovsky  
Gertrude Rodman  
William Stein

### 22 Adar I / February 22

Ben Paley  
Sara Shapiro  
Robert Sweet

### 23 Adar I / February 23

Isador Borsuk  
Nathan DeLevie  
Eli Freedman  
Paul Goldman  
Hyman Lessack  
Mikhail Pishchiker

### 24 Adar I / February 24

David Rosenthal

### 25 Adar I / February 25

Joseph Brodsky  
Ross Kurzer  
Nathan Swartz

### 26 Adar I / February 26

David Altschuler  
Burnard Frank  
Celia Rosenberg

### 27 Adar I / February 27

Harry Karas  
Moshe Paley  
Kitty Schorr  
Jean Wein

### 28 Adar I / February 28

Anna Halperin  
Sarah Halperin  
Emory Judy  
Paul Schrag  
Osne Zaichick

### 29 Adar I / March 1

Anne Cooper  
Sarah Seidner  
Herman Shapiro

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## Simchas & Announcements

### Births

Halia Marie Eisenberg, daughter of Jordana Thomadsen and Nathan Eisenberg, granddaughter of Bruce Thomadsen (Louise Goldstein), great-granddaughter of Harold Borenstein

Shira, daughter of Louise and Steven Schoenberger, granddaughter of Sherwood and Barbara Spar Malamud, sister of Micah, Laila and Rina

Ziv Jerome and Stav Frederick, sons of Michal Engelman and Josh Garoon

### Bar Mitzvah

Isaac Kianovsky ~ February 1

### Engagement

Mike Baker, son of David and Jamie Baker, to Rosie. The wedding is in June.



## Condolences to the families of

Natalie Fields, mother of Leslie Fields (Jeff Lindholm), grandmother of Hannah and Danny

Harold Segal, father of Annalee Segal

Andrea Stein, wife of Jim Stein and mother of Hannan and Jacob

Susanne Gellman, mother of Sam Gellman (Julie Plotkin), grandmother of Aviva and Ben

Max Bodenheimer

Barbara Kleinman, mother of Daniel Kleinman (Susan Bernstein), grandmother of Flora

Portia Paradise

Lois Lashley, mother of Rick Ezell (Kristen Bernard)



## Memorial & Tribute Gifts

*This list reflects memorial and tribute gifts made between mid October and mid January.*

### Abraham Barash Handicapped Services Fund

*In memory of*

**Isadore Kosowsky** From Mark Kosowsky

**Joseph Beitel, Ruth Beitel** From Mrs. Marion Gold

**Dov Schwartz** From Richard Schwartz

**Bernard Schwab, Bessie Schwab, Morris Schwab, David Schwab, Arthur Grant**  
From William Schwab & Leslie Grant

### Art Fund

*In memory of*

**Ruth Hill** From Ghita Bessman

### David Temkin Camp Ramah

*In honor of*

**The Marriage of Daniel Myers Temkin to Yaara Nizan** From Dan & Judy Pierotti

**The birth of Shira, granddaughter of Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein**  
From Si & Billie Hellerstein

*In memory of*

**Eva Moss** From Cheryl Temkin and From Marcia Moss



# Memorial & Tribute Gifts

## General Fund

*In honor of*

- BIC President Cynthia Hirsch** From Dawn Berney
- Alfred and Lois Frank's Anniversary** From Frances Mann
- The birth of a granddaughter to Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein and Natalie Borenstein hosting Thanksgiving** From Phyllis Eisenberg

*In memory of*

- Miriam Sulman** From Aaron Sulman
- Minnie Frank Lustgarden** From Alfred & Lois Frank
- Sam Lewis** From Arnold & Sharon Ruben
- Debra Friedman** From David Friedman
- Ida Chudacoff** Dr. Manny Chudwin
- Sarah Gevirman** From Edwin & Amy Azen
- Minnie Frank Lustgarden** From Frances Mann
- Esther Sweet and Harry Sweet** From Gary Sweet
- Celia Borenstein and Frieda Borenstein** From Harold Borenstein
- Sol Kaplan and Lewis Kaplan** From Harold Kaplan
- Alex Swartz** From Joel Marcus & Judith Swartz Marcus
- Helen Sinagub, Yetta Sinagub, Naomi Sinagub and Jacob Sinagub** From Jonathan Sinagub
- David Perlman** From Kato Perlman
- Cohn, Dubrov and Nathenson Families** From Linda Freeman
- Sylvia Wein and Gordon Wein** From Mae Louise & Sheldon Rapkin
- Edward Soref and Isabelle Soref** From Michael Soref
- Irving Maydeck** From Mr. & Mrs. Steven Jellinek
- Albert Borenstein** From Neal Borenstein
- Solomon Volpiansky** From Paula Volpiansky
- Coleman Slavney, Marilyn Borenstein, Albert Borenstein, Albert Becker, Phillip Becker, Frieda Borenstein and Sol Goodman** From Phyllis Eisenberg
- Miriam Sweet and Ben Sweet** From Richard Sweet & Judith Zvara
- Raphael Kianovsky, Natalie Fields, and the parents of Jeanne Swack** From Samuel Gellman & Julie Plotkin
- Peter Druch** From Shelley Davey

## Goodman Education Fund

*In memory of*

- Richard Kaplan** From Janice Kaplan

## Holman/Weisbard Fund for Adult Jewish Learning

*In honor of*

- The birth of Halia Marie Eisenberg to Jordana Thomadsen and Nathan Eisenberg, grandparents Bruce Thomadsen and Louise Goldstein; and the birth of a granddaughter to Sherwood & Barbara Malamud** From Alan Weisbard
- The birth of Halia Marie Eisenberg** From Phyllis Holman Weisbard

*In memory of*

- Andrea Stein** From Alan Weisbard and From Phyllis Holman Weisbard
- Marilyn Borenstein Holman** From Phyllis Holman Weisbard

## Jake Heifetz Fund

*In memory of*

- Jake Heifetz** From Lawrence Heifetz and From Pauline Heifetz

## Joe Temkin Education Fund

*In memory of*

- Jerome Onheiber & Harry Sweet** From Sam & Maria Onheiber

## Yahrzeits

### 29 Adar I / March 1

Rose Diamantstein

### 1 Adar II / March 3

Leahbelle Bercey

### 2 Adar II / March 4

Sara Frank

### 3 Adar II / March 5

Henry Gutmann

### 4 Adar II / March 6

Leonard Loeb

Blanche Schwartzstein

### 5 Adar II / March 7

Freda Liberman Family

### 6 Adar II / March 8

Karen Goldman

### 8 Adar II / March 10

Efraim Picus

### 9 Adar II / March 11

Eunis Mann

Ellen Shoshany Kaim

### 10 Adar II / March 12

Etya Fastovsky

Jeanette Russ

### 11 Adar II / March 13

Sidney Goldman

Henri Hanau

### 12 Adar II / March 14

Adolph Weinschel

### 13 Adar II / March 15

Goldie Musin

Ruth Zitowsky

### 16 Adar II / March 18

Maurice Amdur

Milton Friedman

Bessie Lutske

Morris Schulman

Milt Sherman

### 18 Adar II / March 21

Sarah Silverman

### 19 Adar II / March 20

Lillian Weber

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## Yahrzeits

**24 Adar II / March 26**

Ann Slavney

**23 Adar II / March 24**

Ida Figler  
Mayer Jacob

**25 Adar II / March 27**

Harry Dworetzky  
Joseph Switzky

**27 Adar II / March 29**

Eva Rosenberg

**29 Adar II / March 31**

Helen Sweet

**1 Nisan / April 1**

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

**2 Nisan / April 2**

Chaim Dubrovitz  
Naomi Epstein  
Roslyn Kopelberg  
Caroline Sulman

**3 Nisan / April 3**

Chaim Dubrow  
Donald Goren  
Aaron Seidner

**4 Nisan / April 4**

Samuel Ottenstein  
David Rubin  
Morris Stein  
Isaac Stein

**5 Nisan / April 5**

Jack Goldberg  
Herbert Nathenson  
Leah Segal  
Emanuel Weinstein

**6 Nisan / April 6**

Jack Jacobson  
Ben Shore  
Leonard Solinger

**7 Nisan / April 7**

Jenny Lebowitz  
George Marcus  
Nechama Meister

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## Memorial & Tribute Gifts

### Mazor Kiddush Fund

*In honor of*

**The birth of twin boys to Michal Engleman & Josh Garoon, Ellie Becker's Bat Mitzvah, the birth of Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein's granddaughter, Karen Shevet Dinah's special birthday, the Bat Mitzvah of Moira Wilson, the birth of a daughter to Jeff & Rachel Levy, and the birth of a daughter to Heidi and Jon Heller** From Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

**Karen Shevet Dinah's special birthday** From Moshe & Haya Yuchtman

**The b'nei Mitzvah of Herman Goldstein's grandchildren** From Rayla Temin

*In memory of*

**Peter Druch** From Alfred & Lois Frank

**Leo Sulman** From David Sulman & Anne Altshuler

**Susanne Gellman, Natalie Fields, Barbara Kleinman, Andrea Stein, Nathan Pressman, Stanley Cohen, and Harold Segal** From Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

### L'Dor v'Dor One Time gifts

*Get Well*

**Ralph and Charlotte Musin** From Harry & Bertha Friedman

**Jerry Gross** From Rayla Temin

*In honor of*

**The Bat Mitzvah of Moira Wilson, Karen Shevet Dinah's birthday, Alfred & Lois Frank's anniversary, the B'nai Mitzvah of Herman Goldstein's grandchildren** From Natalie Borenstein

**Sara Kivolovitz** From Perry Kivolowitz

**Moira Wilson's Bat Mitzvah** From Rayla Temin

**Alfred and Lois Frank's Anniversary** From Roz Levin

**The birth of a grandson to David & Susan Fish and grand-nephew of Joel & Judy Fish** From Steven Schwartz

**Jim Stein, president of the Jewish Federation of Madison** From Sylvia Grunes

*In memory of*

**Clara Rothblatt** From Cheryl Lerner

**Sylvia Temkin** From Cheryl Temkin

**Neil Pekarsky** From Daniel Pekarsky & Stephanie Stone

**Clara Gahr and Chaim Schwartz** From Dorothy Schwartz

**Patricia Mary Johnson** From Harvey Johnson

**Fritz Gutmann and Mel Gutmann** From Harvey & Barbara Myers Temkin

**Marcia Lewis and Frederic Lewis** From Herbert Lewis & Francie Saposnik

**David Mazur** From Howard & Sally Mazur

**Ann Rock** From Michael Rock & Kathi Johnson Rock and From Mollybelle Berish

**Abraham Blumenfeld and Frank Melnik** From Mr. & Mrs. Sol Blumenfeld

**Sarah Schmidt, Susanne Gellman and Marilyn Borenstein Holman** From Natalie Borenstein

**Frieda Borenstein** From Nicki & Ken Milin and Harold Borenstein

**Marilyn Holman** From Nicki Milin

**Soloman Volpiansky** From Paula Volpiansky

**Andrea Stein and Lois Lashley** From Perry & Sara Kivolowitz

**Pearl Springberg** From Peter Springberg

**Dorothy Miller** From Phyllis Davis

**Susanne Gellman, Andrea Stein, Natalie Fields, Irv Saposnik, and Barbara Kleinman** From Rayla Temin

**Dorothy Miller** From Raymond & Phyllis Davis

**David Mazur** From Riva Rubnitz

**Lois Lashley** From Si & Billie Hellerstein

**Ida Andrusier Schwartz** From Sonia Andrusier

**Andrea Stein** From Theodore & Irene Knupp

**Fritz Gutmann and Melvin Gutmann** From Thomas Palay & Diane Gutmann

**Albert Scham** From William & Barbara Spitz



**Yahrzeits**

**Dorothy and Irving Levi Rabbi's Discretionary Programming Fund**

*In honor of and appreciation for*

**Rabbi Ben-Gideon's and the Beth Israel Community's support** From Jim Stein

*In memory of*

**Eleanor Onheiber** From Michael & Patrice Onheiber

**Harry Zitowsky** From Mr. Robert Zitowsky

**Mikvah Repair Fund**

*In honor of*

**The birth of Hailia Marie Eisenberg and the wedding of our daughter Sara Maier to**

**Andrew Kushner** From Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

**The birth of a granddaughter to Sherwood & Barbara Malamud** From Rayla Temin

**Moira Wilson's Bat Mitzvah** From Sylvia Grunes

*In memory of*

**Ella Hirschfeld** From Ben & Sherry Hirschfeld

**Harry Schiff** From Bill & Jill Boissonnault

**Andrea Stein** From Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

**Irv Saposnik and Marcia Lewis** From Herbert Lewis & Francie Saposnik

**Bart Green** From Patricia Green-Sotos

**My dear friend, Natalie Fields** From Sally Aaron

**Andrea Stein and Natalie Fields** From Sylvia Grunes

**Mintz Fund**

*In memory of*

**Hyman Daniels, Jena Daniels and Ida Weinstein** From Barbara Beyer

**Larry Mazursky** From Howard & Sally Mazur

**Charles Layton** From Martin Layton

**Julius Mintz** From Marvin & Phyllis Eisenberg

**Aaron Urkofsky** From Samuel Moss

**Morris Heifetz Fund**

*In honor of*

**The samech hey birthday of Karen Shevet-Dinah as well as the birth of a daughter to Rachel & Jeff Levy** From Anna Heifetz

**Leslie Greenspan and Rebecca Ben-Gideon for their work with Miriam** From Marc & Anna Syvertsen

*In memory of*

**Max Bodenheimer** From Anna Heifetz

**Benjamin Heifetz** From Michael Heifetz & Michelle Minkus

**Bertha Rubin and Hyman Marlowe** From Robert & Judith Rubin

**Bella Radbil and Abe Radbil** From Robert Schwartz

**Clara Rothblatt** From Shike Rothblatt

**Prayerbook Fund**

*In memory of*

**Libby Burstein** From Fay Nager

**Dorothy & Hyman Lerner and Rae & Oscar Rapkin** From Mitch & Sharon Rapkin

**Sylvia Wein and Gordon Wein** From Roslyn Gorchow

**Max Bodenheimer** From Si & Billie Hellerstein

**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

*In memory of*

**Jerome Onheiber** From Michael & Patrice Onheiber

**Rosenberg Library Fund**

*In memory of*

**Arthur Moss & Reva Moss** From Samuel Moss

**Abraham Rosenberg** From Irwin Rosenberg

**Jacob Meyer Schwam** From Emanuel Schwam

**Simcha Lazimy, Meir Lazimy, Menashe Lazimy, Asher Lazimy, Tsvia** (Continue

**9 Nisan / April 9**

Jack Dachman

Peter Deutsch

Kathryn Grossman

Leo Hill

**10 Nisan / April 10**

Selma Becker

Shlomo Dworetzky

Sarah Grebler

Sarah Kulakowsky

**11 Nisan / April 11**

Meyer Kaufman

Gerald Kleinman

Ann Matsoff

Ida Minkoff

Eileen Mondry

Herman Onheiber

Beatrice Sweet

**12 Nisan / April 12**

Aaron Epstein

Lillian Kaplan

Josephine Mendow

Leon Mondry

**13 Nisan / April 13**

Shirley Cohn

Irving Levy

**14 Nisan / April 14**

Maggie Eisenberg

Abraham Frank

Harold Levey

Louis Roth

**15 Nisan / April 15**

I. Cohen

Leontine Friedman

Leo Geller

Helen Sweet

**16 Nisan / April 16**

Sherman Ansell

Robert Goodman

Robert Mann

Elsa Morgensteren

Max Novick

Hy Parks

**17 Nisan / April 17**

Esther Swartz

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**Yahrzeits**

**18 Nisan / April 18**

Eva Dizon  
Molly Goldstein  
Hermina Kneller  
Catherine Odette  
Jacob Popkewitz  
Jacob Sinaiko  
William Sinaiko  
David Slafer

**19 Nisan / April 19**

Jeanne Siegel  
Ellen Wolman

**20 Nisan / April 20**

Lillian Greenberg  
Jack Schvid

**21 Nisan / April 21**

Paulina Bloom  
Ezra Frank  
Isaac Pover  
Lilo Rosenmeyer  
Martin Siroky

**22 Nisan / April 22**

Mollie Becker  
Ida Lessack  
Ben Rubin  
Ruth Solinger

**23 Nisan / April 23**

Oscar Brodsky  
Aletha Rappaport  
Morris Richman

**24 Nisan / April 24**

Dora Levin  
Hannah Malamud  
William Onheiber

**25 Nisan / April 25**

Esther Sweet

**26 Nisan / April 26**

Gladys Godfried  
Sander Gusinow  
Abraham Sweet  
Nashe Sweet

**27 Nisan / April 27**

Blanche Altshuler  
Jane England  
Rosalyn Schwab

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# Memorial & Tribute Gifts

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**Morgensteren, Pinie Morgensteren, Danny Morgensteren, Elsa Morgensteren** From Rafael & Clara Lazimy

**Shirley Epstein Fund**

*In memory of*

**Allen Sweet, Max Sweet and Lillian Rosenzweig** From Betty Sweet  
**Louis Sweet, Lil Gerson, Harvey Gerson, Tillie Weiner, Morris Weiner, Lois Weiner Graber, Marsha Weiner Schwartz** From Herbert & Dottie Weiner

**Shirley Epstein** From Mr. Larry Epstein

**Iver Karp** From Norma Klagos

**Ann Gusinow, Shirley Epstein, Helen Karp, Oscar Karp** From Rosalind Gusinow

**Oscar Karp and Helen Karp** From Ruth Ann Schumeister

**David Zaichick** From Sol Zaichick

**Social Action Fund**

*In honor of*

**Miriam's Brit Bat** From Brian & Season Schwarzbrott

**Karen Shevet Dinah's special birthday** From Robert & Joann Skloot

*In memory of*

**Martha Wechselblatt Skloot** From Robert & Joann Skloot

**Weinshel Torah Upkeep Fund**

*In memory of*

**Frieda "Babe" Borenstein and Celia Borenstein** From Bess Borenstein

**David Sweet** From Gerald & Lorraine Borsuk

**Leah Sweet, Arthur Sweet, Fannie Sweet and Harry Sweet** From Mike Sweet

**Max Bodenheimer** From Rayla Temin

## February 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						Isaac Kianovsky Bar Mitvah  Terumah
2	3	4	5	6	7	8  Vart Vart Zog Mir Nisht! Tetzaveh
9  Yom Rishon	10	Board Of Directors 11	12	13	14  Kabbalat Shabbat: Gimmel/Dalet Families	15 Board Game Shabbat & Havdalah Niggunim Ki Tisa
16	17	18	19	20	21  BIC Pot Luck	22  Vayakhel
23	24	25	26	27	28  Kabbalat Shabbat: Youth & Membership ctes.	

# March 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						Kiddush By Anna Heifetz  <i>Pekude</i>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
					Kabbalat Shabbat: <i>Hey Families</i>	<i>Vayikra</i>
9	10	Board Of Directors	11	12	13	14
Yom Rishon				Vashti's Den	Kabbalat Shabbat: <i>Gan Families</i>	Megilla Reading & Purim Party <i>Tzav</i>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Community Purim Carnival @Temple Beth El					Kabbalat Shabbat: <i>Vav/Zayin Families</i>	Havdalah Niggunim <i>Shemini</i>
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31				<b>BIC Pot Luck</b>	Kiddush Honoring Rayla Temin  <i>Tazria</i>

# April 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
					Kabbalat Shabbat: <i>Gimmel/Dalet Families</i>	<i>Metzora</i>
6	7	Board Of Directors	8	9	10	11
					Pre-Pesach Shabbat Dinner	<i>Acharei Mot</i> Shabbat Hagadol
13	14	Office Closed	15	Office Closed	16	17
No Talmud Torah	Fast of the First Born/Siyyum First Seder	No Talmud Torah Passover 1 Second Seder	Passover 2	No Talmud Torah		<i>Chol Hamoed</i>
20	Office Closed	21	Office Closed	22	23	24
No Talmud Torah	Passover 7	No Talmud Torah Passover 8 / Yizkor			Kabbalat Shabbat: <i>Alef Families</i>	<i>Kedoshim</i>
27	28	29	30	May 1	May 2	May 3
					Joey Weisenberg	Shabbaton #3

## Yahrzeits

### 28 Nisan / April 28

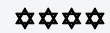
Leo Barth  
Alice Barth  
Frieda Melnik  
Meyer Prosansky  
Martin Rosenzweig  
Anna Shapiro

### 29 Nisan / April 29

Alice Field  
Gertrude Melrood  
Rebecca Nathenson

### 30 Nisan / April 30

Charles Karp  
Isadore Libanoff  
Cecile Rogut  
Joe Wagman  
Dobe Widrevitz



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

*If you have any questions about or additions to our Yahrzeit list, please contact the office at (608) 256-7763 or [office@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:office@bethisraelcenter.org).*

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## February ~ March ~ April Schedule

Date	Parshat	Candle Lighting	Shabbat Services
February 7/8	Tetzaveh	Candles 5:02p	Fridays 5:45pm
February 14/15	Ki Tisa	Candles 5:11p	Saturdays 9:30am
February 21/22	Vayakhel	Candles 5:21p	_____
Feb. 28/March 1	Pekude	Candles 5:29p	<b>Weekday Services</b>
March 7/8	Vayikra	Candles 5:38p	Sunday mornings 8:15am
March 14/15	Tzav	Candles 6:46p	Monday & Thursday mornings 7:00am
March 21/22	Shemini	Candles 6:55p	Sunday—Thursday evenings 5:30pm
March 28/29	Tazria	Candles 7:03p	_____
April 4/5	Metzora	Candles 7:11p	Please call ahead to ensure a minyan. Other morning services may be organized by request.
April 11/12	Achrei Mot	Candles 7:19p	
April 14/15—Pesach		Candles 7:23p	
April 18/19	Pesach Chol Hamoed	Candles 7:27p	
April 20/21—Pesach		Candles 7:30p	
April 25/26	Kedoshim	Candles 7:35p	