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Upcoming Programs & Events

Torah & Mindfulness

Two Sundays and a series of Thursday evenings: March 15 - May 3, 2015

Beth Israel Center brings together the teachings of three thought leaders in Jewish practice and mindfulness — Rabbi Jordan Bendat-Appell, Professor Richie Davidson, and Rabbi Alan Lew, z"l — on Sundays, March 15 and May 3, 9:30am - 3:00pm, and several Thursday evenings in between. See page 4 for more information.

Purim Celebration—Wednesday, March 4

We'll read THE WHOLE MEGILLA (of course!) and schmooze a bit, getting as close as we dare to the mitzvah of being so festive we can't tell Mordechai from Haman. Start the evening with a casual dinner at 5:30pm. Watch your email or call the office for dinner menu and price info. RSVPs required for dinner. **All are welcome to come hear the Megilla, starting around 6:15pm. It's a mitzvah!**

Purim Carnival—Thursday, March 5

Bring the whole family for this community-wide event, hosted in the new Beth Israel Center! The festivities begin at 4:30 with a Purim spiel starring clergy and other educators from around the Madison Jewish community. Doors open at 4:00 to pre-purchase carnival entry: \$7/person for children age 2-13. Hot dogs and other carnival fare — including hamantaschen! — available for purchase during the carnival.

Shabbat Dinner Honoring New Members—Friday, March 13

All are welcome to attend a special catered dinner in honor of new members. Come welcome Shabbat and the newest members of our congregation. Kabbalat Shabbat services begin at 5:45pm, and dinner follows. Watch your email or call the office for menu details. RSVP by Friday, March 6.

Special Fiction With Friends—Monday, March 16

Read *Paper Love* and come to a discussion with the author, Sarah Wildman (via Skype) on Monday, March 16. *Paper Love* is about the author's search for the girl her grandfather left behind in 1930s Vienna. Copies are available at A Room of One's Own, 315 W. Gorham. Mention Fiction With Friends and receive a discount.

* Hold the Date *

for the Gala Celebration
of the new Beth Israel Center

* Sunday evening, May 3 *



Thoughts from the Rabbi...

Welcome Back Home!

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Next Centerite Deadline:

April 6, 2015

Yasher Koach to each and every member of the Beth Israel family! We did it! We made it through nine months of displacement. I don't know if the nine



months Rebecca was pregnant with the girls felt as long as the nine months we were wanderers outside of our building, but it's hard not to make the comparison. And now it is good to be home.

I say *Yasher Koach* to everyone because we all did a great job of holding it together while we were planning our project and then stepped it up while we were displaced. You each had to deal with a congregation that was functioning with some severe limitations and each and every one of you showed great patience and generosity towards the staff and towards each other. So *yasher koach* and thank you for helping us all to make it back.

One of the things that I most appreciate about Judaism is that you are never done. There is no level of spiritual accomplishment that one can arrive at where our tradition does not then say "very nice" and then kick us in the pants and say "...now hurry up and get going." There is always more to learn, a level of spirituality to experience or a moral sensitivity to develop that are beyond who we are in this very moment. And so too with community.

We have all enjoyed returning to our own space. The fact that our new building is so beautiful and functional only increases our joy. Now it is time to return to the arc of progress our community was on before we took this very productive detour. To do so, as a *kahal*, congregation, we must appreciate who we were before this

project that made it possible in the first place, who we have become through this process and who we want to be.

As we are all unique individuals, we would each answer the previous questions differently. One thing that brings many of us together and that we must be careful to protect is what social scientists refer to as "social capital," that communal feeling that characterizes so much of what we do. The currency of community is a precious one, especially in our day and age, and one of our primary struggles is to build and deepen it. Perhaps we have spent some of that capital in that past year and a half, and now it is time to return to building it in earnest.

We are back and getting on track. Look at all of the wonderful ways our community is growing and developing and all of the wonderful opportunities to grow yourself! This spring we will be offering a curriculum from the Melton Institute of Hebrew University on Jewish parenting that will hopefully be a only a taste as we prepare to bring the full Melton curriculum to Madison next year. This Spring we will also have the opportunity to study with three pioneers of Jewish Mindfulness, Rabbi Jordan Bendat-Appell, Professor Richie Davidson and Rabbi Alan Lew z"l. (See page 4 for more information about this special program.)

We're back!

Rabbi Joshua W. Ben-Gideon
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P.S. If you thought "I'm not" when you read "As we are all unique individuals..." then *Yasher Koach* again. If you don't know the reference, ask and I will be happy to explain.



President's Column

Reset for 2015

I had an epiphany on Christmas Day. I realize this is not a typical topic sentence for the President's column, but it is true. Even more strange is that I had my Christmas Day epiphany at Beth Israel Center.

Matt Banks and I were using the day off to arrange chairs in the sanctuary and try to make the place feel more settled. We set up chairs according to one of the options in the design plan. We moved some chairs to the Board Meeting Room and set up the tables. We moved other chairs and set up the reading room. We moved boxes to places where they could remain until it is time to unpack the contents. We did each of these tasks with a familiar sense of urgency.

Staff and volunteers worked at a fever pitch to get us back into the building in early December. This effort was motivated by a number of goals including re-uniting all of our programming under one roof, cease paying rent and, most of all, using the building we have worked so hard to create. Matt and I were working at the same fever pitch when it occurred to me—we don't need to be in such a hurry. We are back in the building and we can resume doing things in a more deliberate fashion.

It was as if the ghosts of Presidents past, present and future conspired to drive that point home—it is time to shift the focus from building a building to using the building. It is time to return to the every-day business of running a shul.

The Executive Committee convened on the first Tuesday of the New Year. We all committed to taking the same energy and enthusiasm devoted to the building project and re-focusing it on our respective charges. The same message was taken to the Board of Directors on the second Tuesday of the New Year and

the Board made the same commitment. Though some of our tasks are mundane in comparison to building a building, these efforts are made to achieve the same goal.

February will mark the beginning of our budget planning cycle. I have asked the Committee Chairs to begin planning for next year and to establish priorities and goals. Staff is busy with programming, planning and running the place. Rabbi Ben-Gideon is coordinating a series of programs on Jewish mediation and mindfulness. Rabbi Rebecca Ben-Gideon will be teaching a curriculum from the Melton Institute. Talmud Torah is in full swing and our various tenants are enjoying the building. It is as if we have hit the reset button and got back to business.



The transition is bitter sweet. I think everyone has enjoyed the enthusiasm and expectation involved in this project. It is tempting to hang on to the excitement of the project, but ultimately that comes at the expense of our larger mission. This point was driven home (no pun intended) when I gave Matt a ride home. I opened the back door to my vehicle and the hard hat CG Schmidt gave me fell out. He asked if I was having a hard time letting go. I have since put the hat on a shelf as a souvenir of this great communal effort. I am excited for Beth Israel Center to be starting our next big projects—whatever they may be.

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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 IN THE NEW 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.

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. To help ensure a minyan, we ask 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. **Please come. You are needed.**

When's your week?

Current lists are posted on our website. Look under Worship, then click Jewry Duty.

For the next few weeks:

February 8-12

David & Sandy Arfa
Larry & Sharon Barish
Ken & Marla Becker
Sheldon Haber
Ronald & Susan Magness
Michael & Patrice Onhieber
Greg & Andrea Steinberger
Richard Wolman

February 15-19

Livia Asher
Marcus Cohen
Cherie & Ron Diamond
Bob Factor & Kris Rasmussen
Lori Hawkins
Pauline Helfetz
Harry & Carol Katch
Howard & Sally Mazur
Tziporah Quick
Alan & Laurie Schwartzstein

February 22-26

Michael & Hannah Bernard-Donals
Mark & Debbie Blitz
Sylvia Grunes
Jeff & Rachel Levy
Diane Gutmann & Tom Palay
Barry & Nancy Rich
Steve Schwartz
Bob Schwartz
Jeanne Swack



From the Executive Director's Desk

Elissa Pollack

This is a fun time to be at Beth Israel Center on a regular basis. Nearly every day, something new is installed or delivered. One day door stops, the next



day coat hooks...light fixtures, then furniture...wi-fi and the buzz-in system for weekday entry. Along with each new item,

we are developing and implementing new systems and policies — all with one central goal: Make full use of the new building while ensuring accessibility, security, and long-term care.

Please continue to be patient and constructive as we learn our way around our new synagogue.

Feedback is welcome. Please contact me at (608) 256-7763 or via email, elissa@bethisraelcenter.org, with your thoughts or if you'd like a tour!



Adult Education Opportunities

Torah & Mindfulness

Two Sundays and a series of Thursday evenings: March 15 - May 3, 2015

Our awareness of mindfulness and Jewish mindfulness in particular has become much more acute in recent years. Mindfulness, a type of meditation, is a way of directly relating to, and working with, our lived experience as human beings: how we act, think and feel. Mindfulness is not specific to any religious tradition; it is a human capacity. Traditional Jewish sources call this kind of spiritual practice *avodah*. *Avodah* reflects Jewish values, the Jewish calendar, and other conceptions of spiritual practice (*mitzvot*, prayer, *Shabbat*, etc.).

Jewish practice lends itself to the importation of mindfulness traditions from other cultures. At the same time, rabbis, scholars and practitioners have been finding and developing mindfulness practices already present in Jewish tradition. Three leaders in this area are Professor Richie Davidson, Rabbi Alan Lew z"l, and Rabbi Jordan Bendat-Appell.

To bring these kinds of connections to Madison, Rabbi Jordan Bendat-Appell, co-founder and director of the Center for Jewish Mindfulness (Chicago) and the Director of Regional Programing for the Institute for Jewish Spirituality (New York), will lead a two-part program this spring -- on Sunday, March 15 and Sunday, May 3, from 9:30am until 3:00pm -- with supplementary sessions on several Thursday evenings in between, including one special evening with Professor Richie Davidson.

The program begins on Sunday, March 15 with a timely Passover theme: *Pesach, Matzah and Maror: A Day of Jewish Mindfulness Practice*. *Pesach* is called *z'man cheiruteinu*, the time of our freedom, and it is the epitome of a spiritual quality that we cultivate throughout the year and our lives: how can I move from narrowness and constriction to greater expansiveness and freedom? Jewish mindfulness is a practice that can help us enter into these themes of *Pesach* in a lived way. By engaging in the dynamics of inner liberation in an experiential, felt way, we are able to open up the symbols (like *Pesach*, *matzah* and *maror*) of the holiday for the sake of truly growing as a human being.

The first day-long retreat will draw upon the wisdom of *Pesach* in order to frame a Jewish mindfulness practice that is accessible and effective. Participants will learn



From the Education Director's Desk

Beth Copelovitch

Talmud Torah is settling in to our new classrooms, Melton and other adult education programs are up and running, with more coming soon (see the article below), Yom Rishon for preschoolers and their grownups continues (see dates to the right), and we are making more plans for education programs in and about our new synagogue.

In particular, one special feature of the newly renovated Beth Israel Center is a stunning kosher mikvah. Our new mikvah will soon be open and available for anyone in the Jewish community,

which presents opportunities to learn about modern and traditional customs around going to the mikvah. Watch your email, our website, and future issues of the Centerite for more information.

Last but not least, hold the date for our annual Tikkun Leil Shavuot: Saturday evening, May 24. Stay up late and learn!



the fundamentals of this practice and have an opportunity to engage in them over the course of the day through sitting, walking, and eating meditation.

In the weeks between the two Sunday sessions, participants will read Rabbi Alan Lew's groundbreaking book *Be Still and Get Going*, with discussion and practice facilitated by Rabbi Joshua Ben-Gideon on Thursday evenings in late March and throughout April (excluding Pesach).

The cost for the Torah and Mindfulness program, which includes two day-long sessions (March 15 and May 3) and the additional sessions in March and April, is \$72/person for Beth Israel Center members and \$96/person for non-members. The cost also includes Rabbi Lew's book and lunch on both Sundays.

Cost: \$72/person for members; \$96/person for non-members of Beth Israel Center
To register, call (608) 256-7763 or email office@bethisraelcenter.org.

ONGOING CLASSES ~ New Students Always Welcome!

Talmud ~ Wednesdays, 9am

Rabbis Joshua and Rebecca Ben-Gideon lead study of the eighth perek of Masechet Sota. This perek begins with the speech a Kohen must make to troops before a war and explores differences between a war of necessity—what might be called a righteous war—and other wars. The class focuses on both how to study Talmud and the text and subject matter. Meet in the Mercaz at Beth Israel Center.

Yiddish ~ Mondays, 7pm

Join Yiddish enthusiast and talented teacher Sylvia Grunes as she builds a love for the Yiddish language and culture. All levels are welcome! Meet in the Mercaz at Beth Israel Center.

Hebrew II ~ Thursdays, 7pm

This class is designed for those interested in reading Biblical Hebrew through study of the weekly Torah portion. All levels of knowledge are welcomed. Led by Anna Heifetz.

Yom Rishon

Calling all families with preschoolers! Come to Yom Rishon about once a month on Sundays. 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.

Here are the dates for the coming year:

February 1

March 1

April 12

May 10

If you'd like to receive email reminders about Yom Rishon, drop us a line at office@bethisraelcenter.org.



Rav Todot to BIC Volunteers

MORE THANKS!

Sponsoring Shabbat Kiddush is a lovely way to honor special occasions — and special people!

The congregation expresses its gratitude to all who sponsor our Shabbat kiddushim.

Recent sponsors:

November 29- Allan Levin to celebrate a special birthday

December 27- Ruth Litovsky and David Baum before departing for spring semester abroad

Interested in sponsoring Kiddush? There are two main options. You may sponsor an entire Kiddush as those listed above did recently, or make a donation in any amount to the Martin and Serene Mazor Kiddush Fund.

Shabbat Kiddush Krew:

Donna Anderson, David Baum, Avi Bernard-Donals, Hannah Bernard-Donals, Jill Boissonnault, Marsha Cohen, Joshua Gabai, Roz Gusinow, Cynthia Hirsch, Kathi Johnson Rock, Bill Karasov, Corliss Karasov, Steve Kessler, Kazu Kitano, Daniel Kleinman, Arlene Lukin, Aphra Mednick, Lily Nagy-Deak, Tziporah Quick, Michael Rock, Fran Schrag, Sally Schrag, Miriam Shelef, Nadav Shelef, Karen Shevet Dinah, Regina Vidaver

Kiddush Stager and Barista: Karen Shevet Dinah

Shabbat Greeters:

Marsha Cohen, Cynthia Hirsch, Jordy Loeb, Barry Rich, Francie Saposnik, Russ Shafer-Landau

Hanukkah Party Team:

Brent Bach, David Blehert, Melanie Cohen, Hannah Ehrlich, Joel Ehrlich, Beth Fisher, Anna Heifetz, Mina Kianovsky, Kazu Kitano, KC Lerner, Arlene Lukin, Jonathan Pollack, Tziporah Quick, Felice Rudin, Shoshana Rudin, Karen Shevet Dinah, Ziva Wear, Phyllis Holman Weisbard, Paul Wilson

BIC Building Schleppers, Movers, and Unpackers:

Brent Bach, Ron Dolin, Avi Bernard-Donals, Natalie Borenstein, Jennie Edes-Pierotti, Shanee Ellison, Leslie Fields, Roz Gusinow, Billie Hellerstein, Sally Jones, Kazu Kitano, Lee Lazar, Jordy Loeb, Laurel Mark, Adam Mednick, Barbara Spar Malamud, Elana Matthews, Steve Nadler, Lily Nagy-Deak, Willie Needleman, Judy Pierotti, Mike Pressman, Sam Pressman, Tziporah Quick, Barry and Nancy Rich, Peter Schmitz, Nadav Shelef, Jim Wear, Ellen Weismer

Laundry Angels:

Donna Anderson, Anna Syvertsen

Shabbat Morning Program Aides:

Bart Miller, Miriam Syvertsen

MOUSY Shabbat Schmooze Family Hosts:

Melanie Cohen, Joel Ehrlich, Hannah Ehrlich, and Nathan Ehrlich

CARNIES WANTED!!

Volunteer at this year's Purim Carnival!

Beth Israel Center is hosting the community's Purim Carnival this year, on Thursday evening, March 5.

Help is needed to set up, serve food, run booths and activities, and distribute prizes. Sign up online at www.bethisraelcenter.org or contact Ellen Weismer at (608) 278-1808 or program@jewishmadison.org.



Social Action

We have many ongoing volunteer opportunities related to Tikkun Olam, making the world a better place. Here are a few to consider....

Friends of Emerson School

Madison's joint synagogue social action organization, Jewish Congregations for Social Justice (JCSJ), has committed to providing volunteers at Emerson School's Tuesday Night Lights program on four dates this semester.

Each Tuesday Night Lights evening has a different theme:

Insect Ambassadors—February 3

Come help check in families, provide extra hands to Emerson staff as they run this Tuesday Night Lights of "Insect Ambassadors," pass out snacks and free books to families.

Fit to Go—February 24

Come help welcome families, assist staff and organizers of this fitness night, pass out healthy snacks and free books to families. Fun! Easy!

Science Night—April 21

Welcome families, assist staff and presenters in science night projects. Pass out healthy snacks, help clean up and pass out free books to families. Easy! Fun! Rewarding!

Multi-Cultural Night—May 5

Super fun! Welcome families to Emerson School's Multi-Cultural Pot Luck Night. Help serve their diverse offerings of terrific food, get a plate yourself, and then help tidy up afterwards.

If you are interested in getting involved at Emerson, contact any of the Beth Israel representatives on JCSJ: Larry Bensky, Judy Pierotti or Nancy Resnick.

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.

Beth Israel Center members set up and break down the temporary housing, prepare food, give rides, do laundry, serve as hosts, and assist guests as needed. Training is available and required for any tasks that involve guest interaction.

Trainings last one hour and will be conducted at The Road Home's offices, located at 128 E. Olin Ave., Suite 202 on these dates:

Wednesday, February 4 at 5:30pm

Tuesday, February 17 at 6:30pm

Wednesday, March 18 at 6:30pm

More information is available at www.trhome.org.

Our scheduled Buddy Congregation weeks in 2015 are: February 1-8, June 14-21, August 23-30, and November 8-15. Sign up at www.midvalelutheran.org.

MORE SOCIAL ACTION OPPORTUNITIES:

Serve Food at the Men's Shelter

Beth Israel members have been serving meals at the Emergency Shelter for Men in downtown Madison for more than ten years. Beth Israel 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.

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.

Tikkun Olam Donations

The Social Action Committee's budget may be spent on donations or congregational programming. Suggestions for using these funds may be submitted to the Social Action Committee by any group of at least three BIC members. Direct questions or funding suggestions to Judy Pierotti or Bob Skloot.

jwpierotti@gmail.com
rskloot@wisc.edu



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!

Upcoming SUNDAY Test Dates:

SAT & Achievement Test Dates:

March 15, 2015
May 3, 2015
June 7, 2015

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

ACT Test Dates:

April 19, 2015
June 14, 2015

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

Twelve mice tapped into their inner artist on Sunday afternoon, November 2 at Higher Fire Ceramics Clay Studio. Everyone got to play with clay either by doing hand-sculpting or working on the potter's wheel. The individual art pieces ranged from vases to a Hebrew chai letter block design to a fish to a mermaid. Kol HaKavod to Leora Saposnik for running this creative program from start to finish, with the talented aptitude of co-chairs Aviv Goldman and Avi Bernard-Donals, and worthwhile assistance of Rose Schneck Malm.

On Friday night, November 21, twelve mice gathered for our favorite *Shabbat Schmooze* event. We enjoyed a taste of Kabbalat Shabbat with a Mediterranean dinner of cheese and bread, olives and veggies, homemade tapenade, falafel, tabouli salad, hummus, and spanakopita with our gracious host family—Hannah and Nathan Ehrlich, Melanie Cohen and Joel Ehrlich. We ate aplenty, delighted in each other's company aplenty, and schmoozed aplenty—about world politics as it turned out. Good times!

On Saturday night, December 6, seven mice got warm and fuzzy while making 12 no-sew fleece blankets for donation to the American Family Children's Hospital (AFCH). Our intimate group measured, cut, and tied together an array of printed fleece fabric designs (such as elephants, panda bears, flowers, pirates, doves, and other adorable patterns), while we grooved to tunes and noshed on snacks at the casual and comfy accommodations of the Bernard-Donals family. Kol HaKavod to chairpersons

Talia Ivry and Avi Bernard-Donals for our fourth straight *No Sew Fleece Blankets* social action program.



[Top] Max Lerner, Hannah Ehrlich, Talia Ivry, and Avi Bernard-Donals get funky, while [below] Deborah Blank and Miriam Syvertsen expertly tie knots in their carefree way at MOUSY's No Sew Fleece Blankets social action program.

☆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 both President Avi Bernard-Donals and Religious Secretary

Isaac Rudin at the Regional CHUSYfest Convention at Camp Chi in Lake Delton, Wisconsin on the weekend of Friday, November 14. Please read Isaac Rudin's account (below) about his "absolutely amazing" experience at the USY International Convention in Atlanta over winter break.

Like sands through the hourglass, MOUSY semesters change and young mouselets turn into full-fledged mice, so was the **8th Grade Welcome Mobster Casino Night** of 2015. Our MOUSY mishpacha invited our middle-school newcomers to the newly-renovated BIC building for a night of gangster dress-up, tasty hors d'oeuvres, and back-alley card play. Get the low-down on how the cards played out and who wore the tackiest outfit in the next issue of the Centerite.

Stay tuned for details about upcoming local programs in the wonderful world of MOUSY:

- Saturday, February 7- *Joint Madison Jewish Youth Groups Laser Tag*
- Friday, February 20- *Shabbat Schmooze...continued*
- Friday, March 20- *Hillel Youth Shabbaton*
- Sunday, April 12- *MOUSY Makes A Meal*
- Friday, May 22- *Shabbat Schmooze*
- Sunday, May 31- *MOUSY Birding [Nominations/Elections]*

USY International Convention in Atlanta was Absolutely Amazing

By Isaac Rudin,
MOUSY Religious Secretary

USY International Convention Atlanta 2014 (IC 14) was advertised as the best week of your life, and so far for me, it's been right. The theme of IC 14 was "V'ahavta L'rayacha Kamocha", Love your neighbor as yourself. From December 21 through 26, we heard speeches about Tikun Olam, some as d'var Torot from fellow USYers, others from guest speakers like the Reverend Williams—a close friend of Martin Luther King, Jr—who said that the similar histories of Jews and Blacks means that we need to stand up for each other. An entire convention day was dedicated to learning about the importance of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel. All of the attendees from 17 USY national regions volunteered to do good works all over Atlanta—from cleaning up parks to making lunches for the homeless. My own community service project of preparing and handing out donations in a safe house was eye-opening.

But IC Atlanta was more than speeches about Jewish reactions to recent American shootings; more than study sessions about feminism in Judaism; more than how Hillel and Rabbi Akiva phrased their text interpretations differently; more than benching after every meal and davening shacharit, mincha, and maariv daily; more than fun activities like a dance party at the Coca-Cola museum with samples of every coke-flavored product and a southern-themed county fair where kosher chicken, waffles, and parve peach cobbler were served; more than a weird yet cool concert by Joshua Nelson, the "Prince of Kosher Gospel", where we swing-danced to gospel versions of "Hinei Ma Tov"; more than meeting Jessica Abo, who starred in movies "Spiderman 2" and "Gossip Girl"; and more than exploring the Cable News Network center.

This annual Jewish experience was more than worthwhile; it was absolutely amazing—meeting new friends, leaving with a smile of contentment, living in an environment of Judaism that felt natural, and getting along with people who share common interests. I will always treasure the great memories from IC Atlanta 2014.

Regional and National USY and Kadima Events:

FEB 13-14
(Friday-Saturday)
USY Midwinter Convention

APRIL 24-26
(Friday-Sunday)
CHUSY Spring Kinnus Convention

Beth Israel Center provides subsidies for our teens to attend regional, national, and international USY programs. For more information, please contact Youth Director Deborah Hoffman at (608) 256-7763 or hoffman@bethisrael-center.org.

*****KADIMA*****

Calling all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Kadimaniks: Gear up for a ton of fun this semester with Kadima—from teeing up at Vitense Mini-Golf and getting in your licks of Michael's Frozen Custard to climbing the walls at Boulders Indoor Climbing Gym to the favorite Ice-skating and Overnight fun in the youth lounge to making a strike at the Bowling Bash and Pizza Party! Keep a lookout for details about our spring calendar of good times.

Yahrzeits

12 Shevat / February 1

Louis Coppersmith
Arthur Moss
Martin Steinberger

13 Shevat / February 2

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

14 Shevat / February 3

Esther Feldman
Ella Hirschfeld
Joseph Holman
Samuel Swartz

15 Shevat / February 4

Max Weiner

16 Shevat / February 5

Ida Gould
Paul Hoffert

17 Shevat / February 6

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

18 Shevat / February 7

Benjamin Greenberg
Chisha Paley
Thomas Rosenmeyer
May Rosenthal

19 Shevat / February 8

Rachel Bleiweiss
Morris Gould
Erving Haber

20 Shevat / February 9

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

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Meet Your Leadership

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 wellbeing. You should know whose hands your synagogue is in, so we will introduce a few Board members in this and future issues of the Centerite.

Sylvia Grunes, Women's League Representative



Q: When did you join the congregation? About 55 or 60 years ago.

Q: Tell us a little bit about yourself. I have an extended family of over 150 and help organize a reunion every five years. I have six wonderful children, three biological children and their spouses, nine fantastic grandchildren and one beautiful great-granddaughter. Before I retired, 28 years ago, I was a teacher in an open classroom for grades 3-5. That meant I let each student decide what he or she wanted to study and built a curriculum around that interest.

Q: What are some of the ways you have served the congregation? Over the years, I taught Sunday School, helped with mailings, was a partner with our beloved Annabelle (z"l) in the gift shop, became President of Women's League and was very active both locally and nationally. I prepared our Shabbat kiddush every week for 15 years and worked on many rummage sales. I volunteered every Wednesday helping where it was needed. I still do the yahrzeit reminders and teach a Yiddish class. For the past 15 years, I worked to get a Kosher Mikvah and wept when I saw it was becoming a reality thanks to the many people who made contributions over the years.

Q: What is your favorite thing about Beth Israel Center? The community and how caring and loving it has been over the years. I also enjoy going to Shabbat services and am so glad we now have a hearing device in the sanctuary.

Q: What might surprise people about you? I am a bridge player and go play the slots once a month.

Elana Matthews, VP-Membership



Q: When did you join the congregation and why? We joined in November of 2003. We'd just moved back to town (Willie and I were here first for college and his grad school in the nineties) with a newborn. It would never have occurred to me NOT to join a Conservative shul. I don't mean to sound self-righteous—just trying to show how intrinsic it seemed (still does) to being a grown-up.

Q: Tell us a little bit about yourself. Willie and I live with Lily, who's 11, and Ezra, who's 8, on the near-ish West Side. We share our home with a turtle who is at least 25 years old and Mishi, our cat, who is the boss and knows it. I have been the managing editor of a Political Science journal, *International Organization*, since 2012. Before that I taught college English and writing. I love to bake, read, and run. One day I will find a way to do all three simultaneously.

Q: What roles have you played at BIC? I was on the Talmud Torah committee and served on the search committee for a new Education Director. I was on the Kiddush Committee with the invaluable and indefatigable Paul Wilson and did my time

loading up on herring at Woodmans. I've been on the board since 2009 and served on the Building Committee. I also taught TT kitot gimel, daled, hey, and zayin (not all at the same time) on and off from 2004 to 2012.

Q: What is your favorite thing to do at Beth Israel Center? I love to be at Shabbat morning services. Not necessarily davening or reflecting, just being. No rushing, no obligations, just the sacred here and now. Plus I have an excuse to dress up.

Q: Tell us a story that, in your mind, exemplifies Beth Israel Center. When Trader Joe's first opened, they used to give blown-up balloons to children. I was leaving the store one day with 3-year-old Lily and infant Ezra. Lily's balloon popped, of course, which terrified her. She wailed. Ezra wailed. There was so much wailing, and I must have stopped there, in front of the entrance, to try to do some damage control. A BIC congregant who I did not know well came up to me and, over the wailing, asked if there was anything he could do. There wasn't, but his kindness in the face of all that noise stuck with me. BIC is a caring community. We look out for one another. Most of my family's close friends are fellow congregants, and I don't think that's just by default.

Q: What might surprise people about you? I can crochet kippot like nobody's business.

Bob Skloot, Social Action Committee Co-Chair



Q: When did you join the congregation? In the early 1970s shortly after I got a job with a salary and I decided not to sponge off Hillel any more. But I quit after a few years and rejoined in the late 1970s because I missed a congregational home.

Q: Tell us a little bit about yourself. I live in happy contradiction to American demographics by being married to the same one spouse (JoAnn, since 1968) living in the same one house (since 1972) and having the same one professional job (at the UW for 40 years). I retired from the UW in 2008 and still lecture about the Holocaust and genocide as they are known through the theatre. Also, I travel directing a play I wrote in 2006, "If the Whole Body Dies: Raphael Lemkin and the Treaty Against Genocide." Over the course of my career, I've taught and lived (with family) in Israel, Austria, Chile, the Netherlands, and England.

Q: What is your favorite thing about Beth Israel Center? Participating in social action causes with, I hope, some occasional (positive) effects. The most exciting (and intensely Jewish) activity of my time in Beth Israel was joining with other congregants in the 1980s to create an interfaith group including one Catholic and two Protestant churches. Together, we created a "sanctuary project" and gave refuge to a family of four escaping a U.S.-backed right-wing military regime in Central America. After the successful escape of the family from Madison to Canada, our interfaith group stayed together for several years. The project was a success because of the splendid leadership of Rabbi Chuck Feinberg whose values exemplified the congregational ethos of that time.

Q: When you were asked to join the Board of Directors, did you say "yes" right away? Probably I thought, "If not now, when?" but that was a long time ago.

Q: What might surprise people about you? I failed fire drill in the first grade.

Yahrziets

21 Shevat / February 10

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

23 Shevat / February 12

Bernard Harris
Jerome Onheiber
Mollie Paster

24 Shevat / February 13

Edith Arfa Brod
Sarah Gevirman
Ester Kooba
William Swartz

25 Shevat / February 14

Edward Ben Elson
Millicent Dachman
Kate Klong
Bob Lerner
Ci Stein

26 Shevat / February 15

Harry Bleiweiss
Belle Richman
Dollie Schuckit
Eliezer Wein
Howard Yaskal

27 Shevat / February 16

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

28 Shevat / February 17

M.A. Bradkofsky
Hannah Cohen
Anne Layton
Joseph Sweet

29 Shevat / February 18

Murray Rodman
Helena Siroky
Louis Sweet
Howard Temin

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Yahrzeits

30 Shevat / February 19

Fania Heifetz
Anita Kapell
Rose Machlis
Leo Rasmussen
Bess Smith

1 Adar / February 20

Louis Battalen
Lena Daniels
Pauline Quick
Janet Weinshel

2 Adar / February 21

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

3 Adar / February 22

Sandra Evans
Sara Frank
Max Latinsky
Morris Levin

4 Adar / February 23

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

5 Adar / February 24

Leonard Loeb
Mikhail Pishchiker
Blanche Schwartzstein
Max Shapiro
Shirley Swack

6 Adar / February 25

Joseph Levy
Freda Lieberman
Sam Shapiro
Alvin Shovers

7 Adar / February 26

Leanore Fridstein Factor
Ruth Hertz
Norman Schwabacher

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A.J. & Celia Rosenberg Library

As we resettle and reorient ourselves in our spiritual, social and educational home at 1406 Mound Street, the library welcomes its old and new friends. Even as we finish fine-tuning our new spaces, the books are finding their places and eagerly await your perusal. You will find the A.J. and Celia Rosenberg Library both upstairs and downstairs at Beth Israel Center. Upstairs in the reading room to the left of the main sanctuary, you will eventually be able to use reference works and the adult collections from Torah through classical Judaica to Jewish observance and practice. Downstairs, the open library shelves house the juvenile, Hebrew, and adult biography, fiction and non-fiction collections from Jewish education through history, Israel and Zionism.

We appreciate your generous patience as we get up and running in all sectors of our home. Members are already checking out and returning library materials at our mobile circulation station downstairs next to the first row of library shelving. Please return those books and films you have been hanging on to, they are eager to take their places on the shelves and catch the eye of someone new!

Please consider volunteering to help plan the rededication of the library. We will need readers and bakers and candy stick makers!!! (Or thereabouts...) Contact Stefanie at library@bethisraelcenter.org Welcome home!



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):

_____ Shabbat Siddur/siddurim — minimum donation \$36 per book

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

_____ Chumash/Chumashim — minimum donation \$54 per book

_____ Mahzor Lev Shalem (High Holiday prayerbooks) — minimum donation \$72
per book

For each dedicated book, please provide the following:

In (circle one) honor / memory of: _____

Dedicated by: _____



Women's League

NEW: Women's League Reads

Join the world-wide conversation about books of interest to today's Jewish women. Women's League Reads is a moderated online discussion group, via Googlegroups, for members of Women's League where everyone is invited to post comments, questions and observations about the chosen book. We also look forward to sharing with you some exciting benefits of participation in this group.

WHO?

Women's League Reads is a benefit of membership in Women's League, and is open to all members.

WHAT?

The first selection for Women's League Reads is *An American Bride in Kabul*, by noted author/feminist Phyllis Chesler. You can order a copy from Amazon, and be sure to use Amazon Smiles and support Women's League at the same time.

WHERE?

Women's League Reads is an online book group, so you can participate at any time and from any computer, even in your pajamas if you want.

WHEN?

The online discussion of the first book will begin on February 2. To sign up, send an email to lsilverman@wlcj.org.

Be a supporter of Women's League and help continue to support:

- Kiddush cups as gifts to b'nai mitzvah
- Siddurim for Talmud Torah students moving on to 6th grade
- Donations to MOUSY, Talmud Torah, the Rosenberg library and BIC festivals
- The realization of a Beth Israel mikvah
- Social Action and the Masorti movement in Israel
- International Women's League
- The perpetuation of Conservative Judaism

Besides knowing you have done a mitzvah, every member of Women's League receives a subscription to *CJ—Voices of Conservative Judaism* magazine.

Questions? Contact Sylvia Grunes, membership chair.

Women's League Membership Form

____ Basic membership: \$20 ____ Double Chai Membership: \$36

(Dues include \$10 to National Women's League)

Contribution to mikvah fund: \$ _____

Name: _____

Please mail your completed form and check, made out to *Beth Israel Women's League*, to Beth Israel Women's League, Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound St., Madison, WI 53711. Add your active support to that of over 200,000 Jewish women!

Yahrzeits

8 Adar / February 27

David Goldberg
Mary Levin
Louis Mazursky
Dora Schwartz
Al Weschler

9 Adar / February 28

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

10 Adar / March 1

Haim ben Manachem
Haimson
Sol Levin
Sam Mead
Ellen Shoshany Kaim

11 Adar / March 2

Jennie Chortek
Jeanette Russ
Samuel Sinaiko

12 Adar / March 3

Sidney Goldman
Henri Hanau
Walter Novick
Mary Zuker

13 Adar / March 4

Rachel Green
Ida Moskowsky
Bessie Schwartz
Fanny Kaufman Smith
Adolph Weinschel

14 Adar / March 5

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

15 Adar / March 6

Rachel Brodsky
Dan Pierotti

16 Adar / March 7

Mary Nathenson

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Yahrzeits

17 Adar / March 8

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

18 Adar / March 9

Paula Grzyb
Hyman Paley
Aaron Scher

19 Adar / March 10

Jacob Becker
Lloyd Borenstein
Ira Katch
Sarah Silverman

20 Adar / March 11

Hyman Ansell
Jerrold Gross
Dorah Karp
Arthur Mead
Tessie Stein

21 Adar / March 12

Nathan Cohen
Sylvia Feingold
Marshall Fields

22 Adar / March 13

Frume Bloom
Etya Fastovsky
Heather Joseph
Rochelle Kianovsky
Gertrude Rodman
William Stein

23 Adar / March 14

Ben Paley
Sara Shapiro
Ann Slavney

24 Adar / March 15

Isador Borsuk
Nathan DeLevie
Eli Freedman

25 Adar / March 16

Ida Figler
Mayer Jacob
David Rosenthal

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Condolences to the families of

Bernardo Morgensteren, brother of Clara (Raphael) Lazimy, in December
David Friedman, brother of Sally (Fran) Schrag, in December



Memorial & Tribute Gifts

Abe Barash Fund

in memory of

Judy Siegel from Eve Siegel
Irv Saposnik from Herbert Lewis & Francie Saposnik
Joseph Beitel from Mrs. Marion Gold
Marilyn Holman from Phyllis Eisenberg
Dov Schwartz from Richard Schwartz
Peter Drach from Shelley Davey

David Temkin Camp Ramah

in honor of

The Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan Singer, grandson of Si & Billie Hellerstein
from Rayla Temin

in memory of

Sam Nager and Rose Passon from Fay Nager
Ida Andrusier Schwartz from Sonia Andrusier

General Fund Contribution

in honor of

Gabriella Baum's Bat Mitzvah and May Ivry's Bar Mitzvah from Jonathan & Elissa Pollack

in memory of

Benjamin Rothblatt, Clara Rothblatt and Anita Kapell from Agnes Rothblatt
Bernardo Morgensteren from Bruce Rosen & Diane Seder
Charlotte Musin from Daniel & Bettine Lipman
Debra Friedman from David Friedman
Henry Karpe from David Karpe & Julita Jankowska
Ida Chudacoff from Dr. Manny Chudwin
Jake Heifetz from Edith DuMary
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Memorial & Tribute Gifts

Celia Borenstein, Lena Peturs, Phillip Zlochenko, Frieda "Babe" Borenstein, Phillip Becker & Rudolph Becker from Phyllis Eisenberg
Tibor Lax from Renata Laxova
Victor Dorret from Teryne Dorret
Fritz Gutmann from Thomas Palay & Diane Gutmann

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in honor of

Bruce Thomadsen's birthday from Phyllis Holman Weisbard

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in memory of

Jake Heifetz from Lawrence Heifetz
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in honor of

Rabbi Eliezer Diamond from Lorna Kniaz
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in memory of

Leo Sulman from David Sulman & Anne Altshuler
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Norman Dachman from Lorna Kniaz
Cara Hoffert and Nathan Pressman from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen
Bernardo Morgensteren from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen
Irv Saposnik from Rayla Temin

L'Dor v'Dor One Time gifts

in honor of

Gabriela Baum's Bat Mitzvah from Karen Shevet Dinah
Josh Minkoff's graduation from Renata Laxova
Jeff Lindholm from Sylvia Grunes

in memory of

Irma Heifetz from Beth Heifetz
Allen Sweet and Max Sweet from Betty Sweet
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Soloman Volpiansky from Paula Volpiansky, L. Chapman & Shirley Volpiansky
Lola Kaufman from Rayla Temin
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Yahrzeits

26 Adar / March 17

Joseph Brodsky
 Harry Dworetzky
 Ross Kurzer
 Nathan Swartz
 Joseph Switzky

27 Adar / March 18

David Altschuler
 Celia Rosenberg

28 Adar / March 19

Harry Karas
 Moshe Paley
 Kitty Schorr
 Jean Wein

29 Adar / March 20

Anna Halperin
 Sarah Halperin
 Paul Schrag
 Osne Zaichick

1 Nisan / March 21

Anne Cooper
 Sarah Seidner
 Herman Shapiro
 Helen Sweet

2 Nisan / March 22

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

3 Nisan / March 23

Chaim Dubrovitz
 Naomi Epstein
 Roslyn Kopelberg
 Caroline Sulman

4 Nisan / March 24

Chaim Dubrow
 Donald Goren
 Aaron Seidner

5 Nisan / March 25

Samuel Ottenstein
 David Rubin
 Isaac Stein
 Morris Stein

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Yahrzeits

6 Nisan / March 26

Jack Goldberg
Herbert Nathenson
Leah Segal
Emanuel Weinstein

7 Nisan / March 27

Jack Jacobson
Ben Shore
Leonard Solinger

8 Nisan / March 28

Jenny Lebowitz
George Marcus
Nechama Meister

10 Nisan / March 30

Jack Dachman
Peter Deutsch
Kathryn Grossman
Leo Hill
Eva Rosenberg

11 Nisan / March 31

Selma Becker
Shlomo Dworetzky
Sarah Kulakowsky

12 Nisan / April 1

Meyer Kaufman
Gerald Kleinman
Ida Minkoff
Herman Onheiber
Beatrice Sweet

13 Nisan / April 2

Aaron Epstein
Lillian Kaplan
Josephine Mendow

14 Nisan / April 3

Shirley Cohn
Irving Levy

15 Nisan / April 4

Dorothy Berlinger Levy
Maggie Eisenberg
Abraham Frank
Louis Roth

16 Nisan / April 5

I. Cohen
Leontine Friedman
Helen Sweet

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Memorial & Tribute Gifts

L'Dor v'Dor One Time gifts (continued from previous page)

in memory of

Joseph Wolman, Dora Wolman, Eli Wolman, M. David Wolman, Ellen Wolman, Abraham Paster, Mollie Paster, Molly Paster, Paul Fram from Richard Wolman

Bernice Coppersmith from Robert Blank & Susan Coppersmith

Celia Weigler & Lilly Levin from Roz Levin

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Catherine Odette from Sara Karon

Jacob Hellerstein and Shoshana Hellerstein from Si & Billie Hellerstein

Beatrice Rosenthal from Si & Billie Hellerstein

Cara Hoffert from Si & Billie Hellerstein

Jake Heifetz from Steve Heifetz, Natalie Borenstein, Harvey & Barb Myers Temkin and James, Daniel, Yaara and Eli

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Bernardo Morgensteren from Si & Billie Hellerstein, Harvey & Barb Myers Temkin

Fritz Gutmann & Mel Gutmann from Harvey & Barb Myers Temkin

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in honor of

Sylvia Grunes from Paul Wilson & Laurie Nagus

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in memory of

Dorothy Lerner from Mitch & Sharon Rapkin

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in memory of

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Mintz Fund

in memory of

Ida Weinstein from Barbara Beyer

Herman Mintz from Edward & Rona Mintz

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in memory of

Irma Heifetz and Jack Heifetz from Alan & Barbara Phillips

Peter Drach from Alfred & Lois Frank

Jack Heifetz from Cheryl Temkin, Cindy Friedman, Geoffrey & Abra Hiller, Harvey & Susan Cooper, Howard & Karen Cohen, J. & L. Alper, Jeff Nearhoof, Joanne Krell, Larry & Barb Schwartz, Marilyn & Stuart Cooper, Melvin Fox, Mitchell & Julie Nusbaum, Rhonda Silverberg, Richard & Karen Weingart, Si & Billie Hellerstein, Bob Schwartz & Family, Bonnie Stein Kammer, Stephen Katz & Audrey Fine

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Memorial & Tribute Gifts

MOUSY Fund Raising

in honor of

Deborah Hoffman from Heidi Lauhon and Rayla Temin

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in memory of

Harry Kniaz MD from Lorna Kniaz

Hyman & Dorothy Lerner and Oscar & Rae Rapkin from Mitch & Sharon Rapkin

Diane Schwam from Emanuel Schwam

Nathan Borokhim from Pari Borokhim

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in memory of

Eleanor Onheiber from Michael & Patrice Onheiber

Harry Zitowsky from Robert Zitowsky

Abe Radbil and Bella Radbil from Bob Schwartz & Family

Bernardo Morgensteren from Bob Schwartz & Family

Rosenberg Education Fund

in honor of

Erica Kesin Richmond from Jonathan Ivry

Rosenberg Library Fund

in honor of

Billie Hellerstein's many years of service to the congregation and broader community from Karen Shevet Dinah

Gabriela Baum's Bat Mitzvah from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

in memory of

Abraham Rosenberg from Lyn Rosenberg

Stanley Cohen from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

Jacob Meyer Schwam from Emanuel Schwam

Aaron Urkofsky from Samuel Moss

Shirley Epstein Fund

in memory of

Lois Weiner Grofer, Marsha Weiner Schwartz, Louis Sweet, Lil & Harry

Gerson, Max & Tillie Weiner from Herbert & Dottie Weiner

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in memory of

Norman Dachman and Charlotte Musin from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

Talmud Torah Fundraising

in honor of

Adam Mednick from Burke Richmond & Erica Kesin Richmond

Gratitude for our children's welcome for Shabbat from Rabbi Laurie Zimmerman & Rabbi Renee Bauer

Yahrzeits

17 Nisan / April 6

Sherman Ansell
Robert Goodman
Elsa Morgensteren
Max Novick
Hy Parks

18 Nisan / April 7

Samuel Ablove
Esther Swartz

19 Nisan / April 8

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

20 Nisan / April 9

Jeanne Siegel
Ellen Wolman

21 Nisan / April 10

Lillian Greenberg
Jack Schvid

22 Nisan / April 11

Paulina Bloom
Ezra Frank
Isaac Pover
Lilo Rosenmeyer
Martin Siroky

23 Nisan / April 12

Mollie Becker
Ruth Solinger

24 Nisan / April 13

Oscar Brodsky
Aletha Rappaport
Morris Richman

25 Nisan / April 14

Dora Levin
Hannah Malamud
William Onheiber

26 Nisan / April 15

Esther Sweet

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Yahrzeits

27 Nisan / April 16

Gladys Godfried
Sander Gusinow
Nashe Sweet
Abraham Sweet

28 Nisan / April 17

Blanche Altshuler
Jane England
Rosalyn Schwab

29 Nisan / April 18

Leo Barth
Alice Barth
Frieda Melnik
Martin Rosenzweig
Anna Shapiro

30 Nisan / April 19

Alice Field
Gertrude Melrood
Rebecca Nathenson

1 Iyar / April 20

Charles Karp
Isadore Libanoff
Cecile Rogut
Joe Wagman
Dobe Widrevitz

2 Iyar / April 21

Rose Frank
Libby Mead

3 Iyar / April 22

Yetta Chover
Rose Melnik
Morris Sweet
Louis Sweet
Helen Sweet
Dora Weinberg

4 Iyar / April 23

Harry Dachman
Beatrice Kosowsky
Abraham Sinagub
Ruth Weiner

5 Iyar / April 24

Doris Mae Campbell
Abram Ginsberg
Esther Gordon
Bill Karpe
Morris Mead
Harry Paley

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Memorial & Tribute Gifts

Weinshel Torah Upkeep Fund

in memory of

Celia Borenstein and Frieda "Babe" Borenstein from Bess Borenstein

Ida Sweet from Gerald & Lorraine Borsuk

Harry Sweet, Fannie Sweet and Leah Sweet from Mike Sweet



Memorial and tribute gifts may be made at any time to Beth Israel Center's general fund or any of the funds listed on the preceding pages.

Descriptions of the various funds can be found on our website, www.bethisraelcenter.org, under "Ways to Give."

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 2015

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|-----|--------------------------|-----|--------------------|--|---|
| 1 Melton Yom Rishon | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 "Taste of Tu B'shevat" Kiddush Yitro |
| 8 Melton | 9 | 10 Board of Directors | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Shabbat Shekalim Mishpatim |
| 15 Melton | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 Rosh Chodesh | 20 MOUSY Shabbat Shmooze Rosh Chodesh | 21 Kitah Alef Havdalah Terumah |
| 22 Melton JFM Hamantaschen Program | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 Board Game Shabbat Shabbat Zachor Tetzaveh |
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March 2015

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| 1 Melton Yom Rishon | 2 | 3 | 4 Megilla Reading | 5 Purim Carnival Purim | 6 Shushan Purim | 7 <i>Ki Tisa</i> |
| 8 Day Light Savings Time Begins | 9 | 10 Board of Directors | 11 | 12 | 13 New Member Shabbat Dinner | 14 Torah & Mindfulness Shabbaton Shabbat Parah <i>Vayakhel-Pekude</i> |
| 15 Torah & Mindfulness | 16 Fiction With Friends | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 Youth Groups Shabbaton | 21 Rosh Chodesh Shabbat Hachodesh <i>Vayikra</i> |
| 22 Melton | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 No SMP Shabbat Hagadol <i>Tzav</i> |
| 29 No TT Melton | 30 | 31 No TT | | | | |

Yahrzeits

6 Iyar / April 25
Norman Balkansky
Bernie Mazursky
Moses Sweet
Pauline Sweet

7 Iyar / April 26
Harry Moss
Samuel Rosenfeld
Diane Schwam
Harry Sweet

8 Iyar / April 27
Harry Rubnitz

9 Iyar / April 28
Shlomo Elmakias
Louis Malamud
Rose Pachefsky
Max Schorr

10 Iyar / April 29
Joseph Amdur Fine
Minnie Isaac
Nicholas Polgar
Ida Schmidman
Abraham Shapiro
Anna Sklar

11 Iyar / April 30
Rose Frank
Ethel Jermyn



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. The dates listed are the anniversaries of their deaths on the Hebrew calendar, with the corresponding date on the secular calendar for the current year.

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

April 2015

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 | 2 No TT Search for Chametz | 3 First Seder | 4 No SMP Passover |
| 5 No TT Passover | 6 Intermediate Day | 7 No TT Intermediate Day | 8 Intermediate Day | 9 No TT Intermediate Day | 10 Office Closed Passover | 11 Passover Yizkor |
| 12 TT Resumes Yom Rishon MOUSY Makes a Meal | 13 | 14 Board of Directors | 15 | 16 Yom Hashoah | 17 | 18 <i>Shemini</i> |
| 19 Melton Rosh Chodesh | 20 Rosh Chodesh | 21 | 22 Yom Hazikaron Observed | 23 Yom Ha'atzma'ut Observed | 24 | 25 <i>Tazria-Metzora</i> |
| 26 Melton | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |

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February ~ March ~ April Schedule

| Date | Parshat | Candle Lighting | Shabbat Services |
|----------------|------------------|-----------------|--|
| February 6/7 | Yitro | Candles 4:59p | Fridays 5:45pm |
| February 13/14 | Mishpatim | Candles 5:08p | Saturdays 9:30am |
| February 20/21 | Terumah | Candles 5:17p | ----- |
| February 27/28 | Tetzaveh | Candles 5:26p | Weekday Services |
| March 6/7 | Ki Tisa | Candles 5:35p | Sunday mornings 8:15am |
| March 13/14 | Vayakhel-Pekudei | Candles 6:43p | Monday & Thursday mornings 7:00am |
| March 20/21 | Vayikra | Candles 6:52p | Sunday - Thursday evenings 5:30pm |
| March 27/28 | Tzav | Candles 7:00p | ----- |
| April 3/4 | Pesach | Candles 7:08p | Please call ahead to ensure a minyan. |
| April 9 | Pesach | Candles 7:15p | Other morning services may be organized by request. |
| April 10/11 | Pesach | Candles 7:16p | |
| April 17/18 | Shmini | Candles 7:24p | |
| April 24/25 | Tazria-Metzora | Candles 7:32p | |