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Purim is Coming!

**Online Community Carnival - Sunday, February 21
9:30-11:30am**

LET'S PLAY together! Jokes and puns, games and fun, merrymaking for everyone! Find levity and laughter on Zoom. Kickoffs at 9:30, when Madison Rabbis and other presenters perform their Purim buffoonery and banter, antics and capers. Carnival activities begin at 10:00, and a special Shadow Puppet Workshop starting at 10:30 rounds out our Purim family fun. Presented by Beth Israel Center, Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, Jewish Federation of Madison, Temple Beth El, and UW Hillel. Thanks to generous financial support from JFM, this event is FREE for all participants!

Online and In-Person BIC Megillah Readings

**Thursday evening, February 25, 7:00pm online, 8:30pm in-person
Friday morning, February 26, 7:20am on Zoom and in-person**

L'Chaim, L'Chaim! To Life! Boo Haman, cheer for Esther, hear the whole megillah, and raise your glasses and plates following fun cues at chapter interludes. Stay tuned for specifics on what festive accoutrements to bring to the Megillah reading screen for comedy and toasting in-between! More information coming soon about our Thursday night shenanigans. *Register by Feb. 23 to hear the Megillah in person, outdoors.*

BIC's First Mishloach Manot Fundraiser!

This year, we'll share the love by sending Purim gifts to one another. Treats for all as we all treat BIC! See page 4 for more information.

Passover Begins March 27 (following Shabbat)

MOUSY Hametz Drive - Fridays in March

As you clear your home of *hametz*, bring your non-perishable, sealed foods to BIC on Friday mornings in March (between 9 and noon) or by appointment. Items will be donated to the Goodman Community Center.

Sell Your Hametz by Thursday, March 25

Complete this transaction by 5:00pm Thursday, March 25. Forms will be emailed and are available by request from the office. See page 6 for details.

Fast of the First-Born / Siyyum - Thursday, March 25

Services at 7:20am, *siyyum* 8:10-8:30am. See page 6 for details.

Biur (burning) Hametz - Friday, March 26

Burn your *hametz* in the BIC parking lot between 9:30 and 11:00 am.

Online Services

On March 30 and 31 and April 3 and 4, join us for online Yom Tov services beginning at 10:00am. Yizkor will be recited on Sunday, April 4. Daily minyan will meet (on Zoom) each day of *hol hamo'ed* (March 30-April 2).

Turn to page 6 for more Pesach information!



Thoughts from the Rabbi...

מהשבות **Makh'shavot: Pandemic Discoveries**

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

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

Please DO continue to call and email us!

Next Centerite Deadline:

April 5, 2021

The color printing of this issue of the Centerite is generously underwritten by David Balkansky, in honor of Leslie Greenspan for putting together a beautiful new Shiva book, Cher & Ron Diamond for editing and preparing our meaningful new Torah, and Scott Forester for his financial backing of the Torah project.



This Centerite's arrival completes a year of Centerites under the pandemic's pall. Every aspect of how we live, work, think, and behave has been affected, and it would be foolish to underestimate the magnitude of what we have lost, risked, and learned. As a kahal, we have deepened connections in some areas and strained for cohesiveness in others. In our efforts to minimize risk, we have

discovered moments of unexpected joy and felt ourselves fraying in moments of deep disappointment. Between those extremes, we have, somehow, created communal life that is both an enviable model of what is possible, and an imperfect attempt to accomplish the impossible. Some decisions have been easy and obvious, others difficult and painful. Now, along with the roll-out of a vaccine, the time has come for us to begin distilling how our trials, challenges, and achievements will inform our decisions moving forward.

Musing about what we have learned about ourselves over the past year, I am struck by how...

- We are in this together.
- We are capable of learning fast. In the space of one day, we became a functioning online shul.
- We are capable of learning slowly. Our core practices continue to evolve in response to our circumstances.
- We have suffered unevenly. It's painful and unfair.
- We are highly adaptable in more ways than we knew, but not in all ways.
- Our elders demonstrate remarkable resilience that helps keep us steady.
- Words of support and good faith are generous gifts of incalculable worth.
- We thrive on the sense of belonging that comes from informal, random interactions that cannot be replicated online.
- We work together to serve those in need, even under difficult circumstances--and especially then.
- We can expand our capacity for gratitude even in the face of terrible loss.
- We can sit together in sadness, communicating our care and concern simply by showing up, even on a screen.
- Our Shabbat mornings together are precious.
- Different kinds of Shabbat experiences affect us in unexpected ways.
- Kabbalat Shabbat, daily minyan, and havdalah inspire us and bring us closer in ways we had not guessed.
- People will show up for pre-Shabbat schmoozing at 2:45 in the afternoon.
- Members ranging in age from 9 months to 9 decades enjoy a good story together.
- The space where our spirits open holds us even when we are not there; seeing our sanctuary in a Zoom window brings comfort and stability.
- The pandemic heightened our awareness of our privilege as a mostly white congregation. We are choosing to take responsibility with humility to dismantle the deadly and insidious racism that infects our society.
- We can hold a full-on Pride Shabbat even when the world is upside down.
- We can let go of the need to be in control of things we never really controlled anyway.
- We can delay gratification even though it hurts.
- When we share what bothers us with people who can help, it usually does.
- We can come together in a reflective project so earnest and sacred that it gets printed on a scroll and stored in our aron: our own, self-written Torah.
- We can create new, meaningful ritual roles for members to lead.
- Not all events require in-person presence. Zoom makes possible gatherings that could not happen even in normal times and advance our practice of inclusion.
- We can create new rituals in adversity and grow to love them.
- We can pull off a freilach (joyful) wedding in the shul's backyard on a week's notice.
- Surprise and delight are essential aspects of any serious project.

What would you add? I'd love to know.

Rabbi Betsy



President's Column

Learning, Collectively

Pirkei Avot Chapter 2:4 has a lot going on. It starts with an exhortation to do the will of Adonai and concludes with the importance of studying as if we were to find ourselves without time to do it later. In the middle, we find a teaching from Rabbi Hillel —

– אל תפרוש מן הציבור –

do not separate yourself from the community. Within its broader context, Hillel's words read to me as a reminder that we cannot complete mitzvot or study Torah in true isolation, and in fact we should not attempt it. Judaism does not have a tradition of hermits or anchorites; we do not have a spiritual ideal of praying, learning, or living in isolation.

As this Centerite goes to print, we have been existing within a spectrum of isolation for an unfathomable 10 months. Our individual experiences of isolation are as unique as we are. Even those who continue to work outside their homes are isolated from loved ones who live a plane ride away and from their friends who live down the street. Many of us share an existential isolation from the world we knew before the pandemic.

And yet. Human need and our teachings guide us back to each other, our local and broader Jewish communities. Last spring Beth Israel Center pivoted to the changed landscape and found ways to move programming and services online. We created new offerings to support our community's desire to find connections when the usual ways were suddenly not possible.

Some members have told me they feel more connected to BIC than they have in a long while. Daily minyan, Kabbalat Shabbat, and educational opportunities are accessible without driving in the dark or poor weather. Zoom allows for us to see and hear each other, and make new memories together, from the comfort of wherever we find ourselves at the time. I am grateful for how staff and volunteers continue to ask what we need and want, and how we can make it happen.

Participation builds resiliency, for us as individuals and we as the *kahal*.

It is also important to acknowledge that there are congregants who feel more disconnected these days from BIC as an institution and its people. The losses of in-person Shabbat morning touching base, a potluck meal, an informal catching up, seeing children reach milestones, offering and receiving hugs, are real and keenly felt by many. Some needs may remain unmet during the pandemic, and that is a source of great sadness for me and the staff. How we wish we could provide for everyone as they need.



It is challenging and heartbreaking when we crave community so deeply, when we yearn to lean into Hillel's teaching to connect with community, to feel instead an absence of the sense of belonging that so many of us sought and found at BIC before the pandemic changed everything.

We need your feedback about what is working well and what isn't as much as -- perhaps more than -- ever. Please share with me or the staff what might be missing for you. We'll listen, do what we can, and acknowledge if we are not meeting you where you are.

As we continue to live in the timelessness of this pandemic, BIC as an institution has been engaged in ongoing, invigorating work of planning for a return to safe in-person activities. If you would like me to know what you have missed most about our in-person community and what from our safely distanced practices has been working for you, please contact me.

L'shalom,

Jennie Edes-Pierotti
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From the Executive Director's Desk

Rethinking, Retooling, Re-everything

Board Nomination Process

Members of our congregation are selected for service on the Board of Directors after being nominated by our Nominating Committee.

Who serves on our Nominating Committee changes from year to year, but it is always our President-Elect, two additional Board members, and two congregants who are not Board members.

The Nominating Committee takes into account many factors when selecting members to put forth for election -- past and present roles at Beth Israel Center, leadership qualities, professional and other skills, and experience in other organizations (Jewish and secular).

A slate of directors and officers is presented to the congregation and voted on at our Annual Meeting.

Officers serve two-year terms. All other Board members serve three-year terms. The terms are staggered such that each year new people are elected to the Board.

Questions? Contact Jennie Edes-Pierotti, president@bethisraelcenter.org.

In December, a congregant called me and said, "I want to sponsor Kiddush." Hm, I thought. What could he mean? He must know we're not serving Shabbat Kiddush these days.



It turns out, the offer was shorthand for wanting to do something that would remind our members that they are part of a community that cares about them. What

took shape was everything our anonymous "Kiddush" sponsor wanted it to be, and perhaps a bit more.

The initial proposal was simply to deliver bagels and cream cheese and a friendly note to every local member. We turned to the newly established Alfred A. and Lois Frank Congregational Life Fund to supplement the goodie bags that most Centerite readers received. (This time around, we didn't deliver to Arizona. Or California. Or Israel. We hope our out-of-town members understand!) Because the pandemic prevented us from bringing people together in our building to work on the project, supplies were delivered to three families who each assembled one-third of the bags. Thank you Nagus-Wilsons, Schlam/Ellenbergs, and Shafer-Landaus! Then another 32 volunteers (listed on page 11) delivered the bags on December 31 and January 1, and many people enjoyed them together on screen after our Shabbat morning service on January 2.

There are so many things about this endeavor that delighted me. First, one of our members, motivated by strong feelings of affinity, instigated it. Next, many people stepped up to help (in response to an emailed call for drivers) without even knowing what they were being asked to do. Then, we heard from the people making the deliveries how fun and easy it was. And, of course, we heard from many recipients how much they appreciated the delivery. Some even expressed

their appreciation with kind donations! Thanks for those!

On top of all that, the logistical success of operation New Year's Kiddush solidified our decision to run what I'm fairly certain is Beth Israel Center's first *Mishloach Manot* fundraiser.

By now, all of our members should have received information about this Purim-centered fundraiser. For Centerite readers who aren't members, or who didn't open those e-mails (It's OK, I don't take it personally....I ignore a lot of email, too, but I don't want you to miss this!) here's the gist:

On Purim, it is customary — commanded even — to send gifts of food, *Mishloach Manot*, to friends. This year, we are sending Purim gifts to all of our members — one gift bag per household — and inviting everyone to take part in the "sending" part by making donations to Beth Israel Center.

We hope everyone who can to do so will send their Purim greetings to the entire congregation for \$360. Another option is to send gifts to selected members for \$18 each. Say יָרֵא / Hi! Build up our community in this happy way!

Each household will receive one package filled with hand-made hamantaschen and additional foodstuffs, plus other treats to help make Purim festive. The difference from one bag to the next will be the names on the list telling you from whom your gift was sent.

Personalized log-in information for the website we're using to organize this endeavor has been sent to all of our members. If you did not receive it, or if you are not a member and would like to participate, please email bic@bethisraelcenter.org or call the office (608-256-7763). We can process your donation over the phone or email, and, as always, will be very pleased to help.

Orders are due by Wednesday, February 10. I hope you'll join in the fun!

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From the Education Director's Desk

Honoring Hilda

I often use this space to speak to the importance of the teachers in our the Talmud Torah program. Beth Israel Center's Talmud Torah has a long and proud tradition of helping to turn college students into teachers and engaged members of the Jewish communities in which they live their adult lives, but college students are not our only teachers. For nearly 20 years, our children have been fortunate to have Hilda Fine as their teacher. Hilda, a lifelong educator, moved to Madison from the Chicago area to be closer to family and immediately immersed herself in the Jewish education scene here. She has taught across the grades

at Talmud Torah and mentored many undergraduate teachers — truly seeing them as colleagues. She has also helped train our high school *madrachim* and is one of the most eager to learn and grow colleagues I have ever worked with.



With her gentle voice and steady guidance, Hilda has used her theater training to teach a generation of

students through drama and other engaging experiences including her famous original plays, games, "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" presentations and so much more. I think Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel said it best when he remarked that a teacher is the "...text that students never forget". Several years ago Hilda fulfilled a lifelong dream to make *aliyah* and now spends half the year in Israel. Due to COVID-19, she couldn't leave Israel to come

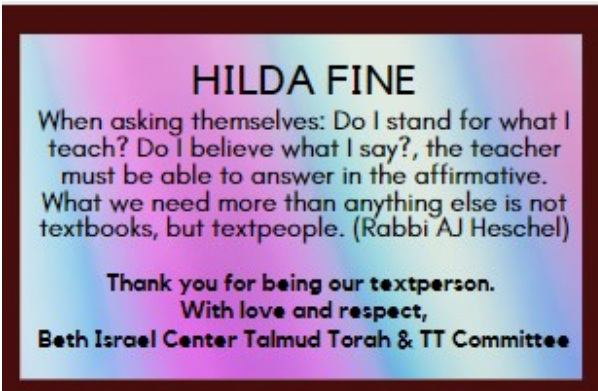
back to Madison and teach her usual fall semester at Talmud Torah, so she learned the Zoom platform, took several seminars in how to teach effectively in a virtual setting, stays up super late, and teaches our Hebrew decoding class at midnight Israel time!

When the Jewish Educators' Assembly decided to honor teachers at our Reboot 21 online symposium this year, I immediately nominated Hilda. I am thrilled that the JEA accepted this nomination and gave us the opportunity to recognize and celebrate our veteran teacher who has contributed so much to our community and to me, personally. We placed an ad in the honor book that JEA put together to mark this occasion. (Pictured here.)

Thank you, Hilda, for being our "textperson" for so long and so well.

Beth

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Zoom Lesson

Talmud Torah Spring 2021

Here's what Talmud Torah looks like this semester:

Weekday Talmud Torah for students in grades K-7 is meeting online as this newsletter goes to press. We have plans in place to meet in person on Tuesdays later in the semester if pandemic-related conditions allow.

Shabbat morning Talmud Torah will resume and meet online when necessary and in person when possible on these dates:

- January 23
- February 13
- February 27
- March 13
- April 10
- April 24
- May 8

Shabbat morning, May 8 will be **Kibud Limudim**, the last day of Talmud Torah for the semester and our annual day of recognition for our community of learners, particularly those moving on to the next stages of their Jewish education — students completing grades 2, 5, and 7. Please plan to join us for this special Shabbat.

Family Education programs for TT families are on these Sundays:

- January 24
- March 7
- April 18

Netivon for students in grades 8-12 will meet on these Shabbat afternoons only if conditions allow for in-person gatherings:

- Feb 6 - grades 8-10
- Feb 20 - grades 11-12
- Mar 13 - grades 8-10
- Apr 10 - grades 10-11



Pesach is Coming!

Ways to Give

Kindness Group

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

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

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

AmazonSmile

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



Pesach begins March 27, following Shabbat

If you are looking for an online seder to join or hosting one and able to accommodate more guests, let us know. We love making seder matches!

Mechirat Hametz - Selling Your Hametz

Before Pesach, we are obligated to remove all hametz from our possession, either through rigorous cleaning and burning the remnant, or by formally selling any hametz of value that we do not wish to destroy. The practice of selling our hametz is traditionally undertaken by a Rabbi, and you are invited to formally appoint Rabbi Forester as your legal agent for this purpose using a document called a *Shtar Mechira*. Get in on it!

It is best to complete this transaction in person, but this year all transactions will be done electronically or by mail. A link to the online form will be available via email and on Beth Israel Center's website, or you may email contact the office and we'll mail you one.

There is no fee for appointing a Rabbi as agent, but it is customary to make a charitable donation directed to helping those in need celebrate Pesach. This custom is called *Maot Chitin* ("wheat coins"). When you make a donation to fulfill this mitzvah, Beth Israel Center sends our collected funds to the Jewish Welfare Board to help provide a joyful Pesach for Jews serving in the U.S. Armed Forces around the world. One of the JWB's programs is the distribution of Passover MRE's (meals ready to eat).

Sell your hametz before 5:00pm on Thursday, March 25, 2021. And make a Maot Chitin contribution at the same time if you choose. Checks may be made out to Beth Israel Center.

Pre-Pesach Fast / Siyyum - Thursday, March 25

The Talmud prescribes that all in the category of *b'khor* (first-born) should fast on the eve of Pesach from sunrise until the seder. When Pesach begins as Shabbat ends, as it does this, year, the timing of the fast changes. What doesn't change is the purpose of the fast: It recalls that the first-born Israelite males were spared the 10th plague visited upon the Egyptians. Also unchanged, a Jewish ritual celebration nullifies the fast, and many communities, including ours, nullify the fast by holding a *siyyum* -- a celebration of completing a unit of study. Lucky you, your Rabbi has been studying II Samuel in preparation for this, and you can get in on it simply by attending the celebration. The *siyyum* will be held after morning minyan on Thursday, March 25. Register by March 23 to attend in person (probably outdoors). The *siyyum* will also be on Zoom. All first-born Jewish humans are welcome, online or in person. Minyan begins at 7:20am, the *siyyum* follows, 8:10-8:30. Bring your own bagels.

Biur Hametz - Friday, March 26

Come by between 9:30 and 11:00 am on Friday, March 26 to burn your hametz outside at BIC. We'll bring the fire, you bring the bits of hametz.

Online Services

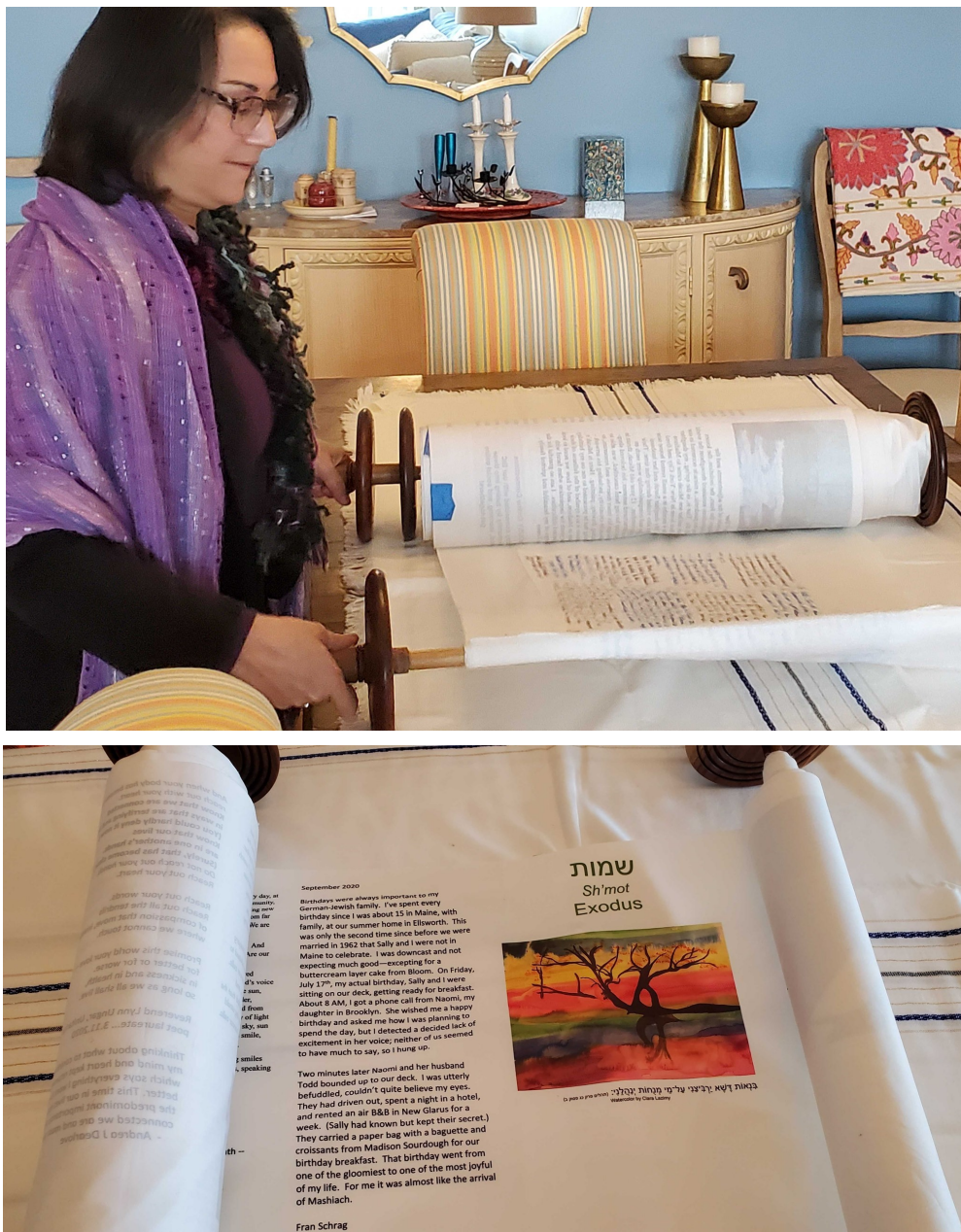
Yom Tov (holy day) services on the first, second, seventh and eighth days of Pesach (March 28 and 29, April 3 and 4) will begin at 10:00am. Yizkor will be recited on the last day, Sunday, April 4.

Daily minyan will meet each day of *hol hamo'ed* (the days in between the holy days), March 30-April 2.

Around Rosh Hashanah 5781 (early Fall 2020), more than 80 members of our community wrote, painted, drew and otherwise expressed their thoughts about life during a global pandemic. The contributions reflect the challenges and surprises, the loss and the joy we experienced at this strange time. They tell the story of our community. They are *Our Torah*.

Cher Diamond and her son Saul worked with Rabbi Forester to transfer those contributions to a cloth scroll, and Ron Diamond fashioned elegant *atzei hayim* (Torah rollers) out of wood. Thanks to financial support from Scott Forester and the Diamond family, the project was previewed on Simchat Torah and formally dedicated during Hanukkah.

Our Torah lives in our Aron, the Ark in our Main Sanctuary. An online version will be available soon so that all will be able to read our story.



Rabbi Betsy leads the online dedication of Our Torah. Photos by Scott Forester.

Jewish Life in Madison

Hannah's Kitchen Kosher Food Delivery Service

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

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

Order Hamantaschen by February 15 online at uwhillel.org/purim2021.

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

Sandwiches, soups, entrees, smoothies, desserts and more are available for take-out Sunday through Friday.

Call 608-441-1574 for more information.

MOUSY Calendar

Sunday, February 28
Hold the date!

Friday, March 19
Shabbat Schmooze

Fridays, March 5 - 26
Hametz Food Drive

Sunday, April 25
Outdoor Nature
Clean-up

Friday, April 30 -
Sunday, May 2
CHUSY Spring Online
Kinnus Convention

Sunday, May 23
MOUSY Elections

Contact Deborah Hoffman or Co-Presidents Mirra Blehert and Rhiannon Wilson with questions about MOUSY's recreational, social, community service, and educational get-togethers.



Kadima Calendar

Sunday, February 14
ZOOMentaschen: Purim
cooking

Sunday, April 11
Outdoor Adventure

Contact Benny at Kadima@bethisraelcenter.org with questions about our programs for middle schoolers.

By Word of Mouse

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

☆ MOUSY hopes your Festival of Lights was a joyous one, and that you enjoyed your colorful, made-in-Israel *Chanukah candles*. We appreciate your generous support! ☆

On Sunday afternoon, November 1, MOUSY and Kadima teens used the Goose Chase app to combine a *Scavenger Hunt* adventure with smartphone technology. Kudos to co-chairs Rotem Arad and Rhiannon Wilson.

MOUSY celebrated Hanukkah at our *Latkes and Levity* program on Sunday afternoon, December 13. After friendly greetings by Baila Becker, teams competed to make their way out of a Hanukkah Escape Room, designed and led by Madison Shlichia Danielle Man and Rotem Arad. Rhiannon Wilson took over with a fab and fun latke-making session, complete with a great playlist and plated latkes posted on Instagram. Well done by our co-chairs!

On Sunday afternoon, January 10, MOUSY chilled out with an actual in-person, safely-distanced and masked, outdoor *Winter Wonderland Walk* through and around the Henry Vilas Zoo. Many thanks to co-chairs Leila Loeb, Jane Lowy, and Yael Rosenblatt who warmed our hearts, souls, and bodies with this fun outing that also brought together Lily Matthews-Needelman, Rhiannon Wilson, Rotem Arad, Caleb Ellenberg, Ari and Mirra Blehert, and Baila Becker.



Stay tuned for what happened at our hush-hush *Surprise 8th Grade Welcome Virtual Breakfast*, where MOUSY board officers “metted and greeted” incoming 8th graders on Sunday morning, January 31.

Special Upcoming Programs:

Author Talk: Bobbi Kwall - 10:00am Sunday, February 28

BIC welcomes the return of Law Professor Roberta Kwall for an online talk based on her new book, *Remix Judaism: Preserving Tradition in a Diverse World*. The book demonstrates how developing a richer set of culturally religious norms can provide a foundation for transmissible Jewish tradition, even if some of the normative requirements of Jewish law are "remixed."

Kolot Kehilla with Michael and Kathi Rock - Sunday, April 11

Our Sunday morning speaker series, Kolot Kehilla (voices of our community), features the deep and varied expertise of Beth Israel Center members. Up next: Michael and Kathi Rock teach about "Gardening for Hummingbirds." Join us online at 9:45am to schmooze over a special brunch prepared by Adrienne Borisy-Gross and Barry Rich. The presentation will begin at 10:00. Watch your email for more information.

Every Week:

Daily Connection Minyanim

Pray, support those in mourning and observing yahrzeits, and share each other's joys and sorrows. All are welcome! We're on Zoom....

- Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 8:00
- Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings at 7:20
- Monday through Thursday evenings until March 11 beginning at 5:45 for Ma'ariv (the evening service).
- Starting March 15, we will resume davening both Mincha (the afternoon service) and Ma'ariv, and we will begin weekday evening minyan at 5:30.

Kabbalat Shabbat

Every Friday through March 12, services begin 50 minutes before candle-lighting time, and we schmooze a bit before services. (Times are on the back page of this newsletter.) Beginning March 19, we will schmooze starting at 5:00 and begin services at 5:45.

Shabbat Mornings

We are offering something each Shabbat morning -- online services, Davar Acher (singing and Torah study), or Musaf & Tisch. Start times vary.

Here's the February schedule:

- Feb. 6 - Services, including Torah reading and a sermon, 10:00-11:30
- Feb. 13 - Matchilim 9:00, Davar Acher 9:00-9:45
- Feb. 20 - Services, including Torah reading and a sermon, 10:00-11:30
- Feb. 27 - Matchilim 9:00, Musaf & Tisch, 11:30-12:15

See the calendars on page 19 for March and April plans.

Ha-video-dallah

Every Saturday evening, when Shabbat goes out, we gather online for Ma'ariv. Then, 10-15 minutes after Shabbat goes out, we begin Havdallah. On February 20 and March 6, young families are especially invited for story time and singing. See the start times on the back page of this newsletter.

Tea & Torah - Tuesdays at 4:00pm

Rabbi Forester leads a 50-minute Tanakh study focusing on the five Megillot.

Wednesday Wisdom - 4:00pm

Rabbi Forester leads a 50-minute study on Halachic decision making.

Watch your email for schedule updates and links.

Yahrzeits

19 Shevat / Feb 1

Rachel Bleiweiss
Erving Haber
Harvey Johnson

20 Shevat / Feb 2

Lena Adler
Isaac Cohen
Benny Kopelberg
Barnet Nathenson
Chaim Schwartz
Jerry Shapiro
Benjamin G. Wendroff

21 Shevat / Feb 3

Harold Borenstein
Francis Geller
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Samuel Lande
Anne Lazar
Morris Mirkin
George Shapiro
Helen Temkin
Rebecca Wyman

22 Shevat / Feb 4

Jean Kobylarz

23 Shevat / Feb 5

Bernard Harris
Jerome Onheiber
Mollie Cohen Paster

24 Shevat / Feb 6

Edith Arfa Brod
Sarah Gevirman
Alfred Kadushin
Ester Kooba
William Swartz

25 Shevat / Feb 7

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

26 Shevat / Feb 8

Harry Bleiweiss
Shoshana Goodman
Dollie Schuckit
Eliezer Wein
Howard Yaskal

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Yahrzeits

27 Shevat / Feb 9

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

28 Shevat / Feb 10

M.A. Bradkofsky
Hannah Weinstein
Cohen
Matthew Fields
Anne Layton
Joseph Sweet

29 Shevat / Feb 11

Jerry Kaplan
Murray Rodman
Helena Siroky
Louis Sweet
Howard Temin

30 Shevat / Feb 12

Fania Heifetz
Anita Rothblatt Kapell
Rose Machlis
Leo Rasmussen
Bess Smith

1 Adar / Feb 13

Louis Battalen
Lena Daniels
Rose Diamantstein
Pauline Quick
Janet Weinschel

2 Adar / Feb 14

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

3 Adar / Feb 15

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

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Social Justice Activities Updates

Confronting Racism: BIC-Nehemiah Strategic Learning Partnership

About 60 Beth Israel Center members are meeting monthly with our partners from the Nehemiah Center for Urban Leadership Development to begin the work of understanding racism so that our congregation can create combat it effectively. Please write to socialjustice@bethisraelcenter.org or contact Rabbi Forester, project manager Andrea Dearlove, or Social Justice Committee co-chairs Sally Jones, or Judy Pierotti with questions about our partnership.

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

When it came to our attention that the pandemic has resulted in long lines at food pantries and meal kitchens, Beth Israel Center got to work!! Thanks to all of our members who have been baking delicious commercial size lasagnas and delivering them to the Catholic Multicultural Center and The Beacon every month since May. Recent volunteers are recognized on the facing page.

Each volunteer receives a recipe and an empty pan on your front door step. Then another volunteer picks up your baked lasagna with no personal contact.

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

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

For decades, Beth Israel Center has provided volunteers and other forms of support to The Road Home, which supports homeless families. As an Ambassador congregation, we coordinate members of Beth Israel Center delivering dinners for residents of Healing House, with each volunteer group taking one week at a time. **BIC's upcoming weeks are April 18-24 and June 20-26.** To volunteer or ask questions, please write to socialjustice@bethisraelcenter.org or call Sally Jones at 608-467-6561



Porchlight Men's Shelter

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

Porchlight volunteers help perform health assessments on the men as they arrive at Warner Park each afternoon. If you are interested in volunteering in this or other ways, please contact Kim Sutter, Director of Services, at ksutter@porchlightinc.org or (608) 257-2534. Check Porchlight's Facebook page (Facebook.com/PorchlightMadison) for updates, additional volunteer opportunities, and a list of items needed at the shelter.



Meals on Wheels

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

Our volunteers provide about 10 lunchtime meals on weekdays (except Jewish holidays) throughout the year. Each route takes about 1½ hours. Meals on Wheels volunteers see first-hand the benefits they provide: helping people maintain independence and remain in their own homes, as well as receiving a nutritious meal. For more information about Meals on Wheels and how to volunteer, please call Larry Bensky at (608) 238-2569.





Volunteer Appreciation

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

Weekday and Shabbat service leaders, sharers of divrei Torah, and chanters of Torah and Haftarah:

Matt Banks, Harriet Brown, Marsha Cohen, Mark Copelovitch, Esther Criscuola de Laix, Cher Diamond, Ron Diamond, Susie Drazen, Yonah Drazen, Rick Ezell, Bob Factor, Rabbi Betsy Forester, Aaron Frank, Aaron Friedman, Josh Garoon, Jaime Goldberg, Leslie Greenspan, Anna Heifetz, Lilah Heifetz, Michael Heifetz, Si Hellerstein, Deborah Hoffman, Bobbie Jellinek, Steve Jellinek, Bill Karasov, Sara Karon, Daniel Levitin, Ruth Litovsky, Don Miner, Jon Pollack, Michael Rock, Bill Schwab, Sarah Silverman, Bob Skloot, Judith Sone, Jerry Sternberg, Jeanne Swack, Rayla Temin, Jim Wear

Bagel Kiddush Assemblers & Deliverers: Donna Anderson, Hannah Bernard-Donals, Mirra Bleher and Regina Vidaver, Judith Blank, Megan & Isaac Brodkey, Marsha Cohen, Esther Criscuola de Laix, Doris Dubielzig, Jennie Edes-Pierotti, Jordan, Caleb & Anna Ellenberg and Tanya Schlam, Jen & Sophie Hadley, Michael Heifetz, Nancy Leff, Laurel Mark, Elana Matthews, Lily & Ezra Matthews-Needelman, Don Miner, Barry Mirkin, Ari and Jon Pollack, Francesca Rodriguez, Felice Rudin, Ken Schneck & Eve Fine, Fran Schrag, Russ, Sue & Sophie Shafer-Landau, Karen Shevet Dinah, Jim & Ziva Wear, Paul Wilson & Laurie Nagus, Moira and Rhiannon Wilson

Hanukkah Cast of Characters:

Candle-lighters: The Weismer family, Garoon-Engelman family, Goldman family, Clara & Rafi Lazimy, Heller family, Megan & Isaac Brodkey, Matthews-Needelman family, Drazen family

Entertainers and contributors: Daniel Barash, Trudy Barash, Hanna Bettner & the Mideast Salsa Band, Judith Blank, Joan Burstyn, Marsha Cohen, Alyssa Dell, Susie Drazen, Michal Engelman, Josh, Stav and Ziv Garoon, Ben and Sam Gellman, Rabbi Judy Greenberg, Si Hellerstein, Devon Kalupa, Jane Lowy, Kathy Miner, Jonathan and Simon Rosenblum, Noam Scheepens and Yefet Zadaka, Rayla Temin

Lasagna Cooks and Delivery Crews: Stacy Anderson, Rotem Arad, David Baum & Ruth Litovsky, Baila Becker, Larry & Janice Bensky, Debra Berman, Hannah Bernard-Donals, Mirra Bleher, Marsha Cohen, Beth, Dafna and Micah Copelovitch, Cher Diamond, Susie Drazen, Beth Fisher, Janet Frenz, Joshua Gabai, Louise Goldstein, Ashley Gordon, Janice Gratch, Diane Gutmann, Billie Hellerstein, Cynthia Hirsch, Becky Holmes & Bennett Berson, Sally Jones & Aaron Friedman, Linda Kailin, Corliss Karasov, Jacob Kianovsky, Bettine Lipman, Jessie and Leila Loeb, Lily Matthews-Needelman, Laurie Nagus and Rhiannon Wilson, Amira and Judy Pierotti, Mary Quinn, Henry Regnier, Erica and Nathaniel Richmond, Ilona Rodan Ganetzky, Yael Rosenblatt, Sue & Russ Shafer-Landau, Karen Shevet Dinah, Cara Silverman, Merle Sternberg, Beth Weber

Healing House Volunteers: Hannah Bernard-Donals, Leslie Grant, Steve Kessler & Donna Anderson, Ruth Litovsky & David Baum, Nancy Feingold, Leora Saposnik, Russ & Sue Shafer-Landau, Bob & JoAnn Skloot, Paula Volpiansky, Ellen Weismer and family

Kolot Kehilla Presenters: Adrienne Borisy-Gross, Barry Rich, Daniel Stolz, Mark Copelovitch



If you have time or talent to offer to Beth Israel Center, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Deborah Hoffman. As projects and tasks arise, we really do need the volunteer support of our kind and generous congregants to be successful. Call (608) 256-7763 or email hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org for more information. *Todah Rabbah!*

Yahrzeits

4 Adar / Feb 16

Harold Goldberg
Paul Goldman
Henry L. Gutmann
Miril Heifetz
Maier Nick Kaim
Mollie Kaplan
Gertrude Recht Stein
Sara Schwartz
Ruth Wolfson

5 Adar / Feb 17

Rivkah bat Fruma
Leonard L Loeb
Blanche Cohn
Schwartzstein
Max Shapiro
Shirley Swack

6 Adar / Feb 18

Joan Eleanor Chesler
Joseph S. Levy
Frieda Lieberman
Sam Shapiro
Alvin Shovers

7 Adar / Feb 19

Leanore Fridstein
Factor
Steven Gotautis
Ruth Hertz
Roberta Jacoby
Norman Schwabacher

8 Adar / Feb 20

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

9 Adar / Feb 21

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

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Yahrzeits

10 Adar / Feb 22

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

11 Adar / Feb 23

Jennie Chortek
Jeanette Russ
Samuel Sinaiko

12 Adar / Feb 24

Sonia Andrusier
Marvin Eisenberg
Sidney Goldman
Henri Hanau
Walter Novick
Mikhail Pishchiker
Mary Zuker

13 Adar / Feb 25

Rachel Green
Harry Klitsner
Ida Moskowsky
Bessie Schwartz
Fanny Kaufman Smith
Dorothy Weiman
Adolph Weinshel

14 Adar / Feb 26

Seymour Goodman
Mary Ellen Hall
Abe Mintz
Rose Onikul
Victor Rosenblum
George J. Skloot
Elizabeth Sweet
Sam Webne
Ruth Zitowsky

15 Adar / Feb 27

Rachel Brodsky
Dan Pierotti

16 Adar / Feb 28

Thea Aschkenase
Eva Deutschkron
Mary Nathenson

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Mazal Tov to...

- Lilah Heifetz and family on her Bat Mitzvah celebration in November.
- Lela Desai and family on her Bat Mitzvah celebration in December.
- Chezi & Betsy Buczakowski on their marriage in November.
- parents Lauren & David Handelman and grandparents Sharon & Larry Barish on the birth of Nora Esther in October.
- parents Ilana Seder Rosen & Benjamin Roach and grandparents Bruce Rosen & Diane Seder on the birth of Levi Jackson Roach in October.
- parents Benjamin & Laura Arfa and grandparents David & Sandy Arfa and Paul & Helen Rafson on the birth of Silas Marion Arfa in November.
- parents Ben & Sarah Minkoff, grandparents Debbie & Joel Minkoff, and the entire Minkoff family on the birth of Alexander Paul Minkoff in November.
- parents Eli & Emma Temkin and grandparents Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin on the birth of Caleb August Temkin in November.



Condolences to the families of...

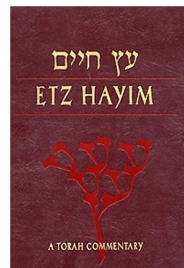
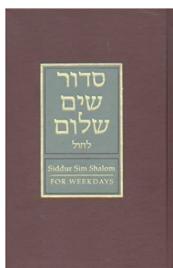
- Ghita Bessman, who died in October.
- Noah Hershkowitz, husband of Roz Hershkowitz, who died in November.
- Renata Laxova, who died in November.
- Joan Stephenson, mother of Aphra (Adam) Mednick, grandfather of Eliza and Simon, who died in December.
- Justice Shirley Abrahamson, who died in December.
- Michael Schrank, father of Francine (David) Dundore, grandfather of Lila, who died in December.
- Donald Rubin, father of Joshua (Sarah) and Penina Rubin, grandfather of Elijah, who died in January.
- Frances Mann, aunt of Ziva (Jim) Wear, who died in January.
- Menucha Zinberg, sister of Si (Billie) Hellerstein, who died in January.



Book Dedications

The next time you're looking for a way to honor a special person, couple, family or occasion, or memorialize a loved one, consider dedicating a prayerbook. For \$36, you can dedicate a weekday *siddur*, for \$54 a High Holy Day *Mahzor Lev Shalem*, and for \$72 an *Etz Hayim chumash*.

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





Memorial & Tribute Gifts

Donations to Beth Israel Center are a wonderful way to celebrate a special person, event, or accomplishment; to express gratitude; or to honor the memories of those who have died, recently or on the anniversary of their passing. Funds to which donations may be made are described below; additional details are on our website. Undesignated gifts up to \$1,000 are placed into our General Fund, and undesignated gifts of \$1,000 or more go into our Fund for the Future. A record of the donations made in October, November, and December 2020 begins on the next page.

Building Funds

Building Capital Fund—Used for building improvement projects, including fixtures, furnishings, equipment.

Building Maintenance Reserve—Ensures our ability to upgrade and replace major facility systems and equipment.

Education Funds

Except where noted, our education funds support salaries of our educators and our overall education program.*

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

Ben Minkoff Fund

Julius Mintz Education Fund

A J Rosenberg Education Fund

George Stewart Education Fund

***Talmud Torah Fund**

Alex Temkin Education Fund

Joe Temkin Education Fund

Other Funds

Art Fund—Supports the acquisition and care of artwork for Beth Israel Center.

Abe Barash Fund—Provides accessibility services for members and guests with disabilities.

Shirley Epstein Fund—Pays for kitchen and kiddush supplies.

Alfred A. and Lois Frank Congregational Life Fund—Supports enhancement of programs that foster community connections among members.

Jake Heifetz Fund—Supports the Jake Heifetz Award, which recognizes commitment by teens to participating in the ritual life of the shul.

Rose & Morris Heifetz Welfare Fund—Provides need-based scholarships for Talmud Torah and other educational programs.

Irving & Dorothy Levy Foundation Rabbi's Discretionary Program Fund—Supports significant special programs and initiatives.

Martin & Serene Mazor Kiddush Fund—Supports our weekly Shabbat Kiddush.

Judith and Daniel Pierotti Social Justice Fund—Supports social justice projects, as well as other organizations and initiatives.

AJ & Celia Rosenberg Library Fund—Supports the library.

David Temkin Camp Ramah Fund—Provides scholarships to youth attending Camp Ramah.

Adolph Weinschel Torah Repair Fund—Covers repair of our Torah scrolls.

Prayerbook & Ritual Objects Fund—Covers repair and purchase of prayerbooks and ritual objects.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund—Used by the Rabbi for charitable purposes and other actions consistent with the mission and vision of Beth Israel Center.

Women's League—Supports the congregation in several ways, including the purchase of kiddush cups for each bar or bat mitzvah and supplies for the Beth Israel Center mikvah.

Yahrzeits

17 Adar / March 1

Maurice Amdur
Rose Frank
Milton Friedman
Ida Gould
Bessie Lutske
Evelyn Minkoff
Morris Schulman
Leon Stein

18 Adar / March 2

Quinta Burattini
Paula Grzyb
Hyman Paley
Aaron Scher

19 Adar / March 3

Jacob Becker
Lloyd Borenstein
Karen Eve Goldman
Ira Katch
Dr. Hyman P. Levin
Sarah Silverman
Judith Zukerman
Kaufman

20 Adar / March 4

Hyman Ansell
Jerrold Gross
Dorah Karp
Arthur Mead
Tessie Stein

21 Adar / March 5

Nathan A Cohen
Marshall G Fields
Benjamin Forester
Gustave Goldstein
Vera Tyroler

22 Adar / March 6

Sylvia Binstock
Feingold
Frume Rachel Bloom
Heather Joseph
Rochelle Kianovsky
Gertrude Rodman
William Stein

23 Adar / March 7

Estelle Bernstein
Ben Paley
Sara Shapiro
Ann Slavney
Robert Sweet

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Yahrzeits

24 Adar / March 8

Isador Borsuk
Nathan DeLevie
Eli Freedman
Paul Goldman
Steve Hawkins
Hyman Lessack
Jacques Lohr

25 Adar / March 9

Ida Figler
Herbert Weiner

26 Adar / March 10

Joseph Brodsky
Harry Dworetzky
Mayer Jacob
Ross Kurzer
Nathan Swartz
Joseph Switzky

27 Adar / March 11

David Altschuler
Ruthie Moody
Kenneth Rodan
Celia Rosenberg

28 Adar/March 12

Lewis Gash
Harry Karas
Moshe Paley
Helen Rosenblum
Kitty Schorr
Jean Wein

29 Adar / March 13

Etya Fastovsky
Anna Halperin
Sarah Chechik Halperin
Paul J Schrag
Herschel Seder
Osne Zaichick

1 Nisan / March 14

Anne Cooper
Ben Hirschfeld
Regina Jacob
David Rosenthal
Sarah Seidner
Dr. Herman Shapiro
Helen Sweet

2 Nisan/March 15

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

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Memorial & Tribute Gifts

We are so grateful to each and every donor. Every gift makes it possible for us to create a community that is alive with celebration, learning, prayer and tikkun olam. The contributions listed here were made in October, November and December 2020. Todah Rabbah!

Descriptions of the funds referenced on the following pages can be found on page 13.



2020 Yom Kippur Yizkor

in memory of

Sonia Rosenthal, Saul Rosenthal, Annette Tenzer and Irwin Tenzer from Len & Martha Tenzer
Paul & Ann Rock and Harvey & Patricia Johnson from Michael Rock & Kathi Johnson Rock
Rabbi Gary Diamond from Matthew & Jennie Edes-Pierotti

Abe Barash Fund

in memory of

Rose Karan from Val Karan
Noah Hershkowitz from James & Leora DeKock
Marilyn Holman & Natalie Borenstein from Phyllis Eisenberg

Al & Lois Frank Fund

in honor of

the birth of David & Sandy Arfa's grandchild from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

in memory of

Noah Hershkowitz from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein
Al & Lois Frank from Frances Mann and Karen Shevet Dinah
Stanley Cohen and Nathan Pressman from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen
Peter Druch from Shelley Davey

Art Fund

in memory of

Ghita Bessman from Merilyn Kupferberg, William & Corliss Karasov, Rayla Temin and Si & Billie Hellerstein

Ben Minkoff Fund

in honor of

the birth of Alexander Minkoff from Livia Asher

in memory of

Ben Minkoff, Max Weinstein, Allen Zemmol and Naomi Kessler from Joel & Debbie Minkof
Ghita Bessman from Thomas Popkewitz & Lea Aschkenase

Building Capital Fund

get well

Elissa Pollack from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

in honor of

the Quadruple Chai Birthday of Bruce Thomadsen from Louise Goldstein
the birth of Alexander Paul Minkoff and the wedding of Chezi & Betsy Buczakowski from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein
Lilah Heifetz on her Bat Mitzvah from Sherry Hirschfeld

in memory of

Alex Swartz from Joel Marcus & Judith Swartz Marcus
Noah Hershkowitz from Jordan & Jessie Loeb
Jacob Cooper and Goldie Portnoy from Marilyn & Stuart Cooper



Memorial & Tribute Gifts (Con't.)

Building Maintenance Fund

in memory of

Betty Sommerfeld Miner from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

Shirley Epstein Fund

in memory of

Judith Siegel from Eve Siegel

Ghita Bessman from Joel Marcus & Judith Swartz Marcus

Erin Karp from Norma Klagos

Reine Rothblatt from Sherry Hirschfeld

Shirley Epstein from Sol Zaichick

Fund for the Future

in memory of

Herman Goldstein from Mark & Stephanie Goldstein

Joseph Rossman from Sherry Hirschfeld

General Fund

in honor of

Elissa Pollack and the BIC staff for their fine work from Karen Shevet Dinah

Rayla Temin from Barry & Rebecca Goz

the birth of Caleb Temkin and the B'nei Mitzvah of Andrew & Ryan

Thomadsen from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

the birth of Alexander Minkoff from Harry & Karen Roth

Shabbat services being available via livestream, and allowing me to recite

Yizkor from Mark Malkin

the wedding of Betsy & Chezi Buczakowski from Steve & Bobbie Jellinek

the birth of Larry & Sharon Barish's grandchild from William & Corliss Karasov

in memory of

Miriam Sulman from Aaron Sulman

Ghita Bessman and Sam Lewis from Arnold & Sharon Ruben

Clara Rothblatt from Cheryl Lerner

Noah Hershkowitz from David McCarthy & Susan Pearsall, Robert Factor &

Kris Rasmussen

Ghita Bessman and Leo Sulman from David Sulman & Anne Altshuler

Joan Stephenson from Robert Factor & Kris Rasmussen

Judy Landau Domagella from Ellie Landau

Marcia Lewis from Herbert Lewis & Francie Saposnik

Jacob Joseph Sinagub, Abraham Sinagub and Naomi Susan Sinagub from

Jonathan Sinagub

Arthur Sweet from Lawrence & Jessica Sweet

Faye Jacobs from Mark Jacobs

Isadore Kosowsky from Mark Kosowsky

Rabbi Chaim Diamond from Matthew & Jennie Edes-Pierotti

Joan Stephenson from Matthew & Jennie Edes-Pierotti

Joan Stephenson from Robert Mednick

Alvin & Adele Pratzel from Michael & Barbara Pratzel

Irving Maydeck, Theodore Jellinek, and Joan Stephenson from Steve &

Bobbie Jellinek

Albert Borenstein from Neil Borenstein

Phillip Zlochanko, Lena Peters, Natalie Borenstein, Celia Borenstein, Nathan

Borenstein and Frizda Borenstein from Phyllis Eisenberg

Ghita Bessman from Richard & Doris Dubielzig

Susanne and Aaron Gellman from Samuel Gellman & Julie Plotkin

Sylvia Wein & Gordon Wein from Sanford & Marilyn Victor

Betty Miner from Scott & Rabbi Betsy Forester

Tova Shabtaie from Sion & Jane Shabtaie

Noah Hershkowitz from Sylvia Grunes, Thomas & Laurie Smith

Akiva Temkin from Temkin Iron & Metal

Yahrzeits

3 Nisan / March 16

Chaim Dubrovitz

Naomi Epstein

Roslyn Kopelberg

Louis Landau

Anne Marion

Anna Shapiro

Caroline Sulman

4 Nisan / March 17

Chaim Chaikel Dubrow

Donald Goren

Aaron Seidner

5 Nisan / March 18

Samuel Ottenstein

Isaac Stein

Morris Stein

6 Nisan / March 19

Jack Goldberg

Adele Klein Hirsch

Carol Kean

Herbert Nathenson

Leah Segal

Emanuel Weinstein

7 Nisan / March 20

Jack Jacobson

Roberto Orio

Leonard Solinger

8 Nisan / March 21

Jenny Eva Lebowitz

George S. Marcus

Nechama Meister

9 Nisan / March 22

Lillian Weber

10 Nisan / March 23

Jack Dachman

Peter Deutsch

Kathryn Grossman

Leo Hill

11 Nisan / March 24

Shlomo Dworetzky

Sarah Grebler

Sarah R. Kulakowsky

12 Nisan / March 25

Meyer Kaufman

Gerald Kleinman

Ann Matsoff

Ida Minkoff

Eileen Mondry

Herman Onheiber

Beatrice Sweet

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Yahrzeits

13 Nisan / March 26

Aaron Epstein
Ruth Hawkins
Lillian Kaplan
Josephine Mendow
Leon Mondry

14 Nisan / March 27

Dorothy Berlinger Levy
Irving Levy

15 Nisan / March 28

Maggie Eisenberg
Abraham Frank
Louis Roth

16 Nisan / March 29

Leontine Friedman
Leo Geller
Helen Sweet

17 Nisan/March 30

Mary Kaminsky Cohen
Robert D. Goodman
Robert Mann
Elsa Morgensteren
Max Novick
Eva Rosenberg
Saul Aaron Rosenthal

18 Nisan / March 31

Samuel I Ablove
Albert J. Eisenberg
Esther Swartz

19 Nisan / April 1

Eva Dizon
Mollie Chaloff Goldstein
Hermina Kneller
Catherine Odette
Jacob Popkewitz
Jacob J Sinaiko
William Sinaiko
Minna Slater

20 Nisan / April 2

Jeanne Siegel
Ellen Wolman

21 Nisan / April 3

Lillian Greenberg
Elliott Karasov
Joseph Kessler
Annabelle Loeb

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Memorial & Tribute Gifts (Con't.)

Jake Heifetz Fund

in memory of

Jake Heifetz from Lawrence Heifetz, Lisa Robertson, Pauline & Aliie Heifetz and Steve Heifetz

Rose & Morris Heifetz Welfare Fund

in honor of

the Bat Mitzvah of Lilah Heifetz and Anna's chanting of the Haftarah from Moe & Harriet Brown and Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen
Lilah Heifetz being called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah from Karen Shevet Dinah

in memory of

Hyman Marlowe and Bertha Rubin from Robert & Judith Rubin

Holman/Weisbard Fund for Adult Jewish Learning

in memory of

Justice Shirley Abrahamson from Rayla Temin

Martin & Serene Mazor Kiddush Fund

in memory of

Betty Miner, Ghita Bessman, Noah Hershkowitz and Shirley Abrahamson from Lorna Mazor Kniaz

Julius Mintz Fund

in memory of

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

Daniel & Judith Pierotti Social Justice Fund

Happy Chanukah, Grandma Judy! With love from Simone & Eliana, Jeremy Pierotti & Kathryn Klibanoff

With appreciation for all the wonderful outreach this fund provides from Daniel & Bettine Lipman

in honor of

the marriage of Abraham Salomon & Agnes Lotukei from Judy Pierotti, William & Corliss Karasov and Rochelle Schwarz
the wedding of Chezi & Betsy Buczakowski from Sylvia Grunes

in memory of

Naomi Kessler from Kleo Krtiz
Eleanor Onheiber from Michael & Patrice Onheiber
Marie Mocny from Michael & Patrice Onheiber
Betty Miner from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen
Al and Lois Frank from Rick Ezell & Kristin Bernard
Martha Wechselblatt, Phylis Bamberger and Noah Hershkowitz from Robert & JoAnn Skloot
Bernard Harris from Sue Harris

Prayerbook Fund

in honor of

Jennie Edes-Pierotti from Sherry Diamond

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

in honor of

Rabbi Betsy's support following Betty Miner's death from Donald & Kathy Miner

Chezi & Betsy's wedding from Matthew & Jennie Edes-Pierotti
the Bat Mitzvah of Lilah Heifetz from Steve & Bobbie Jellinek
the birth of Diane Seder and Bruce Rosen's grandchild from William & Corliss Karasov and Thomas Popkewitz & Lea Aschkenase



Memorial & Tribute Gifts (Con't.)

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

in honor of

Freddi Kammer's 60th Birthday and the Bat Mitzvah of Lilah Heifetz from Steven Schwartz

in memory of

Geneva Boissonnault from Bill & Jill Boissonnault
Alex Swartz from David & Susan Fish
Mona Schwab and Renata Laxova from David Conney
Noah Hershkowitz from Elaine Catz, Si & Billie Hellerstein, Mitch & Sharon Rapkin, Harry & Karen Roth
Ghita Bessman from Harry & Karen Roth, Mitch & Sharon Rapkin
Renata Laxova from Livia Asher, Michael Rock & Kathi Johnson Rock
Herman Goldstein from Mark & Stephanie Goldstein
Sam Onheiber from Michael & Patrice Onheiber
Ann Rock from Michael Rock & Kathi Johnson Rock
Dorothy Lerner from Mitch & Sharon Rapkin
Harry Zitowsky from Robert Zitowsky
Dorothy Miller from Phyllis Davis
Marcy Deutsch from Stephan Deutsch & Judith Burstyn
Daniel Sheiffer from Steve & Jennifer Sheiffer
Lee Gollman and Arthur L. Alpert from Susie Drazen

AJ & Celia Rosenberg Library Fund

in memory of

Abraham Rosenberg from Irwin Rosenberg and Lyn Rosenberg
Jacob Meyer Schwam from Emanuel Schwam
Dr. Renata Laxova and her outstanding love of books and thirst for reading from Rayla Temin
Renata Laxova from Sheryl Rubin

Solar Energy Donations

in memory of

Betty Miner from Sylvia Grunes, Theodore & Irene Knupp, Si & Billie Hellerstein and Thomas Popkewitz & Lea Aschkenase, Daniel & Leslie Greenspan, Richard & Doris Dubielzig, Bobbie & Steve Jellinek, Matthew & Jennie Edes-Pierotti, Livia Asher, Robert Factor & Kris Rasmussen, Jeff Lindholm & Leslie Fields, Jordan & Jessie Loeb, and Larry Chapman & Paula Volpiansky

Talmud Torah

in memory of

Rabbi Gary Diamond from Jane Diamond

David Temkin Camp Ramah Fund

in memory of

Sam Nager and Rose Passon from Fay Nager
Beatrice Rosenthal and Jacob & Shoshana Hellerstein from Si & Billie Hellerstein

Joe Temkin Education Fund

in honor of

the birth of Caleb Temkin from Livia Asher

in memory of

Sam Onheiber from Maria, Linda and Marissa Onheiber

Yahrzeits

22 Nisan / April 4

Paulina Bloom
Ezra Frank
Isaac Pover
Martin Siroky

23 Nisan / April 5

Mollie Becker
Ida Lessack
Ben Rubin
Ruth Solinger

24 Nisan / April 6

Oscar Brodsky
Aletha Rappaport
Burton Zitkin

25 Nisan / April 7

Dora Levin
Hannah Malamud
William Onheiber

26 Nisan / April 8

Esther Sweet

27 Nisan / April 9

Gladys Godfried
Sander Gusinow
Abraham Sweet
Nashe Sweet

28 Nisan / April 10

Blanche Altshuler
Ed Deutschkron
Jane England
Rosalyn Schwab

29 Nisan / April 11

Alice Barth
Leo Barth
Frieda Melnik
Meyer Prosansky
Martin Rosenzweig

30 Nisan / April 12

Alice Field
Gertrude Kastrul
Melrood
Rebecca Nathenson

1 Iyar / April 13

Benjamin Fields
Charles Karp
Isadore Libanoff
Cecile Rogut
Joe Wagman
Dobe Melnik Widrevitz

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Yahrzeits

2 Iyar / April 14

Rose Frank
Libby Mead

3 Iyar / April 15

Rose Melnik
Helen Sweet
Louis Sweet
Morris Sweet
Dora Weinberg

4 Iyar / April 16

Harry Dachman
Beatrice Nathenson
Kosowsky
Mona Schwab
Abraham Sinagub
Ruth Weiner

5 Iyar / April 17

Doris Mae Campbell
Bill Karpe
Morris Mead
Harry Paley

6 Iyar / April 18

Norman Balkansky
David Fine
Bernie Mazursky
Moses Sweet
Pauline Sweet

7 Iyar / April 19

Harry Moss
Samuel Rosenfeld
Diane Rosemary
Schwam
Robert Schwartz
Harry Sweet

8 Iyar / April 20

Harry Rubnitz
Maarten Scheepens

9 Iyar / April 21

Cantor Louis Malamud
Naomi Esther Morrison
Max Schorr
Estelle Wolman

10 Iyar / April 22

Joseph Amdur Fine
Minnie Isaac
Nicholas Polgar
Millicent Rose
Ida Schmidman
Anna Sklar

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Memorial & Tribute Gifts (Con't.)

Weinshel Torah Repair and Maintenance Fund

in honor of

the beautiful work done by Saul Mandel, the many congregants who contributed their thoughts, art, and the beautiful work done by Ron & Cher Diamond in creating our new COVID-19-era Sefer Torah from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

Women's League

in memory of

Marilyn Holman and Frieda & Harold Borenstein and Nicki Milin

Youth Fund Donation

in honor of

the Bat Mitzvah of Lilah Heifetz from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein the birth of Bruce Rosen's & Diane Seder's grandchild and Sharon & Larry Barish's grandchild from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein



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Calendars

February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Shabbat Services Netivon Young Families Havdalah
		Tea & Torah Talmud Torah	Wednesday Wisdom	Talmud Torah		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Matchilim Davar Acher Talmud Torah
		Tea & Torah Talmud Torah Board of Directors	Wednesday Wisdom	Talmud Torah		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Shabbat Services Netivon Young Families Havdalah
Kadima		Tea & Torah Talmud Torah	Wednesday Wisdom	Talmud Torah		
21 Community Purim Carnival	22	23	24	25 Talmud Torah Megillah Reading	26 Purim	27 Matchilim Talmud Torah Musaf & Tisch
28 Author Talk: Bobbi Kwall MOUSY Program						

March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Tea & Torah Talmud Torah	3 Wednesday Wisdom	4 Talmud Torah	5 MOUSY Chametz Drive 9am-12pm	6 Shabbat Services Young Families Havdallah
7 Talmud Torah Family Ed	8	9 Talmud Torah Board of Directors	10 Wednesday Wisdom	11 Talmud Torah	12 MOUSY Chametz Drive 9am-12pm	13 Davar Acher Matchilim Talmud Torah Netivon
14	15	16 Tea & Torah Talmud Torah	17 Wednesday Wisdom	18 Talmud Torah	19 MOUSY Chametz Drive 9am-12pm MOUSY Shabbat Schmooze	20 Shabbat Services
21	22	23 Tea & Torah Talmud Torah	24 Wednesday Wisdom	25 Talmud Torah	26 LAST DAY of MOUSY Chametz Drive 9am-12pm	27 Matchilim Musaf & Tisch Erev Pesach
28 Pesach I	29 Pesach II Office Closed	30 Tea & Torah	31 Wednesday Wisdom			

April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Pesach VII
4 Pesach VIII	5	6 Talmud Torah Tea & Torah	7 Wednesday Wisdom	8 Talmud Torah Yom HaShoah	9	10 Matchilim Davar Acher Talmud Torah Netivon
11 Kolot Kehilla Kadima	12	13 Talmud Torah Tea & Torah Board of Directors	14 Yom HaZikaron Wednesday Wisdom	15 Yom HaAtzma'ut Talmud Torah	16	17 Shabbat Services
18 Healing House Ambassador Congregation Week Talmud Torah Family Ed	19	20 Talmud Torah Tea & Torah	21 Wednesday Wisdom	22 Talmud Torah	23	24 Matchilim Talmud Torah Musaf & Tisch
25 MOUSY Outdoor Nature Program	26	27 Talmud Torah Tea & Torah	28 Wednesday Wisdom	29 Talmud Torah	30 Lag BaOmer CHUSY Spring Kinnus Online Convention (ends May 2) →	1 Joshua Pierotti Bar Mitzvah

Yahrzeits

11 Iyar / April 23

Rose Frank
Ethel Jermyn

12 Iyar / April 24

Leonard Bessman
Samuel Black

13 Iyar / April 25

Helen Liner Richey

14 Iyar / April 26

Anna Black
Elmer M. Borsuk
Ben Setlick
Shalom Sweet

15 Iyar / April 27

Ruth Bass
Yisrael Meir ben
Gedaliah
Feige Esther Fettman
Jakab Fettman
Elliot Iver
Fanny Libanoff
Rabbi Philip Silverstein

16 Iyar / April 28

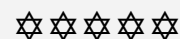
Louis L. Friedman
Allen Zemmol

17 Iyar / April 29

Rhea Katz
Miriam "Mickey"
Pressman
Moshe Stein
Harry Zakhem

18 Iyar / April 30

Levi DeLevie
Ben-Tzion Karsh
Hiram Mendow
Silvan Sam Schweber



The people listed on the sides of the previous pages died on the Hebrew calendar dates listed in years past. The customary yahrzeit observation begins on the evening prior to the Gregorian dates listed on these pages.

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February / March / April Candle Lighting Times

Shabbat	Parasha	Candle Lighting (Friday)	Havdallah (Saturday)
Feb 5/6	Yitro	4:58 pm	5:59 pm
Feb 12/13	Mishpatim	5:07 pm	6:09 pm
Feb 19/20	Terumah	5:17 pm	6:18 pm
Feb 26/27	Tetzaveh	5:26 pm	6:27 pm
March 5/6	Parah	5:34 pm	6:36 pm
March 12/13	Vayakhel-Pekudai/Shabbat HaChodesh	5:43 pm	6:44 pm
March 19/20	Vayikra	6:51 pm	7:52 pm
March 26/27	Tzva/Shabbat HaGadol	6:59 pm	8:01 pm
April 2/3	Pesach VII	7:08 pm	8:09 pm
April 9/10	Shmini	7:16 pm	8:17 pm
April 16/17	Tazria-Metzora	7:24 pm	8:25 pm
April 23/24	Achrei Mot-Kedoshim	7:32 pm	8:33pm
April 30 / May 1	Emor	7:40 pm	8:41 pm

*Until March 12, Kabbalat Shabbat services begin on Zoom 50 minutes before candle-lighting time.
 From March 19 forward, Kabbalat Shabbat services begin at 5:45.
 We also gather on Zoom when Shabbat ends, for Maariv followed by Havdallah. Details on page 7.*

Pesach Candle Lighting and Havdallah times:

Saturday, March 27	Erev Pesach	8:01 pm Sat.	
Sunday/Monday, March 28/29	Pesach II	8:02 pm Sun.	8:03 pm Monday
Friday, April 2	Erev Pesach VII & Shabbat	7:08 pm Fri.	
Saturday/Sunday, April 3/4	Pesach VII	8:09 pm Sat.	8:10 pm Sunday