



Upcoming Programs & Events

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Purim and Pesach are coming!

Wednesday, February 28: Purim festivities at Beth Israel Center this year will play with the "Wait, Wait...Don't Tell Me" construct made famous by National Public Radio. Which story is the true one? Come to BIC on Wednesday night, February 28 and find out! We'll serve a casual dinner at 5:45, followed by the full Megillah reading. RSVPs are required for dinner. All are welcome to hear the Megillah! It's a mitzvah! Bring boxes of pasta to use as graggers and then leave behind for donation to a food pantry. (Small shapes work best.) Be happy! It's almost Adar!

Purim Carnival ~ Sunday, February 25

This year's community carnival is at Temple Beth El on Arbor Drive.

Doors open at 9:30am

Come for shpiel, stay for the food and fun!

Pesach begins Friday, March 30: The Talmud prescribes that all in the category of *b'khor* (first-born) should fast on the eve of Pesach from sunrise until sunset - recalling and recognizing the fate from which they were spared (the final plague visited upon the Egyptians). Many do in fact observe this fast. However, a fast is nullified if there is a Jewish ritual celebration such as a bris or a wedding. It is hard to arrange these specifically for the eve of Pesach, so an approved alternate is a *siyyum* - the celebration of completing a unit of Talmudic study. Even if only one person has done this, the celebration can be shared by all present. The *siyyum* at BIC (with some bagels and nosh) will be held following morning minyan on Friday, March 30.

See page 12 for more musings about Passover traditions.

Let all who are hungry come and eat! If you will have room at your Passover seder table this year, or do not have a seder to go to, please contact the office. We love making seder matches!

Hametz Food Drive

MOUSY of Beth Israel Center is hosting its second annual Hametz Food Drive from Sunday, March 11 through Thursday, March 29.

As you clear your home of hametz, bring your leavened foods to our collection bin near the office at Beth Israel Center. Food will be donated to the Goodman Community Center.

MOUSY appreciates your contribution!



Thoughts from the Rabbi...

Subversive Prayer

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Next Centerite Deadline:

April 9, 2018



Over the past months, I have been leading an ongoing series of discussions on Sunday mornings called "Subversive Prayer," and BIC members have been asking me what this is all about. My

response has often been to suggest coming to one of the discussions to find out

As further encouragement, I offer a little background...

There are really two parallel

understandings of "subversive prayer."

The first is based on the teachings of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel (z"l) and speaks to his passionate commitment that the experience of prayer **must** make us uncomfortable. As he wrote: "*Prayer is meaningless unless it is subversive, unless it seeks to overthrow and to ruin the pyramids of*

callousness, hatred, opportunism, falsehood. The liturgical movement must become a revolutionary movement, seeking to overthrow the forces that continue to destroy the promise, the hope, and the vision." With these words, Heschel challenges us to see prayer as a force within the world rather than a mere spiritual exercise removed from it.

A complementary and no less disturbing challenge was given to graduates of The Jewish Theological Seminary by Congressman John R. Lewis (US Representative of Georgia's Fifth Congressional District) in his stirring commencement speech a few years ago. Recalling the Civil Rights struggle of which he was a part, he urged his listeners

to "find a way to get in trouble . . . good trouble, necessary trouble." (The speech can be found online. Search for JTS commencement 2013 Lewis.) Similarly, Heschel compels us to bring the needs of other human beings, the needs of humanity INTO our synagogue sanctuaries **and also** to bring what we experience in these sanctuaries out into the world.

The second understanding of subversive prayer is my own sense that the texts we find in our published prayer books (*siddurim*) are more complex and significantly less simplistically pious than we might imagine.

The *siddur* challenges us in various ways – and for many in the world of Conservative synagogues the experience

SCHMOOZE WITH R' SAMI

Rabbi Barth holds open "office" hours in local coffee shops. Come discuss the Meaning of Life, Israel, or whatever's on your mind...

Currently scheduled:

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 30, 2:30-3:30

Colectivo on the Square

Tuesday Feb. 29, 11:00-noon

ZuZu Café near the zoo

Thursday, March 8, 2:30-3:30

Colectivo on Monroe Street

of synagogue prayer has its own challenge. One Sunday in January, for example, we explored two of the very first blessings of the morning service, which speak about the holiness of the corporeal human body and the nature of the *neshamah*, the human soul. These two paragraphs are fascinating and inspiring, and yet they are often omitted, and if not

omitted they would be over by 9:34 on an average Shabbat. Many of us see only the repetitions of certain core prayer-texts; I believe that the *siddur* speaks in more engaging language when taken in its entirety. Our challenge is to construct a reality in which our conversation with God, and our conversations with the *siddur* take place in carefully constructed, if subversive, moments of holiness.

Come explore these challenges with us on Sunday mornings, after minyan and with a little light breakfast.

R' Sami Barth
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President's Column

Northern Lights

Shalom Friends. As I write this, I am hurtling through space towards Reykjavik, Iceland, excited about my upcoming adventure, but also missing home. It's been a while since I've spent three Shabbatot away from Beth Israel Center, and I find myself humming the melodies of Shabbat services and imagining all the comings and goings from the shul. BIC is for many of us a second home, a special place in which community is created and nurtured, bringing to our kahal warmth, care, and spiritual and intellectual growth. All of this arises through our collective effort, through the time volunteers and staff spend week-in and week-out. Beneath the surface of our smoothly functioning shul, there is an ongoing hum of activity.

While I was traveling, we entered into negotiations with Betsy Forester to be our new rabbi. Above and beyond the countless hours the members of the Rabbi Search Committees and our staff have spent gathering information, screening candidates and organizing interviews, what is most extraordinary about this exciting news is the remarkable consensus that coalesced around Rabbi Forester's candidacy. Overwhelmingly positive feedback from the congregation, staff and Rabbi Forester's colleagues convinced the Search Committee to *unanimously* recommend hiring Rabbi Forester and the Board to *unanimously* approve that recommendation. It feels like a *shidduch*, the right match for our kahal. We look forward to welcoming Rabbi Forester to our community and enjoying her spiritual leadership for many years to come.

All the while, the work of building and maintaining our community has continued. Every month, it seems, our House Committee, under the leadership of Steve Goldstein, takes on additional initiatives. Over 30% of our electricity is now being generated by our new solar power array, and the committee is working on both aesthetic and functional improvements, including refurbishing our 3rd floor meeting room.

Under the leadership of Judy Pierotti and Sally Jones, our Social Action Committee also has an ever-expanding set of initiatives to educate the kahal and transform our Jewish values into direct action. We are excited about BIC's role this year in cooking and serving Christmas dinner at Safe Haven, a shelter for homeless people with mental illness, and about building a new relationship with the Reverend Gee, pastor of Fountain of Life Covenant Church in Madison, and the non-profit Nehemiah Center for Urban Leadership Development, to educate and inspire our congregation to act to end the scourge of racism in our community.



Our Development Committee, newly formed this year and chaired by Judith Blank, is busy planning for our secure financial future, expanding fundraising initiatives and bringing fresh ideas for donor recognition and resource development. (See age 11.)

Our Personnel Committee, reconstituted this year under the leadership of Jeff Mandell, is immersed in the important work of updating job descriptions and staff evaluation processes to ensure that our shul continues to be staffed and managed with the utmost professionalism.

As we emerge from the winter chill and the long nights, it warms the heart to see our community buzzing with promise and excitement. In Psalm 97 it is written, "*Or zarua la'tzaddik*," "light is sewn for the righteous". Our efforts bring light to our community, the light of tomorrow, kindled by the love and joy we bring to our labors here at BIC.

Matt Banks

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Weekday Minyan

To assure a weekday minyan, contact the office,
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1406 Mound St.

Sunday mornings
8:15am

Monday & Thursday
mornings
7:00am

Sunday thru Thursday
evenings
5:30pm

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On Shabbat mornings and for other programs in the main sanctuary or social hall, enter from either Mound Street or the parking lot.

Sunday through Friday—for Talmud Torah, weekday minyan, committee meetings, visits to the office, etc.—please enter from the parking lot.



From the Executive Director's Desk

About the Torah Mantles

A LITTLE WISH LIST

If you ever find yourself wondering if there's a little something you can do for Beth Israel Center while you're out running errands, feel free to pick up any quantity of the following:

- boxes of facial tissue
- pods for our Keurig coffee/tea machine
- 1-oz plastic shot cups

Then bring your donation to Beth Israel Center whenever the office is open.

We are also in need of some larger items:

- Coffee urns
- Water dispensers
- Keurig machine
- Glass platters

If you would like to purchase one or more of these items for Beth Israel Center, please contact Deborah Hoffman (hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org) for details.

Every contribution helps our synagogue!



What about the Torah mantles? We're going to have a stunning new sanctuary, with majestic walnut doors opening to reveal...our age-worn Torah mantles.

As the building project unfolded, it became clear that we'd need to form a wish list in order to bring the project in on budget. New Torah mantles went to the wish list. Still, work was done, experts gave of their time, committees were consulted, funding contemplated, plans made and revised, evaluated and contemplated some more, and we are now

ready to say the Torah mantles are coming...soon. Perhaps this spring.

Among the questions has been how to pay for them. The plan, as described at the Annual Meeting in September, is to tap existing funds, namely the Adolph & Janet Weinshel Torah Upkeep Fund and the Prayerbooks & Ritual Objects Fund. Contributions to replenish these funds will be necessary so we can repair our Torah scrolls (a project that should be undertaken soon) and purchase new prayerbooks for shiva houses.

As we near completion of the Torah mantles project, Leslie Greenspan, who has spearheaded the final stages of this multi-year process, wrote the poem below. It's all about the Torah mantles.

Elissa Pollack

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In every generation,
in every geographic location,
in every branch of Judaism,
the Torah is the holiest
and most precious article of Jewish life.

Each of its letters
has been meticulously transcribed,
in an unbroken link of Jewish tradition.

In its passing
from one generation to another,
we are the descendants,
and we are the ancestors.

The Torah is rolled and unrolled,
read and studied,
held, kissed, and adorned.
It is held safely in a sacred ark,
and taken out,
and returned,
with great procession.

As we look to better protect and adorn
our scrolls,
we weave the shades of blue
in the plaques memorializing our ancestors,
with the gold of our eternal light,
the sign of our future,
and of our passing the Torah
to our children.

The words on the mantles
are meant to evoke our passion
for God, prayer, song, joy,
strength, light, Jerusalem, and peace.

In is not just the letters in the scroll,
not just the words,
but the tremendous meaning
our people has found in it,
and the tremendous richness
that has been associated with it
that make the Torah
the most cherished part of our tradition.

Perhaps there is no stronger symbol
than the Etz Chaim.
She is a tree of life
Lamachazikim ba,
to those who uphold her,
to those who preserve her,
who are strengthened by her.

May we uphold the Torah
as she preserves us.
And may our love for Torah and tradition
be an inspiration to our children;
and may they uphold her,
and be strengthened by her.

*By Leslie Greenspan
January 2018*



From the Education Director's Desk

Talmud Torah Updates

In November, we were honored to be featured on the front page of the *Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle*. This article about our transition to a Shabbat-centered school got a lot of "play" in the Jewish education world, including many educators reaching out to me to talk about our experiences and eventually providing the impetus for a



webinar available to all USCJ-affiliated congregations and educators about the strengths and limitations of a Shabbat program. We are proud that our innovations are leading the way for other communities and continue to thank all of you who support this program.

Here are a few first-semester highlights:

Kitah Bet (2nd grade) welcomed various Jewish community leaders to their class to learn more about the Jewish community in Madison. So far they've enjoyed hearing



from Ellen Weismer from Camp Shalom, Rabbi Paula Winnig, the Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Madison, Chef Jason Kierce of Hillel/Adamah Neighborhood Table (pictured below), BIC President Matt Banks and Shlomit Ezer, the Israel Shlichah in our community. They are very much looking forward to practicing the Jewish value of *hachnasat orchim* (welcoming guests) this coming semester as well.



Kitah Dalet (4th grade) participated in the "Door l'Door" campaign organized by Chava Gal-Or in Houston to provide new *mezuzot* for families who suffered significant losses in the hurricanes and wildfires last season. As a culmination of their *Shema* and *V'Ahavta* units, 4th graders made mezuzah holders for themselves and to send to Houston. Check out <https://www.door-ldoor.org/> to learn more about this mitzvah.

Kitah Hey (5th grade) wowed their parents and schoolmates with a spectacular museum highlighting the *ushpizin* who are traditionally invited to spend time in our *sukkot* every year. They also enthusiastically prepared for and participated in an immigration debate about whether the better metaphor for the United States of America is a salad bowl or a melting pot, coming up with ideas and metaphors such as "...Language (English) is like the salad dressing, bringing together all of our different vegetables".

As you can tell, our students are thriving and our program is flourishing--come check us out downstairs! I'm happy to brag about the Beth Israel Center Talmud Torah whenever I get the chance.

Beth Cohn Copelovitch
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Yom Rishon

Calling all families with preschoolers! Come to Yom Rishon and enjoy interactive family learning on a different Jewish theme each time. Meet other families with preschool-age children.

Yom Rishon is a theme-based program, including art, movement, music, stories, and projects as well as further learning on the subject for parents and other adults who accompany the children. It is family education at its finest.

Put the remaining 5778 dates on your calendar:

March 18
April 15
May 6

10:00-11:15am

Come to some or all!
Bring friends!

Members may attend
Yom Rishon for free.
Others pay \$5/child, or
\$10/family



Adult Education Opportunities

Thanks to Rabbi Sami Barth, our Adult Education Committee, chaired by Phyllis Holman Weisbard, and several dedicated and talented congregants, we are offering many on-going educational programs this year for adults of all abilities and backgrounds.

Please check our website or contact the office to confirm class dates. Updates are also published weekly in our Thursday afternoon e-newsletter.

Sunday mornings: *Subversive Prayer*. Begins around 9am, following morning minyan and with a light breakfast. Explore texts and their context using various media to encounter ways in which musical traditions can challenge, support and/or confuse us about the message of ritual. All are welcome, regardless of Jewish ritual or educational background, Hebrew skill, or prior attendance. See R' Sami's column on page 2 for more details.

Monday evenings: *Yiddish*. Join Yiddish enthusiast and talented teacher Sylvia Grunes as she builds a love for Yiddish language and culture through her long-running classes. Come learn from a master. All levels welcome. 7:00pm

Wednesday mornings: *Talmud*. Join R' Sami for Talmud study on Wednesday mornings at 9:15. No experience or Hebrew/Aramaic language skills required.

Thursday evenings: *Beginning Hebrew study group*. Beginning Hebrew readers Kazu Kitano and Jane Ganz are meeting at Beth Israel Center on Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:00 to study together and with anyone who'd like to join them. They are using *Prayerbook Hebrew the Easy Way*, 3rd edition, by Joseph Anderson et al. They will be working on chapters 5-8, spending two sessions on each chapter from Jan. 25 through March 22, skipping March 1.

2nd & 4th Shabbat mornings. *Torah Study*. R' Sami and friends lead discussions of the week's Torah portion. All are welcome. No background or previous experience required. 9:00am.

One Shabbat afternoon each month: *Advanced Text Study Seudah Shlishit*. Enjoy *seudat shlishit* (the third Shabbat meal) featuring R' Sami's vegetarian cholent and engaging conversation. All are welcome who are comfortable reading and translating classic rabbinic literature (without vowels) from original sources, including Talmud, Maimonides, Shulhan Arukh and Commentaries.

BIC Mikveh ~ Open to All

Beth Israel Center's stunning new mikveh is available on weekdays and some Sundays, generally when the office is open. Appointments may be scheduled outside of regular office hours with enough advance notice.

Please contact the office at least one business day in advance to schedule your immersion. Call (608) 256-7763 or email office@bethisraelcenter.org.

If you would like to have an attendant present for your immersion, please allow for additional scheduling time. Contact the Rabbi with ritual questions or the office to schedule.



High Schoolers!

Observe Shabbat! Take 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!

Spring 2018 SAT Dates:

March 11
May 6
June 3

SAT registration info:
866-756-7346.

Spring 2018 ACT Dates:

April 15
June 10

ACT Registration info:
319-337-1270.





Rabbi Search Update

By Matt Banks, Board President

In January, as many of you know, we entered negotiations with Rabbi Betsy Forester to become our next rabbi.

Based on overwhelmingly positive feedback from the congregation, staff and references, the Rabbi Search Committee decided unanimously to recommend that the Board of Directors hire Rabbi Forester. At its January meeting, the Board voted unanimously to accept that recommendation. I had the pleasure of calling Rabbi Forester immediately following that vote, and she responded favorably in that same phone conversation.

I hope you will all join me in thanking the Rabbi Search Committees -- both last year's committee and this year's -- for their tremendous work in getting us to this point. They received 40 applications (12 this season), conducted online video interviews with 17 candidates (7 this season), and orchestrated 5 in-person, weekend-long interviews. This experience gave the RSC substantial insight into the range of rabbis who are on the market, what they seek, and who might fit our community. We are also grateful to our dedicated staff for their efforts supporting this process, especially Elissa Pollack, who worked tirelessly on our behalf, and Rabbi Barth, who has been an invaluable consultant to the Search Committee.

All through this process, the Search Committee and elected leadership have been strongly guided by your input -- culled from two congregational surveys, five listening sessions, five candidate feedback surveys, and your numerous comments and emails. All of this input sharpened our collective sense of what we are seeking in a rabbi. The results are clear and consistent. We want a rabbi who is a gifted educator, can provide pastoral care, and serve as a spiritual leader. We also want a rabbi who is a mensch and who genuinely wants to make a life here. Rabbi Forester is that rabbi. We very much look forward to welcoming her into our community.

We will let you know when all of the details have been settled. For now, a hearty Mazal Tov to us all. May we go from strength to strength.

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Supper Quiz Success!!

CHEVER LE CHEVER

Members of the BIC Chever le Chever (friend to friend) group visit individuals who find it difficult or impossible to attend services or other synagogue programs. Visits by members of the Chever le Chever group are intended to be social in nature, to extend the warmth of our community beyond the walls of Beth Israel Center.

If you or someone you know would like a friendly visit from a member of the Chever le Chever group, please contact Rabbi Sami Barth at (608) 256-7763 or via email, rabbi@bethisraelcenter.org.

KINDNESS GROUP

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

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

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



At the Supper Quiz on January 13, 112 contestants enjoyed a fabulous dinner while competing in 10 rounds of wacky and entertaining competition. The tropical cruise theme brought people out dressed for the pool, for a fancy dinner at the Captain's Table, and in other creative costumes. Hats off to chef Joel Ehrlich and his tremendous kitchen crew, quizmaster David Baum and family —Ruth Litovsky and Micah and Leora Baum — for the night's entertainment, MOUSY members for working as wait staff, Jim and Ziva Wear for masterminding an amazing event, and many other volunteers who made it all happen.



Donna Anderson's vision of cruise-ship whimsy



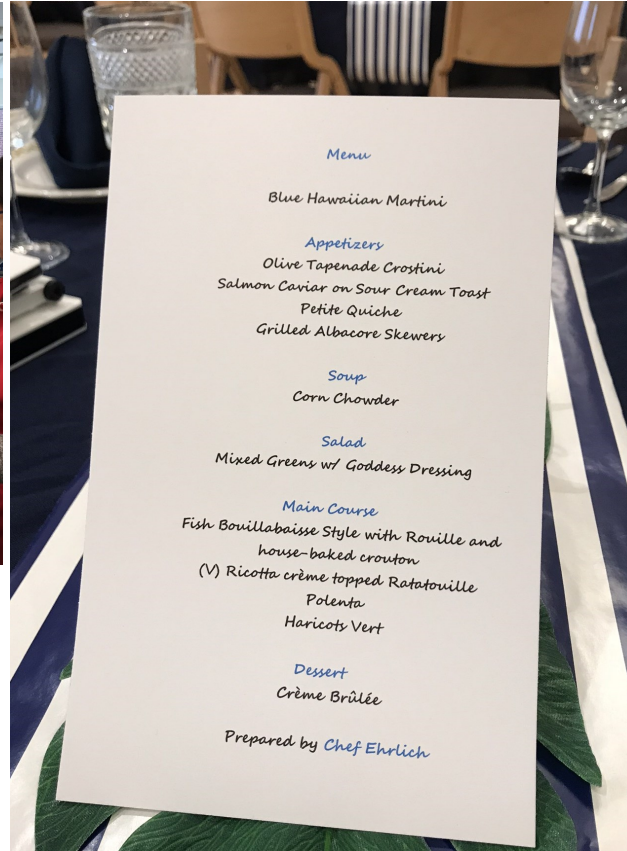
Winning team member Jan Loeb tries her hand at nautical knots.



Ari Pollack watches Ben Shovers drive an unsteerable boat.



Hobby chef Joel Ehrlich preps some nice-looking tuna.



Yahrzeits

16 Shevat / February 1

Ida Gould
Paul Hoffert

17 Shevat / February 2

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

18 Shevat / February 3

Benjamin Greenberg
Everett Howard Karon
Chisha Paley
May Rosenthal

19 Shevat / February 4

Rachel Bleiweiss
Morris Gould
Erving Haber

20 Shevat / February 5

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

21 Shevat / February 6

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

23 Shevat / February 8

Bernard Harris
Jerome Onheiber
Mollie Paster

24 Shevat / February 9

Edith Arfa Brod
Sarah Gevirman
Alfred Kadushin
Ester Kooba
William Swartz

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Mike & Marsha get in the cruise-ship spirit!



The Fishin' Impossible team (above) was only half a point behind the winning table!

Yahrzeits

25 Shevat / February 10

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

26 Shevat / February 11

Harry Bleiweiss
Shoshana Goodman
Dollie Schuckit
Howard Yaskal

27 Shevat / February 12

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

28 Shevat / February 13

M.A. Bradkofsky
Hannah Cohen
Anne Layton
Joseph Sweet

29 Shevat / February 14

Murray Rodman
Helena Siroky
Howard Temin

30 Shevat / February 15

Fania Heifetz
Anita Kapell
Rose Machlis
Leo Rasmussen
Bess Smith

1 Adar / February 16

Louis Battalen
Lena Daniels
Pauline Quick
Janet Weinshel

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Social Action Updates

Serving Christmas dinner — what a mitzvah!

On Christmas day, several BIC members served dinner at the Safe Haven shelter for homeless people with mental illnesses. Many more purchased, cooked and delivered the meal featuring turkey and home-made pies. Shelter users enthusiastically greeted the volunteers, and they joyfully worked together decorating the space, decorating



Pictured: Jerry Sternberg, Sophie Shafer-Landau, Lorna Kniaz, Cynthia Hirsch, Russ Shafer-Landau, Howard Bregman and Corliss Karasov at Safe Haven.

cookies, warming up food, and treating those in shelter like diners in a fine restaurant. Many thanks to Corliss Karasov and Merle Sternberg for leading the effort, which was also made possible by: Livia Asher, Matt Banks, Howard Bregman, Mollie Charon, Beth Copelovitch, Cher and Ron Diamond, Shanee Ellison, Aaron & Dawn Frank, Louise Goldstein, Cynthia Hirsch, Terri Jasen, Kazu Kitano, Lorna Kniaz, Laurel Mark, Elana Matthews, Bilha Mirkin, Judy Pierotti, Nancy Resnick, Felice Rudin, Russ and Sophie Shafer-Landau, Jerry Sternberg, and Regina Vidaver.

Serve Food at the Men's Shelter

Beth Israel Center members have been serving meals at the Emergency Shelter for Men in downtown Madison for more than ten years. Beth Israel Center is responsible for serving dinner on the second Sunday each month and breakfast the next morning. The shelter is at Grace Episcopal Church, at 116 West Washington Ave. If you can offer an occasional Sunday evening or Monday morning, please contact Corliss Karasov at ckarasov@gmail.com or 831-6521. At press time, there were many open slots!

Meals on Wheels

BIC volunteers deliver lunchtime meals and have for many years. Our schedule recently changed, so new volunteers are needed. Please call Larry Bensky (238-2569) to schedule a ride-a-long or for more information.

Refugee Resettlement Efforts

Beth Israel Center volunteers are among those supporting the new refugee resettlement program spearheaded by Jewish Social Services of Madison. Beth Israel Center is also a drop-off site for donated supplies. Needed items are listed online; you'll find an updated link on our website. Please contact Paul Borowsky at JSS to volunteer or for more information: (608) 278-1808, paul@jssmadison.org.

Friends of Emerson School

Jewish Congregations for Social Justice -- our ongoing cooperative effort with Temple Beth El and Congregation Shaarei Shamayim -- continues to support Emerson Elementary School. Literacy and math mentors work with students. And the Tuesday Night Lights program is also continuing, although only three times—a fall Harvest program (which was in October), a Science Night on April 3 and a Multi-Cultural Night on May 1. For more information, email jcsjmadison@gmail.com, visit www.jewishcongregationsforsocialjustice.org, or visit JCSJ's Facebook page.



Donor Recognition Initiatives

By Judith Blank, Development Committee Chair

The newly formed Beth Israel Center Development Committee is very excited to be moving ahead with donor recognition for contributors to our recent Capital Campaigns. We will soon be creating a Donor Story Book, available online and prominently displayed in hard copy at the shul, that enables every donor to share their story. The stories may be about why you were moved to help build and sustain Beth Israel Center, who your gift honors or memorializes and why, what you hoped to see when you made your gift, and more. Stories may be submitted about gifts of any size toward the L'Dor VaDor building project. We will have some samples available to help guide you in crafting your story.

Through this process, our entire Beth Israel Center community will learn more about one another and the many reasons to support our shul. There is no deadline for this project; it will continue to grow as new donations to our Building Maintenance Fund are made.

Additionally, the Board of Directors has decided to recognize campaign donors who gave \$10,000 or more on a wall on the main floor of the shul. If you made a gift of \$10,000 or greater, you can expect to hear from a member of the Development or Executive Committee to verify how you would like to be listed on the donor wall. If you made a smaller gift or joined the congregation since the active campaign ended (in 2013) and would like to see your name on the wall, we'd love to hear from you.

We are very grateful for your investment in Beth Israel Center and look forward to reading your stories.



Book Dedications

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

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

BETH ISRAEL CENTER BOOK DEDICATION FORM

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

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

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

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

For each dedicated book, please provide the following:

In (circle one) honor / memory of: _____

Dedicated by: _____

Yahrzeits

2 Adar / February 17

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

3 Adar / February 18

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

4 Adar / February 19

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

5 Adar / February 20

Leonard Loeb
Blanche Schwartzstein
Max Shapiro
Shirley Swack

6 Adar / February 21

Joan Chesler
Joseph Levy
Freda Lieberman
Sam Shapiro
Alvin Shovers

7 Adar / February 22

Leanore Fridstein Factor
Roberta Jacoby
Norman Schwabacher

8 Adar / February 23

David Goldberg
Mary Levin
Louis Mazursky
Dora Schwartz

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Yahrzeits

9 Adar / February 24

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

10 Adar / February 25

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

11 Adar / February 26

Jeanette Russ
Samuel Sinaiko

12 Adar / February 27

Marvin Eisenberg
Sidney Goldman
Henri Hanau
Walter Novick
Mary Zuker

13 Adar / February 28

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

14 Adar / March 1

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

15 Adar / March 2

Rachel Brodsky
Dan Pierotti
Al Wechsler



Pesach Preparation

A few words about selling hametz...from R' Sami

There are many aspects to Pesach; primarily, as affirmed in the Haggadah, it is a time to explore our own personal freedom. And, as we know, there is great emphasis on avoiding and disposing of all *hametz* (leavened products). For many in the Jewish community, Pesach is a time to avoid eating chametz. In fact, *halakhah* (Jewish law) requires that we remove all *hametz* from our homes and from our possessions. It's not so hard to finish eating the bread and cakes that we have at home. But *hametz* does not stop with bread and cakes. It includes, by rabbinic law and definition, all kinds of things that fill our pantries, and also beer and many kinds of liquor - scotch and whiskey and bourbon. While there are some who make sure to finish consuming all these things before Pesach (there are yeshivot with legendary pre-Pesach parties), this behavior imperils health and wellbeing, and for some has been a contributing factor to addictions.

Jewish tradition has developed an alternative - based upon a "legal wrinkle" - but not a fiction. All the *hametz* in your possession (at home, at work, at the farm or any other property) is to be packed in a well-defined space — a closet, a drawer, a cabinet— that will be locked shut and sealed for the duration of Pesach. (Masking tape is an acceptable seal.) A document called a *shtar shelichut* will appoint the Rabbi of the synagogue as agent (*shaliach*) to sell all chametz on behalf of the members of the community. A sale is made to a friendly non-Jewish person, who will be the legal **owner** of all this *hametz*, with the right (rarely exercised) to enter the properties and make use of the foods and drink derived from wheat, barley, rye, oats or spelt. The **sale** is structured in such a way that the ownership reverts to the **sellers** immediately after Pesach.

This custom affirms and emphasizes the willingness of the Jewish People to be compliant with the instructions of the Torah, to go to extra lengths to fulfill God's wishes. Does it make any difference to what we actually eat during the days of Pesach? Absolutely not! But it raises our awareness and the commitments in our hearts.

To bring tangible good, this custom is often associated with *Ma'ot Chitin* (wheat money). So while there is no charge or fee due to the Rabbi for carrying out this slightly intricate task (purchasing your *hametz* using a *shtar shelichut*), it is a custom to make donations called *ma'ot chitin* - to provide Pesach needs for any and all who might be in financial need. As has been Beth Israel Center's custom, these donations will be passed along to the Jewish Welfare Board to help provide a joyful Pesach for Jews serving in the US Armed Forces around the world. One of the JWB's programs is the distribution of Passover MRE's (meals ready to eat).

Such donations can be made through the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund.

The forms to complete this tradition can be downloaded from the BIC website, and links will be included in the weekly emails after Purim. It is best that this transaction be concluded in person. Rabbi Sami Barth will publish times when this can be done in the couple of weeks before Pesach.

The deadline to sell your *hametz* this year will be Friday, March 30 at 9:00am.



Simchas & Announcements

- Eliza Mednick became a bat mitzvah on November 4. Mazal Tov to her, parents Adam & Aphra Mednick, brother Simon and the entire family.
- Leora Mirkin and Mandi Hildebrandt were married in November. Mazal Tov to the happy couple and to Leora's parents, Les and Denise Mirkin.
- Sigal Lazimy and Dr. Christopher Fadumiye were married in November. Mazal Tov to them and Sigal's parents, Clara and Rafi Lazimy, and son Isaac.
- Cory Hoffert was born on November 30 to parents David and Aleeza Hoffert. Mazal Tov!
- Josephine Sidney became a bat mitzvah on December 2. Mazal Tov to her, parents Dan Sidney and Naomi Chesler, sisters Amelia and Ruby and the entire family.
- Livia Asher welcomed granddaughter Mira Gabrielle on December 11. Mazal Tov to Livia and to the new parents, Joshua and Sarina Asher.
- Sophie was born on December 19 to Samantha Katch and Jason Geneman. Mazal Tov to them and to Bubbie and Zayde Carol and Harry Katch, and aunts Ally, Brenna, and Mackenzie.



Shabbat Kiddush

A Time for Togetherness

The Beth Israel Center Shabbat kiddush serves an important purpose in the life of our community. It is a special time and place to come together to celebrate Shabbat with our *kehilla* (sacred community) and to actively embody the mitzvah of *hachnasat orchim* (welcoming guests).

Volunteers are what make it possible week after week.

Are you interested in joining the kiddush crew and being part of this vital – and fun! – Beth Israel Center tradition? Email hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org or call (608) 256-7763 for information about joining the merry band of helpers.

Looking to honor someone?

One of the many ways people honor special occasions - and special people - is to make a donation to Beth Israel Center's Martin and Serene Mazor Kiddush fund or to sponsor an entire kiddush with a donation of \$300 or more. To donate to the Kiddush fund, simply send an email to office@bethisraelcenter.org with the amount of your donation and in whose honor you're making it, and we'll take it from there.

Our Shabbat kiddush is an important and delicious part of the Shabbat experience at Beth Israel Center, and your donations keep the kiddush alive and well.

Be part of a long-standing tradition and honor someone at the same time.

Appreciation for recent and upcoming Kiddush sponsorships:

- Russ & Ruth Frank for sponsoring on December 23 in gratitude for the warm welcome they have received as new members of Beth Israel Center.
- The Social Action Committee for sponsoring on January 20 to welcome Reverend Alex Gee and members of his congregation.
- Anna Heifetz's children for sponsoring in her honor on March 17

Yahrzeits

16 Adar / March 3

Eva Deutschkron
Mary Nathenson

17 Adar / March 4

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

18 Adar / March 5

Paula Grzyb
Hyman Paley
Aaron Scher

19 Adar / March 6

Jacob Becker
Lloyd Borenstein
Karen Goldman
Ira Katch
Sarah Silverman

20 Adar / March 7

Hyman Ansell
Jerrold Gross
Dorah Karp
Arthur Mead
Tessie Stein

21 Adar / March 8

Nathan Cohen
Marshall Fields
Gustave Goldstein

22 Adar / March 9

Frumeh Bloom
Heather Joseph
Rochelle Kianovsky
Gertrude Rodman
William Stein

23 Adar / March 10

Estelle Bernstein
Ben Paley
Sara Shapiro
Ann Slavney

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Yahrzeits

24 Adar / March 11

Isador Borsuk
Nathan DeLevie
Eli Freedman
Steve Hawkins
Jacques Lohr

25 Adar / March 12

Ida Figler
Mayer Jacob
David Rosenthal

26 Adar / March 13

Joseph Brodsky
Harry Dworetzky
Etya Fastovsky
Ross Kurzer
Nathan Swartz
Joseph Switzky

27 Adar / March 14

David Altschuler
Celia Rosenberg

28 Adar / March 15

Lewis Gash
Moshe Paley
Helen Rosenblum
Jean Wein

29 Adar / March 16

Anna Halperin
Sarah Halperin
Paul Schrag
Osne Zaichick

1 Nisan / March 17

Anne Cooper
Sarah Seidner
Herman Shapiro
Helen Sweet

2 Nisan / March 18

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

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Memorial & Tribute Gifts

Memorial and tribute gifts may be made at any time to Beth Israel Center's general fund or any of the funds listed on the following pages. Many of our named funds support particular aspects of our program.

Below and on the following pages is a record of the memorial and tribute gifts made to these funds between mid-October and mid-January.

To donate, send us a check, call the office (608-256-7763) with a credit card number, or go to www.bethisraelcenter.org and click on the Donate icon.



Abraham Barash Handicap Services Fund

in memory of

Esther Lewis from Sam & Maria Onheiber

Art Fund

in memory of

Patricia Mary Johnson from Michael Rock & Kathi Johnson Rock

Ben Minkoff Fund

in memory of

Tova Rue from Joel & Debbie Minkoff

Beth Israel Fund for the Future

in honor of

Livia Asher's new grandchild from Donald & Kathy Miner

in memory of

Miriam Sulman from Aaron Sulman

David Temkin Camp Ramah Fund

in honor of

Herman Goldstein on being awarded The Stockholm Prize in Criminology
from Marcus Cohen and Rayla Temin

Eliza Mednick's Bat Mitzvah from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

in memory of

Lowell Borenstein from Bonnie Stein Kammer

Eva Moss and Joe Temkin from Cheryl Temkin

Ida Chudacoff from Dr. Manny & Caryl Chudwin

Beatrice Rosenthal from Si & Billie Hellerstein

General Fund

Get Well

Aunt Natalie Borenstein from Phyllis Eisenberg

Marion Gold from William & Barbara Spitz

in honor of

Beth Israel Center's hospitality from David & Donna Gabai

Herman Goldstein on being awarded The Stockholm Prize in Criminology
from David & Nancy Melnick, Lorna Kniaz

All the BIC members who stepped up for the family of Mindy Wiseman from
Edward Angelina & Dawn Berney

David & Aleeza Hoffert's new baby from Herbert Lewis & Francie Saposnik
and Lorna Kniaz



Memorial & Tribute Gifts

General Fund

in honor of

Grandson Micah Copelovitch's Bar Mitzvah and for the wonderful experience at the BIC Rosh Hashanah services from Kenneth & Susan Cohn

Happy birthday to Natalie Borenstein and the 100th birthday of Bess Borenstein from Phyllis Eisenberg

in memory of

- Harry Schiff** from Bill & Jill Boissonnault
- Libby Sweet** from David & Cheryl Rosen
- Debra Friedman** from David Friedman
- Bruce Lundquist** from Robert Factor & Kris Rasmussen
- Minnie Frank Lustgarden** from Frances Mann
- Esther and Harry Sweet** from Gary Sweet
- Fredric Lewis and Marcia Lewis** from Herbert Lewis & Francie Saposnik
- Barbara Cohen** from Joel & Debbie Minkoff
- Alexander Swartz** from Joel Marcus & Judith Swartz Marcus
- Jacob Sinagub and Helen Sinagub** from Jonathan Sinagub
- Arthur Sweet** from Lawrence & Jessica Sweet
- Joseph Frank** from Leslie Rukin and Lynne Turnquist
- Esther Frank** from Lynne Turnquist
- Joseph Beitel and Ruth Beitel** from Marion Gold
- Isadore Kosowsky** from Mark Kosowsky
- Edward & Isabelle Soref** from Michael Soref
- Pearl Springberg** from Peter Springberg
- Frieda Borenstein, Celia Borenstein, Phillip Becker, Phillip Zlochenko, Leora Peters and Rudolph Becker** from Phyllis Eisenberg
- Susanne Gellman** from Samuel Gellman & Julie Plotkin
- Gordon & Sylvia Wein** from Sanford & Marilyn Victor
- Theodore Jellinek** from Steve & Bobbie Jellinek
- Bella Radbil** from Steven, Larry & Fred Schwartz
- Rose Schain and Belle Spitz** from William & Barbara Spitz

Holman/Weisbard Fund for Adult Jewish Learning

in honor of

Leora Mirkin & Mandi Hildebrant wedding from David & Nancy Resnick

Zachary Masa-Myers for blowing the shofar on High Holidays from Kazu Kitano

Jon Pollack's special birthday from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

in memory of

Fanny Battalen, Jess Battalen and Sol Goldstein from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

Jake Heifetz Fund

in memory of

Reva Moss, Arthur Moss and Aaron Urkofsky from Samuel Moss

Joe Temkin Education Fund

in honor of

Leora Mirkin and Mandi Hildebrandt marriage from Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin

Yahrzeits

3 Nisan / March 19

Chaim Dubrovitz
Naomi Epstein
Roslyn Kopelberg
Louis Landau
Caroline Sulman

4 Nisan / March 20

Chaim Dubrow
Donald Goren
Aaron Seidner

5 Nisan / March 21

Samuel Ottenstein
Isaac Stein
Morris Stein

6 Nisan / March 22

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

7 Nisan / March 23

Jack Jacobson
Leonard Solinger

8 Nisan / March 24

Jenny Lebowitz
George Marcus
Nechama Meister

10 Nisan / March 26

Jack Dachman
Peter Deutsch
Kathryn Grossman
Leo Hill

11 Nisan / March 27

Shlomo Dworetzky
Sarah Kulakowsky

12 Nisan / March 28

Meyer Kaufman
Gerald Kleinman
Ida Minkoff
Herman Onheiber
Beatrice Sweet

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Yahrzeits

13 Nisan / March 29

Aaron Epstein
Lillian Kaplan
Josephine Mendow

14 Nisan / March 30

Dorothy Berlinger Levy
Irving Levy
Eva Rosenberg

15 Nisan / March 31

Abraham Frank
Louis Roth

16 Nisan / April 1

Leontine Friedman

17 Nisan / April 2

Robert Goodman
Elsa Morgensteren
Max Novick

18 Nisan / April 3

Samuel Alove
Albert J. Eisenberg
Esther Swartz

19 Nisan / April 4

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

20 Nisan / April 5

Jeanne Siegel
Ellen Wolman

21 Nisan / April 6

Lillian Greenberg
Elliott Karasov

22 Nisan / April 7

Paulina Bloom
Ezra Frank
Isaac Pover
Martin Siroky



Memorial & Tribute Gifts

Joe Temkin Education Fund

in memory of

Jake Isaac from Sam & Maria Onheiber

Martin & Serene Mazor Kiddush Fund

Get Well

Francie Saposnik from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen and Rayla Temin

in honor of

Josephine Sidney's Bat Mitzvah from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen,
Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein and Kazu Kitano

Eliza Mednick becoming a Bat Mitzvah from Kazu Kitano

The marriage of Leora Mirkin and Mandi Hildebrant from Michael Pressman
& Marsha Cohen

in memory of

Leo Sulman from David Sulman & Anne Altshuler

Beloved mother, Bernice Kliebard from Diane Silverberg

Stanley Cohen, Nathan Pressman and Barbara Cohen from Michael Pressman
& Marsha Cohen

Martin Deutschkron from Russ & Ruth Frank

L'Dor v'Dor Fund

Get Well

Francie Saposnik from Kazu Kitano

in honor of

Liva Asher's new grandchild from Rayla Temin

in memory of

Minnie Frank Lustgarden from Alfred & Lois Frank

Jacob Cooper and Goldie Portnoy from Marilyn & Stuart Cooper

Dorothy Lerner from Mitch & Sharon Rapkin

Arnold Simon from Mollybelle Berish

Celia Weigler and Lillian Levin from Roz Levin

Mikvah Fund

Get Well

Francie Saposnik from Sylvia Grunes

in honor of

Herman Goldstein on being awarded The Stockholm Prize in Criminology
from Sylvia Grunes

Julius Mintz Fund

in memory of

Larry Mazursky from Howard & Sally Mazur

**Sam & Ida Paley, Marshall Mintz, Yehosha Zaichick, Fruma Mintz and
Julius & Lubey Mintz** from Phyllis Mintz Eisenberg

Abraham Blumenfeld & Frank Melnik from Sol & Corlie Blumenfeld

Abe Radbil from Steven Schwartz

Morris Heifetz Welfare Fund

Get Well

Francie Saposnik from Anna Heifetz



Memorial & Tribute Gifts

Morris Heifetz Welfare Fund

in honor of

Herman Goldstein on being awarded The Stockholm Prize in Criminology
from Anna Heifetz

in memory of

Patricia Mary Johnson from Harvey Johnson and Michael Rock & Kathi Johnson Rock

Prayerbook Fund

in memory of

Sylvia Wein and Gordon Wein from Roslyn Gorchow

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

in memory of

Eleanor Onhiber from Michael & Patrice Onheiber
Harry Zitowsky from Robert Zitowsky

A J. and Celia Rosenberg Library Fund

in memory of

Abraham Rosenberg from Irwin Rosenberg and Lyn Rosenberg
Jacob Meyer Schwam from Emanuel Schwam
Sampson Myers from Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin

Shirley Epstein Fund

in memory of

Oscar & Helen Karp from Ruth Ann Schumeister
David Zaichick from Sol Zaichick

Social Action Fund

Get Well

Judy Pierotti from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein
Judy Pierotti and Francie Saposnik from Livia Asher

in honor of

Cher Diamond and Maurie's Fine Chocolates and the retirements of Ron Diamond and Bruce Thomadsen from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

Herman Goldstein on being awarded The Stockholm Prize in Criminology
from Robert Factor & Kris Rasmussen and Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

Leora Mirkin and Mandi Hildebrandt marriage and Jordy Loeb from Robert Factor & Kris Rasmussen

in memory of

Mosheh Yiddelo Goldstein, Hersch Goldstein, Yudel Brandt and Tova Magness Rue from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

Martha Wechselblatt Skloot from Robert & Joann Skloot

Bernard Harris from Sue Harris

Adolf & Janet Weinshel Torah Upkeep Fund

in honor of

The marriage of Sigal Lazimy and Dr. Christopher Fadumiye from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

Yahrzeits

23 Nisan / April 8

Mollie Becker
Ruth Solinger

24 Nisan / April 9

Oscar Brodsky
Aletha Rappaport
Burton Zitkin

25 Nisan / April 10

Dora Levin
Hannah Malamud
William Onheiber

26 Nisan / April 11

Esther Sweet

27 Nisan / April 12

Gladys Godfried
Sander Gusinow
Abraham Sweet
Nashe Sweet

28 Nisan / April 13

Blanche Altshuler
Jane England
Rosalynd Schwab

29 Nisan / April 14

Leo Barth
Alice Barth
Frieda Melnik
Martin Rosenzweig

30 Nisan / April 15

Alice Field
Gertrude Melrood
Rebecca Nathenson

1 Iyar / April 16

Charles Karp
Isadore Libanoff
Cecile Rogut
Joe Wagman
Dobe Widrevitz

2 Iyar / April 17

Rose Frank
Libby Mead

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Yahrzeits

3 Iyar / April 18

Rose Melnik
Helen Sweet
Morris Sweet
Louis Sweet
Dora Weinberg

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Bernie Mazursky
Pauline Sweet
Moses Sweet

7 Iyar / April 22

Harry Moss
Samuel Rosenfeld
Diane Schwam
Robert Schwartz
Harry Sweet

8 Iyar / April 23

Harry Rubnitz

9 Iyar / April 24

Louis Malamud
Naomi Morrison
Estelle Wolman

10 Iyar / April 25

Joseph Amdur Fine
Minnie Isaac
Nicholas Polgar
Ida Schmidman
Anna Sklar

11 Iyar / April 26

Rose Frank
Ethel Jermyn



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Adolf & Janet Weinshel Torah Upkeep Fund

in memory of

Harry & Leah Sweet from Mike Sweet

Youth Fund

in honor of

Herman Goldstein on being awarded **The Stockholm Prize in Criminology**
from Allan Levin

Eliza Mednick Bat Mitzvah from Rayla Temin



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If you would like to support a particular program or contribute toward a purchase on our wish list of building furnishings, please contact Executive Director Elissa Pollack, who can be reached at (608) 256-7763 or elissa@bethisraelcenter.org.

February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Hebrew	2	3 Meditation Ramah Havdalah Yitro
4 Subversive Prayer	5	6	7 Talmud	8 Hebrew	9	10 Torah Study Meditation Mini-Retreat Mishpatim
11	12	13 Board of Directors	14 Talmud	15 Hebrew Rosh Chodesh	16 Rosh Chodesh	17 Meditation Advanced Text Movie Night Terumah
18 Subversive Prayer	19 Mitzvah Monday at Adamah	20	21 Talmud	22 Hebrew	23	24 Torah Study Zemirot Tetzaveh
25 Subversive Prayer Purim Carnival @TBE	26	27	28 Talmud Purim Party Dinner Megillah Reading			

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Megillah Reading (morning)	2 Shushan Purim	3 Meditation <i>Ki Tisa</i>
4 Subversive Prayer	5	6	7 Talmud	8 Hebrew	9	10 Torah Study Shabbat Zemirot <i>Vayakhel-Pekude</i> Shabbat Parah
11 Daylight Savings Time Begins Kolot Kehillah with Fran Schrag	12	13	14 Talmud	15 Hebrew	16	17 <i>Vayikra</i> Rosh Chodesh Meditation Advanced Text Seudat Shlishit
18 Subversive Prayer Yom Rishon	19	20 Board of Directors	21 Talmud	22 Hebrew	23 Potluck	24 Torah Study <i>Tzav</i> Shabbat Hagadol
25 Subversive Prayer	26 Mitzvah Monday at Adamah	27 No TT	28 Talmud	29 Search for Chametz	30 Office Closed Siyum/Nosh First Seder	31 No TT PASSOVER Pesach I

MOUSY HAMETZ DRIVE through March 29 →

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HAMETZ DRIVE ends March 29.

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Pesach II	2	3 No TT	4 Talmud	5 No TT	6 Office Closed	7 No TT Yizkor Pesach VIII
8 Subversive Prayer	9	10 Board of Directors	11 Talmud	12 Yom HaShoah	13	14 Torah Study <i>Shemini</i>
15 Subversive Prayer Yom Rishon Rosh Chodesh	16 Rosh Chodesh	17	18	19	20	21 Meditation <i>Tazria-Metzora</i>
22 Kolot Kehillah Yom HaShoah community program	23	24	25 Talmud	26	27	28 Torah Study <i>Acharei</i> <i>Mot-Kedoshim</i>
29 Subversive Prayer	30 Mitzvah Monday at Adamah					

PASSOVER →

12 Iyar / April 27

Leonard Bessman
Samuel Black

13 Iyar / April 28

Helen Richey

14 Iyar / April 29

Anna Black
Elmer Borsuk
Ben Setlick
Shalom Sweet

15 Iyar / April 30

Yisrael Meir ben Gedaliah
Elliot Iver
Fanny Libanoff



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.

If you would like to observe a yahrzeit with a minyan at Beth Israel Center, please contact the office so we can notify the community of your need.

Yahrzeits are traditionally observed on the Hebrew calendar. Using the Gregorian dates, an observer would say kaddish during the evening service prior to the Gregorian date and during the morning and afternoon services on the Gregorian date.

Please contact the office at (608) 256-7763 or office@bethisraelcenter.org with additions or questions.

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February ~ March ~ April Schedule

Date	Parshat	Candle Lighting	Shabbat Services
February 2/3	Yitro	Candles 4:54p	Fridays 5:45pm
February 9/10	Mishpatim	Candles 5:03p	Saturdays 9:30am
February 16/17	Terumah	Candles 5:13p	
February 23/24	Tetzaveh	Candles 5:22p	
March 2/3	Ki Tisa	Candles 5:30p	Weekday Services
March 9/10	Vayakhel-Pekudei	Candles 5:39p	Sunday mornings 8:15am
March 16/17	Vayikra	Candles 6:47p	Monday & Thursday mornings 7:00am
March 23/24	Tzav	Candles 6:56p	Sunday - Thursday evenings 5:30pm
March 30	Pesach	Candles 7:04p	
March 31	Pesach	Candles 8:13p	
April 5	Pesach	Candles 7:11p	
April 6/7	Pesach	Candles 7:12p	
April 13/14	Shmini	Candles 7:20p	
April 20/21	Tazria-Metzora	Candles 7:28p	
April 27/28	Achrei Mot-Kedoshim	Candles 7:36p	

Please call ahead to
ensure a minyan.
Other morning services may
be organized by request.