



## Purim and Pesach are coming!

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**Order Hamantaschen by February 24!** Order online at [www.bethisraelcenter.org](http://www.bethisraelcenter.org) or call the office and let us know if you want poppy, apricot, raspberry, or a mix of all 3. This year's hamantaschen will be kosher-dairy and made at Beth Israel Center. Minimum order is one-half dozen. Pre-order prices are \$6 per half-dozen and \$12 per dozen. Limited quantities will be available at the Purim Carnival for \$15/dozen.

### Purim Carnival ~ Sunday, March 17

This year's community carnival is at Beth Israel Center  
*Presented by Beth Israel Center, Congregation Shaarei Shamayim,  
 Jewish Federation of Madison and Temple Beth El*  
 Doors open at 9:00am. Carnival ends at 11:45.  
 Come for the shpiel, stay for the fun and games!

**Wednesday evening, March 20:** Come hear the full megillah at Beth Israel Center! It's a mitzvah! Bring boxes of rice, couscous or ozro to use as graggers and then leave behind for donation to a food pantry. Be happy! It's almost Adar!

**Pesach begins Friday evening, April 19:** Come by between 8:30 and 9:30 am on Friday, April 19 to burn your chametz with us. We'll bring the fire, you bring the bits of chametz. And, if you are a first-born, April 19 is the big day for your annual special perk! 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, recalling and recognizing that the first-born Israelite males were spared the 10th plague visited upon the Egyptians. Many do in fact observe this fast. But wait, keep reading! A fast is nullified if there is a Jewish ritual celebration, and many communities, including ours, provide this by holding a *siyyum* - a celebration of completing a unit of Talmudic study. Even if only one person has done so -- and, lucky you, your Rabbi has been studying in preparation for this -- you can get in on it simply by attending the celebration. The *siyyum* at BIC (with bagels and more, courtesy of Rabbi Forester) will be held after morning minyan on Friday, April 19. All first-born Jewish humans are welcome. Please note that minyan will begin earlier than usual on that day, at 6:45 am.

**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 attend, please contact the office. We love making seder matches!

### Chametz Food Drive

MOUSY of Beth Israel Center is hosting its third annual Chametz Food Drive from  
**Monday, April 1 through Thursday, April 18.**

As you clear your home of chametz, 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...

## מחשבות *Makh'shavot*

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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.**

Next Centerite Deadline:  
**April 8, 2019**



I want to offer my heartfelt appreciation to the BIC family for an incredible weekend celebrating our past and our future together. It is a great blessing to be welcomed into a community that feels like the home where I truly belong. As I continue to learn about our strengths and challenges, I am more inspired every day to serve you and do my part to raise us all higher.

As this Centerite reaches you, Purim is just a few weeks away, with Pesach right around the corner. Each has its own customs and traditions regarding food and drink. On Purim, we eat and drink with joyful abandon, against a backdrop of the Persian Jews' narrow escape from annihilation in Megillat Esther. On Pesach, we also eat and drink quite a lot, but with order and restraint, as we celebrate our freedom and emergence as a nation ready to enter into a sacred covenant.

Purim and Pesach offer unique sets of Jewish eating practices. Pesach especially brings a chance to think seriously about the food we own and consume. We eat matzah to remember our willingness to drop everything and head off into the wilderness as a liberated nation. Some families use Pesach as an opportunity to keep a fully kosher kitchen, and some choose to maintain a kosher kitchen thereafter. Please contact me if you would like to know about how to make your home kosher for Passover or year-round. I'll be happy to help.

When we eat *matzah* and refrain from eating *chametz* (leavened and other forbidden foods), we unite with Jews world-wide, across the generations. Rich and poor alike eat the same flat bread as we recall our humble origins and focus on the fundamental values that support

human thriving. As we remove *chametz* from our homes, we also seek to remove the metaphorical "*chametz*" that takes up space in our lives, keeping us stuck in habits and patterns that do not serve us well. The Season of our Liberation as a People also becomes a time for each of us to contemplate our ongoing, personal liberation and move forward with greater clarity and more joy in our lives.

It is important not to own *chametz* during Pesach. To sell your *chametz*, it is best to see me in person at Beth Israel Center. If that is too difficult, I can also act as your agent if you complete the form that we will provide as *Pesach* approaches.

As you shop for the holiday, it will be helpful to refer to the Rabbinical Assembly Pesach Guide for the year 5779, which we will also make available. I approve the eating of *kitniyot*, a position supported by the Rabbinical Assembly. *Kitniyot* include beans, rice, lentils, edamame, and corn, among other products considered off-limits for Ashkenazi Jews during *Pesach* until recently. *Kitniyot* do not affect the *kashruth* status of cookware or dishes, and those who do not eat *kitniyot* may eat food cooked in pots used for cooking *kitniyot* without compromising their observance.

Regardless of where we are on our Jewish eating journeys, the coming of Purim and *Pesach* are times for all of us to count our blessings, communally and individually, and come together to celebrate. I hope to see you in *shul* on those holidays, and many other times in the weeks and months ahead.

To sweeten that invitation, I am pleased to report that we have decided to kasher the *shul* kitchen for *Pesach* this year and will therefore be serving lunch on the two *Shabbatot* that fall during *Pesach*, as well as the second and seventh days of the Festival of Freedom.

*Rabbi Betsy Forester*

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# President's Column

## January, the Month with Two Faces

I write this in the first week of January while wishes of Happy New Year still echo.

Tradition has it that January derives its name from the Roman god Janus, who is typically portrayed as having two faces, one looking backwards and the other forwards. In that spirit I would like to look backwards at one of the major issues I raised in my inaugural Centerite column in November and forwards to some of the challenges and opportunities coming up.

In my November column I mentioned the need for more effective and coordinated fundraising. This need arises because our regular income would not cover our operating expenses without successful fundraising. In order to balance our budget this fiscal year we targeted \$10,000 in income from the big weekend celebrating our 70th Anniversary and the installation of Rabbi Forester. I'm excited to report that a few weeks before the event, we were expecting to exceed that target thanks to the hard work of the event planning subcommittee as well as important support from the Development Committee. In the coming years we will continue to rely on such efforts to maintain the healthy financial condition we currently enjoy.

To look back and not acknowledge the effects of the hateful act of October 27th in Pittsburgh would be culpably naive. The professional staff and I, along with the members of our newly-formed Security subcommittee, have spent much time and energy addressing the security needs of our *kahal*. We have had security reviews by the Madison Police Department and two private security firms. We are on the list of Jewish institutions awaiting assessments

by Homeland Security. This column does not allow me enough room even to summarize their findings. I can say, however, that all three evaluations have given us high marks for our current provisions and suggested additional ones for our consideration. The Security subcommittee is actively weighing all this information and expects to present a policy recommendation at the Board's February meeting.



Finally, on a more joyful note, I want to mention that we will be kicking off a new strategic planning effort in the first quarter of this year. Almost 10 years have passed since our last strategic plan was adopted. When I recently reviewed it, I was amazed by how much of the plan we have accomplished. As the saying goes, we planned the work and worked the plan. The arrival of Rabbi Forester and the excitement she is creating in the community represent an especially opportune time to develop a plan that will guide our next period of growth and enable us to go from strength to strength.

When Janus next comes around with his two faces may he look backwards and see only good and forwards and see only promise!

*Rick Ezell*  
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### Budget Development Timeline

Our annual operating budget comes together each year as a result of this important work: In February (half-way through our fiscal year, which begins September 1), committee chairs and other stakeholders assess budget needs and submit requests.

**Budget requests for the year beginning September 1, 2019 are due March 13, 2019.**

In March, April and May, the Budget Committee creates a draft and works with the Executive Committee and Board of Directors to sort out priorities, with the goal of developing a balanced budget.

If all goes well, as it usually does, the Board will approve our FY 2019-20 budget in June.

## BOARD of DIRECTORS

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# From the Executive Director's Desk

## *Beth Israel Center at 70*

As I write this, our big weekend celebrating the congregation's 70th Anniversary and the installation of Rabbi



Besty Forester is a few weeks in the future, but if the fun we've had planning the events and the generosity of our many sponsors are any indication, by the time you read this, we will be celebrating a huge success.

Planning for this weekend began in earnest last summer, when the Saturday night event committee, co-chaired by Aaron Frank and Bobbie Jellinek, first met. This group, which also included Cher Diamond, Josh Garoon, Louise Goldstein, Anna Heifetz, and Francie Saposnik, are the folks to thank for all of the Saturday night party details, as well as the commemorative book. Thanks, too, to MOUSY for staffing the registration table and the coat check Saturday night.

Our Development Committee also got involved as we extended the sponsorship opportunities beyond the Saturday night event to include the entire installation weekend. *Yasher Koach* to Judith Blank (chair), Matt Banks, Jordy Loeb, Rick Ezell, Scott Forester, and Russ Shafer-Landau for your personal commitments of sponsorships and commemorative book purchases, as well as your efforts in securing additional contributions.

And I also need to thank Matt Banks, Michal Engelman and Steve Jellinek for working with Rabbi Forester and me to plan the installation ceremony and reception.

In addition to all of the volunteer hours that went into planning for our combined celebration, our thanks must also go to all of our sponsors, to everyone who purchased space in our commemorative book, and to everyone who bought tickets to the Saturday night celebration. There isn't space here to list

you all. As Board member Jeff Mandell has observed (see his profile on page 9), it is often the case at Beth Israel Center that half the room is named when we start thanking people who made something good happen.

And there are many good things happening at Beth Israel Center these days.

Rabbi Forester has introduced creative, engaging programs for all ages. Our Talmud Torah continues to hum along as students and teachers enjoy learning together and being in our still new-feeling space. Shabbat services and the gatherings that surround them are warm, friendly, and uplifting. Come on a Friday night some time between 5:00 and 5:45 for a lechayim and a nosh. Stick around for kiddush lunch on any Saturday. We're here every week.

There's nothing new about that. As a traditional shul, we've always had Shabbat services every week. However, we haven't always been a place where gender does not dictate what roles, honors and responsibilities we can take on. We are that place now. And I've heard tell of times when children were shushed in our sanctuary. Thankfully, we're a far cry from that milieu, as well. I imagine that some of our forebears would have had difficulty predicting a time when our shul's rabbi, with a bright smile on her face, would gleefully delay the start of *Ein Keloheinu* while a toddler makes his shaky way up the steps to join the older children on the bima, for the first time on his own. (The *kahal* applauded. It was a great Shabbat moment!)

That toddler's father became a *bar mitzvah* in our shul. And several young parents who grew up here brought their children to our Hanukkah party this year.

That's what Beth Israel Center at 70 looks like to me. And I love it.

Elissa Pollack  
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### 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:

- Water dispensers
- Coffee makers
- Glass platters

If you would like to purchase one or more of these items for Beth Israel Center, please contact Elissa Pollack via email (elissa@bethisraelcenter.org) or phone (608-256-7763) for details.

**Every contribution helps our synagogue!**





# From the Education Director's Desk

## All Means All

February is Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance and Inclusion Month. Now in its 10th year, JDAIM encourages us to raise awareness and foster acceptance and inclusion of people with disabilities and mental health conditions and those who love them.

I want to reiterate here my personal dedication to inclusion and acceptance and remind you that at Beth Israel Center, "all" means *all*. I am ready and willing to work with you to make Shabbat, children's programs, and other settings comfortable for all of us. If you need to come early or during the week to help your child be comfortable in the building, no problem. If you want a preview of songs we sing, books we read, dances we do, no problem. Want to share the IEP or accommodations that are helping your student in school, please do -- it'll help us, too! If you need something that you may think is completely out of the box and overwhelming to any other person, let's talk! If you need an extra set of hands once you come in the building, let me know and we can find a helpful teenager. I'm not saying that we can do everything -- what I am saying is that you don't have to, either.

The relationship between Judaism and disability goes back to our roots, and there are many texts that give us food for thought. Here are a few for younger audiences from JDAIM.org:

### We Can Find a Way

**Written by Dina Rosenfeld**

**Illustrated by Amy Wummer**

*Hachnosas Orchim* means inviting guests... but it also means making sure that those guests feel comfortable and included. In *We Can Find a Way*, Eli, Zev and Leah look forward to hosting a celebration for their Bubby's birthday. However, meeting the needs of every guest requires sensitivity and lots of creative thinking. Two of the toddlers have food allergies. What kind of treats work for them? Their uncle is using a wheelchair. He can't use the front steps.

One cousin has difficulty being at crowded, noisy events. How will Eli, Zev and Leah find a way to include everyone? Children ages 3-6 will love the suspense and the positive attitude of the main characters.



### The Candlewick

**Written by**

**Jennifer Rosen**

**Illustrated by Kristina Swarner**

*The Candlewick* is a story of friendship and kindness. The two main characters, Ruthie and Bayla, clearly care for each other. As they live some distance from one another, Ruthie travels to Bayla's home for an extended visit. Ruthie's friend Bayla is deaf, and Bayla has come up with ways to communicate with the hearing world. When Ruthie visits Bayla and realizes Bayla can't hear her doorbell, Ruthie thinks of another idea to help her stay connected to the world around her.

### The Mitten String

**Written by Jennifer Rosen**

**Illustrated by Kristina Swarner**

When her family invites a deaf woman and her baby to stay, Ruthie, a talented knitter of mittens, wonders how the mother will know if her child wakes in the night. The surprising answer inspires Ruthie to knit a special gift that offers great comfort to mother and baby—and to Ruthie herself. An original folktale about a girl who knits, a deaf woman, and a piece of blue yarn, the Mitten String begins the story that continues in *The Candlewick*.

I'm always happy to share resources on these and other Jewish topics. Please contact me for additional resources.

Beth Cohn Copelovitch  
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## PRESCHOOL FAMILY PROGRAMS

### Berries & Jammies

Join Rabbi Forester on these Friday mornings starting at 8:00 to get ready for Shabbat together. Make challah. Sing songs. Enjoy berries. Come in your PJs!

**February 22**

**March 15**



### Yom Rishon

Enjoy interactive family learning on a different Jewish theme each month. 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.

**Yom Rishon 5779**

**February 10**

**March 10**

**April 7**

Bring friends!

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



# By Word of Mouse

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

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## High Schoolers!

### Let Your Jewish Light Shine! Take Standardized Tests on Sunday

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

#### 2019 SAT & Achievement Test Dates:

- March 10
- May 5
- June 2

SAT registration info:  
866-756-7346.

#### 2019 ACT Dates:

- April 14
- June 16

ACT Registration info:  
319-337-1270.

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Kol HaKavod to Debbie Rudin for representing MOUSY at the **USY International Convention (IC)** in Orlando from December 23 through 27. The theme of ‘*Making Dreams a Reality*’ highlighted inspiring speakers such as the rabbi from Congregation Etz Chayim in Pittsburgh; community service projects that supported nursing homes, food pantries, firefighters, and police departments; ruach sessions; connecting with old friends; meeting new friends; and visiting theme parks. Of special note were the words of Tahl Herman, an Israeli 16-year-old with whom Debbie became acquainted, “Ask yourself, ‘What can I do to help and impact and contribute?’ Find what your powers are. Then you can be the person you dream of being.”

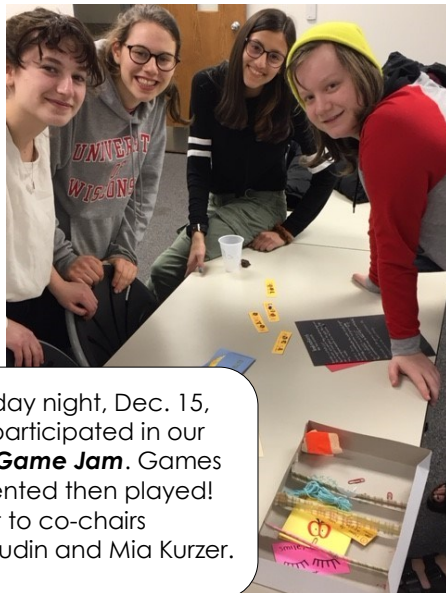


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MOUSY hopes your Festival of Lights was a joyous one, and that you enjoyed your colorful, *Made in Israel Chanukah candles*. We appreciate your generous support which enables us to continue our fabulous programming, Tikun Olam efforts, and subsidies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

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Left: Kadimaniks Ezra, Aharon, Alex, Caleb, Amelia, Isaiah, Ari, and Simon got busy and dizzy as they jumped around the ultimate indoor trampoline park at Sky Zone on Sunday, Nov. 18.



On Saturday night, Dec. 15, 11 mice participated in our first-ever **Game Jam**. Games were invented then played! Shout-out to co-chairs Debbie Rudin and Mia Kurzer.







On Saturday night, December 1, MOUSY got warm and fuzzy by making 20 fleece blankets for donation to American Family Children's Hospital at our seventh annual and favorite social action **No Sew Fleece Blankets** program. Special thanks to fabric shoppers Isaac Kianovsky, Jacob Kianovsky, Leila Loeb, and Rhiannon Wilson, as well as co-chairs, Isaac and Rhiannon.



On Sunday afternoon, November 4, 16 MOUSY and Kadima teens got together for an afternoon of creativity and crafts. Kudos to co-chairs Mirra Bleher and Maya Becker.



## LOCAL MOUSY & KADIMA EVENTS

*Saturday, Feb. 2*  
Kadima Ice Skating at UW Shell, followed by games and hot drinks in the BIC Youth Lounge

*Saturday, Feb. 9*  
MOUSY Israeli Cook-off with Shlomit

*Saturday, Feb. 23*  
MOUSY/MaTTY Laser Tag

*Friday and Saturday*  
*March 8-9*  
Youth Shabbaton

*Sunday, April 14*  
MOUSY Makes a Meal



## REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL USY EVENTS

*April 5-7*  
CHUSY Spring Kinnus Convention



# Meet Your Leadership

## CHESED TEAM

Members of the BIC Chesed Team visit individuals who find it difficult or impossible to attend services or other synagogue programs. Visits by members of the Chesed Team 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 Chesed Team, please contact Rabbi Betsy Forester at (608) 256-7763 or via email, [rabbi@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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

### **Marci Katz, VP-Finance**

*When did you join the congregation and why?* We joined shortly after moving to Madison in 1979. I grew up in a conservative synagogue in Flint, Michigan. Beth Israel Center felt like home to me. It was a special place that still feels like home.



*Tell us a little bit about yourself.* I live with my husband Neal, our standard poodle, Jolie, and our devon rex cat Sidney in a condo near the Capital, having lived in the country for 16 years on 23 acres with a barn, gardens, and groomed trails to play on. I love being active outside and will be figuring out organic gardening on our patio. I’m a CPA and specialize in health care management. I’ve had my own company for the past 11 years and contract with the Wisconsin Division of Medicaid Services to develop and provide the fiscal requirements and fiscal oversight of the Family Care and IRIS programs; Medicaid Managed Long Term Care programs serving frail elders and adults with disabilities the services they need to remain in their homes. The programs have grown from a pilot program in five counties to a statewide program that eliminated waiting lists for services and will serve over 60,000 members in 2019.

*What has prepared you for service on the BIC Board?* I’ve worked in many settings including public accounting, private industry as a chief financial officer, consulting, board of director positions, and my current contracted engagement with the State. In those roles, I’ve needed to be a good listener and leader with an eye toward the big picture while leveraging my fiscal expertise to work effectively with management. I recognize, appreciate, and integrate the expertise others bring to the table into my thinking and care deeply about the future of Beth Israel Center.

*In addition to your current and past Board terms, in what ways have you served the congregation?* Many years ago I was the buyer for and ran the BIC gift shop, something I was sad to see close. I’ve been chair of the budget committee since 2010 and consulted with Don Miner on accounting issues as required. I also volunteered as needed when my two boys were in Talmud Torah.

*What is your favorite thing about Beth Israel Center?* I love attending services and think the Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat service is the perfect way to end my regular work week. Allowing myself the time and space to stop and just be is very healthy and it doesn’t happen unless I’m physically at BIC. Often on Friday evenings, visitors attend, and they are always greeted with warm welcomes, sincere interest, and attention to ensure they feel the warmth of our community. This is at the core of the BIC values and it permeates throughout who we are.

*When you were asked to join the Board of Directors. Did you say “yes” right away?* I said “yes” after Rick Ezell assured me he would manage meetings effectively. My only concern was time. I serve on four boards, manage my own business, and work



on Sundays for my husband's (Neal) business. Time is precious and I don't serve on boards that can't work effectively.

*What do you hope to accomplish as a Board member?* I hope to improve the monthly financial reporting process and the budget reporting processes which are both already on track. I also hope to formalize documentation for the various funds, and develop a comprehensive plan for large expenditures, either building or otherwise, that do not come out of our annual operating revenues. Finally, I hope to weave a thread to other committees that relate to finance so we establish a shared understanding of our activities and charge for a cohesive approach to achieving our annual and long term plans.

*What may surprise people about you?* I got married and had our two boys by 25 and didn't finish my degree in accounting until I was 36. Prior to that I taught aerobics, piano and guitar; sold real estate; and was accepted to the School of Music on piano.

**Jeff Mandell, Personnel Committee Chair**

*When did you join the congregation and why?* In Fall 2015, we had just arrived in Madison and wanted both a community and a Jewish education for our kids. We found both at Beth Israel Center. The education program is absolutely phenomenal, more thoughtfully designed than what we had seen at shuls in much larger cities; that was the deciding factor for us. But we were happy to join BIC because we found it a welcoming, pluralistic, deliberate community where Judaism is an organizing principle in people's lives, even as members make diverse personal choices about observance.



*Tell us a little bit about yourself.* I live on the near-west side with my wife, Sara, our children, Micah and Owen, our dog, Olive (she's a rescued black lab mix), and half a dozen chickens that we share with our next door neighbors. For fun, I love ice cream, games, and magazines. I am a lawyer at Stafford Rosenbaum LLP, where I work primarily on commercial, constitutional, and administrative litigation and appeals. I've practiced law for a dozen years and have been at Stafford since we moved to Madison, about 3.5 years.

*What has prepared you for service on the BIC Board?* Before law school, I spent several years working in management for nonprofit organizations. I spent a year in Jerusalem on the Dorot Fellowship in Israel, a leadership development program for young American Jews who will develop into community lay leaders. And my years lawyering have exposed me to a variety of corporate governance issues.

*What is your favorite thing to do at Beth Israel Center?* The Sukkah Hops and the Supper Quiz. I am also a big fan of informal adult study in the Mercaz on Shabbat mornings during Talmud Torah.

*What exemplifies Beth Israel Center for you?* I love when we have a large communal celebration and nearly half the room is acknowledged from the podium for playing a crucial role in making the event happen. Beth Israel Center is a place where giving deeply to the kahal is a common value.

*Name one thing that may surprise people about you.* As a kid I went to Space Camp in Huntsville, AL (before the movie).

**BOARD  
NOMINATION  
PROCESS**

Members of our congregation are selected for service on the Board of Directors after being nominated by our Nominating Committee. The makeup of our Nominating Committee changes from year to year, but it is always made up of 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 each summer and voted on at our Annual Meeting, which is typically held on the first day of Talmud Torah in the fall.

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

Questions? Contact Rick Ezell, [president@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:president@bethisraelcenter.org).



# Social Action Updates

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Men's Shelter

Beth Israel Center members have been serving meals at Porchlight's Emergency Shelter for Men in downtown Madison for decades. 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. At press time, there were many open slots!

### Meals on Wheels

BIC volunteers deliver lunchtime 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 have for many years. Our schedule recently changed, so new volunteers are needed. **If you can commit to one weekday lunchtime per month you could be the perfect new Meals on Wheels volunteer!** Each shift takes about 1.5 hours. Meals on Wheels volunteers see first-hand the benefits they provide, such as helping people maintain independence and the ability to remain in their own homes, as well as providing nutritious meals. Call Larry Bensky (238-2569) to schedule a ride-a-long or for more information.

### Friends of Emerson School

Beth Israel Center members tutor students and assist with evening programs at Emerson Elementary School (2421 East Johnson Street). For information, write to [socialaction@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:socialaction@bethisraelcenter.org) or contact Jewish Congregations for Social Justice.

## Pre-Christmas Dinner at the Safe Haven

For the second consecutive year, BIC volunteers cooked and served Christmas dinner at Safe Haven Shelter for Homeless with serious mental health issues. Thanks to almost 20 volunteers who cooked the food beforehand, we were able to serve a full holiday turkey dinner for 30 homeless people at Safe Haven, and leftovers went to other homeless programs.

Merle Sternberg and Cher Diamond also prepared beautiful gift bags filled with homemade scarves, socks, gloves and more. And we delivered more than sixty pairs of the warm winter socks and gloves from our fall sock/glove drive!

Volunteers who work at shelters know to not expect thanks for everything we do. Yet, for the second year, many of the Safe Haven residents thanked us warmly for the Christmas cheer, dinner, our presence, gift bags... and socks. We even received an improvised stand-up rhyming thank you!



Thanks also goes to everyone who made (and will continue making) monetary donations to Safe Haven. We served a pre-Christmas dinner this year, rather than serving dinner on Christmas, because Safe Haven is not currently receiving enough funding to stay open on holidays. *Todah Rabbah!*

**Servers, pictured:** (left) David Baum, Jerry Sternberg, (below) Howard Bregman, Bob Skloot, Ruth Litovsky and Merle Sternberg. *Volunteers not pictured:* Donna Anderson, Naomi Chesler, Cher Diamond, Aaron Frank, Louise Goldstein, Billie Hellerstein, Corliss Karasov, Steve Kessler, Elana Matthews, Sally Schrag, Goldie Sternberg



## Refugee Resettlement Efforts

Beth Israel Center volunteers are among those supporting the refugee resettlement program spearheaded by Jewish Social Services of Madison. Over the summer, we set up an apartment for a family from Rwanda, thanks to tremendous response to our calls for household items, furniture, and more. As this newsletter went to press, the biggest need for our new Rwandan friends is employment for Marie Louise. She is a college graduate with a degree in education, but is looking for full time employment in almost any field. She helped support her family by cooking while living for many years in a refugee camp in Zambia. She is hard working, creative, has great interpersonal skills, speaks English and French and is very eager to find employment! If you have any ideas or leads, please write to [socialaction@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:socialaction@bethisraelcenter.org) or call Judy Pierotti at (608) 335-2933. They also gratefully receive gift cards from stores like Target and Woodmans. To donate gift cards, bring or mail them to Beth Israel Center.



## Scientists in Synagogues

Our year of Scientists in Synagogues programming, aimed at promoting dialog about the intersection of science and Judaism, continues this winter with a Kolot Kehilla (voices of our community) talk about diabetes by Yoram Shenker on Sunday morning, February 17, and a series of discussions about the book *Close Encounters with Human Kind* by Sang-Hee Lee, which will be scheduled close to Pesach.



### Sinai and Synapses

Scientifically grounded  
Spiritually uplifting

[sinaiansynapses.org](http://sinaiansynapses.org)

Incubated at Clal-The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership [clal.org](http://clal.org)

The Scientists and Synagogues project is sponsored by Sinai and Synapses, a joint venture of the national organization Clal, which works to promote an expansive and post-denominational Jewish worldview, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the world's largest scientific society.

BIC's program, "Dynamic Connection, Divine Reflection," draws on the expertise of more than two dozen scientists who are members of our congregation.



## Lifelong Learning - Ongoing Classes

- Living Torah - Sundays after Morning Minyan about twice a month  
*Make modern, meaningful sense of the interplay between our lives and tradition*
- Studio Sinai - Sunday afternoons about once a month: Feb. 24 and March 31  
*Explore emotions and thoughts beneath the surface of Torah and Midrash*
- Yiddish with Sylvia Grunes - Mondays at 7:00pm  
*All levels welcome. Come learn from a master!*
- Talmud Class - weekly series begin Thursday, Feb. 28 and Wednesday, May 1  
*Hebrew decoding skills required. Talmud learners of all levels welcome.*
- Parasha Study with Rabbi Forester - after Shabbat Kiddush about once a month  
*All ages welcome. Join the conversation on February 23, March 23, April 20*



## Condolences to the families of...

- Larry Sperling, cousin of Nancy Leff (KC Lerner)
- Al Frank, husband of Lois Frank, father of Ziva (Jim) Wear and Tina (Richard) Pearson, brother of Frances (Franklyn z"l) Mann, and grandfather of Peter (Nicole Brimmer) and Daniel Wear, and Chaya, Mayer, Zev, Raizl, Miriam and Gittel Halikman
- Phylis Skloot Bamberger, sister of Bob (JoAnn) Skloot
- Neal Loeb, brother of Jan Loeb (Marc Shovers); uncle of Sam and Ben Shovers; cousin of Jordy (Jessie), Leila, Benno and Isaiah Loeb
- Tova Shabtaie, mother of Sion (Jane) Shabtaie, grandmother of Kaveh (Krista), David, and Sam
- Marie Mocny, mother of Patrice (Michael) Onheiber, grandmother of Josh and Miriam Onheiber
- Akiyasu Kitano, father of Kazu Kitano
- Shirley Volpiansky, mother of Paula Volpiansky (Larry Chapman), grandmother of Shanna and Alyssa Dell

### Yahrzeits

#### 26 Shevet / February 1

Harry Bleiweiss  
Shoshana Goodman  
Dollie Schuckit  
Howard Yaskal

#### 27 Shevet / February 2

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

#### 28 Shevet / February 3

M.A. Bradkofsky  
Hannah Cohen  
Matthew Fields  
Joseph Sweet

#### 29 Shevet / February 4

Jerry Kaplan  
Murray Rodman  
Helena Siroky  
Howard Temin

#### 30 Shevet / February 5

Fania Heifetz  
Anita Kapell  
Rose Machlis  
Leo Rasmussen  
Bess Smith

#### 1 Adar I / February 6

Louis Battalen  
Lena Daniels  
Pauline Quick  
Janet Weinschel

#### 2 Adar I / February 7

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

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## Yahrzeits

### 3 Adar I / February 8

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

### 4 Adar I / February 9

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

### 5 Adar I / February 10

Max Shapiro  
Shirley Swack  
Rivka bat Fruma

### 6 Adar I / February 11

Joseph Levy  
Sam Shapiro  
Alvin Shovers

### 7 Adar I / February 12

Leanore Fridstein Factor  
Norman Schwabacher

### 8 Adar I / February 13

David Goldberg  
Mary Levin  
Louis Mazursky  
Dora Schwartz  
Al Weschler

### 9 Adar I / February 14

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

### 10 Adar I / February 15

Brian Friedman  
Haim ben Manachem  
Haimson  
Sol Levin  
Sam Mead

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# Volunteer Appreciation

**Shabbat Kiddush Krew:** Donna Anderson, David Balkansky, David Baum, Daniel Bach, Larry Bensky, Judith Burstyn, Hannah Bernard-Donals, Marsha Cohen, Micah Copelovitch, Andrea Dearlove, Joel and Hannah Ehrlich, Joshua Gabai, Josh Garoon, Jaime Goldberg, Ashley Gordon, Patricia Green-Sotos, Roz Gusinow, Billie Hellerstein, Elisa Heymann, Raimund Huber, Bobbie & Steve Jellinek, Kathi Johnson Rock, Michael Rock, Sally Jones, Janis Noonan, Erica Kesin Richmond, Steve Kessler, Kazu Kitano, Clara Lazimy, Kara McCarty, Bart Miller, Laurie Nagus, Michael & Patrice Onheiber, Tziporah Quick, Judy Pierotti, Nancy Resnick, Kevin Shelley, Regina Vidaver, Phyllis Wainger, Paul Wilson, Max Zimon

**Kugel-Cooking Crew:** Hannah Bernard-Donals, Marsha Cohen, Roz Gusinow

**Shabbat Greeters and Door Watchers:** Livia Asher, Bennett Berson, Howard Bregman, Judith Burstyn, Naomi Chesler, Marsha Cohen, Ankur & Emily Desai, Cher & Ron Diamond, Doris Dubielzeig, Jennie Edes-Pierotti, Rick Ezell, Josh Gabai, Anna Heifetz, Steve Goldstein, Cynthia Hirsch, Bobbie & Steve Jellinek, Sally Jones, Marci Katz, Jeff & Sara Mandell, Elana Matthews, Josh Minkoff, Laurie Nagus, Judy Pierotti, Mike Pressman, Barry Rich, Fran & Sally Schrag, Judith Sone, Nadav Shelef, William Needelman

**Hanukkah Party Posse:** Donna Anderson, Mirra Blehert, Howard Bregman, Aaron Frank, Melissa Frank, Sally Jones, Ashley Gordon, Roz Gusinow, Anna Heifetz, Elisa Heymann, Max Ivry, Marci Katz, Isaac Kianovsky, Kazu Kitano, Jill Korey, Harris Krause, Sara Mandell, Eddie Marion, Adam Mednick, Bart Miller, Bilha Mirkin, Katie Moorman, Mike Pressman, Debbie Rudin, Tanya Schlam, Lucyna Shenker, Marti Tenzer, Paula Volpiansky

**Men's Shelter:** Elisa Heymann, Bart Miller, Steve Kessler, Jerry & Merle Sternberg

**Laundry Angels:** Cynthia Hirsch, Kazu Kitano, Kara McCarty, Laurie Nagus, Kevin Shelley, Karen Shevet Dinah, Anna Syvertsen

**Library/Beit Midrash Reconfiguration:** Emily Desai, Aaron Friedman, Clara Lazimy, Ed Marion, Steve Nadler, Kara McCarty, Kevin Shelley, Bob Skloot

**Shabbat Morning Madrichim:** Micah Copelovitch, Maya Desai, Kol Goldman, Lily Matthews-Needelman, Eliza Mednick, Bart Miller, Amira Pierotti, Josephine Sidney

## Hakarot Hatov

Introduced in 2018, this ongoing volunteer recognition program, Hakarot Hatov, takes its name from the Hebrew phrase that means *recognizing the good*.

Through this program, we will regularly honor and thank members who serve in both extraordinary and the most routine of ways. The recognition will take place on Shabbat mornings a few times each year. The honoree's contributions will be acknowledged briefly during services and with a modest celebratory addition to the day's Kiddush lunch.

**Please come honor Mike Pressman on February 16 and Sylvia Grunes on April 13.**

While this is first and foremost about showing gratitude, donations in honor of the individuals being recognized and their contributions to our shul are welcome.



# 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).

If you'd like to join the kiddush crew and be part of this vital – and fun! – Beth Israel Center tradition, email [hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org) or call (608) 256-7763 for information. We're also happy to discuss sponsorship opportunities.

### Appreciation for recent and upcoming Kiddush sponsorships:

- December 1 – BIC Past Presidents honoring Don Miner's four decades of service on the Board of Directors
- December 8 – Regina Vidaver & David Blehert for their son Ari's Bar-mitzvah
- December 15 – Harry & Carol Katch on the baby-naming of their granddaughter, Sophie Geneman, daughter of Samantha Katch and Jason Geneman
- December 22 – Bobbie & Steve Jellinek in honor of their 55th anniversary
- January 12 – Cheri Keen in gratitude for the members of our congregation during her nearly six years of work at BIC
- January 19 – Ally Bowles celebrating their new Hebrew name change
- January 26 – Matt Banks for Rabbi Betsy Forester's Installation weekend
- February 16 – Beth Israel Center and the Membership Committee for Mike Pressman, the Hakarat Hatov honoree
- April 6 – Tanya Schlam & Jordan Ellenberg for their son Caleb's Bar Mitzvah
- April 13 – Beth Israel Center and the Membership Committee for Sylvia Grunes, the Hakarat Hatov honoree



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

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.



## Abraham Barash Handicap Services Fund

*in memory of*

**Henry Weiss** from Alan Weinberg & Claire Weiss

**Joseph Beitel and Ruth Beitel** from Marion Gold

**Isadore Kosowsky** from Mark Kosowsky

**Celia Borenstein, Mollie Becker, Phillip Becker and Rudy Becker for Frieda**

**Borenstein nee Becker** from Phyllis Eisenberg

**Dov Schwartz** from Richard Schwartz

**Peter Druch** from Shelley Davey

## Yahrzeits

### 11 Adar I / February 16

Samuel Sinaiko

### 12 Adar I / February 17

Marvin Eisenberg

Walter Novick

Mary Zuker

### 13 Adar I / February 18

Rachel Green

Ida Moskowsky

Bessie Schwartz

Fanny Kaufman Smith

Dorothy Weiman

### 14 Adar I / February 19

Seymour Goodman

Mary Ellen Hall

Abe Mintz

Rose Onikul

Victor Rosenblum

George Skloot

Elizabeth Sweet

### 15 Adar I / February 20

Rachel Brodsky

### 16 Adar I / February 21

Eva Deutschkron

Mary Nathenson

### 17 Adar I / February 22

Rose Frank

Ida Gould

Evelyn Minkoff

### 18 Adar I / February 23

Paula Grzyb

Hyman Paley

Aaron Scher

### 19 Adar I / February 24

Jacob Becker

Lloyd Borenstein

Karen Goldman

Ira Katch

Mikhail Pishchiker

Judith Zukerman Kaufman

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## Yahrzeits

### 20 Adar I / February 25

Hyman Ansell  
Jerrold Gross  
Dorah Karp  
Arthur Mead  
Tessie Stein

### 21 Adar I / February 26

Nathan Cohen  
Marshall Fields

### 22 Adar I / February 27

Frumeh Bloom  
Rochelle Kianovsky  
Gertrude Rodman  
William Stein

### 23 Adar I / February 28

Estelle Bernstein  
Ben Paley  
Sara Shapiro

### 24 Adar I / March 1

Nathan DeLevie  
Eli Freedman  
Jacques Lohr

### 25 Adar I / March 2

David Rosenthal

### 26 Adar I / March 3

Joseph Brodsky  
Ross Kurzer  
Nathan Swartz

### 27 Adar I / March 4

David Altschuler  
Celia Rosenberg

### 28 Adar I / March 5

Lewis Gash  
Moshe Paley  
Helen Rosenblum  
Jean Wein

### 29 Adar I / March 6

Sarah Halperin  
Anna Halperin  
Paul Schrag  
Herschel Seder  
Osne Zaichick

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## Memorial & Tribute Gifts (Con't.)

### Building Capital Fund (formerly L'Dor VaDor)

*get well*

**KC Lerner** from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

*in honor of*

**Don Miner** from Livia Asher

**Haya Yuchtman's birthday and Don Miner** from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

*in memory of*

**Esther Lefevre and Larry Sperling** from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

**Al Frank** from Steven Schwartz and Jordy & Jessie Loeb

**Clara Rothblatt** from Cheryl Lerner

**Fay Forester** from Russ & Susan Shafer-Landau

**Jacob Cooper** from Marilyn & Stuart Cooper

**Alvin Pratzel** from Michael & Barbara Pratzel

**Fay Forester and Ann Rock** from Michael Rock & Kathi Johnson Rock

**Dorothy Lerner** from Mitch & Sharon Rapkin

**Frieda Borenstein** from Nicki Milin

**Tova Shabtaie, Marie Mocny and Al Frank** from Si & Billie Hellerstein

### David Temkin Camp Ramah Fund

*in honor of*

**Beth & Mark Copelovitch's 20th Anniversary** from Bernard & Temah Copelovitch

**Harvey and Barbara Myers Temkin** from Gary & Lois Weinstein

*in memory of*

**Al Frank** from Bonnie Stein Kammer and Marcus Cohen

**Ida Chudacoff** from Dr. Manny & Caryl Chudwin

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

**Celia Weigler & Lillian Levin** from Roz Levin

### Fund for the Future

*in memory of*

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

*in honor of*

**Rabbi Forester's installation** from Maury & Nancy Fertig, Mitchell & Karen Kopin, Karen & Hal Sider, Sandy Starkman, Nancy & Todd Needlman

### General Fund

*in honor of*

**Daniel Rosen called to read from the Torah and David Rosen called to the Torah for the Levi Aliya** from David & Cheryl Rosen

**Steve & Bobbie Jellinek's 55th Anniversary and welcome to our wonderful rabbi, Betsy Brown Forester** from Herbert Lewis & Francie Saposnik

**People who stand for love, goodness and peace** from Jennifer Wolfe

*in memory of*

**Miriam Sulman** from Aaron Sulman

**Alfred Frank** from Allan Druch, David & Donna Gabai, Russ & Susan Shafer Landau, Frances Mann, Russ & Ruth Frank, Steven & Sandra Borenstein

**Tova Shabtaie and Al Frank** from Allan Levin

**Sam Lewis** from Arnold & Sharon Ruben

**Alex Swartz** from David & Susan Fish and Joel Marcus & Judith Swartz Marcus

**Debra Friedman** from David Friedman





## Memorial & Tribute Gifts

**Sol Kaplan and Louis Kaplan** from Harold Kaplan  
**Irv Saposnik, Suzanne Schrag, Neal Loeb and Dorothy Whitcomb** from Herbert Lewis & Francie Saposnik  
**Helen Sinagub** from Jonathan Sinagub  
**Solomon Volpiansky** from Larry Chapman & Paula Volpiansky  
**Al Frank and Phylis Skloot Bamberger** from Matthew & Jennie Edes-Pierotti  
**Pearl Springberg** from Peter Springberg  
**Tova Shabtaie and Suzanne Schrag** from Philip Hollander & Juliet Page  
**Tibor Lax** from Renata Laxova  
**Sylvia Wein and Gordon Wein** from Roslyn Gorchow and Sanford & Marilyn Victor  
**Aaron Gellman, Harvey Johnson, Jean Goldman, Suzanne Schrag, Neal Loeb, Esther Lefevre and Al Frank** from Samuel Gellman & Julie Plotkin  
**Irving Maydeck** from Steve & Bobbie Jellinek  
**Fay Forester** from Stuart & Linda Kupfer  
**Melvin Gutmann and Fritz Gutmann** from Thomas Palay & Diane Gutmann

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

*in honor of*

**Beth and Mark Copelovitch's 20th wedding anniversary** from Robert & Barbara Cohen

*in memory of*

**Al Frank** from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein and Joel & Debbie Minkoff

### **Jake Heifetz Fund**

*in memory of*

**Jake & Fania Heifetz** from Michael Rock & Kathi Johnson Rock  
**Arthur Moss, Reva Moss and Aaron Urkofsky** from Samuel Moss  
**Jake Heifetz** from Steve Heifetz

### **Joe Temkin Education Fund**

*in honor of*

**Don & Kathy Miner and family** from Harvey & Barbara Myers Temkin

*in memory of*

**Neal Loeb** from Harvey & Barbara Myers Temkin  
**Joe Temkin** from Judd Peck

### **Martin & Serene Mazor Kiddush Fund**

*in honor of*

**Yonah Drazen & Megan Sanders-Drazen's new son and Haya Yuchtman's birthday** from Karen Shevet Dinah  
**Ari Blehert on becoming a Bar Mitzvah** from Kazu Kitano  
**Allan Levin's birthday, Dan Sidney's graduation, Jackie & Roy Irving's new baby and Ari Blehert's Bar Mitzvah** from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen  
**Don Miner, Yonah Drazen & Megan Sanders Drazen's new child, Cheri Keen's new grandson** from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen  
**Anniversaries of Steve & Bobbie Jellinek, Ben & Sherry Hirschfeld, Bob & JoAnn Skloot, and Francie Saposnik & Herb Lewis; and Stephanie Stone passing her certification,** from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

### Yahrzeits

#### **30 Adar I / March 7**

Anne Cooper  
Sarah Seidner  
Herman Shapiro

#### **2 Adar II / March 9**

Leahbelle Bercey

#### **3 Adar II / March 10**

Sara Frank

#### **4 Adar II / March 11**

Henry Gutmann

#### **5 Adar II / March 12**

Leonard Loeb  
Blanche Schwartzstein

#### **6 Adar II / March 13**

Joan Chesler  
Etya Fastovsky  
Freda Lieberman

#### **7 Adar II / March 14**

Roberta Jacoby

#### **9 Adar II / March 16**

Efraim Picus

#### **10 Adar II / March 17**

Ellen Shoshany Kaim

#### **11 Adar II / March 18**

Jeanette Russ

#### **12 Adar II / March 19**

Sidney Goldman  
Henri Hanau

#### **13 Adar II / March 20**

Adolph Weinschel

#### **14 Adar II / March 21**

Ruth Zitowsky

#### **15 Adar II / March 22**

Dan Pierotti  
Lillian Weber

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## Yahrzeits

### 17 Adar II / March 24

Maurice Amdur  
Milton Friedman  
Bessie Lutske

### 19 Adar II / March 26

Sarah Silverman

### 21 Adar II / March 28

Benjamin Forester  
Gustave Goldstein

### 23 Adar II / March 30

Eva Rosenberg  
Ann Slavney

### 24 Adar II / March 31

Steve Hawkins

### 25 Adar II / April 1

Ida Figler  
Mayer Jacob

### 26 Adar II / April 2

Harry Dworetzky  
Joseph Switzky

### 27 Adar II / April 3

Kenneth Rodan

### 1 Nisan / April 6

Regina Jacob  
Helen Sweet

### 2 Nisan / April 7

Ervin Blake  
Jeanette Frank  
Samuel Goldberg  
Marvin Mazursky  
Arthur Sweet

### 3 Nisan / April 8

Chaim Dubrovitz  
Naomi Epstein  
Roslyn Kopelberg  
Louis Landau  
Anne Marion  
Caroline Sulman

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## Memorial & Tribute Gifts (Con't.)

### Martin & Serene Mazor Kiddush Fund

*in honor of*

**Tziporah Quick and the anniversary of Francie Saposnik & Herb Lewis**  
from Michael Rock & Kathi Johnson Rock

*in memory of*

**Suzanne Schrag, Al Frank, Phylis Skloot Bamberger, Stanley Cohen, Nathan Pressman, Tova Shabtaie and Neal Loeb and Marie Mocny** from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

**Al Frank** from Rayla Temin

**Sol Frank and Martin Deutschkron** from Russ & Ruth Frank

### Julius Mintz Fund

*in memory of*

**Ida Weinstein** from Barbara Beyer

**Larry Mazursky** from Howard & Sally Mazur

### Morris Heifetz Welfare Fund

*in memory of*

**Helen Haber** from Sheldon Haber

### Prayerbook Fund

*in memory of*

**Louis Kaufman** from Michael Kissick & Ariel Kaufman

**Al Frank** from Michael Rock & Kathi Johnson Rock

**Abraham Blumenfeld & Frank Melnik** from Sol & Corlie Blumenfeld

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

*in honor of*

**Francie Saposnik & Herb Lewis Anniversary** from Ben & Sherry Hirschfeld

**Rabbi Forester** from Bernard & Ashna Pincus, Ronald & Florene Goldner

**Rabbi Forester's leadership** from Russ & Susan Shafer-Landau

**Steve & Bobbie Jellinek's anniversary, Bob & JoAnn Skloot anniversary,**

**Sally Schrag's birthday and the anniversary of Francie Saposnik & Herb Lewis** from Herman Goldstein

**Bob and JoAnn Skloot's anniversary** from Howard & Heidi Bregman

*in memory of*

**Al Frank** from Ben & Sherry Hirschfeld and Bob Factor & Kris Rasmussen

**Neil Loeb, Tova Shabtaie, Marie Mocny, Jess Battalen, Sol Goldstein, Fannie Battalen** from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

**Suzanne Schrag, Phylis Skloot Bamberger and Tova Shabtaie** from Herman Goldstein

**Fay Forester** from Laura Moss

**Marie Mocny and Eleanor Onheiber** from Michael & Patrice Onheiber

**Al Frank, Phylis Skloot Bamberger and Suzanne Schrag** from Howard & Heidi Bregman

**Harry Zitowsky** from Robert Zitowsky

**Susanne Gellman** from Samuel Gellman & Julie Plotkin

### A. J. & Celia Rosenberg Education Fund

*in memory of*

**Julia Lakritz** from Sheldon Haber



# Memorial & Tribute Gifts

## A. J. & Celia Rosenberg Library Fund

*in memory of*

**Geneva Boissonnault** from Bill & Jill Boissonnault  
**Abraham Rosenberg** from Lyn Rosenberg  
**Jacob Meyer Schwam** from Emanuel Schwam

## Shirley Epstein Fund

*in memory of*

**Shirley Epstein** from Larry Epstein  
**Erin Karp** from Norma Klagos  
**Helen & Oscar Karp** from Ruth Ann Schumeister  
**David Zaichick** from Sol Zaichick

## Social Action Fund

*Get Well*

**KC Lerner** from Steven Schwartz

*in honor of*

**Herb Lewis & Francie Saposnik anniversary** from Rayla Temin and Sylvia Grunes

*in memory of*

**Marie Mocny and Neal Loeb** from Robert Factor & Kris Rasmussen  
**Phylis Skloot Bamberger** from Rayla Temin and Si & Billie Hellerstein  
**Theodore Jellinek and Fay Forester** from Steve & Bobbie Jellinek  
**Suzanne Schrag** from Steven Schwartz  
**Bernard Harris** from Sue Harris

## Social Action - Refugee Support

*in honor of*

**Bob and JoAnn Skloot's 50th Anniversary, Aaron & Dawn Frank, and 100 Years of Love for Herb Lewis & Francie Saposnik** from Judy Pierotti

*in memory of*

**Al Frank, Fay Forester, Phylis Skloot Bamberger and Marie Mocny** from Judy Pierotti  
**Suzanne Schrag** from Steve & Bobbie Jellinek

## Talmud Torah Fund

*in memory of*

**Marie Mocny** from David & Nancy Resnick and Matthew & Jennie Edes-Pierotti

## Weinshel Torah Repair & Maintenance Fund

*in honor of*

**Bruce Thomadsen's 70th birthday** from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

*in memory of*

**Judy Balkansky** from David Balkansky  
**Joseph Wolman, Dora Wolman, Eli Wolman, M. David Wolman, Ellen Wolman, Abraham Paster, Mollie Paster, Molly Cohen Paster, Paul Fram, Estelle Wolman** from Richard Wolman  
**Joseph Frank** from Leslie Rukin  
**Leah & Harry Sweet and Fannie Sweet** from Mike Sweet  
**Tova Shabtaie** from Rayla Temin

## Yahrzeits

### 4 Nisan / April 9

Chaim Dubrow  
Donald Goren  
Aaron Seidner

### 5 Nisan / April 10

Samuel Ottenstein  
Morris Stein

### 6 Nisan / April 11

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

### 7 Nisan / April 12

Jack Jacobson  
Leonard Solinger

### 8 Nisan / April 13

Jenny Lebowitz  
George Marcus  
Nechama Meister

### 10 Nisan / April 15

Peter Deutsch  
Leo Hill

### 11 Nisan / April 16

Shlomo Dworetzky  
Sarah Kulakowsky

### 12 Nisan / April 17

Meyer Kaufman  
Gerald Kleinman  
Ida Minkoff  
Herman Onheiber  
Beatrice Sweet

### 13 Nisan / April 18

Aaron Epstein  
Ruth Hawkins  
Lillian Kaplan  
Josephine Mendow

### 14 Nisan / April 19

Dorothy Berlinger Levy  
Irving Levy

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**Yahrzeits**

**15 Nisan / April 20**  
Abraham Frank  
Louis Roth

**16 Nisan / April 21**  
Leontine Friedman

**17 Nisan / April 22**  
Robert Goodman  
Elsa Morgensteren  
Max Novick  
Saul Rosenthal

**18 Nisan / April 23**  
Samuel Ablove  
Albert J. Eisenberg  
Esther Swartz

**19 Nisan / April 24**  
Eva Dizon  
Mollie Goldstein  
Hermina Kneller  
Catherine Odette  
Jacob Popkewitz  
William Sinaiko  
Jacob Sinaiko  
Minna Slater

**20 Nisan / April 25**  
Jeanne Siegel  
Ellen Wolman

**21 Nisan / April 26**  
Lillian Greenberg  
Elliott Karasov  
Joseph Kessler

**22 Nisan / April 27**  
Paulina Bloom  
Ezra Frank  
Isaac Pover  
Martin Siroky

**23 Nisan / April 28**  
Mollie Becker  
Ruth Solinger

**24 Nisan / April 29**  
Oscar Brodsky  
Aletha Rappaport  
Burton Zitkin

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## February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Kadima ice skaing <i>Mishpatim</i>
3 Living Torah	4	5 Rosh Chodesh	6 Rosh Chodesh	7 Israeli Film	8	9 MOUSY Israeli food cook-off <i>Terumah</i>
10 Yom Rishon	11	12 Board of Directors	13	14	15	16 Hakarat Hatov Merchav HaLev Meditation <i>Tetzaveh</i>
17 Kolot Kehilla	18	19	20	21	22 Berries & Jammies  Pottluck dinner	23 Parasha Study  <i>Ki Tisa</i>
24 Living Torah Studio Sinai	25	26	27	28 Talmud Class Series Begins		

# March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
					1	2 Vayakhel Shabbat Shekalim	
3	4	5	6	7 Rosh Chodesh	8 Scientists and Synagogues Youth Shabbaton Rosh Chodesh	9 Shabbat Z'mirot Pekude	
10 Yom Rishon	11	12 Board of Directors	13	14 Israeli Film	15 Berries & Jammies	16 Vayikra Shabbat Zachor	
17 Community Purim Carnival (BIC)	18	19	20 Megilla Reading & Purim Festivities	21 Purim	22	23 No Talmud Torah Parasha Study Tzav	
24 Living Torah	25	No Talmud Torah this week --->				29	30 Shabbat Z'mirot Shmini Shabbat Parah
31 Studio Sinai							

# April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Caleb Ellenberg Bar Mitzvah Tazria Rosh Chodesh
	MOUSY HAMETZ DRIVE April 1-11 -->					
7 Living Torah Yom Rishon	8	9 Board of Directors	10	11	12 Potluck dinner WoW speaker	13 Hakarat Hatov Metzora Shabbat Hagadol
14	15	16	17	18	19 Siyyum chametz burn	20 No Talmud Torah <b>PASSOVER</b> First Seder Second Seder
21	22	23	24	25	26 Office Closed	27 Yizkor
<b>PASSOVER --&gt;</b>		No Talmud Torah this week --->				
			20s/30s meetup with R' Forester			Passover ends
28 Living Torah	29	30				

## Yahrzeits

**25 Nisan / April 30**  
Dora Levin  
Hannah Malamud  
William Onheiber



*Beth Israel Center maintains a database of Yahrzeit observances for its members. The people listed on the sides of these pages died on these dates in years past.*

*If you would like to observe the anniversary of a loved one's passing 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.*

*Our Yahrzeit records are only as accurate as the information provided by the people who know the stories of those listed on these pages. If you have additional information or any questions, please contact the office at (608) 256-7763 or office@bethisraelcenter.org.*

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## February ~ March ~ April Schedule

Date	Parasha	Candle Lighting	Shabbat Services
February 1/2	Mishpatim	Candles 4:52p	Fridays 5:45pm  Saturdays 9:15am <hr/>
February 8/9	Terumah	Candles 5:01p	
February 15/16	Tetzaveh	Candles 5:11p	
February 22/23	Ki Tisa	Candles 5:20p	
March 1/2	Vayakhel	Candles 5:29p	<b>Weekday Services</b>  Sunday mornings 8:15am  Monday & Thursday mornings 7:00am  Weekday evenings 5:30pm  <hr/> Please call ahead to ensure a minyan. Other morning services may be organized by request.
March 8/9	Pekudei	Candles 5:37p	
March 15/1	Vayikra	Candles 6:46p	
March 22/2	Tzav	Candles 6:54p	
March 29/30	Shmini	Candles 7:02p	
April 5/6	Tazria	Candles 7:10p	
April 12/13	Metzora	Candles 7:19p	
April 19	Pesach	Candles 7:27p	
April 20	Pesach	Candles 8:36p	
April 25	Pesach	Candles 7:34p	
April 26	Pesach	Candles 7:35p	