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10th Annual Lag B'Omer BBQ 5:45pm Thursday, May 3

Come enjoy freshly grilled hot dogs and hamburgers, plus live music by Mideast Salsa. FREE!!! No reservations necessary.
Thanks to the BIC Board of Directors for sponsoring this annual party.

Kibud Limudim ~ Saturday morning, May 12

Celebrate our community of learners during Shabbat morning services and with a special Kiddush afterwards.

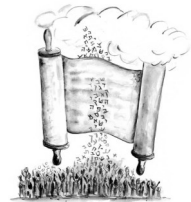
We will congratulate our Talmud Torah students reaching milestones in their Jewish education -- those completing 2nd, 5th and 7th grades -- as well as participants in our adult education programs.

We will also honor our *madrachim* (Shabbat morning assistants).

Come pay tribute to the teachers and students in all of these programs.

Tikkun Leil Shavuot ~ Saturday night, May 19

Join area rabbis and other teachers from across Madison's Jewish community for a traditional Tikkun Leil Shavuot - an evening of learning, beginning at 7:00pm and continuing well past midnight. This year's theme is *Revelation*.



Summer Shabbat Potlucks in Hoyt Park

Mark your calendars and welcome Shabbat with your Beth Israel Center friends in the great outdoors on these Fridays this summer:

June 15, July 20, August 10

Rabbi Betsy Forester will be in town for all three summer potlucks. Help welcome her to our community.

Services begin at 5:45pm and all are welcome to stay for dinner. Bring friends and kosher-dairy food or drink to share. Paper plates and plastic cutlery provided. Hoyt Park is on Regent Street, about 1 mile west of West High School.

Farewell Kiddush for Reb Sami

Rabbi Sami Barth's last Shabbat at Beth Israel Center in his role as interim rabbi will be Saturday, June 23. In honor of all we have celebrated and learned together this year, please join us in shul and stay for a special Kiddush. Services begin at 9:30am.

Anyone able and inclined to do so is welcome to make financial contributions toward this Kiddush, which will be sponsored by the community in R' Sami's honor. Simply contact the office and let us know what you'd like to do.



Thoughts from the Rabbi...

Celebrate Torah and Shavuot

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Next Centerite Deadline:

July 9, 2018

In the kiddush, and in all the traditional services of Shavuot, we speak of “*chag haShavuot hazeh, z’man mattan Torateinu*” (This Festival of Shavuot, season of the giving of our Torah). There



is a subtle yet subversive element to this description of the day: the parallels for Pesah and Sukkot speak of the “season of our liberation” and the “season of our rejoicing,”

each of which can reasonably be derived from biblical sources; however, there is no biblical source that associates Shavuot with the giving of the Torah at Sinai. In the Torah, Shavuot is called *chag haKatsir* in association with the harvest.

There are substantial midrashic efforts to fix the date of the Revelation at Sinai at precisely 49 days after the Exodus—that is, on Shavuot.

Following the destruction of the Temple, Shavuot presented the greatest challenge of the Three Pilgrimage Festivals (*regalim*). Pesah would retain a universal significance, with the seder growing to become one of the most beloved and universally observed of Jewish rituals. The sukkah similarly can be built anywhere in the world, but the harvest offerings associated with Shavuot could not be perpetuated without the Temple. So the “reconstruction” or reinvention of Shavuot as a celebration of Revelation must be seen as an act of inspired genius by our Rabbis many centuries ago. Our tradition has guided the focus of the day away from the harvest, and over a period of centuries, has built Shavuot into a celebration of Torah.

The musical leitmotif for Shavuot is the melody used for chanting a complex Aramaic poem, *Akdmut*. Interestingly, this same melody is used for the special

formula used for calling the Hatan/Kallat Torah for the special aliyah that concludes the reading of the Torah on Simchat Torah. This curious musical midrash connecting Shavuot and Simhat Torah invites us to celebrate Torah in Revelation and recitation. As we chant in *Akdmut*, “even if the sky were parchment and the oceans filled with ink ... the story of God’s glory would not be complete ... and yet we rejoice that God blessed us and Revealed to us the Torah.”

A famous Midrash teaches that the entire community of Israel overslept on the morning of the Revelation at Sinai - and so the custom arose of staying awake ALL NIGHT, so as not to miss the following morning, and was greatly developed in medieval Kabbalistic circles as the Tikkun Leil Shavuot. Let us welcome together with the wider Madison Jewish community the anniversary of Revelation, with an evening (and maybe, just maybe an entire night) of study, reflection, poetry, music, song, and meditation on the theme of Revelation, starting Saturday, May 19 at 7:00.

I look forward to sharing the experience with our friends from sister Madison congregations, from Hillel and Federation. What better occasion to gather the communities together than the anniversary of Sinai, when the entire Jewish people gathered, with hopes and dreams, at the foot of the mountain and heard the ineffable and eternal voice of the Divine

A natural part of the interim role is to transfer rabbinic leadership to the newly appointed rabbi of the shul. I greatly look forward to hearing of the growth and success of this community with Rabbi Betsy Forester.

Rabbi Sami Barth

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President's Column

Traditions Old and New

Beth Israel Center has long balanced tradition with innovation. We are egalitarian, and read the entire parshah each week. Participation in our services and rituals are open to all regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation, and we have (an absolutely beautiful) mikveh. And so it is with our more recently established traditions as well. We celebrate what we've done in the past, while finding ways to innovate and keep our observances and practices fresh and exciting.

The ancient holiday of Lag B'Omer, marking the day slightly more than halfway between Pesach and Shavuot, has deep roots in Jewish mysticism, and is traditionally celebrated outdoors as a community, where we enjoy each other's company around a fire and find joy in the miracles of the natural world. This will be our tenth year marking the occasion as a congregation with our Lag B'Omer picnic on Thursday 3 May, grilling burgers and hot dogs at the shul in spirited and spiritual revelry. Rabbi Joshua Ben-Gideon established this particular BIC tradition, so come join us in carrying on his legacy in new and exciting ways.

A little more than two weeks later, on Saturday 19 May, we'll honor another tradition with roots in Jewish mysticism when we gather for our Tikkun Leil Shavuot. This year will mark nine years since Rabbi Rebecca Ben-Gideon expanded our tradition of studying late into the night on Erev Shavuot to include scholars from around the community. This year, Reb Sami will take us well beyond midnight as we seek a deeper understanding of Revelation. We are excited this year to partner with Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, Temple Beth El, Jewish Federation of Madison and UW Hillel; the evening will be anchored by a joint teaching and presentation from Reb Sami, Rabbi Laurie Zimmerman and Rabbi Jonathan Biatch.

It seems like only yesterday that we were welcoming Reb Sami to Madison and the BIC community, yet nearly a year has passed and soon he will be moving on to

touch another kahal with his warmth and wisdom. We have been truly blessed to have Reb Sami as our teacher, mentor, pastor and friend this year. We will miss him, and wish him all and only good things in his new position next year.

As we prepare to bid a heartfelt farewell to Reb Sami, we look forward to continuing some of the myriad traditions that he has helped establish in our community over the past year.



Though we will be sad when Reb Sami departs, we are thrilled to welcome Rabbi Betsy Forester to our community to help us continue our old traditions and establish new ones as well. Rabbi Forester is moving to Madison in June, and will officially start on 1 July, but she has already been working with elected leadership and staff to ensure a smooth transition this summer so that our community continues to thrive, nurturing our deep roots and new growth for the future.

Part of our approach to laying a strong foundation for our future with Rabbi Forester is a plan to invite each member of the congregation to spend time with her over a meal, bike ride, study session, ice cream outing, or other small-group gathering. Please watch for your invitation in the coming year. If you would like to host a meal or organize an outing, please contact Elissa Pollack via email (elissa@bethisraelcenter.org) or phone (608-256-7763), as she will be working with a small committee to arrange and schedule these gatherings and to ensure that each member receives an invitation. As we get to know each other, we look forward to building traditions together as a community.

Matt Banks

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Weekday Minyan

To assure a weekday minyan, contact the office, (608) 256-7763

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Sunday mornings
8:15am

Monday & Thursday
mornings
7:00am

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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

My First Trip to Israel

As many of you know, I traveled to Israel for the first time in February. I went with NAASE, the North American



Association of Synagogue Executives. Our association name in Hebrew means "we will do," as in *na'aseh v'nishma*, we will do and we will understand.

As a group, we're doers. We organize things, we make sure they happen. On time, on budget. Many of us don't generally take a lot of time to reflect. Or just let things be special because they're special.

Leading up to the trip, people who had been to Israel before and learned I was going for the first time were really excited for me. Their excitement seemed unique to a first trip to Israel. My sendoff *mishaberach*, with R' Sami's signature flourish, enhanced my sense that I would experience something new and special.

Our conference began in Tel Aviv. Upon arrival, I appreciated the view of the Mediterranean from my hotel room. I put on sandals and walked to Old Jaffa. I noticed the sound of the waves mingled with traffic in this modern, coastal city. It was interesting, but not surprising.

We visited the Agam Museum in Rishon LeTsiyon, the indoor playground in Sderot, designed so that children can be in a bomb shelter within 15 seconds; and the home of Tsameret Zamir, a ceramic artist in Moshav Netiv HaAsara (near Gaza). We participated in her ongoing peace-themed art project on the border wall. These four stops were meaningful and interesting. Perhaps even a little surprising.

On day three, we drove to Jerusalem. Even in the dark, arriving in Jerusalem had a gravitas to it that I did not expect to feel. Our bus stopped at an overlook, and we piled out. We could see the Dome of the Rock and other landmarks. We had a group *lechayim* and said *Shehechyanu*.

Taking that pause, saying that blessing -- those acts may have enhanced what made the moment feel special. But there was something else there, and I can't tell you what it was.

What I can describe is my new appreciation for the influence of North American Jews on Israel.

Our opening speaker, Yizar Hess, the director of the Masorti Movement, cited statistics about the growth of liberal Judaism in Israel. He described the frustrations of Masorti and Reform Jews who want to marry or have their conversions recognized or their wine granted a *hecksher*. He said a lot of interesting things, but what really struck me was his comparison of his own bar mitzvah (a boring, rote affair) to what he saw and felt on his first Shabbat in America, as a young *shaliach*. He went to a Conservative shul in Phoenix, where there was a bat mitzvah, and he saw and felt a joy, a family connection, a truly spiritual moment that was completely foreign to him.

Later in the week, we heard from Devora Greenberg, who also works for the Masorti Movement and also discovered a kind of Judaism she didn't know existed when she came to America after her army service and spent time at Camp Ramah.

Our wrap-up speaker, Rabba Chaya Rowan Baker, an Israeli born rabbi, told stories of the Masorti shul she's been leading for 10 years. It was founded 40 years ago by Americans who made *aliyah* and wanted to create in Israel what they left in America.

All three found something in North America that they are now working hard, and against some fundamental, even fundamentalist obstacles, to cultivate in Israel. That's something I can understand better having been there.

Thank you for making my first trip to Israel possible.

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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
- Outdoor furniture

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

Israel From Another Angle

In mid-February you gave me the opportunity to recharge my batteries at the 66th annual Jewish Educators Assembly conference in Israel. Israel presented a unique tableau from which to gain a better understanding of what Israelis face in their everyday lives, the remarkable accomplishments and technological achievements of the modern state and a look back at history – all presented through the lens of how we can take the experience home with us and present an honest picture of the modern state while imbuing a love of Israel.

We spent our first four days in Be'er Sheva, the capital of the Negev. Highlights for me were a scene-setting lecture by author Professor Gil Troy, a lot of rain (in the desert!), and a visit to "Abraham's Well". Our 3rd day was hosted by the Jewish National Fund and we visited some of the incredible projects that JNF has undertaken in the south. First was the Indoor Children's Playground in Sderot. This remarkable play space allows children to be children with easy and direct access to safe bomb shelters within the building. The afternoon took us to Aleh Negev, a remarkable rehabilitation village that draws visitors from around the world to learn from their model. Next stop was Wadi Atir in the Bedouin Village of Hura in which we saw a sustainable farm that is based on ecology, technology and sustainable energy. Final stop was the Be'er Sheva River Park, currently under construction. Here we honored our colleague who died just before our trip with an emotional tree planting ceremony. Day four began with Rosh Chodesh services at the Masorti synagogue in Be'er Sheva. From there we continued to the Ramon Crater for a breathtaking view. After lunch we toured the Ramon Visitor's Center, which has been dedicated to and tells the story of Ilan Ramon, the Israeli astronaut who died on the space shuttle Columbia. This experience was quite different from 27 years ago, and was a terrific addition to the natural beauty of the area. For dinner

we visited the development town of Yerucham and were hosted in the home of one of the residents. The women of Yerucham have turned their cooking skills into a unique catering business, hosting visitors in their homes, sharing their culture and telling their personal stories.



Friday we headed to Jerusalem for Shabbat. First we stopped at Israel's 9/11 memorial in the forest just outside of Jerusalem. Israel is the only country in the world that has a memorial listing all of the names of those who perished. We shared stories of people we knew and then recited kaddish for all.

There is nothing like Shabbat in Jerusalem. I went with one of our groups to Kabbalat Shabbat at Shira Hadasha, then to our hotel for dinner, where we hosted David Breakstone, the Deputy Director of the Jewish Agency for Israel. David spoke after dinner about the challenges of religious pluralism in Israel, particularly as it relates to the non-Orthodox branches. On Shabbat morning I walked to the Kotel, visiting the egalitarian Robinson's Arch area for the first time, which moved me greatly. After lunch, I enjoyed a walking tour of our neighborhood, learning the fascinating stories of some of the historical homes and their residents.

Our annual conference provides an opportunity for professional growth, exploration of new trends and ideas and acquisition of concrete programs and materials to bring home. Our travels in Israel, in particular, re-invigorated us and sent us home with renewed passion and enthusiasm to share experiences with our communities.

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Gifts for First-Time Overnight Campers

If you are sending a child to Jewish overnight camp for the first time this summer, let us know! We have a small gift for them to take to camp.



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.

Our last Yom Rishon gathering of 5778 is May 6, 10:00-11:15am.

Bring friends!

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



Meet Your Leadership

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.

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.



Josh Minkoff, Member-At-Large

When did you join the congregation and why? My wife, Kaylee, and I officially joined in June 2016, after a period of learning and studying together in preparation for Kaylee's Beit Din. However, I am a fourth generation Madison Minkoff, and my family has been members of Beth Israel since its inception. Beth Israel feels like home, and *Baruch HaShem* it will be for many years!

Tell us a little bit about yourself...your family, work, and connections to Beth Israel Center. Kaylee and I currently live on Monona Bay and

we recently bought a house in the Hill Farms neighborhood. We will be moving as soon as we complete our remodeling! As we are each the youngest of four siblings from Madison West High families, we are constantly surrounded by our ever-expanding family. We especially enjoy spending time with our niece and five nephews, and we are spoiled as starting this summer all but one sibling will live in Madison. I enjoy playing team sports, particularly basketball, softball, and football. I've been expanding my interests to include volleyball, golf and tennis. Fortunately, Kaylee shares my enthusiasm for team sports and we play on several co-ed teams together, including the Matzoh Balls, organized by Jewish Federation of Madison.

After earning my undergrad and master's degrees in accounting and finance from the University of Minnesota in the Twin Cities, I came back home to Madison in 2014 to complete my Certified Public Accountant license before jumping into our family business, General Beverage. As a staff accountant for GB, I have been learning, working, calculating, and eating lunch with my dad for about two and half years. I am surrounded by family at work — my father, three brothers, (Ben, Michael and Ari) and two cousins (Sasha and Dan). Growing up in Madison at Beth Israel Center, I've experienced synagogue life from a variety of perspectives. I attended Talmud Torah, became a Bar Mitzvah with Deb Hoffman as my expert tutor, and attended Midrasha Hebrew High School. Almost every High Holiday and regular Shabbat service I've ever attended has been at Beth Israel Center. I also studied at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem for a semester in college, and I travel to Israel annually. I spent summers at Camp Shalom and at Habonim Camp Tavor in Three Rivers, Michigan. I feel deeply connected to Jewish community at home and across the world.

More recently, I was honored to serve on the Rabbi Search Committee. I met impressive congregants, learned how the synagogue functions, and listened as our members shared what is most important to them in selecting a Rabbi. This process clarified who we are as a synagogue community and what our congregational values are. It was a great learning experience for me, and I am happy that so many in our congregation were so involved with the process.

When asked to join the Board of Directors... I was honored and a bit surprised. Surely the Board would prefer someone with more life and professional experience to help make decisions about our congregation's direction. However, I realized maybe I could add value to our Board. As a younger, lifelong member who has spent most of my life in Madison, I bring valuable perspective to the table. I recognized that I don't need to

have all of the answers already in order to serve. I can be involved and engaged and do my best to help make Beth Israel a better place. If the Board was asking me to serve, I felt a responsibility to step up and accept the offer – *Hineini!*

What do you hope to accomplish as a Board member? I look forward to meeting new people and developing meaningful relationships within our congregation. I expect to learn and grow spiritually as an adult and new family at Beth Israel. I want to be part of welcoming new young families and to represent a younger voice. Being on the Board is a great opportunity for me to learn more about how important decisions are made. I want Beth Israel Center to continue being a warm and welcoming Jewish communal home in Madison. I hope my participation on the Board helps contribute to this ideal.

Name one thing that may surprise people about you. I refused to eat eggs until the age of 18. I am sensitive to certain smells, so when an egg was cracked in my house, I would leave.

Ziva Wear, Youth Committee Chair

When did you join the congregation and why? I was born into the congregation. My grandfather, William Frank, was one of the founding members of Beth Israel and marched with the Torah scrolls from Agudas Achim or Adas Jeshurun (my grandmother went to one and my grandfather went to the other) to Beth Israel in 1949.



Tell us a little bit about yourself...your family, work, and connections to Beth Israel Center. My husband, Jim, and I live on West Lawn Avenue, three houses from the one my father's sister and brother-in-law (Francis and Frank Mann) lived in for 50 years. My parents, Lois and Al Frank, are also members of Beth Israel and live at Capital Lakes retirement community. We have two sons, Peter and Daniel, who attended Talmud Torah and Midrasha. Peter lives in San Diego with our new daughter-in-law, Nicole, and Daniel lives in Chicago. I am an engineering project manager at Orascoptic where we design medical grade loupes and lights for dental professionals. I enjoy traveling, knitting, golfing and attending APT plays. At BIC, I enjoy both Friday night and Saturday morning Shabbat services because I like the singing and community feeling. I also enjoy coordinating the Supper Quiz, which is a wonderful community party and fundraiser that gets more popular every year. Along with Jim Wear, David Baum and Ruth Litovsky, I have brought the Supper Quiz to Beth Israel seven times. Also, I was on the board as a member at large in 2005-06, and I was the chair of the personnel committee from 2006 to 2009. I also volunteer in the kitchen regularly.

What exemplifies the ethos or values of Beth Israel Center for you? I think that the kindness list and the warmth that pours from the congregation in difficult times really exemplifies our best selves. It is often nearly impossible to get on the schedule to provide a meal for a congregant in need because people sign up to help so incredibly quickly.

When asked to join the Board of Directors, why did you say yes again? After taking a break from being a Board member, I felt ready to get off the sidelines to help make decisions and set policy again.

What do you hope to accomplish as a Board member? I want to continue building a community where strangers feel welcomed when they walk into Beth Israel. I want the members of Beth Israel to feel the warmth and the best parts of our Jewish family.

Name one thing that may surprise people about you. I lived in France during my 20s and had my first son, Peter, in a Swiss hospital.

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By Word of Mouse

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Dedicated MOUSY volunteers served up a multiple course dinner at the Supper Quiz on Saturday night, January 13. Appreciation to mice extraordinaire: Ellie Becker, Maya Becker, Mia Kurzer, Debbie Rudin, Eliya Syvertsen, Miriam Syvertsen, and Moira Wilson.



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:

May 6
June 3

SAT registration info:
866-756-7346.

Spring 2018 ACT Date:

June 10

ACT Registration info:
319-337-1270.



On Saturday night, February 17, MOUSY and Kadima got together for our joint **Movie Night**—two youth groups, one movie, infinite fun! Sixteen teenagers got into the “Shavuah tov” groove with Havdalah, watched the most recent “*Beauty and the Beast*” film, and enjoyed a late night of mixing, mingling, and hanging out while noshing on salty and sweet snacks.

MOUSY hopes you enjoyed your copy of “*Esther’s Story*”, from the MOUSY Purim Book Sale. We always appreciate your generous support!

MOUSY wishes to thank all of our Beth Israel Center members who contributed to our second annual **Hametz Food Drive** from Sunday, March 11 through Sunday, March 29. We delivered all of your leavened foods to the Goodman East Side Community Center. Kol HaKavod!

MOUSY gathered for a special **Israeli Cooking with Israeli Shlichim**, Shlomit and Tal, on Saturday night March 10 at the home of Moira and Rhiannon Wilson. After Havdalah, eleven chefs made shakshuka and pita bread from scratch, played “Kahoot”, a digital Q&A game about Israeli foods using their phones, and ended the night eating their culinary creations. (Photo below.) Rav todot to the Nagus/Wilson family.



B'tayavon to Lily Matthews-Needelman, Jack Austin, Tal Sheffer, Moira Wilson, Rowan Cody, Rhiannon Wilson, Maya Becker, Ellie Becker, Shlomit Ezer, Debbie Rudin, Amelia Newman, and Micah Copelovitch.



Rowan Cody, Sophie Hadley, Maya Desai, Rhiannon Wilson, Ellie Becker, Moira Wilson, Maya Becker, Mia Kurzer, Leila Loeb, and Miriam Syvertsen get warm and fuzzy with 21 fleece blankets at MOUSY's annual social action event. Fleece blankets were donated to Emerson Elementary School and The Road Home.

MOUSY is proud that Debbie Rudin and Mia Kurzer represented our Madison USY chapter at the CHUSY Region Kinnus Convention in April in Palatine, Illinois, along with Jewish high schoolers from around the Chicago and Wisconsin area. We look forward to hearing about their Shabbaton experience.

*****KADIMA***KADIMA***KADIMA*****

Just as the ice was melting outside, a handful of Kadimaniks went inside on Saturday night, March 3, to find ice as they balanced or zoomed around the UW Shell indoor rink for some slippery fun. Everyone then trekked back to BIC to hang out in the youth lounge with snacks, hot cocoa, and a competitive game of Jewish Edition: Apples to Apples. Good times were had by all at our *Kadima On Ice* event.

On Sunday afternoon, April 15, teenagers played bowling, billiards, and virtual basketball in The Sett Recreation at Union South for the *Kadima Play Date*.



Micah Copelovitch, Lily Matthews-Needelman, Ezra Matthews-Needelman, Caleb Ellenberg, and Ari Bleherth making strikes, spares, and gutter balls with friends at Union South.

UPCOMING MOUSY EVENTS

Sunday, May 6
MOUSY Nominations/ Elections



MOUSY wishes to thank all of our Beth Israel Center members who contributed to our second annual pre-Pesach *Hametz Food Drive*. We delivered all of your leavened foods to the Goodman East Side Community Center. Kol HaKavod!

Yahrzeits

16 Iyar / May 1

Louis Friedman

17 Iyar / May 2

Miriam "Mickey" Pressman
Moshe Stein

18 Iyar / May 3

Levi DeLevie
Hiram Mendow

19 Iyar / May 4

Oscar Rapkin
Harry Shapiro
Ida Sweet

20 Iyar / May 5

Betty Orman-Joseph

21 Iyar / May 6

Mary Richman
William Shovers

22 Iyar / May 7

Joy Kurzer
Charles Lipstein
Sam Paley
Sam Sinykin
Evelyn Sweet

23 Iyar / May 8

Sheldon Bernstein
Harry Gerson
Fruma Mintz
Bessie Paskin
Dave Sweet

25 Iyar / May 10

Roslyn Hoffert
Jacob Schmidman
Joseph Schwartz
Rachel Schwartz
Herman Sweet

26 Iyar / May 11

Fannie Borsuk
Anna Katz
Rose Schwartz
Henry Slater
Gordon Sweet

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Social Action Updates

Interfaith Outreach: A Unique Passover Seder

By Sally Jones, Social Action Committee Co-Chair

On Sunday, March 25, Rabbi Barth and members of BIC joined with Reverend Everett Mitchell and members of his Christ The Solid Rock Church for an abbreviated seder at the church, one designed to introduce its mostly African-



American members to our reliving of the Jewish freedom story, so strongly linked to their own traditions of struggle, survival and yearning for freedom.

This model seder grew out of a personal link between the two congregations. Leanne Puglielli is both a longtime, active member of CTSRC and a friend of longtime, active BIC member Judy Pierotti. Having heard Rev. Mitchell repeatedly stress the story of the Hebrews' bondage in

Egypt, and having attended a seder hosted by Judy, Leanne encouraged Rev. Mitchell to enrich his church's identification with the Jewish past by showing its members the Jewish tradition of recalling that past. Once Leanne and Rev. Mitchell requested BIC's help, Judy and Rabbi Barth quickly agreed; much planning, recruiting and cooking followed, to produce the March 25 event.

CTSRC members greeted their BIC visitors with a very engaging combination of enthusiasm, gratitude and good humor (even though by the time we arrived they had already—this being a Sunday--spent many hours in church). Rabbi Barth led the seder, beginning with an assurance that the Passover seder invites energetic participation rather than dignified order, so that questions and side discussions can go on at any time. And they did! BIC members sat dispersed among the church members and we found ourselves explaining, elaborating, answering questions, offering our own stories, laughing and enjoying with our curious and receptive neighbors. Haroset, I believe, scored a hit with just about everyone from the church. Gefilte fish, not so much. The high point of the evening (to my mind, at least) came with the singing of *Go Down, Moses*, with the lead taken by Mary Henderson of CTSRC and the choruses sung by all of us together.

For making this event happen, thanks go to Rabbi Barth, to Leanne Puglielli and to Judy Pierotti and her team: Livia Asher, Hannah Bernard-Donals, Andrea Dearlove, Leslie Fields, Sally Jones, Judith Kornblatt, Jeff Lindholm, Bilha Mirkin, Kris Rasmussen, Russ Shafer-Landau, Sue Shafer-Landau, Bob Skloot, Merle Sternberg, and Jerry Sternberg.

More photos and a video of *Go Down, Moses* are on our Facebook page and website.



Yahrzeits

27 Iyar / May 12

Mae Azen
Robert Donals

28 Iyar / May 13

Paul Fram
Isidor Frankel
Alfred Regenstein
Robert Thomadsen
Tena Wasserstrom

29 Iyar / May 14

Rose Druch
Daniel Hill
Frieda Weinstein

1 Sivan / May 15

Sophie Figler
William Schuckit
Emanuel Simon
Solomon Swack

2 Sivan / May 16

Steven Kopelberg
Abraham Peturs
Hilda Pover
Meyer Sweet
Ralph Weisbard

3 Sivan / May 17

Laura L. Gladstein
Sol Jacobson
Kurt Jasen
Samuel Moskowsky
Hyman Mullin
Meril Stein
Rosa Sweet
Anne Sweet
Henry Yaskal

4 Sivan / May 18

W. Feldman
Honey Korshak
Sarah Kress

5 Sivan / May 19

Baileh Paley
Alex Seltzer

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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 refugee resettlement program spearheaded by Jewish Social Services of Madison. We have recently formed a Community Action Refugee Arrival (CARA) team who are have been trained to help settle a family when one arrives. Watch for opportunities to join or support the team. 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 Judy Pierotti to volunteer or for more information by emailing socialaction@bethisraelcenter.org.



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

6 Sivan / May 20

Israel Barkin
Linda Cohn
Etta Lakritz
Shirley Magness
Jennie Sinaiko
Jeannette Switzky

7 Sivan / May 21

Evelyn Jellinek

8 Sivan / May 22

Shirley Blank
George Deutsch
Lloyd Frank
Abraham Nosofsky
Ronald Rosen
Bess Stein

9 Sivan / May 23

Harry Altshuler
Mae Borisy
Asher Lazimy

10 Sivan / May 24

Sam Chudacoff
Max Goldstein
Frances Rossman
Samuel Wander
Dave Weinstein

11 Sivan / May 25

Abraham Barash
Morris Cohen
Claire Navin

12 Sivan / May 26

Emil Barth
Nathan Frank
Paula Gash
Nancy Gelman
Sylvia Kadushin

13 Sivan / May 27

Nessie Goldberg

14 Sivan / May 28

Mary Galanter
Harry Kay
Eli Mullin
William Rosenblum
Al Wechsler



Volunteer Appreciation

Shabbat Kiddush Krew: Donna Anderson, Livia Asher, David Baum, Naomi Chesler, Esther Criscuola deLaix, Ron Dolin, Hannah Bernard-Donals, Yonah Drazen, Doris Dubielzig, Joshua Gabai, Louise Goldstein, Patricia Green-Sotos, Fran Greenman, Sylvia Grunes, Roz Gusinow, Jen Hadley, Cynthia Hirsch, Elise Hohol, Raimund Huber, Bobbie & Steve Jellinek, Kathi Johnson Rock, Erica Kesin Richmond, Steve Kessler, Kazu Kitano, Lorna Kniaz, Clara Lazimy, Jessie Loeb, Jeff & Sara Mandell, Laurel Mark, Sarah & Zach Masa-Myers, Kara McCarty, Adam & Aphra Mednick, Kathy Miner, Bilha Mirkin, Laurie Nagus, Janis Noonan, Marina Orio, Judy Pierotti, Tziporah Quick, Michael Rock, Kevin Shelley, Ross Shenker, Dan Sidney, Bob Skloot, Merle Sternberg, Bruce Thomadsen, Regina Vidaver, Phyllis Wainger, Ziva Wear, Paul Wilson, Max Zimon

Shabbat Greeters: Bennett Berson, Judith Burstyn, Marsha Cohen, Ankur Desai, Emily Desai, Cher Diamond, Ron Diamond, Yonah Drazen, Bob Factor, Anna Heifetz, Cynthia Hirsch, David Hoffert, Jordy Loeb, Laurie Nagus, Janis Noonan, Mike Pressman, Barry Rich, Fran Schrag, Sally Schrag, Jim Wear

Community Purim Carnival Carnies: Ellie Becker, Maya Becker, Kazu Kitano, Lorna Kniaz, Mia Kurzer, Debbie Rudin, Ben Weismer, Moira Wilson, Rhiannon Wilson

Purim Dinner Crew: David Balkansky, Cher Diamond, Ron Diamond, Josh Gabai, Josh Garoon, Adam Mednick, Don and Kathy Miner, Mike Pressman, Jerry Sternberg

Wait, Wait...The Whole Megillah Purim Spiel Players: Ron Diamond, Josh Gabai, Jen Hadley, Herb Lewis, Bob Skloot, Bruce Thomadsen, Rabbi Paula Winnig

Kolot Kehilla: Adrienne Borisy-Gross, Roz Gusinow, Kazu Kitano, Renata Laxova, Barry Rich, Sally Schrag, Fran Schrag

Kugel-Cooking Crew: Emily Desai, Laurie Nagus, Kris Rasmussen, Ziva Wear

Laundry Angels: Donna Anderson, Livia Asher, Hannah Bernard-Donals, Becky and Bennett Berson, Emily Desai, Leslie Fields, Ashley Gordon, Patricia Green-Sotos, Cynthia Hirsch, Erica Kesin Richmond, Kazu Kitano, Jeff Lindholm, Laurel Mark, Kara McCarty, Laurie Nagus, Kris Rasmussen, Kevin Shelley, Karen Shevet Dinah, Anna Syvertsen

Shabbat Morning Madrichot: Gaby Baum, Mirra Blehert, Leila Loeb, Amira Pierotti, Lily Matthews-Needelman, Josephine Sidney, Rhiannon Wilson

MOUSY Shabbat Schmooze Host Family: Ziva and Jim Wear

COMING SOON: Hakarot Hatov

The BIC Board of Directors recently approved a proposal from our Membership Committee to implement an ongoing volunteer recognition program, Hakarot Hatov. This Hebrew phrase means *recognizing the good*.

Initial plans include honoring and thanking 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. Donations in honor of the individuals being recognized and their contributions to our shul are of course welcome, but this is first and foremost about showing gratitude.

Please contact Membership Committee Chair Emily Desai with questions. She can be reached at membership@bethisraelcenter.org.



Simchas & Announcements

- Livia Asher on the birth of her granddaughter, Mira Gabrielle, and to Mira's parents, Joshua and Sarina Asher
- David and Aleeza Hoffert on the birth of their son, Corben "Cory" Bartell Hoffert
- Samantha Katch and Jason Geneman on the birth of their daughter, Sophie, and to Sophie's grandparents Carol and Harry Katch and her aunts Ally, Brenna and Mackenzie
- Peter Wear, son of Jim and Ziva Wear and grandson of Al and Lois Frank, on his marriage to Nicole Brimmer, daughter of Margott Thorne and Allen Brimmer (z"l)



Condolences to the families of...

- Ronald Hoffmaster, father of Cheri (Gary) Keen
- Natalie Borenstein, mother of Steven (Sandy) Borenstein and Neil (Sue) Borenstein, grandmother of Daniel, Allie, Jacob and Ben
- Harvey Johnson, father of Kathi (Michael) Johnson Rock
- Jean Goldman, mother of Irwin (Leora Saposnik) Goldman, grandmother of Eliav and Aviv Goldman
- Jerry Kaplan, brother of Leonard (Martha) Kaplan, uncle of Jonathan and Sarah Kaplan
- Regina Jacob, mother of Gail Jacob (Henry Steinberger) and Max Jacob, grandmother of Sophie Steinberger



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 or call (608) 256-7763 for information. We're also happy to discuss sponsorship opportunities.

Appreciation for recent and upcoming Kiddush sponsorships:

March 10 - Ariel Kaufman, Michael Kissick, and Benji, and Daniel Kaufman, Juliette Mapp, and Luca on the first yearzeit of Judith Zukerman Kaufman

March 17 – Children of Anna Heifetz in her honor

April 14 - Aleeza and David Hoffert on the occasion of their son's brit milah

May 12 – Talmud Torah in honor of Kibud Limudim, the celebration of our community of learners

May 19 – Graduates Kiddush on the graduation of our high school seniors

June 2 – Shira and Danny Goldman on the occasion of their son Kol becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Yahrzeits

15 Sivan / May 29

Herman Black
Fannie Mack
Julius Miller
Hiam Orman
Steve Rader
Claire Swartz
Sasha Temkin
Herman Temkin
Ellen Weiss Zitkin

16 Sivan / May 30

Sophie Cohen
Rudolph Rich
Julius Ruskin

17 Sivan / May 31

Ben Blachman
Bernard Mandell
Jacob Mintz
David Remis
Arthur Yaskal

18 Sivan / June 1

Haskell Friedman
David Ottenstein

19 Sivan / June 2

Israel Segal

20 Sivan / June 3

Florence Alexander
Gail Busha
Helen Machlis
Frank Marion
Harriet "Honey" Rutchick
William Sweet

21 Sivan / June 4

Pesach Bebczuk
Herb Kliebard
Gerald Kurzer
Hyman Lerner

22 Sivan / June 5

Rose Picus
Sarah Scher
Yehuda Temkin

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Yahrzeits

23 Sivan / June 6

Harry Gevirman
Anna Schwam

24 Sivan / June 7

Howard Eisenberg
Maurice Pekarsky

25 Sivan / June 8

Alex Cohen
Harry Figler
Lubey Mintz
Pearl Rutel
Ida Schuckit
Louis Schwartz

26 Sivan / June 9

Eva Lassen

27 Sivan / June 10

Esther Bloomfield
Yetta Sinagub
Frieda Stein

28 Sivan / June 11

Bessie Perlman
Riva Polyakova
Monroe Segal
John E. Wear

29 Sivan / June 12

Binyamin Fine
Eugene Greenberg
Sol Lieberman
Betty Silverman
Dorothy Saposnik Smith

30 Sivan / June 13

Barbara Bernstein
Dientia DeLevie
Fannie Perlman

1 Tamm / June 14

Richard Brauer
Belle Novick
Paul Rock

3 Tamm / June 16

Belle Epstein
Selig Iwanter

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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. 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.

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



Abraham Barash Handicap Services Fund

in memory of

Henry Weiss from Alan Weinberg & Claire Weiss
Jeannette Frank from the families of Jerome Frank and Cornelia Dixon
Arnold Luterman from Fred & Esther Brauer
Dora Schwartz from Richard Schwartz

Art Fund

in memory of

Paul Schrag and Leontine Friedman from Francis & Sally Schrag
Ruth Hill from Ghita Bessman
Bernard Kaplan from Michael Kaplan & Beverly Richey

Ben Minkoff Fund

in memory of

Jacob Popkewitz from Thomas Popkewitz & Lea Aschkenase

Beth Israel Fund for the Future

in memory of

Blanche Schwartzstein from Alan & Laurie Schwartzstein
Natalie Borenstein from Bonnie Stein Kammer, Doris Hoffman, Robert Factor
& Kris Rasmussen and Marilyn Kupferberg
Harold Blank from Judith Blank

Building Maintenance Fund

in honor of

Anna Heifetz, Cory Hoffert and the marriage of Peter Wear and Nicole Brimmer from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

in memory of

Molly Challov Goldstein, Jane England, Regina Jacob, Jerry Kaplan, Jean Goldman and Louis Battalen from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

David Temkin Camp Ramah Fund

in honor of

Herman Goldstein from Alan & Jean Lettofsky
Anna Heifetz birthday from Bonnie Stein Kammer
Anna Heifetz Bat Mitzvah from Cheryl Temkin

in memory of

Ervin Blake from Cheryl Temkin
George Shapiro from Rabbi Charles & Mrs. Krayna Feinberg
Natalie Borenstein from Rabbi Charles & Mrs. Krayna Feinberg
Morris Levin and Dora Levin from Roz Levin
David Rosenthal from Si & Billie Hellerstein



Memorial & Tribute Gifts

General Fund

in honor of

The marriage of Peter Wear & Nicole Brimmer from Si & Billie Hellerstein
Anna Heifetz Bat Mitzvah from Steve & Bobbie Jellinek
Bobby Nourani & Elaine Rosenberg from Sarah Rosenberg Brown and Rachel Lyons

in memory of

Leo & Alice Barth from Rosalie Schindel
Natalie Borenstein from Barbara Stein, Bess Borenstein, Norman & Lynda Borenstein, Michael & Kathy Borenstein, Sharon & Steven Einhorn, Bonnie & Rick Rolfs, Gay Goldstein, Marci Briskin and Marie Palis, Sandra Porter and William & Barbara Spitz
Natalie Borenstein and Harold Borenstein from Phyllis Eisenberg
Estelle Bernstein from Bradley Bernstein
Phil & Anita Kapell from Cheryl Lerner
Sol Levin from Daniel & Kathy Levin
Morris Gould and Ida Gould from David & Jamie Baker
Ronald Hoffmaster from David & Nancy Resnick
Chaim Schwartz from Dorothy Schwartz
Sarah Gevirman from Edwin Azen
Fanny Kaufman Smith from Herbert Lewis & Francie Saposnik
Arthur Mead from Jean Mead
Harvey Johnson from Jordan & Jessie Loeb
Joseph Sweet from Judith Shapiro
David Perlman from Kato Perlman
Ida Figler from Michael Figler and family
Judith Zukerman Kaufman on the first anniversary of her death from Howard & Heidi Bregman
Harry & Esther Sweet from Howard Sweet & James Warren
Harvey Johnson from Daniel & Leslie Greenspan
Eva Deutschkron from Russ & Ruth Frank

Holman/Weisbard Fund for Adult Jewish Learning

in honor of

Bruce Thomadsen's retirement from Phyllis Weisbard

in memory of

Natalie Borenstein and Jerry Kaplan from Phyllis Weisbard

Jake Heifetz Fund

in memory of

Fania Heifetz from Lawrence Heifetz, Lisa Robertson and Steve Heifetz
Esther Swartz, Harry Moss and Ida Moskowsky from Samuel Moss

Joe Temkin Education Fund

in memory of

William Onheiber and Herman Onheiber from Sam & Maria Onheiber

Martin & Serene Mazor Kiddush Fund

in honor of

Anna Heifetz birthday from Moshe & Haya Yuchtman and Yair Mazor & Bilha Mirkin

Yahrzeits

4 Tamm / June 17

Neil Grossman
Meyer Pover
Helen Rittenhouse
Bernard Schwab
Robert Smith

6 Tamm / June 19

Martha Barth
Mrs. Ben Rubin

7 Tamm / June 20

Louis Fine
Sidney Menchel

9 Tamm / June 22

Joel Epstein
Ben Jacobs
Melba Katz
Al Mocny
Frances Myers
Susan Sinaiko

10 Tamm / June 23

Louis Barkin
Louis Setlick
Benjamin Weisbrod

11 Tamm / June 24

Sophie Schuster

12 Tamm / June 25

Sam Cohn
Sedelle Diamond
Arlyne Eisenberg
Morris Kniaz
Alma Sweet
Bessie Yaskal

13 Tamm / June 26

Arthur England
Esther Kaplan

14 Tamm / June 27

Nathan Goldstone
Yetta Temkin

15 Tamm / June 28

Max Gold
Henry Levine
William Schwartz

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Yahrzeits

16 Tamm / June 29

Helen Haber
Alex Paskin
Genevieve Ruben

17 Tamm / June 30

Cecile Ehrman
Fay Maydeck

18 Tamm / July 1

Seymour Abrahamson
Harry Seeman
Sarah Zaichick

19 Tamm / July 2

Amy Azen
Lawrence Borenstein
Rosa Kammer
Samuel Tomarkin

20 Tamm / July 3

Ilse Brauer
Freda Jacobson
Molly Paster
Sam Rosenthal

21 Tamm / July 4

Max Ruskin
Vera Terry

22 Tamm / July 5

M. Jack Epstein
Alex Kaplan
Millie Kaplan
Norman Parisek
Eva Perlman
Isaac Perlman
Dinah Silverman

23 Tamm / July 6

Norton Gahr
Rae Rapkin
Ruth Schwartz

24 Tamm / July 7

Hyman Harry Minkoff
Isadore Victor
Israel Victor



Memorial & Tribute Gifts

Martin & Serene Mazor Kiddush Fund

in honor of

Carol & Harry Katch's new granddaughter and Bruce Thomadsen's retirement, Felice Rudin on election win, the marriage of Peter Wear & Nicole Brimmer, Anna Heifetz birthday and Cory Hoffert from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

in memory of

Judy Balkansky from David Balkansky
Joan Chesler from Daniel Sidney & Naomi Chesler
Caroline Sulman and Blanche Altshuler from David Sulman & Anne Altshuler
Louis Landau from Ellie Landau
Jean Goldman from Herbert Lewis & Francie Saposnik
Natalie Borenstein from Kazu Kitano
Regina Jacob, Natalie Bornstein, Jean Goldman, Ronald Hoffmaster and Harvey Johnson from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen
Howard Temin, Lillian Greenberg, Morris Greenberg and Jennie Eva Lebowitz from Rayla Temin
Rose Frank from Russ & Ruth Frank
Shoshana Goodman from Yael Lund

L'Dor v'Dor

in honor of

New grandchild of Tom Palay & Diane Gutmann from Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin

in memory of

Ella Hirschfeld, Natalie Borenstein and Harvey Johnson from Ben & Sherry Hirschfeld
Natalie Borenstein from Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin
Martin Siroky and Helena Siroky from Livia Asher
Anne Cooper from Marilyn & Stuart Cooper
Natalie Borenstein, Harold & Frieda Borenstein from Nicki Milin
Ann Slavney from Phillip Slavney and Phyllis Eisenberg
Mollie Becker from Phyllis Eisenberg
Jean Goldman from Daniel & Leslie Greenspan
Sol Levin from Roz Levin
Jean Goldman, Harvey Johnson and Natalie Borenstein from Si & Billie Hellerstein
Harvey Johnson from Sylvia Grunes

Matzoh Fund

Get Well

Leah Kessel from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

Mikvah Donations

in memory of

Natalie Borenstein from Rayla Temin

Julius Mintz Fund

in memory of

Hyman Daniels and Lena Daniels from Barbara & Gary Beyer



Memorial & Tribute Gifts

Sara Schwartz from Steven Schwartz

Rose & Morris Heifetz Welfare Fund

in honor of

The birth of Steve & Deena Borzak's grandson from Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin

Anna Heifetz from Karen Shevet Dinah, Howard & Heidi Bregman, Paul & Sherry Minkus and Roz Levin

in memory of

Joseph, Rebecca and Morris Wyman from Ida Wyman

Prayerbook Fund

in honor of

Kazu Kitano's beautiful Haftarah reading from Howard & Heidi Bregman

in memory of

Rubin Schwartzstein from Alan & Laurie Schwartzstein

David Mazur, Marvin Mazursky, Rachel Mazur & Louis Mazursky from Howard & Sally Mazur

Frieda Melnik from Sol & Corlie Blumenfeld

Helen Rosenblum from Stephen & Phyllis Wainger

Seymour Goodman from Yael Lund

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

in memory of

Regina Jacob from Bill & Jill Boissonnault

Albert Eisenberg from Leslie Eisenberg

Barnet Nathenson, Rose & Herbert Nathenson, Mary Dubrov Nathenson and Sam Cohn from Linda Freeman

Jerome Onheiber from Michael & Patrice Onheiber and Sam & Maria Onheiber

Ruth Zitowsky from Robert Zitowsky

Harry Sweet from Sam & Maria Onheiber

A.J. & Celia Rosenberg Library Fund

in memory of

Harvey Johnson from Robert Factor & Kris Rasmussen

Celia Rosenberg from Civia & Irwin Rosenberg and Lyn Rosenberg

Beatrice Sweet from Merle & Patricia Sweet

Shirley Epstein Fund

in memory of

Aaron Epstein from Dennis & Nancy Lieder

Iver & Molly Karp from Norma Klagos

Walter Novick from Ruth Ann Schumeister

Social Action Fund

In honor of

Anna Heifetz from Judy Pierotti

Judy Pierotti from Yair Mazor & Bilha Mirkin

in memory of

Jean Goldman from Robert Factor & Kris Rasmussen and Rayla Temin

Dan Pierotti from Judy Pierotti

George Skloot from Robert & Joann Skloot

Yahrzeits

25 Tamm / July 8
Ida Bradkofsky
Samuel Springberg

26 Tamm / July 9
Dora Moser
Grace Rasmussen
Hyman Schuster
Linda Tetzlaff

27 Tamm / July 10
Frumeh Frank
Fannie Stein

28 Tamm / July 11
Rachel Mullin
Louise Wear

29 Tamm / July 12
Elizabeth Berg
Sidney Bernstein
Celia Labow Holman
Sophie Levine

1 Av / July 13
Lisa Sklarin

2 Av / July 14
Tomi Deutsch
Tsviva Morgensteren

4 Av / July 16
Julius Jacobs
Myer Nathenson
Harry Rosen

5 Av / July 17
Anna Blumenfeld
Ed Dubrow
Rose Greenfield
Florence Landes
Naomi Rich
Norman Zaichick

6 Av / July 18
Ethel Goldstein
Fanny Nosofsky
Helen Ryan
Benjamin Weinstein

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Yahrzeits

7 Av / July 19

Rachel Hayman Cohen
Ethel Lipstein
Harry Usdansky

8 Av / July 20

Anna Weiss Bentley
Chaim Figler
Rashe Nathenson

9 Av / July 21

Anna Altman
Samuel Kessel
Susan Knapp Lundquist
Emanuel Rosenberg
Ethel Rosenberg

10 Av / July 22

Phyllis Greenberg
Gerald Schlossberg
Sam Schwartz
Dora Sweet
Louie Wein

11 Av / July 23

Ben Berman
Maurice Parisek
Pearl Shaffer

12 Av / July 24

Reva Diamond
Celia Mullin
Mary Victor

14 Av / July 26

Chaya Altschuler
Blumeh Dubrov
Morris Heifetz
Frederic Lewis
Matthias Neuman Smith
Isadore Rubin
Lydia Sananes Lohr

15 Av / July 27

Gregory Boissonnault
Julius Cohen
Solomon Epstein
Stanford Goldman
Harry Hirschfeld
Ovsey Machlis
Morris Winer



Memorial & Tribute Gifts

Regina Jacob from Si & Billie Hellerstein

Talmud Torah Fund

Get Well

Ann Altshuler from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

in honor of

Hoffert baby's brit milah from Karen Shevet Dinah

in memory of

Phyllis Leventhal from Barry & Irene Mirkin

Jean Goldman from David & Nancy Resnick

Jerry Kaplan from Theodore & Irene Knupp

Adolf & Janet Weinshel Torah Upkeep Fund

Get Well

Anne Altshuler and Phyllis Borenstein Eisenberg from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

in honor of

Moshe Yuchtman's birthday from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

in memory of

Adolph & Janet Weinshel from Debbie Alden and Leo & Renee Weinshel

Natalie Borenstein and Harvey Johnson from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

Natalie Borenstein from Frances Mann, Herman Goldstein, Howard & Heidi Bregman and Karen Shevet Dinah

Bernard Harris from Sue Harris

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Lag BaOmer BBQ	4	5 Meditation Emor
6 SAT Yom Rishon Yiddish Cabaret	7	8 Board of Directors	9	10	11	12 Kibud Limudim Meditation Mini Retreat Behar-Bechukotai
13	14	15 Rosh Chodesh Sivan	16	17	18	19 Meditation Honor H.S. Grads Z'mirot Tikkun Leil Shavuot Bamidbar
20 Shavuot I	21 Office Closed Shavuot II	22	23	24	25	26 Torah Study Advanced Text Study Naso
27 Subversive Prayer	28 Office Closed Memorial Day	29	30	31		

June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Meditation Kol Goldman Bar Mitzvah <i>Beha'alotecha</i>
3 SAT Subversive Prayer	4	5	6	7	8	9 <i>Shelach</i>
10 Subversive Prayer	11	12 Board of Directors	13 Rosh Chodesh	14 Rosh Chodesh	15 Kabbalat Shabbat & Potluck Dinner at Hoyt Park	16 Meditation Advanced Text Study <i>Korach</i>
17 Subversive Prayer	18	19	20	21	22	23 Special Kiddush Z'mirot <i>Chukat</i>
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 <i>Balak</i>

July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Office Closed	5	6	7 <i>Pinchas</i>
8	9	10 Board of Directors	11	12	13 Rosh Chodesh	14 <i>Matot-Masei</i>
15	16	17	18	19	20 Kabbalat Shabbat & Potluck Dinner at Hoyt Park	21 <i>Devarim</i> Shabbat Chazon Erev Tisha B'av
22 Tisha B'av	23	24	25	26	27	28 <i>Va'etchanan</i> Shabbat Nachamu
29	30	31				

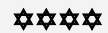
Yahrzeits

16 Av / July 28
Isidore Russ

17 Av / July 29
Nathan Borenstein
Ann Gusinow

18 Av / July 30
Shirley Epstein

19 Av / July 31
Ralph Musin
Benjamin Rothblatt
Dorothy Zukerman



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.

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May ~ June ~ July Schedule

Date	Parshat	Candle Lighting	Shabbat Services
May 4/5	Emor	Candles 7:44p	Fridays 5:45pm Saturdays 9:30am <hr style="width: 20%; margin: 10px auto;"/> Weekday Services Sunday mornings 8:15am Monday & Thursday mornings 7:00am Sunday - Thursday evenings 5:30pm <hr style="width: 20%; margin: 10px auto;"/> Please call ahead to ensure a minyan. Other morning services may be organized by request.
May 11/12	Behar-Bechukotai	Candles 7:52p	
May 18/19	Bamidbar	Candles 7:59p	
May 19	Shavuot	Candles 9:08p	
May 20	Shavuot	Candles 9:09p	
May 25/26	Nasso	Candles 8:06p	
June 1/2	Beha'alotcha	Candles 8:12p	
June 8/9	Sh'lach	Candles 8:17p	
June 15/16	Korach	Candles 8:20p	
June 22/23	Chukat	Candles 8:22p	
June 29/30	Balak	Candles 8:22p	
July 6/7	Pinchas	Candles 8:21p	
July 13/14	Matot-Masei	Candles 8:17p	
July 20/21	Devarim	Candles 8:12p	
July 27/28	Vaetchanan	Candles 8:05p	