



Upcoming Programs & Events

In this Issue...

- Pg. 2 ~ Rabbi's Column
- Pg. 3 ~ President's Column
- Pg. 4 ~ Executive Director's Column
- Pg. 5 ~ Education Director's Column
- Pg. 6 ~ Youth Program Update
- Pg. 8 ~ Social Action News
- Pg. 9 ~ Book Dedication Form
- Pg. 10 ~ Volunteer Appreciation
- Pg. 11 ~ Scientists in Synagogues Book Discussions
- Pg. 13 ~ Simchas & Announcements
- Pg. 13 ~ Condolences
- Pg. 13-17 ~ Memorial & Tribute Gifts
- Pg. 18 ~ Ride2Ramah
- Pg. 18-19 ~ Calendars

Would you like to be on our email list and receive the weekly announcements?
Email
office@bethisraelcenter.org.

1406 Mound Street
Madison, WI 53711

(608) 256-7763

www.bethisraelcenter.org

Kibud Limudim ~ Shabbat morning, May 4

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 *madrichim* (Shabbat morning assistants) and graduating high school seniors. Come pay tribute to all of our teachers and students.

11th Annual Lag B'Omer BBQ

5:45pm Thursday, May 23

Come enjoy freshly grilled hot dogs and hamburgers,
plus live music by Mideast Salsa.

FREE!!! No reservations necessary.

Thanks to the Board of Directors for sponsoring this annual cookout.

Kolot Kehilla ~ Sunday, May 26

Our Sunday morning speaker series continues with a talk by Tanya Schlam about Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT), a relatively new form of cognitive behavior therapy that has much to offer as an approach to coping with modern life. The goal of ACT is to help people increase their psychological flexibility and act in ways that match their values, despite the uncomfortable feelings this can bring up. Tanya will discuss the relevance of ACT to contemporary Jewish life and life in general. She will also discuss ways in which Judaism has informed her research and ways in which psychological research findings inform how she thinks about Judaism. Please consider a \$5 donation to offset the cost of the breakfast served prior to the talk. Free childcare will be offered if there is demand. Please contact the office to register for childcare.

Tikkun Leil Shavuot ~ Saturday night, June 8

Join area rabbis and other teachers from across Madison's Jewish community for a traditional Tikkun Leil Shavuot - an evening of learning, beginning at 7:30pm and continuing well past midnight. This year's theme will be related to our ongoing Scientists and Synagogues programming.

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 21, July 19, August 9

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 one mile west of West High School.



Thoughts from the Rabbi...

מחשבות *Makh'shavot: Where's the Rabbi? (At CPE Training)*

Beth Israel Center

Betsy Forester

Rabbi

rabbi@bethisraelcenter.org

Elissa Pollack

Executive Director

elissa@bethisraelcenter.org

Beth Copelovitch

Education Director

education@bethisraelcenter.org

Deborah Hoffman

Program & Youth Director

hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9am to 5pm

Talmud Torah days until 6pm

Friday

9am to Noon

(608) 256-7763

office@bethisraelcenter.org

FINDING YOUR WAY AT BETH ISRAEL CENTER:

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

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

If you are attending a meeting or class outside of regular office hours, contact the office with any questions about gaining access.

.....

Next Centerite Deadline:
July 8, 2019

Among the many blessings of living Jewishly, the marking of moments in time ranks among the most significant. Liberation brings responsibility for



constructing a calendar that reflects the cultural narratives, moral values, and range of dispositions that create a fully lived Jewish year.

As this Centerite reaches you, the

Jewish world is engaged in our annual ritual of “*S’firat ha’Omer*,” counting up the nights from *Pesach* to *Shavuot*.

Collectively and individually, we prepare our hearts to absorb the gift of liberation and receive Torah anew. The seven weeks of counting offer daily opportunities to contemplate our relationship with Torah.

Torah means instruction and shares a Hebrew root with the words for *parent* and *teacher*. Torah encompasses all fields of knowledge--The Pentateuch, of course; a voluminous library of rabbinic and scholarly work; and broader teachings on how we can relate to each other in wise and compassionate ways.

My rabbinic training focused on Torah accessed through books, spiritual work, and dialogue with great teachers. My experience as a Jewish educational leader and teacher, and guest officiating at life-cycle events and services provided most of my practical preparation. On the pastoral side, I came to Madison with strong instincts, wisdom, and maturity derived from living through life’s ups and downs. My understanding of people, life passages, and the helpful role religion can play have served me well over these past 10 months. Indeed, I have found my pastoral work to be one of the most meaningful and fulfilling aspects of being your Rabbi.

However, I did not learn the Torah of pastoral care through formal training. In recent years, rabbinical schools have

recognized the importance of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) in training rabbis to help people through life’s most trying and sometimes excruciating moments. CPE-trained rabbis have honed their skills so that they can hold people’s pain and suffering with presence, fortitude, and resilience, empowering them to show up to every interaction refreshed and mindful in each new moment. I was invited to become your Rabbi before having taken a CPE course, with the understanding that I would complete the course during the coming summer months. Your elected leadership and I believe that CPE is important Torah to learn. It will give me the opportunity to expand my repertoire of methodologies and build myself internally so that I can serve as a source of strength to you in the years ahead.

CPE is a full-time internship accredited through the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education (see acpe.org). From the last week in May through the end of August, I will not have regular hours at Beth Israel Center. I will be close by--at UnityPoint Health Meriter Hospital. I look forward to seeing you at services over the summer, although I will not be on duty. My email availability will also be very limited. I will, however, care for you at life cycle events and in times of crisis. As always, please contact me immediately by phone or email in those circumstances.

As they have before, our Ritual Committee will coordinate services, and our staff will continue to make sure that the synagogue runs smoothly.

I will miss seeing all of you as often as usual, and I am already looking forward to my return in late August.

Our sages teach, “The more Torah, the more life; the more study, the more wisdom; the more advice, the more understanding; the more charity, the more peace” (Avot 2:8). That is my hope and my prayer for all of us.

Rabbi Betsy Forester
Rabbi Betsy Forester
rabbi@bethisraelcenter.org



President's Column

What's Chaucer Got to Do With It?

So, here are two questions for extra credit. Who recited the beginning (in Middle English no less) of the prologue to Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* at The Band's farewell concert, The Last Waltz, and what does this have to do with us? If you don't know, you can go to the bottom of this article and see the answer to the first question. The answer to the second lies in the stirrings of Spring. In his prologue Chaucer evokes the markers of spring: April showers, sweet breezes, new plant growth, bird song. It is at this time that "than longen folk to goon on pilgrimages," an arduous and demanding journey. We, too, just as it seems Spring might finally be coming, are eagerly setting out on our own journey. Our journey's goal is not a place or a shrine but rather a new strategic plan, a tool to guide our growth and promote the vitality of our community in the coming years. For us, spring brings the beginning of something very prosaic yet bearing that same potential for renewed commitment, namely the beginning of our strategic planning effort.

As I mentioned in my last Centerite column, it has been almost ten years since we completed our last strategic plan. If one reviews it one will see that we made great strides in accomplishing the goals we laid out. And, although ten years does not seem like a long time in the life of our *kahal* (community), much can change and make the need for reassessment and planning especially timely. With the hiring of Rabbi Forester, the time is now ripe to develop a new plan, a new roadmap to guide our efforts and promote our growth.

In January this undertaking was just a thought. Since then it has begun to assume concrete form. We now have a committee and a chair. In forming the committee we strove to be as inclusive as possible in order to effectively reflect the manifold and varied interests within the *kahal*. Cynthia Hirsch has enthusiastically agreed to chair this effort. In addition to

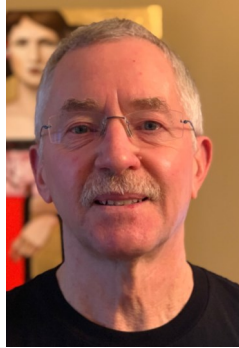
Rabbi Forester, Elissa Pollack and myself, the following people will contribute their time and talent to this effort: Trudy Barash, Emily Desai, Karen Shevet Dinah, Shoshana Bernard-Donals, Yonah Drazen, Sam Gellman, Jordy Loeb, Jennie Edes-Pierotti and Bill Schwab.

We anticipate that this effort will take at least eight to ten months. During that time members of the committee will reach out to individuals and seek input from many members. I urge you to reach out as well to any of us with your thoughts and vision about what kind of community we should strive to be, how we can become even more welcoming, more inclusive, and more effective in serving the needs of the community and the people who comprise it.

Related to the strategic planning work and proceeding on a separate track is a branding effort. Rabbi Forester has directed funds donated in honor of her installation to engage a professional team to help us develop our brand and to reflect it in all of our digital and print communications. A small committee of the Board (Rabbi Forester, Jeff Mandell, Judy Pierotti, Elissa Pollack, and Ziva Wear) is working directly with the agency in developing our new branding material. They will seek additional input as part of the development process.

I look forward to updating you on the progress of these exciting developments in the next newsletter. In the meantime, all of us on the strategic planning committee look forward to hearing your thoughts.


Rick Ezell
president@bethisraelcenter.org



BOARD of DIRECTORS

OFFICERS (2018-20)

Rick Ezell
President

Matt Banks
Immediate Past President

Jennie Edes-Pierotti
President-Elect

Laurie Nagus
Secretary

Emily Desai
VP-Education

Marci Katz
VP-Finance

Steve Goldstein
VP-House

Ziva Wear
VP-Membership

Mark Copelovitch
VP-Ritual

DIRECTORS

(2016-2019)

Marsha Cohen

Joel Ehrlich

Sylvia Grunes

Sally Jones
Social Action Committee
Co-Chair

Judy Pierotti
Social Action Committee
Co-Chair

Marc Shovers

Regina Vidaver

(2017-2020)

Livia Asher
Investments Committee
Chair

Jeff Mandell
Personnel Committee Chair

Josh Minkoff

(2018-2021)

Michal Engelman

Steve Jellinek

Rich Wolman

Answer: Mike McClure, singer/songwriter



From the Executive Director's Desk

The Meaning of Membership

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!

Earlier this year, Rabbi Forester, Deborah Hoffman, and I attended a USCJ workshop in Chicago called "Engage... Membership, Marketing, & Communications."



With a name like that, the workshop could have been about many different things. The workshop was primarily about marketing to our membership, which

is interesting in its focus on engaging people who are already connected (even just a little bit). That is, the focus was not on how to find unaffiliated Jews and get them onto our member rolls.

That's because the number of names on our membership list is less meaningful than the degree to which people participate.

It may seem that membership growth means simply adding more members. After all, our primary source of operating revenue is the annual contributions of our members (aka "dues"), so it follows that if more people join, our revenue should increase. More members might also mean more available volunteers. There's some truth there, but it's not the whole story.

Congregations with many more members (on paper) have the same Shabbat morning attendance as our medium-size *kahal*. That level of engagement suggests that Beth Israel Center is a strong, vibrant congregation.

I think that's why the USCJ's Membership Marketing workshop focused on cultivating existing relationships rather than forming new ones. The former leads to the latter, and it does so most effectively and authentically when relationships are at the heart of everything we do. That is, engaging current members is ultimately the best way to attract more members.

It's a little bit like the "Would you like fries with that?" marketing maxim, which is all about how much easier it is

to sell more products or services to existing customers than to get even one new customer in the door.

Of course, as a synagogue, we don't measure success by quantity of products or services sold. We're not in this for profit, our "inventory" isn't tangible, and our services aren't provided exclusively (or even generally) on a fee-for-service basis.

So how do we measure success? It's tempting to look for data-oriented answers to that question, such as 92% member children are enrolled in our Talmud Torah, on a normal Shabbat morning 100-120 people come to shul and most stay for kiddush, and at least as many people join the congregation as leave in any given year.

I believe those data are related to our success, but they don't define it.

Rather, I see success in smiles in our hallways, sanctuaries, and classrooms, as well as in chance meetings in grocery stores, parks, coffee shops, along a bike path, etc. I see it in hugs, especially hugs of consolation. Those smiles and hugs express familiarity and underscore how good human connection can make us feel.

Connections don't just happen, and not everyone is comfortable introducing themselves to (or hugging!) someone they've just met or inviting someone they don't know well to their home for dinner, or to meet out for a meal or a drink.

However, I do believe that even the most introverted of us can, in some settings, invite someone we don't know (or don't know well) to sit with us, or to ask any two people near us if they've met each other. Further, I've found that one of the most comfortable places to do both of those things is Beth Israel Center.

If you feel that way, too, give it a try. And if you're feeling really bold, invite a friend or acquaintance to come to a service or program with you.

That's how our membership will grow.

Elissa Pollack

elissa@bethisraelcenter.org



From the Education Director's Desk

Expanding education for 8th-12th grade students

We know that our community, the Jewish people, and the teens themselves benefit when post-B'nai Mitzvah youth stay connected with their synagogue community and rabbi; yet it is not realistic to assume that teens will stay connected through the same choices that their parents and other adults make, such as attending synagogue services and volunteering for committees. At this crucial time in identity formation, adolescents need structured opportunities and expectations for engaging in Jewish life in ways that resonate with them. Our Kadima and MOUSY programs provide some of this for many of our middle and high school students, and those social connections are important. What we plan to introduce next year is a different kind of connection, one we hope expands the perception and impact of what post Talmud Torah Jewish education means in our congregation.

To that end, we will continue to support Midrasha, the community-wide program for 8th through 12th graders run by Jewish Federation of Madison, and we want to provide something special for the teens in our congregation. Rabbi Forester has extensive professional experience with and, perhaps more importantly, strong interest in creating and maintaining relationships with high school students. It is important to Rabbi Forester and to all of us, that teens know that they have a Rabbi with whom they can have deep conversations and a special relationship. Rabbi Forester and I share a strong desire to see our post B'nai Mitzvah members continue to expand on the strong education and rich community that they receive at Talmud Torah while they are still in Madison.

Research shows that immersive and experiential educational experiences provide lasting effects, including connection to their present Jewish community and increased future Jewish engagement. Starting next year, we will hold a series of Shabbat experiences geared towards different groups of 8th-

12th graders at different points in the year that support and exist alongside the content and timing of Midrasha.

This program will begin in 6th grade to build the expectation that Shabbat experiences with the Rabbi are a part of the our congregational education program. A 6th grade retreat, onsite at Beth Israel Center, will be planned on a winter Shabbat, ending with Havdalah and a fun outing on Saturday evening.



As many of you know, 7th grade is a very rich year, during which students develop personal connections with Rabbi Forester as they work together toward the Bar or Bat Mitzvah ceremony. These students will continue in Talmud Torah as usual.

For 8th - 12th graders, Rabbi Forester will lead Shabbat experiences about three times per year. These will be on Shabbat afternoons. To get a feel for their interests and what they would want in such a program, Rabbi Forester has met with some high school students throughout this year. Consensus is (so far) that the content needs to be significant and not just secondary to socializing. High school students are looking for learning that makes an impact, especially in the realm of social justice. We will honor this need in a deep and appropriate manner.

Watch for more information as these plans take shape over the coming years. And feel free to contact me, Rabbi Forester, VP-Education Emily Desai, or other members of our wonderful Talmud Torah Committee (Jen Hadley, Jeff Mandell, Michelle Minkus, Laurie Nagus, and Judith Sone) with questions.

Beth Cohn Copelovitch
education@bethisraelcenter.org

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.



Summer Shabbat Service Schedule

When Talmud Torah is in session, we offer age-appropriate Shabbat morning programming for babies through 7th graders.

During school vacations, we offer a one-room-schoolhouse version of our popular Shabbat program, and it is open to children of all ages. Babies, toddlers and preschoolers should bring a grown-up along. School-age children may participate while their grownups observe Shabbat with friends elsewhere in the building, ideally in the Main Sanctuary.

Here are the dates for this summer:

May 18
June 1
July 6
July 27
August 17

Please contact Beth with any questions about Shabbat morning programs for children.

(608) 256-7763
education@bethisraelcenter.org



By Word of Mouse

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

☆☆☆☆☆

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:

- May 5
- June 2

SAT registration info:
866-756-7346.

2019 ACT Date:

June 16

ACT Registration info:
319-337-1270.

☆☆☆☆☆

Kol HaKavod to our MOUSY teenagers for taking part in our Scientists and Synagogues Shabbaton weekend in March. After Friday night services and Shabbat dinner, Rabbi Betsy Forester and Biochemist Michael Rosenblatt engaged us in an interactive panel discussion on the intersection of religion and science. Our appreciation to event coordinators Mirra Blehert and Isaac Kianovksy, as well as the Sinai and Synapses project for supporting our Friday night of fun and learning. Our Shabbaton continued into Saturday morning, as MOUSY members Mirra Blehert, Micah Copelovitch, Maya Desai, Kol Goldman, Isaac Kianovsky, Debbie Rudin, and Rhiannon Wilson led services, leyned Torah, chanted the Haftarah, gave the d'var Torah, and enjoyed a special kiddush sponsored by the Youth Committee.



On Saturday night, February 9, a minyan of mice took part in our **MOUSY Israeli Cook-off** in our very own BIC kitchen, where three teams of teens cooked up their own creative versions of hummus, borekas, and Israeli salad recipes. Then our four "celebrity judges": Israeli shlichim Shlomit Ezer and Tal Sheffer, Shira Forester, and Deborah Hoffman rated the culinary skills and aesthetic presentation of each team, just for the competitive fun of it! Kudos to co-chairs Rhiannon Wilson and Mia Kurzer.



☆☆
MOUSY thanks all of the Beth Israel Center congregants who contributed to our third
annual **Chametz Food Drive** in April. We delivered all of your leavened food
donations to the Goodman East Side Community Center. TODAH!
☆☆



On Saturday night, February 23, MOUSY of Beth Israel Center went cosmic with MaTTY of Temple Beth El in the alternate world of **Xtreme Laser Tag** with 22 total players. Todah to Mirra Blehert for being our point person.



Kadimaniks Aharon Shelef, Ezra Matthews-Needelman, Alex Dolin, Amelia Sidney, and Caleb Ellenberg (not pictured) got their game on at the end of spring break playing classic and new video games at Geeks Mania Arcade on Sunday, March 31.

**Yasher Koach to
the 2018-19
MOUSY Board for a
fun and fabulous
year!**

Co-Presidents
Elora Becker
Maya Becker

1st Vice President
Mia Kurzer

Religious Secretary
Debbie Rudin

Treasurer
Isaac Kianovsky

*Corresponding
Secretary*
Mirra Blehert

Membership Secretary
Rhiannon Wilson

☆☆☆☆

**Mazal Tov to
Graduating High
School Seniors**

Sammy Angelina
Elora Becker
Isaac Kianovsky
Harrison Schreiber
Emma Steinberger
Moira Wilson

Chazak v'Ematz!
*Be strong and of good
courage*



Social Action Updates

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.

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.



Amy Barlow Liberatore, Minister Janice Toliver, and Rev. Lex Liberatore sing joyfully at this year's Liberation Seder.



Judy Pierotti, Rev. Everett Mitchell and Rabbi Forester



Rabbi Forester and Bob Gwynn from Lake Edge UCC listen as Jen Hadley shares her story.



Thanks to our chefs (left to right): Sally Jones, Marti Tenzer, Jen Hadley, Judy Pierotti, Leslie Fields, (Sally again), Bob Skloot, Jeff Lindholm, and (not pictured) Ariel Kaufman

IF YOU TALK THE TALK, ARE **YOU** GONNA WALK THE WALK?
GO GREEN WITH BETH ISRAEL CENTER

and

Let the Dandelion Wars Begin!

Join in with fellow congregants and friends as we do battle with dandelions in hand-to-root combat, preventing the need to use toxic, carcinogenic herbicides that pollute Madison's lakes.

You get to meet and hang out with other fun tree huggers while making a huge difference in our own little corner of the planet. An attractive exterior landscape at Beth Israel Center, some physical exercise, schmooze time with friendly folks, save the world – what's not to like? Please join us!

When: **Sunday June 2, 2019, starting at 9:00 a.m.**

Where: The BIC lawn, of course.

Bring: Your favorite weeding tools and all your friends

Kids are absolutely welcome to help!

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.



Book Dedications

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

For \$36, you can dedicate a weekday siddur, for \$54 a High Holy Day Mahzor Lev Shalem, and for \$72 an Etz Chayim Chumash.

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

Yahrzeits

26 Nisan / May 1
Esther Sweet

27 Nisan / May 2
Gladys Godfried
Sander Gusinow
Abraham Sweet
Nashe Sweet

28 Nisan / May 3
Blanche Altshuler
Ed Deutschkron
Jane England
Roselyn Schwab

29 Nisan / May 4
Alice Barth
Leo Barth
Frieda Melnik
Meyer Prosansky
Martin Rosenzweig

30 Nisan / May 5
Alice Field
Gertrude Melrood
Rebecca Nathenson

1 Iyar / May 6
Benjamin Fields
Charles Karp
Isadore Libanoff
Cecile Rogut
Joe Wagman
Dobe Melnik Widrevitz

2 Iyar / May 7
Rose Frank
Libby Mead

3 Iyar / May 8
Rose Melnik
Helen Sweet
Louis Sweet
Morris Sweet
Dora Weinberg

4 Iyar / May 9
Harry Dachman
Beatrice Kosowsky
Abraham Sinagub
Ruth Weiner

(Continued on page 10)

Yahrzeits

5 Iyar / May 10

Doris Mae Campbell
Bill Karpe
Morris Mead
Harry Paley

6 Iyar / May 11

Norman Balkansky
David Fine
Bernie Mazursky
Moses Sweet
Pauline Sweet

7 Iyar / May 12

Harry Moss
Samuel Rosenfeld
Diane Rosemary
Schwam
Robert Schwartz
Harry Sweet

8 Iyar / May 13

Harry Rubnitz

9 Iyar / May 14

Cantor Louis Malamud
Naomi Esther Morrison
Max Schorr
Estelle Wolman

10 Iyar / May 15

Joseph Amdur Fine
Minnie Isaac
Nicholas Polgar
Ida Schmidman
Anna Sklar

11 Iyar / May 16

Rose Frank
Ethel Jermyn

12 Iyar / May 17

Leonard Bessman
Samuel Black

13 Iyar / May 18

Helen Liner Richey

14 Iyar / May 19

Anna Black
Elmer M. Borsuk
Ben Setlick
Shalom Sweet

(Continued on page 11)



Volunteer Appreciation

Torah, Haftarah and Megillah Readers and Shabbat and Yom Tov Service

Leaders: Matt Banks, Harvey Barash, Ari Blehert, David Blehert, Mirra Blehert, Marsha Cohen, Mark Copelovitch, Micah Copelovitch, Esther Criscuola de Laix, Maya Desai, Caleb Ellenberg, Jordan Ellenberg, Susan Ellenberg, Rick Ezell, Bob Factor, Rabbi Betsy Forester, Joshua Gabai, Jaime Goldberg, Daniel Goldman, Kol Goldman, Louise Goldstein, Len Goren, Leslie Greenspan, Anna Heifetz, Si Hellerstein, Deborah Hoffman, Bill Karasov, Sara Karon, Ariel Kaufman, Steve Kessler, Isaac Kianovsky, Kazu Kitano, Ruth Litovsky, Elana Matthews, Adam Mednick, Don Miner, Marina Orio, Jon Pollack, Michael Rock, Michael Rosenblatt, Debbie Rudin, Fran Schrag, Bill Schwab, Sion Shabtaie, Karen Shevet Dinah, Sarah Silverman, Bob Skloot, Judith Sone, Jeanne Swack, Eliya Syvertsen, Miriam Syvertsen, Rayla Temin, Bruce Thomadsen, Craig Wasserman, Nathan Wasserman, Jim Wear, Rhiannon Wilson

Shabbat Kiddush Krew: Donna Anderson, Livia Asher, Daniel Bach, David Balkansky, David Baum, Daniel Belin, Hannah Bernard-Donals, Joan Burstyn, Judith Burstyn, Andrea Dearlove, Ankur Desai, Joshua Gabai, Jaime Goldberg, Shira Goldman, Louise Goldstein, Patricia Green-Sotos, Roz Gusinow, Raimund Huber, Bobbie Jellinek, Steve Jellinek, Kathi Johnson Rock, Erica Kesin Richmond, Steve Kessler, Kazu Kitano, Lorna Kniaz, Clara Lazimy, Jeff Mandell, Elana Matthews, Kara McCarty, Laurie Nagus, Janis Noonan, Michael Onheiber, Patrice Onheiber, Marina Orio, Judy Pierotti, Tziporah Quick, Nancy Resnick, Michael Rock, Miriam Shelef, Kevin Shelley, Bob Skloot, Merle Sternberg, Bruce Thomadsen, Regina Vidaver, Paula Volpiansky, Phyllis Wainger, Ziva Wear, Paul Wilson, Max Zimon

Shabbat Greeters: Marsha Cohen, Ankur Desai, Yonah Drazen, Bob Factor, Anna Heifetz, Cynthia Hirsch, Jordy Loeb, Laurie Nagus, Janis Noonan, Jon Pollack, Mike Pressman, Barry Rich, Francie Saposnik, Fran Schrag, Sally Schrag, Jim Wear

Hamantaschen Bakers: Daniel Belin, Hannah Bernard-Donals, Miriam Bernard-Donals, Shoshana Bernard-Donals, Miles Berson, Ally Bowles, Alyssa Dell, Cher Diamond, Ron Diamond, Doris Dubielzig, Sonia Dubielzig, Naomi Dubin, Misha Ennen, Rebecca Ennen, Evan Fleitner, Josh Gabai, Louise Goldstein, Cynthia Hirsch, Brenna Katch, Harris Krause, Rose Malm, Jessica Mandel, Natan Mandel, Saul Mandel, Laurel Mark, Josh Minkoff, Kaylee Minkoff, Katie Moorman, Ari Pollack, Ashley Pratzel, Barbara Pratzel, Isaac Pratzel, Mike Pratzel, Noelle Reilly, Nancy Resnick, Jo Rhodes, Malka Salomon, Lisa Shoshany Anderson, Ari Weisbard

Community Purim Carnival Carnies: David Balkansky, Elora Becker, Maya Becker, Mirra Blehert, Ally Bowles, Emily Desai, Rick Ezell, Jennie Edes-Pierotti, Jessica Goerling, Kol Goldman, Shira Goldman, Terrie Goren, Max Ivry, Kazu Kitano, Jeff Mandell, Adam Mednick, Simon Mednick, Josh Minkoff, Kaylee Minkoff, Laurie Nagus, Mike Pressman, Debbie Rudin, Harrison Schreiber, Amelia Sidney, Regina Vidaver, Trista Warrich, Rhiannon Wilson

Purim Party Players: Judith Burstyn, Marsha Cohen, Stephan Deutsch, Leslie Greenspan, Harris Krause, Katie Moorman, Bill Schwab, Jerry Sternberg, Merle Sternberg

Kolot Kehilla: Adrienne Borisy-Gross, Roz Gusinow, Kazu Kitano, Lorna Kniaz, Barry Rich, Yoram Shenker, Sally Schrag, Fran Schrag

Laundry Angels: Livia Asher, Hannah Bernard-Donals, Patricia Green-Sotos, Cynthia Hirsch, Kazu Kitano, Laurel Mark, Kara McCarty, Laurie Nagus, Karen Shevet Dinah, Anna Syvertsen

Shabbat Morning Madrichim: Kol Goldman, Josephine Sidney



Mind ♥ Books

Our Scientists in Synagogues programming, aimed at promoting dialog about the intersection of science and Judaism, continues this spring and summer with two book discussion series -- *Close Encounters with Humankind* between Pesach and Shavuot, *The Sixth Extinction* around Tisha B'Av -- and the Kolot Kehilla talk described on page 1 (on May 26).

The Scientists in 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.

All are welcome to read either or both books and join us for discussions tied to relevant touch points on the Jewish calendar:

Pesach (April)

Close Encounters with Humankind by Sang-Hee Lee

Discussions are at 7:30pm on April 24 (at Hillel), and April 30, May 8 and May 15 (at Beth Israel Center).

Tisha B'Av (August)

The Sixth Extinction by Elizabeth Kolbert

Discussion dates coming soon.



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 would 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 are also happy to discuss sponsorship opportunities.

Appreciation for recent and upcoming Kiddush sponsorships:

- February 16 - Beth Israel Center and the Membership Committee for Mike Pressman, the Hakarat HaTov honoree
- March 9 - Youth Committee members for the Youth Shabbaton
- April 6 - Tanya Schlam & Jordan Ellenberg on the occasion of their son Caleb becoming a Bar Mitzvah
- May 4 - Talmud Torah and the Talmud Torah Committee in celebration of Kibud Limudim, our community of learners
- May 25 - Erica Kesin Richmond and Burke Richmond on the occasion of their daughter Talia becoming a Bat Mitzvah
- June 1 - Marsha Cohen & Mike Pressman on Marsha's 65th birthday and retirement
- June 15 - Gila Shoshany & Stuart Glosser on the Aufruf of Lisa Shoshany Anderson and Evan Fleitner and his first Aliyah
- July 13 - Friends of Francesca Rodriguez on her first Aliyah

Yahrzeits

15 Iyar / May 20

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

16 Iyar / May 21

Louis L. Friedman
Allen Zemmol

17 Iyar / May 22

Rhea Katz
Miriam "Mickey" Pressman
Moshe Stein
Harry Zakhem

18 Iyar / May 23

Levi DeLevie
Hiram Mendow
Silvan Sam Schweber

19 Iyar / May 24

Oscar Rapkin
Aaron Schuster
Harry Shapiro
Ida Sweet

20 Iyar / May 25

Rose Dachman
Betty Orman-Joseph
Milton Prosansky
Lori Rabb

21 Iyar / May 26

Rose Paley
Mary Richman
William Shovers

22 Iyar / May 27

Joy Kurzer
Charles Lipstein
Sam Paley
Sam Sinykin
Evelyn Sweet

(Continued on page 12)

Yahrzeits

23 Iyar / May 28

Sheldon Bernstein
Harry Gerson
Fruma Mintz
Bessie Paskin
Dave A. Sweet

25 Iyar / May 30

Roslyn Hoffert
Jacob Schmidman
Joseph Schwartz
Rachel Schwartz
Herman Sweet

26 Iyar / May 31

Fannie Borsuk
Anna Sarah Katz
Michael Lewis
Nellie Miller
Rose Schwartz
Henry Slater
Gordon Sweet

27 Iyar / June 1

Mae Azen
Robert Donals

28 Iyar / June 2

Paul Fram
Isidor Frankel
Shirley Kniaz-Banberger
Alfred Regenstein
Robert Thomadsen
Tena Wasserstrom

29 Iyar / June 3

Frieda Blachman
Rose Druch
Daniel Hill
Frieda Weinstein

1 Sivan / June 4

Sophie Figler
William Schuckit
Emanuel Simon
Solomon Swack

(Continued on page 13)



About Our Funds

By Marci Katz, Vice President - Finance

Beth Israel Center continues to grow and transform our fiscal operations. Together we've built a beautiful building and established a plan to grow reserves over time to support future needs of our building and operations. As we move through this phase of fiscal growth, we are reviewing existing and developing new fiscal policies to provide a reference for transfer of knowledge, transparency of process, and consistency in operations.

Our balance sheet contains a long list of funds. Some are part of our endowment, some are restricted in use based on donor direction, some are restricted in use based on board direction, and some are unrestricted amounts that are supported by legacy or ongoing donations. Many appear on the listed acknowledgments of recent memorial and tribute gifts that starts on the facing page.

We have been working on defining each of the identified funds or amounts reported on the balance sheet and understanding the history, restrictions, and purpose for each. In addition, we occasionally receive inquires about establishing new named funds or endowments, and were not able to find any guiding documentation of such a policy. The need for documented policies that include a process to keep a manageable balance sheet that supports Beth Israel Center's operating needs while respecting donors was clear.

On Tuesday, April 9, 2019, the Board of Directors approved a policy to identify the process for establishing endowments and other restricted funds. This includes minimum funding amounts of \$50,000 for creation of a new endowment and \$10,000 for a board restricted named fund.

Endowments allow the use of earnings preserving the principal balance, and named restricted funds allow the use of the donated dollars to support an identified purpose. Under the new policy, an endowment will generally

have a life of 36 years at which time the Board or a committee of the Board will review the fund and may combine it with other endowed funds serving the identified needs of the congregation. A Board restricted (named) fund will be reviewed after 10 years or sooner if the balance falls below \$1,000 and may be combined with other Board restricted funds to meet the needs of Beth Israel Center. In both situations, the Board will work with the original donors or donors' families to evaluate options, which may involve increasing the fund balances with new gifts to rejuvenate the fund if necessary. The goal will be to determine whether or not the purpose of the fund has been met or if it should be continued into the future.

We will also use this newly adopted policy as a lens through which to evaluate the existing funds on our balance sheet. Funds with balances under the identified threshold will require some attention, and that attention may take the form of contacting the families of the person for whom each fund is named. It will be our hope in these conversations to determine whether or not the fund continues to serve its intended purposes of honoring the person or people for whom it is named and supporting a particular need of the congregation. Honoring our history will be an important part of these conversations, alongside being fiscally responsible and honoring the donors to each fund. We honor past, current and future donors by ensuring that we make good use of every gift and fund.

We are forever grateful to those who have made financial contributions to the congregation in its 70-year history. While many are honored and remembered with named endowments and funds, this is not our only means to hold onto this history or express this gratitude. We are looking into many ways to memorialize and honor those whose shoulders our community stands today.



Mazal Tov to...

- Eddie Marion and Margarent Maroney on the birth in January of their granddaughter Margaret.
- Nina Pressman, daughter of Marsha Cohen and Mike Pressman, on her engagement to Ben Siebert in April
- Caleb Ellenberg on becoming a Bar Mitzvah in April



Condolences to the families of...

- Thea Aschkeanse, wife of Efraim Aschkenase (z"l) and mother of Steven (Jill) and Lea (Tom Popkewitz) Aschkenase
- Quinta Burattini, mother of Marina (Roberto, z"l) Orio, grandmother of Roberto Ogelman
- Alberto J. Litovsky, father of Ruth (David Baum) and Igal (Lee Garrun) Litovsky; grandfather of Leora, Micah, Gaby, Yoni, Daniel, and Sammy
- Benjamin "Benny" Hirschfeld, husband of Sherry Hirschfeld, father of Lynn (Louis) Brahin, Ted (Karen) Hirschfeld, and Irv (Amy) Hirschfeld; grandfather of Lenny and Lizzy Brahin



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. 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.



Abe Barash Fund

in honor of

Sharon Kessel's birthday from David Friedman

in memory of

Anita Kapell from Agnes Rothblatt

Rachel Mazur & Louis Mazursky from Howard & Sally Mazur

Harold Borenstein from Phyllis Eisenberg

Art Fund

in memory of

Paul Schrag from Francis & Sally Schrag

Building Capital Fund (formerly L'Dor VaDor)

in honor of

Mike Pressman's volunteer work from Ben (z"l) & Sherry Hirschfeld

Sharon Kessel's birthday from Si & Billie Hellerstein

in memory of

Benny Hirschfeld from Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin

Marvin Mazursky from Howard & Sally Mazur

Anne Cooper from Marilyn & Stuart Cooper

Harold Borenstein from Nicki Milin

Akiyasu Kitano from Si & Billie Hellerstein

Yahrzeits

2 Sivan / June 5

Steven Kopelberg
Abraham Peturs
Hilda Pover
Meyer Sweet
Ralph M. Weisbard

3 Sivan / June 6

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

4 Sivan / June 7

W. Feldman
Honey Korshak
Sarah Kress

5 Sivan / June 8

Susan Freund
Samson Mandelbaum
Baileh Paley
Alex Seltzer

6 Sivan / June 9

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

7 Sivan / June 10

Evelyn Jellinek

8 Sivan / June 11

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

(Continued on page 14)

Yahrzeits

9 Sivan / June 12

Harry Altshuler
Mae Borisy
Asher Lazimy
Robert Vannette

10 Sivan / June 13

Sam Chudacoff
Max Goldstein
Frances Rossman
Samuel D. Wander
Dave Weinstein

11 Sivan / June 14

Abraham Barash
Morris Cohen
Sarah Littky
Claire Navin

12 Sivan / June 15

Emil Barth
Zena Burstyn
Nathan Frank
Paula Gash
Nancy R. Gelman
Sylvia Kadushin
Sonia Rita Post Rosenthal

13 Sivan / June 16

Nessie Goldberg
Helen Kivolowitz

14 Sivan / June 17

Mary Galanter
Harry Kay
Eli Mullin
William Rosenblum
Arthur Vannette

15 Sivan / June 18

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

(Continued on page 15)



Memorial & Tribute Gifts (Con't.)

Shirley Epstein Fund

in memory of

Clara Gahr and Chaim Schwartz from Dorothy Schwartz
Iver Karp and Molly Epstein Karp from Norma Klagos
Anne Slavney from Phillip Slavney
Walter Novick from Ruth Ann Schumeister

General Fund

in honor of

Sharon Kessel's big birthday from Barry & Irene Mirkin
The 70th anniversary party planning committee from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein
Bruce Thomadsen's birthday, Rabbi Betsy Forester's installation, and Ashley Frieda Eisenberg's birthday from Phyllis Eisenberg
Nina Pressman and Ben Siebert's engagement from Si & Billie Hellerstein and Steve & Bobbie Jellinek
Mike Pressman's Hakarat HaTov recognition from Steve & Bobbie Jellinek
Rabbi Forester's installation from Steve & Frances Shapiro
Sylvia Grunes' Hakarat HaTov recognition from Tziporah Quick

in memory of

Phyllis Levinthal from Barry & Irene Mirkin
Philip & Anita Kapell from Cheryl Lerner
Louis Battalen from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein
Anne Marion from Edward Marion
Sarah Gevirman from Edwin Azen
Shirley Volpiansky from Frances Mann
Arnold Luterman from Fred & Esther Brauer
Joseph Sweet from Judith Shapiro
Ben Hirschfeld from Ken & Joyce Morgan, the employees of Morgan Shoes, and Si & Billie Hellerstein
Al Frank from Michael Nonn, Ruth Reitsma, and Tom Wear
Akiyasu Kitano from Philip Hollander & Juliet Page
Anne Slavney and Mollie Becker from Phyllis Eisenberg

Jake Heifetz Fund

in memory of

Fania Heifetz from Lawrence Heifetz, Lisa Robinson, and Steve Heifetz
Harvey L. Johnson, Patricia Mary Johnson, and Shirley Volpiansky from Michael Rock & Kathi Johnson Rock

Morris Heifetz Welfare Fund

in memory of

Akiyasu Kitano from Anna Heifetz

Holman/Weisbard Fund for Adult Jewish Learning

get well

Phyllis Weisbard from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

in honor of

Rabbi Betsy Forester's Installation from Michael Rock & Kathi Johnson Rock

in memory of

Akiyasu Kitano from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein
Thea Aschkenase from Stephen & Lillian Abrams



Memorial & Tribute Gifts

Martin & Serene Mazor Kiddush Fund

get well

David Sulman from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

in honor of

Mike Pressman's Hakarat HaTov recognition from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein, Kazu Kitano, and Rayla Temin

Caleb Ellenberg becoming a bar mitzvah from Kazu Kitano

Sylvia Grunes' Hakarat HaTov recognition from Kazu Kitano and Livia Asher

The birth of Ed Marion and Margaret Maroney's granddaughter from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

Deborah Hoffman from Michael Rock & Kathi Johnson Rock

Nina Pressman and Ben Siebert's engagement from Daniel & Leslie Greenspan

Bobbie and Steve Jellinek on their 55th anniversary and their beautiful work on the Installation Gala, and Sharon Kessel on her special birthday from Rayla Temin

in memory of

Caroline Sulman from David Sulman & Anne Altshuler

Al Frank from Kazu Kitano

Alberto J. Litovsky from Daniel & Leslie Greenspan

Howard M. Temin on his 25th Yahrzeit, and Akiyasu Kitano from Rayla Temin

Eva Deutschkron from Russ & Ruth Frank

Mikvah Fund

in honor of

Sylvia Grunes' Hakarat HaTov recognition from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

Sharon Kessel's birthday from Sylvia Grunes

Ben Minkoff Fund

in memory of

Evelyn Minkoff from Joel & Debbie Minkoff

Julius Mintz Fund

in memory of

Hyman & Lena Daniels from Barbara Beyer

Prayerbook Fund

in memory of

Jeanette Frank from the families of Corneilia Dixon and Jerome Frank

David Mazur from Howard & Sally Mazur

Akiyasu Kitano from Michael Rock & Kathi Johnson Rock

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

get well

Rabbi Betsy Forester from Kazu Kitano

David Sulman from Noah & Rosalyn Hershkowitz

in honor of

Rabbi Betsy Forester's Installation from David & Nancy Resnick, Herbert Lewis & Francie Saposnik, and Phyllis Waldmann

Yahrzeits

16 Sivan / June 19

Sophie Cohen
Harry Cramer
Rudolph Rich
Julius Ruskin

17 Sivan / June 20

Ben Blachman
Bernard Mandell
Jacob Mintz
David Remis
Arthur Yaskal

18 Sivan / June 21

Haskell Friedman
Herbert Miller
David Ottenstein

19 Sivan / June 22

Israel D. Segal

20 Sivan / June 23

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

21 Sivan / June 24

Pesach Bebczuk
Herb Kliebard
Gerald Kurzer
Sam Lakritz
Hyman Lerner

22 Sivan / June 25

Rose Picus
Hyman Pinsky
Sarah Scher
Yehuda Temkin

23 Sivan / June 26

Harry Gevirman
Anna Schwam

24 Sivan / June 27

Howard Eisenberg
Susan Louis
Maurice Pekarsky

(Continued on page 16)

Yahrzeits

25 Sivan / June 28

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

26 Sivan / June 29

Eva S. Lassen

27 Sivan / June 30

Esther Bloomfield
Yetta Sinagub
Frieda Stein

28 Sivan / July 1

Bessie Perlman
Riva Polyakova
Monroe Segal
John E. Wear

29 Sivan / July 2

Binyamin Fine
Eugene Greenberg
Sol Lieberman
Betty Silverman
Dorothy Saposnik Smith

30 Sivan / July 3

Barbara Bernstein
Dientia DeLevie
Fannie Perlman
Sol Sweet

1 Tammuz / July 4

Richard D. Brauer
Rabbi Paul Drazen
Belle Novick
Paul Rock

3 Tammuz / July 6

Belle Epstein
Selig Iwanter

4 Tammuz / July 7

Neil Grossman
Harry Halloway
Meyer James Pover
Helen Rittenhouse
Bernard Schwab
Robert L. Smith

(Continued on page 17)



Memorial & Tribute Gifts (Con't.)

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

in honor of (continued from previous page)

Judith Blank from Eve Siegel

Mike Pressman & his multiple mitzvot, and the birth of Ed Marion's granddaughter from Herbert Lewis & Francie Saposnik

Mike Pressman's Hakarat HaTov recognition from Herman Goldstein

Sharon Kessel's 50th birthday from Ken Schneck & Eve Fine

in memory of

Estelle Bernstein from Bradley Bernstein

Sol Levin from Daniel & Kathy Levin

Sara Schwartz from Fred & Sylvia Schwartz

Fanny Kaufman Smith, Shirley Volpiansky, and Benny Hirschfeld from Herbert Lewis & Francie Saposnik

Alberto Litovsky and Ben Hirschfeld from Herman Goldstein

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

Helena Siroky and Martin Siroky from Livia Asher

Howard Yaskal from Maureen Yaskal

Jerome Onheiber from Michael & Patrice Onheiber

Ruth Zitowsky from Robert Zitowsky

Peter Deutsch from Stephan Deutsch & Judith Burstyn

Sara Schwartz from Steven Schwartz

A. J. & Celia Rosenberg Library Fund

in memory of

Louis Landau from Ellie Landau

Celia Rosenberg from Irwin Rosenberg and Lyn Rosenberg

Social Action Fund

in honor of

Steve Goldstein's 65th birthday from David Hestad and Thomas Solheim

in memory of

Shirley Volpiansky from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

Alberto Litovsky from Livia Asher

Social Action – Refugee Support

in honor of

Nina Pressman's engagement, and Anne Altschuler and David Sulman –

Welcome to your new home from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

Sharon Kessel's 50th birthday from Robert Factor & Kris Rasmussen and Judy Pierotti

Mike Pressman from Judy Pierotti

in memory of

Benny Hirschfeld from Judy Pierotti

Alberto Litovsky, Robert Rabson, Thea Aschkenase, Benny Hirschfeld, and

Quinta Burattini from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

Dan Pierotti from Judy Pierotti

Solar Panel Project

in honor of

Steve Goldstein's 65th birthday from Debbie Hibshman, Mark Goldstein, and Barry Goldstein



Memorial & Tribute Gifts

Talmud Torah Fund

in honor of

Nina Pressman's engagement from David & Nancy Resnick

The birth of Ed Marion and Margaret Maroney's new grandchild from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

in memory of

Alberto Litovsky and Thea Aschkenase from David & Nancy Resnick

David Temkin Camp Ramah Fund

in memory of

Ben Hirschfeld from Bonnie Stein Kammer and the Kammer family

David Rosenthal from Si & Billie Hellerstein

Joe Temkin Education Fund

in honor of

Nina Pressman and Ben Siebert's engagement from Harvey & Barbara Myers Temkin

Weinshel Torah Repair & Maintenance Fund

in honor of

The installation of Rabbi Forester from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

in memory of

Adolph Weinshel from Debbie Alden

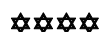
Janet Weinshel from Leo & Renee Weinshel

Dora Schwartz from Richard Schwartz

Youth Fund

in memory of

Rubin Schwartzstein, father of Alan Schwartzstein from Alan & Laurie Schwartzstein



Memorial and tribute gifts may be made at any time to Beth Israel Center's General Fund or any of the funds listed on the preceding pages. Undesignated donations of up to \$1,000 go into our General Fund, where they support our programming.

Undesignated donations of \$1,000 or more go into our Fund for the Future.

To donate, simply send us a check or call the office (608-256-7763) with a credit card number. Please send all mail to 1406 Mound St., Madison, WI 53711.

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

Every gift makes it possible for us to pursue our mission of providing a vibrant, caring spiritual home where we explore and nurture our unique Jewish identities.

Together and with donations like those recognized on this pages, we create a community that is traditional, egalitarian, and alive with celebration, learning, prayer

Yahrzeits

5 Tammuz / July 8

Beatrice Littman

Dora Tomarkin

6 Tammuz / July 9

Martha Barth

Mrs. Ben Rubin

7 Tammuz / July 10

Isidore Andrusier

Louis Fine

Julia Haber Lakritz

Sidney Menchel

Anne Onikul

Clara Sweet

8 Tammuz / July 11

Lil Gerson

9 Tammuz / July 12

Joel Epstein

Ben Jacobs

Melba Katz

Al Moeny

Frances Rackoff Myers

Susan Sinaiko

10 Tammuz / July 13

Louis Barkin

Louis Setlick

Benjamin Weisbrod

11 Tammuz / July 14

Sophie Schuster

12 Tammuz / July 15

Sam Cohn

Sedelle Lottie Diamond

Arlyne Eisenberg

Morris Kniaz

Alma Sweet

Bessie Yaskal

13 Tammuz / July 16

Arthur England

Esther Kaplan

14 Tammuz / July 17

Nathan Goldstone

Yetta Temkin

(Continued on page 18)

Yahrzeits

15 Tammuz / July 18

Max Gold
Bruce Kay
Henry Levine
William Schwartz

16 Tammuz / July 19

Helen Haber
Daniel Mack
Phillip Mann
Alex Paskin
Genevieve Ruben
Gary Sweet

17 Tammuz / July 20

Cecile Ehrman
Benny Joss
Fay Maydeck

18 Tammuz / July 21

Seymour Abrahamson
Mary Grossman
Harry Seeman
Sarah Zaichick

19 Tammuz / July 22

Amy Azen
Lawrence Borenstein
Rosa Kammer
Samuel Tomarkin

20 Tammuz / July 23

Ilse Karger Brauer
Freda Jacobson
Molly Paster
Sam Rosenthal

21 Tammuz / July 24

Max Ruskin
Vera Terry

22 Tammuz / July 25

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

(Continued on page 19)



Ride 2 Ramah

Beth Israel Center is proud of how many camp-age children from our community attend overnight Jewish camps each summer. As a USCJ-affiliated congregation, we have a special relationship with Camp Ramah. Once again this year, a group of cyclists will ride about 300 miles over four days from Madison to Camp Ramah of Wisconsin to support the Beth Israel Center Camp Scholarship Fund. You can support the ride (and the scholarship fund) by donating online at <https://my.ramahwisconsin.com>. With questions -- including "Can I ride too?" -- please contact Ramah parent Mark Copelovitch (mcopelov@gmail.com) or Paul Wilson (paul@nagus-wilson.net). Summer is just around the corner!



2018 riders Laurie Nagus, Paul Wilson, Mark Copelovitch, Jessie Loeb, Jordy Loeb and Gregg Shapps with Camp Executive Director Jacob Cytryn.

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Talmud Class Series Begins Yom HaShoah	2 Israeli Film Salon	3	4 <i>Achrei Mot</i> Kibud Limudim Faith, Doubt... Merchav HaLev Meditation
5 Rosh Chodesh	6 Rosh Chodesh	7	8 Talmud Mind♥Books	9	10	11 <i>Kedoshim</i>
12	13	14 Board of Directors	15 Talmud Mind♥Books	16 Last Talmud Torah of the semester	17	18 <i>Emor</i> Faith, Doubt, Certainty Parasha Study
19 Spring Yard Work Living Torah Greeter Training	20	21	22 Talmud	23 Lag B'Omer BBQ Greeter Training	24	25 <i>Behar</i> Talia Richmond Bat Mitzvah
26 Kolot Kehilla with Tanya Schlam	27 Office closed for Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	

June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>Bechukotai</i> Kiddush sponsored for Marsha Cohen
2 Dandelion D-Day	3	4 Rosh Chodesh	5	6	7	8 <i>Bamidbar</i> Tikkun Leil Shavuot
9 Shavuot	10 Shavuot Yizkor (office closed)	11 Board of Directors	12	13	14	15 <i>Nasso</i> Kiddush sponsored by the Shoshany/ Glosser family
16	17	18	19	20	21 Kabbalat Shabbat & Potluck Dinner at Hoyt Park	22 <i>Beha'alotcha</i>
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 <i>Sh'lach</i> Shabbat Z'mirot
30						

July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Rosh Chodesh	4 Rosh Chodesh	5	6 <i>Korach</i>
7	8 Ride 2 Ramah 2019 →	9 Board of Directors	10	11	12	13 <i>Chukat</i>
14	15	16	17	18	19 Kabbalat Shabbat & Potluck Dinner at Hoyt Park	20 <i>Balak</i>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 <i>Pinchas</i>
28	29	30				

Yahrzeits

23 Tammuz / July 26
Norton Gahr
Rae Rapkin
Ruth Schwartz

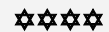
24 Tammuz / July 27
Joshua Hollander
Hyman Harry Minkoff
Isadore Victor
Israel Victor

25 Tammuz / July 28
Ida Bradkofsky
Samuel Springberg

26 Tammuz / July 29
Dora Moser
Frieda Pinsky
Sam Pollack
Grace Rasmussen
Hyman Schuster
Linda Tetzlaff

27 Tammuz / July 30
Frumeh Frank
Warren Randy
Fannie Stein

28 Tammuz / July 31
Rachel Mullin
Bud Sweet
Louise Wear



Beth Israel Center maintains a database of Yahrzeit observances for its members, present and past. Please contact the office with questions or corrections.

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.

זכרונו לברכה

Beth Israel Center

608.256.7763
1406 Mound St.
Madison, Wisconsin 53711

Address Service Requested

Non-Profit
Organization
U.S. Postage PAID
Madison, WI
Permit No. 395

May ~ June ~ July

Date	Parasha	Candle Lighting
May 3/4	Achrei Mot	Candles 7:43p
May 10/11	Kedoshim	Candles 7:51p
May 17/18	Emor	Candles 7:58p
May 24/25	Behar	Candles 8:05p
May 31/June 1	Bechukotai	Candles 8:11p
June 7/8	Bamidbar	Candles 8:16p
June 8 and 9 (Shavuot)		Candles 9:17p
June 14/15	Nasso	Candles 8:20p
June 21/22	Beha'alotcha	Candles 8:22p
June 28/29	Sh'lach	Candles 8:22p
July 5/6	Korach	Candles 8:21p
July 12/13	Chukat	Candles 8:18p
July 19/20	Balak	Candles 8:13p
July 26/27	Pinchas	Candles 8:07p

Shabbat Services

Fridays
5:45pm

Saturdays
9:15am

Weekday Services

Sunday mornings
8:15am

Monday & Thursday
mornings
7:00am

Weekday evenings
5:30pm

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