

The Israelight

ENTERING YOM KIPPUR

By Rabbi Linda Potemken

Shana Tova—Happy New Year. I look forward to spending *Yom Kippur* with you in just a few days. As we prepare to share this awesome day, a few reminders might be helpful.

To fast or not to fast: The *Yom Kippur* fast is an important spiritual practice, but the tradition teaches that we are not to fast if we are in any way endangering our health. If you would like to fast but should not due to health concerns, please consider eating for sustenance rather than pleasure on that day—simple meals, no desserts, that sort of thing. Please do not fast if it is risky for you to do so. Children under the age of 13 are not required to fast and should be fed.

For those who are able to fast this year, consider the following:

Drink as much water as you can the day before the fast.

Try to slowly wean yourself off caffeine before the day of the fast.

The Feast: The fast of *Yom Kippur* is a joyful one for it is in the service of important soul work. Therefore, we are invited to eat a lavish meal just before fasting. The meal is called the *Se'udah ha'Mafseket*. We spread a festive, holiday cloth over the table that remains for the entire period of *Yom Kippur*. This reminds us to maintain the proper atmosphere required for the day when we return from synagogue after the *Erev Yom Kippur* service. Think about the atmosphere that you want at home. If you are able, consider keeping a quiet, contemplative atmosphere in the home.

Candles: After the meal, but before we leave for services, we light candles with the blessing for “*yom tov*.” We use our regular Shabbat candles for this blessing. On *Yom Kippur* and on other holidays where we share *Yizkor*, a memorial service, we are invited to light a memorial candle that will burn for

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When you read this article, we will be into the High Holy Days, a period of reflection, repentance, and hopefully optimism for the new Jewish year. As I write this article, Beth Israel is busy getting ready for the new synagogue year, so that everything is fresh and new for the year, starting with the High Holy Days. All of this takes much time, both from our dedicated volunteers and equally dedicated synagogue staff. It also takes a large amount of money to run the overall operations of Beth Israel. With the recent hurricane and heavy rains, some of those in our congregation have faced flooded basements or other damage. With the increase in the cost of heating oil, congregants may have had to reallocate budgets, moving money from what we want (a vacation, a new car, or a shiny new iPhone 5 with toaster attachment) to what we need in the near

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Midrasha Bet
Sunday, October 2, 12:15pm

Yom Kippur
Kol Nidrei, Friday, October 7, 6:30pm
Morning services, Saturday,
October 8, 9:00am

Sukkot
Sunday, October 9, 10am
Raise the Sukkah

New Member Orientation and Brunch
Sunday, October 16, 10:00am

Simchat Torah
Wednesday, October 19
Dinner at 6, Services at 6:45pm

Beginning Hebrew with Mark Cary
Sunday, October 23 10:00 - 12:00

Introduction to Mussar with
Rabbi Linda
Tuesday October 25 4:15 - 5:45pm

Consecration for Aleph and Bet Studens
Friday, October 28, 6:45pm

Torah Treks kick-off
Nevi'im overview with Dr. Elsie Stern
Saturday, October 29 12:30pm

Gefilte Flicks presents “The Frisco Kid”
Saturday, November 5, 6:15pm

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24 hours.

Feeding the Hungry: The *haftorah* reading for *Yom Kippur* reminds us that it is our duty to repair the world (*Tikkun Olam*). Please remember to fill a grocery bag with cans of food and bring it to the synagogue on *Kol Nidre*. Our fast reminds us that too many in this world are sentenced to involuntary fasts of all kinds. Additional donations to feed the hungry can be made through MAZON. Envelopes for MAZON are available in the Beth Israel lobby. There are many wonderful ways to offer additional *tzedakah*. Many Beth Israel members are experiencing hard times and are assisted through the RDF (Rabbi's Discretionary Fund).

Clothing: On *Yom Kippur*, it is traditional to wear a white garment or a white *kittel*. A *kittel* is a simple white robe, available through Judaica shops, that you can wear over your clothes. Tradition teaches that white is the color of the attire of angels. On *Yom Kippur*, when we observe a day free from sin, we are compared to the angels. We are also instructed to wear white to be reminded of the shroud we will wear at the time of our death and burial. On *Yom Kippur*, we face our mortality in the hope that this will inspire us to put our lives in order, to define appropriate priorities, to repair our behavior and relationships, and to connect to our spiritual home.

Traditionally, we do not bathe or wear make up on *Yom Kippur*. We focus on our inner self and not on our physical appearance or needs.

Beyond One Day of Atonement: For *Yom Kippur* to "work," we need to prepare for it in advance and to commit to spiritual work beyond it. Before the sun goes down on October 7, take time to reach out to the people in your life. Think about directions for the new year and about specific behaviors that will get you there. Commit to participating in some aspect of *Sukkot* and *Simhat Torah* celebrations. They are joyous and meaningful and far shorter than High Holiday services. Look at the adult education offerings and pick a course or two for yourself this year. Decide which Friday and/or Saturday service(s) you will attend in the next month. Think about which charities you want to support and which social actions programs will receive your attention. Call that parent or child or sibling or friend who you have been avoiding. Contemplate your intentions for the next year. Imagine how you can live into them.

Best wishes for a good and sweet year. I am grateful that we will be spending it together.

Shana Tova,
Rabbi Linda

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term (groceries, heat, gas for the car).

Beth Israel faces those same challenges, and this recession has hurt those in our community just as it has hurt those outside of our community. Over the last several years, I have seen BI's budgets become leaner, and increases in dues have generally gone to pay for increased operating costs such as heating oil, rather than increased programming or publicity. In fact, we have made efforts to trim our

overall operating expenses where we can. We have 7-day programmable thermostats, which are only programmed to be at comfortable temperatures when the sanctuary is in use. Meetings are held in smaller rooms when we're able to do so. Last year, we switched our phones from Verizon's overpriced service to an Internet-based business phone service. Our copier contract was renegotiated a few years ago and will be again, so that we can do more jobs in-house. Denny has found a cheaper supplier for heating oil, which should save us some money this winter. He is also in the process of having our sanctuary lights replaced with much more efficient LED lighting, and the board approved an up-front expenditure for the bulbs, knowing that we will save thousands of dollars (less electricity for the bulbs, lower A/C costs, and much lower costs on labor to replace the bulbs) in the long run.

We have made these changes so that we can continue to focus on religious services, education of children and adults, social action, and community-building. The benefit of a financial crunch is that it gives us the opportunity to re-evaluate our processes and improve our fundamentals. One of those issues is our dues structure, which the Strategic Planning Committee reviewed two years ago, and found that we are right where we should be regarding both price and process. Another is our energy use, which is under a constant state of review, which has led to the improvements mentioned above.

Another long-term issue is growing our young endowment. The Endowment Committee has put forth a proposal for members to give to Beth Israel via their wills, an effort similar to what universities and hospitals do, to ensure their long-term future. The committee's proposal, approved by the board, relies on our belief that our members want to support our long-term health. A strong endowment would enable us to rely less on dues and tuition to pay for programming, education, and other expenses. In this scenario, everyone wins. I urge you to consider Beth Israel as a beneficiary, during your estate planning process.

We know that some Beth Israel members have been hit hard by the economic downturn. As part of our effort as Jews towards compassion and *tzedakah*, we have made a conscious effort in this budget cycle to put more emphasis on voluntary gifts by those members who can give, to support those who wish to but who may not be able to give this year. Each year, a representative from Beth Israel's board (often, the president) makes an impassioned plea at *Yom Kippur* for our members to be generous and to give to Beth Israel. This year, your donations are as important as ever, and perhaps more so, in light of the recent weather-related disasters and continuing economic difficulty. Beth Israel also benefits from the generosity of individuals who give to support specific causes or projects. These have ranged from supporting replacements in the kitchen, upgrades to our lobby lighting, planned improvements to the Hebrew School, replacement of our synagogue management software, and a large portion of the cost for our new entrance ramp. The generosity of our members has helped us to do all of these things, and I hope that you will consider giving to support a cause or project that is important to you.

In this season of *t'shuva*, may you have spiritual renewal and an easy fast. *L'Shana Tova!*

In friendship,
Josh Waterston, President

RABBINIC INTERN CHOSEN

The sabbatical committee is please to report that we have successfully completed the process of hiring an RRC student to serve as intern during Rabbi Linda's sabbatical from February through April of 2012. We interviewed three rabbinic students, all of whom were well-qualified and offered important areas of strength. Having the luxury of multiple excellent choices, we were able to arrive at a consensus with a candidate who has agreed to serve. Leslie Hilgeman, who will be a *modern* (penultimate) year student, comes to us with an interesting and unusual background, having worked for 14 years as a journalist with a focus on Latin America. The committee was impressed with her enthusiasm, her commitment to Judaism, and her experience at RRC in both rabbinic and pastoral internships. Leslie will spend four Shabbat services with us prior to Rabbi Linda's sabbatical as well as additional time becoming familiar with the Hebrew School and other aspects of the congregation.

During Rabbi Linda's sabbatical, Leslie will lead four Shabbat services a month, will work with the Hebrew School, and will handle essential administrative and pastoral duties. We look forward to welcoming her into the BI community after the holidays. While it is always difficult for the congregation when our rabbi takes a well-deserved sabbatical, we are confident that the congregation will be in good hands with Leslie and our outstanding lay leadership.

Randy Tiffany
Sabbatical Committee Chair

Occasional Movie Nights Presented by Beth Israel Social Action Committee

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Saturday, Nov. 5, 2011

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Movie starts at 7:00

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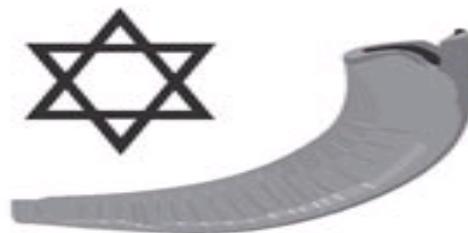


HOSTS FOR ONEGS AND KIDDUSHES OCTOBER 2011

Saturday 10-01	Margo Zitin and Carol Briselli
Friday 10-07	No Host: Yom Kippur
Saturday 10-08	No Host: Yom Kippur
Friday 10-14	Francesca and Joel Bernstein One Host: Sukkot Dinner
Saturday 10-15	Randy Tiffany and Marjorie Yudkin One Host: Sukkot Lunch
Friday 10-21	Gerry Elman and Lois Levine Elman Debbie Wile
Saturday 10-22	Selene Platt Andrew and Natalie Bennett
Friday 10-28	Scott and Vanessa Johnson One Host: YFS
Saturday 10-29	Andrew Coleman and Merdie Gilmore One Host: Torah Treks

Congregation Beth Israel High Holy Day and Festivals October 2011/5772

Day and Date	Service	Time
Friday, Oct 7	Kol Nidre/Erev Yom Kippur	6:30 PM
Saturday, Oct 8	Yom Kippur Shacharit Service	9:00 AM
	Children's Service: ages 6 and younger (lower level)	9:45 - 10:15 AM
	Children's Service: ages 7 - 11 (lower level)	10:15 - 11:00 AM
	Children's Service: Yom Kippur surprise (all ages)	11:00 - 11:30 AM
	Teen Chat Room (library) ***	12:15 PM
	Discussion group with Randy Tiffany ***	3:00 PM
	Drum Circle with Larry Hamermesh ***	3:45 PM
	Meditation & Healing Service with Rabbi Linda ***	4:30 PM
	Yom Kippur Minchah, Avodah, Martyrology	5:15 PM
	Yom Kippur Neilah Service (approximately)	6:25 PM
	Fast Ends & Break the Fast Dinner ***	7:24 PM
Sunday, Oct 9	Sukkah Structure Building (not for young kids)***	10:00 AM - 12noon
Wednesday, Oct 12	Sukkot Chavurah ***	TBD by hosts
Friday, Oct 14	Sukkot/Shabbat services (followed by Sukkot dinner) ***	6:30 PM
Saturday, Oct 15	Shabbat/Sukkot services & potluck lunch in the Sukkah	9:45 AM
Sunday, Oct 16	New Member Orientation & Brunch***	10:00 AM
	Sukkah Decorating and Pizza Party (all ages) ***	12 noon - 1:30 PM
Wednesday, Oct 19	Catered Dinner (Come Straight from Work/School!) ***	6:00 - 6:45 PM
	Erev Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah services ***	6:45 - 8:00 PM



High Holy Day Wrap Up & Brainstorm Sunday, October 30, 2011

10:30 am - 12 noon

While all Religious Practice Committee meetings are open, we especially invite you to join the RPC for our next meeting:
Personal Reflection: What are you inspired to work on in your life or in the world in this New Year? How did the High Holy Days help you in your work of teshuvah?
Share Your Experience and Ideas: While our experiences are still fresh in our minds, bring your reflections and ideas to this meeting. If you are unable to attend, we welcome comments via phone or email. Our usual business meeting will begin at 10:00 am for those who are interested.

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Join BI to Celebrate the Festivals Sukkot & Simchat Torah



Sukkah Raising

*Sunday
October 9, 2011
10 am - Noon*

Sukkah Raising

Sunday, October 9, 2011 10:00 am - 12 noon

The first step in getting the sukkah built is putting up the walls and harvesting the corn stalks for the roof. ****Bring hand saws and gardening gloves to cut down corn stalks**** We suggest adults and teens only. Help out while the kids are in Hebrew school.

Erev Sukkot Chaverah Dinner

Wednesday, October 12, 2011 Time TBD by hosts

Join with other members at their personal sukkah or organize a group to use the BI sukkah to share a dinner on the first night of Sukkot. Please contact Laura Lee Blechner at 610-495-0611 or llblechner@verizon.net if you have a sukkah and would like to host a dinner, if you would like to organize a group to use the BI sukkah or if you would like to attend as a guest.

Shabbat & Sukkot Community Dinner

Friday, October 14, 2011 Services 6:30 pm Dinner 7:30 pm

Fulfill the mitzvah of eating in a sukkah with our community. Enjoy Kabbalat Shabbat services and then join us for a catered dinner in the Sukkah (downstairs, in case of rain). Bring a drink or dessert to share and some decorations to start decorating our sukkah. RSVP to Arlene Benz in the BI office (610) 566-4645.

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Shabbat Sukkot Potluck Lunch

Saturday, October 15, 2011 Services 9:45 am Potluck Lunch 11:45 am (approx.)

Enjoy a potluck lunch in the Sukkah after special Shabbat Sukkot services. We'll do blessings on the Bimah and then you can bring your lunch into the sukkah to enjoy the mitzvah of *layshayv ba'sukkah* (dwelling in the sukkah.) Please bring a dairy/vegetarian dish to share.

New Member Orientation & Brunch

Sunday, October 16, 2011 10 am - 12 noon

Come meet other new members and talk with members who have been with BI for some time. Meet some board members and talk with the Rabbi. And, of course, enjoy some food. RSVP to Arlene Benz in the BI office (610) 566-4645.

Sukkah Decorating & Pizza

Sunday, October 16, 2011 12 noon - 1:30 pm

Help fulfill the mitzvah of decorating the sukkah. We will hang any art projects created while children were in school and create additional decorations. Please bring \$3/person for pizza. RSVP to Arlene Benz in the BI office (610) 566-4645.

Shemini Atzeret / Simchat Torah Eighth Day of Assembly / Rejoice in the Torah

Wednesday, October 19, 2011 Dinner 6:00 pm Services 6:45 pm

Come straight from work and join BI as we celebrate the additional day of Sukkot (Shemini Atzeret) and the concluding and restarting of the Torah reading cycle. Dinner will be provided. Feel free to contribute drinks or desserts. We will have a festival service, including a moment for *Yizkor*. We will sing and dance with the Torah during the Hakafot! Help unfurl the entire Torah and watch the story of the Jewish people unfold. Hear the final words of Moses and the beginning of the creation story. Dinner RSVP to Arlene Benz in the BI office (610) 566-4645.

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PLAQUE LIST
TISHRI/HESHVAN 5772
OCTOBER 2011

In Memory of	Heb/Eng date	Synagogue Observance
Esther Greene	Tishri 5/Oct. 3	Oct. 1
Samuel Mostovoy	Tishri 9/Oct. 7	Oct. 1
Louis Rosenberg	Tishri 11/Oct. 9	Oct. 8
Dinah Mark	Tishri 11/Oct. 9	Oct. 8
Leo B. Beresin	Tishri 19/Oct. 17	Oct. 15
Robert Stern	Tishri 20/Oct. 18	Oct. 15
Pauline Josephs	Tishri 20/Oct. 18	Oct. 15
Harry Levin	Tishri 25/Oct. 23	Oct. 22
Hannah Cooper Laddon	Heshvan 2/Oct. 30	Oct. 29
Isaac Bernstein	Heshvan 2/Oct. 30	Oct. 29
Katie Horowitz	Heshvan 3/Oct. 31	Oct. 29
Richard H. Weingard	Heshvan 3/Oct. 31	Oct. 29

The "Plaque List" includes those deceased for whom a plaque exists, but for whom there are no longer any BI congregants to notify.

Ann E. Green

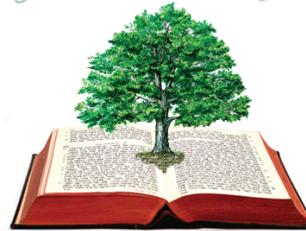
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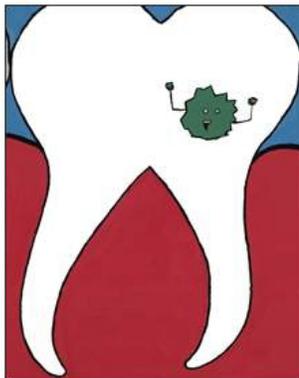
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THE BETH ISRAEL LEGACY CAMPAIGN

by Burt Cohen and Jane Laffend

On August 17, the Beth Israel board of directors unanimously approved a plan prepared by the Endowment Fund Committee to grow our endowment fund, which was created in 2008 to help ensure the congregation's continued growth and financial stability. Most college graduates have been asked to make a planned gift, such as a bequest, to their alma mater. Many former patients have been asked to make a planned gift to the hospital that treated them. But most people have not been asked to make a planned gift to their synagogue. During the coming year, we will be asking members of Beth Israel to consider such a gift.

For many of us, Beth Israel has been an important part of our lives. It has provided a caring community that has supported us in times of joy as well as times of sorrow. It has provided a stimulating environment for religious practice, education, and working to make the world a better place. By stating your intention to remember Beth Israel in your will or naming it as a beneficiary to a retirement account or life insurance policy, you can help to ensure that it will continue to be a vital and vibrant institution that will enrich the lives of our children and future generations.

The goal of the Beth Israel Legacy Campaign is to identify at least 20 percent of our members who intend to make a bequest to Beth Israel or name it as beneficiary of a life insurance policy or retirement account. While the campaign will be focused primarily on those who have been long-time members, who have held leadership positions in the community, or have demonstrated some form of long-term commitment, all members are invited to participate. Last Yom Kippur, fourteen members said that they have already made provisions for Beth Israel in their wills or intend to do so. That means that we are already almost 40 percent of the way toward reaching our goal. In the coming months, the Endowment Committee will reach out to other members through mailings, personal contacts, or invitations to a brunch.

Progress towards reaching the goal will be shown by a decorative wall hanging with trees, drawn along the lines of our "Tree of Life" logo but without any leaves. For each planned or future gift, a light green leaf will be added to the tree since this gift will not yet have matured. When someone makes a current gift to the Endowment Fund, a dark green leaf will be added to a tree. We are not planning to put names or amounts on the leaves; we merely want to show the congregation that our garden of trees is growing and prospering so that Beth Israel will live on and be here for future generations. A sample of this symbolic recognition of gifts will be on display in our lobby for the High Holidays.

The campaign will not be seeking immediate gifts since this would compete with other efforts to raise funds for current needs or other worthy causes. While members may wish to make contributions to the Endowment Fund on the occasion of a simcha or life cycle event, the main purpose of the campaign is to encourage planned gifts that will grow over time and ensure the congregation's future. So while continuing to make your custom-

ADULT EDUCATION

Lunch and Learn

Thursday Oct. 6, 12:00 - 1:30 pm
in the Rabbi's study

Topics of interest to the group and to the Rabbi. Generally, the first Thursday of the month.

Beginning Hebrew

Taught by Mark Cary
Oct. 2,3 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
5 Sundays in a row

Call the office to register. (610 566-4645)

An Introduction to Mussar

Tuesday, Oct. 25, 4:15 - 5:45 pm

Mussar, a Jewish spiritual practice, is an approachable and practical set of teachings for cultivating personal growth and spiritual realization in daily living. The ultimate goal is to help us to achieve greater wholeness and goodness. Come just for an introduction to this practice or come as a prerequisite to joining a group who meet to practice regularly

Torah Treks Opening Day

Oct. 29, 12:30 - 2:00 pm

(after Shabbat services and a catered lunch)

Dr. Elsie Stern will provide an overview of the books we are studying this year. We are in the section called Nevi'im, Prophets. This year we will study: Joshua, Judges, I and II Samuel and I and II Kings.

NEW MEMBER SHABBAT

November 4

Services: 6:30, Dinner: 7:30

All of our members and guests join together to share a lovely Shabbat experience and to welcome our newest members. RSVP to the office for the dinner, so that we may plan accordingly.

ary gifts to the various Beth Israel funds (Golden Book, BIMAS, Ellie's Fund, the Jonathan Raz Fund, etc.), also please consider a planned future gift to the Endowment Fund. If you have any questions about the Endowment Fund or the Legacy Campaign, please contact Burt Cohen, chair of the Endowment Fund Committee at bucohen@sp2.upenn.edu.



HEBREW SCHOOL

September was back to school for everyone in the BI Hebrew School, and it was a great start to the year. All the children and teachers seemed excited to be back. The first day started with a beautiful Havdalah family service led by Rabbi Linda. Then the kids met their new teachers, and the parents met with Principal Helene Cohen to hear about what's in store for the new year.

We are fortunate to have a terrific group of teachers again this year. Returning from



Come One, Come All to Consecration for Our Aleph/Bet Students Friday, October 28

Maybe you know one of them, maybe you don't! But they are our aleph/bet students and this night is special for them. Please come out to support these kids and these families as they celebrate their initiation into weekly Hebrew School.

This Young Family Service begins at 6:45 and is over by 7:30 although many stay to snack and schmooze for some time afterwards. We begin with a dinner and Shabbat blessings at 6:00 pm. All are invited to this as well.

RSVP for the dinner to Arlene Benz in the BI office, so that we may plan accordingly. (Arlene_benz@bethisraelmedia.org; or 610-566-4645, ext. 7)

2011 OPENS!

last year are Alex Dresner, Shawn Dresner, Phyllis Rubin, Rick Epstein, Marc Braunstein, Reisa Mukamal, and Laura Lee Blechner. And we're thrilled to have the following new teachers join us this year: Shira Tiffany, Mara Finestrauss, Lee Senderowitsch, and Eve Atkins.

If you are interested in joining the Ed Committee, please contact Jackie Gelman at jjelman@mangosinc.com.



Midrasha Bet Sunday, October 2 12:15 - 1:30 pm

This group meets with Rabbi Linda and is designed for students in the upper grades of high school. This year we will combine 10th, 11th, and 12th graders. We meet monthly and share brunch, check in time, and then explore topics chosen by the group.

Issues are examined through the lens of Reconstructionist Judaism, including traditional Jewish texts and perspectives as well as modern and innovative approaches.

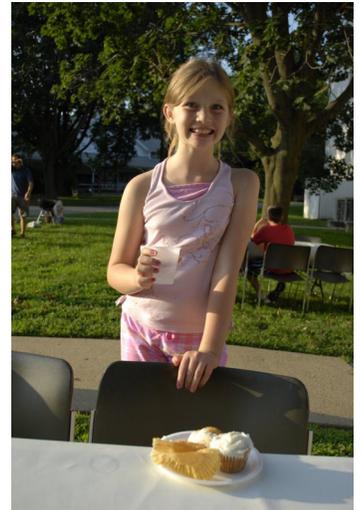
All BI students are welcome, whether or not you were a student in Midrasha Aleph.





WELCOME BACK SHABBAT BBQ

Welcome to the new year at Beth Israel. We gathered for the annual Shabbat barbeque dinner to celebrate the start of a new season and new year of friendship and ruach. Here are some photos of the BI family enjoying an end-of-the summer Shabbat together.





**YAHRTZEITS
TISHRI/HESHVAN 5772
OCTOBER 2011**



MEMBER	IN MEMORY OF	HEB/ENG DATE	SYNAGOGUE OBSERVANCE
Neil B. Kauffman	David Kauffman, father	Tishri 3/Oct. 1	Oct. 1
Alan Fink	Selma J. Fink, mother	Tishri 3/Oct. 1	Oct. 1
Ann Green	* Fannie Buchberg, mother	Tishri 4/Oct. 2	Oct. 1
Marjorie Yudkin	Louis Aronson, grandfather	Tishri 5/Oct. 3	Oct. 1
Heidi Carp	* Nadine Rogoff, mother	Tishri 6/Oct. 4	Oct. 1
Randy Tiffany	Frank Tiffany, father	Tishri 9/Oct. 7	Oct. 1
Eleanor Strauss	Samuel J. Braus, father	Tishri 12/Oct. 10	Oct. 8
Carol Briselli	Elaine Sharf, sister	Tishri 14/Oct. 12	Oct. 8
Loren Ellis	Louis Ellis, father	Tishri 14/Oct. 12	Oct. 8
Eleanor Strauss	Jeanette Bash, sister	Tishri 14/Oct. 12	Oct. 8
Rissa Sklar	Paula Sussman, sister	Tishri 14/Oct. 12	Oct. 8
Jennifer Stiller	Ralph Stiller, father	Tishri 17/Oct. 15	Oct. 15
Alan Soffer	* Sylvia Byruck Soffer, mother	Tishri 17/Oct. 15	Oct. 15
Larry Green	* Lillian Green, mother	Tishri 17/Oct. 15	Oct. 15
Miriam Sigler	Philip Aser, grandfather	Tishri 18/Oct. 16	Oct. 15
Deborah Erie	Eva Erie, grandmother	Tishri 20/Oct. 18	Oct. 15
Arnie Schwartz	Joseph Silverstein, uncle	Tishri 22/Oct. 20	Oct. 15
Miriam Sigler	Gilbert Aser, uncle	Tishri 22/Oct. 20	Oct. 15
Margo Zitin	* Ben Kaufman, father	Tishri 22/Oct. 20	Oct. 15
Carol Cowan	Genevieve Katherine Corrin, mother	Tishri 23/Oct. 21	Oct. 15
Carol Cowan	Allan Cooper Cowan, father	Tishri 24/Oct. 22	Oct. 22
Henrietta Mudrick	* Miriam Marylyn Mudrick, sister-in-law	Tishri 24/Oct. 22	Oct. 22
Marjorie Yudkin	Gerald Yudkin, father	Tishri 26/Oct. 24	Oct. 22
Laura Lee Blechner	Bessie Ferentz, aunt	Tishri 27/Oct. 25	Oct. 22
Henrietta Mudrick	* Anna Epstein, mother	Tishri 28/Oct. 26	Oct. 22
Arnie Schwartz	Elke Silverstein, grandmother	Tishri 29/Oct. 27	Oct. 22
Christopher Pragman	Walter Runkel, grandfather	Tishri 29/Oct. 27	Oct. 22
Robert Stone	Edward Stone, father	Tishri 29/Oct. 27	Oct. 22
Arnie Schwartz	Benjamin Schwartz, grandfather	Tishri 30/Oct. 28	Oct. 22
Randi Raskin Nash	* Etta Belsky, grandmother	Heshvan 6/Nov. 3	Oct. 29
Joyann Kroser	* Lila Stein Kroser, mother	Heshvan 7/Nov. 4	Oct. 29

Heb./Eng. Date refers to date of death as it falls on this year's calendar.

* A plaque exists at BI

Synagogue Observance is the date the Yahrzeit is acknowledged at services (the Shabbat PRIOR to the Hebrew date)

LEARN ABOUT CAMP JRF

Rabbi Isaac Saposnik at BI
November 5

Camp JRF is a jewel of the Reconstructionist movement. Many of our kids have had the joy and privilege of attending Camp JRF, and hopefully many more will take that opportunity. We invite all potential campers and their parents to attend services on Saturday, November 5, to meet Rabbi Isaac and to learn more about the camp. JRF campers are invited to share a favorite song, story, or memory of Camp JRF at this service.

Rabbi Linda

A Great Jewish Experience

Camp JRF kids return year after year. Camp is a magical place and the kids look forward to their time there all year. Nine BI children had a blast at Camp JRF this summer, including three BI teens who traveled to Israel for three and a half weeks.

Jewish summer camp is a wonderful gift you can give to your children. A Jewish summer camp is a joyous, spirited, and fun experience in living in and as a Jewish community that children will remember and treasure their whole lives. I was a lucky child; my summers at the Reform movement's Camp Eisner were the best summers of my childhood, and I wanted to give this experience to my own children, too. My daughter has spent the last six summers at Camp JRF, and this year, she went to Israel with the other 11th graders who grew up together at camp. Our family loves this camp, and I wish all BI kids will have the opportunity to go.

Sharon Kleban



Rabbi Linda and some of the BI family at Camp JRF this summer.

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November 4-5

The American Jewish World Service has asked congregations to set aside the first Shabbat in November to pay attention to the problem of Global Hunger. From AJWS we learn that: "Although the world's farmers produce enough food to adequately feed everyone on the planet, nearly 925 million people worldwide remain hungry. Global hunger is not a problem of quantity but of access, distribution, and control." While Beth Israel attends to these issues routinely through food drives, cooking and serving at the food service, and other acts of *tikun olam* and *tzedakah*, on this weekend, we will join energies with congregations across the country to raise up the issue, to pray for healing, and to take action to bring about a solution. Please bring in a nonperishable food item any time during the weekend as we focus on the issue of Global Hunger.

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Lynn and David Cashell
To: Linda and Burt Cohen
In memory of Linda's mother, Helen Handloff

V. Richard and Rae Roeder
To: Linda Cohen
In memory of your mother, Helen Handloff

The Shore Family
On behalf of the Shore Family, we thank you for providing us with beautiful music on this special day. You lift our hearts.

Social Action

Ken Klothen and Eve Biskind Klothen
A donation for food service

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Kathy and Dan Andersen
To: Linda and Burt Cohen
In memory of Linda's mother, Helen Handloff

The General Fund

Rissa and Stan Sklar
To: Linda and Burt Cohen
In memory of Helen Handloff. Our condolences to the Cohen family on your loss.

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To: Linda Cohen
In memory of Helen Handloff, mother of Linda Cohen

Carol Cown
To: Linda Cohen
In memory of your mother, Helen Handloff

June Kleban
To: Sharon
A tribute to honor the several years Sharon Kleban has dedicated her talents and inspiration to Congregation Beth Israel

The Alfred Gilbert Fund

Marilyn and Mel Drukin
To: Linda Cohen
In loving memory of Linda Cohen's mom, Helen Handloff

The Library Fund

Eleanor and Richard Strauss
To: Judy Kinman
In memory of Edie Schwartz, beloved sister of Judy

The Golden Book

Deenie and Rich Block
To: Linda and Burt Cohen
In memory of Helen Handloff, your beloved mother

To: Judy Kinman
In memory of Edie Schwartz, your beloved sister

Rabbi Linda
To: Linda and Burt Cohen
In memory of Helen Handloff, beloved mother, mother-in-law and grandmother. May her memory be a source of blessing.

To: Judy Kinman
In memory of your sister, Edie Schwartz. May her memory be a source of blessing to you and yours.

Rabbi Linda
To: David Shore
Mazel Tov on becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Andrea Apter and Harry Chen
To: Judy Kinman
In memory of your sister, Edie Schwartz
To: Linda Cohen
In memory of your mother, Helen Handloff

Randee O'Donnell
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To: Judy Kinman
In memory of your sister, Edie Schwartz
To: Linda Cohen
In memory of Helen Handloff, your beloved mother

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

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Thanks for your caring and support

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In memory of Linda's mother, Helen Handloff

Anita Weber
To: Rabbi Linda
Thank you for all you did in guiding me towards conversion and for your support of the community.

Sending you blessings for healing:

Melissa Leder-Randall, Jeff Deitch, Louis Friedler, Deenie Block, Ed and Naomi Sav

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