

HASHALIACH

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A Message from Rabbi Nadav Caine

“And It Shall Flow Like a Mighty Stream!” To Zoom or not to Zoom?

Here’s a trivia question: What does the Pesach seder have to do with whether we can constitute a minyan through Zoom?

Here’s the answer: The basis for the halakhic rulings on spatially making a minyan is the Talmud tractate Pesachim. The legal code Shulkhan Arukh (Orach Chayim 55) codifies: “The ten (who constitute the minyan) must be in one place and the leader with them.” From where do we derive what “one place” means? From the Passover seder! Exodus chapter 12 describes the seder prototype, as the Israelites must stay in one house for the paschal meal while the angel of death does its work. The minyan, therefore, must be constituted “in one house” like the seder is in one place, and therefore this must mean within the same physical house. Zoom “minyan,” therefore, seems to be out of the question.

But the Shulkhan Arukh doesn’t leave it there. What good halakhic debate does? It continues by probing the limits of what “in one house” can mean.

If a person is standing outside the synagogue and there is a window, even if it is several stories high and smaller than four cubits [six feet] wide, if he shows his face (in the window) he may be counted. (S.A., OC 55, #14)

So someone seen through a window to be actively participating in the minyan is counted as within the physical space halakhically even though they are outside the physical space scientifically. Zoom minyan, therefore, might well be possible: those who are actively participating in the minyan through a window count toward the quorum of ten, and I cannot think of a more apt description of the Zoom window than, well, “window.” The Shulkhan Arukh even makes it clear that it’s okay to see just their face and the size of the window is not relevant.

And while I’ve often heard people quoting the Shulkhan Arukh’s insistence that the leader does not count those hanging about in the hallway, for this

insistence seems to prove that a minyan must happen within one physical room, I rarely hear them quoting the next line:

If a few of them (i.e. the potential minyan) are inside and a few are outside, and the leader is positioned in the entrance, he connects them (to form one minyan). (S.A., O.C. 55, #15)

Apparently the “one physical room” requirement must be understood halakhically, not scientifically: the “room” can extend through windows when the leader can see a face actively participating. Moreover, the leader can create a new “one space” by linking other spaces together based on active participants. It is not the walls that make the space, it is the leader in conjunction with the participants.

So the case for Zoom minyan certainly has a solid halakhic basis, even if it upends our initial assumptions. In this case, re-reading a halakhic text a third time and beyond can revise our understanding of what it was saying all along.

Nevertheless, we must remember why the minyan was established in the first place. In the words of Rabbi Avram Reisner in his 2001 responsum:

“When the rabbis moved to require a quorum for communal public prayers and banned response absent a quorum, it seems that they were opting to force the community to come together, whereas otherwise, if one could fulfill all obligations alone, they feared that public communal structures would not develop....The halakhah as written seems to demand that that togetherness be physical, tactile, an extension of the need for one party to eat the Pesah.”

While it is tempting in any halakhic debate to take one side –in this case, the requirement of one physical room versus one participant room– we inhabit a richer, pluralistic and sympathetic space when we allow ourselves to feel the existential nubs that generate the debates we are so proud of as Jews.

I feel that nub at this point in our synagogue’s life.

On the one hand, I feel viscerally the true human connection that streaming can bring as otherwise distant spaces are joined together as one multilocal space. I have watched as members have been able to say kaddish every night for the entire year of mourning, rather than missing nights due to travel, work, and family obligations. In addition, they have been able to say that kaddish joined every night by family members spread across the country, thus fulfilling the central

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President's Perspective Deborah Ball

As Pesach approaches, I am reflecting on our recent journey through a wilderness of uncertainty. Sometimes I find myself unsure how long ago something happened. I am vague about which year, or even which month. Time sometimes seems strangely blurred.

But then I suddenly remember moments at Beth Israel of deep caring, such as being able to continue saying Kaddish for my father once we were under stay-home orders, and of being able to make it possible for others who lost loved ones to be able to do so. I recall the labor of volunteers packing High Holidays bags for every member of the congregation in September 2020, filled with supplies, prayerbooks, and small treats. I remember gratefully many times of seeing other Beth Israel members on Zoom, talking, sharing, and praying together. These were reminders of our strength as a congregation. These were also reminders that these acts of *chesed*, of lovingkindness, were made possible because we leaned in together.

It was not an easy time. The efforts we made to show up for one another, to trust, were part of the ongoing journey in the common project of becoming still better as a congregation.

Although we might sometimes feel lonely, and disconnected, we are not alone. Community is a rare

and precious part of our tradition. And in fact, our texts and teachings are replete with notions of collective responsibility, collective action, and collective life.

Our community is a vessel for the development of collective. A *Mishkan*, translated as “tabernacle,” is not just the building, the synagogue, but it is us. **The collective “we.”** The existence of Beth Israel, founded here in Ann Arbor 107 years ago, was a commitment, a statement, by those who came before us, of the necessity of a sacred space, a Conservative Jewish congregation, here in Ann Arbor.

This reminds us that we are not just who we are now as a congregation. We are also those who came before us, and those who will come after us. To be more deliberate about this, we will create opportunities over the next several months to hear from our elders in the congregation. They have played key roles in our journey and we have much to learn from hearing their stories and their wisdom. These should not be lost.

We will also take more time to see our young members as they grow, learn, celebrate, and become the Jewish people who will carry us forward into times we do not know. They need us to affirm and appreciate them, to encourage their development as part of us and also distinct in the defining of their Jewish identities.

Thinking about the “us” as a collective suggests a different way of what it means to support and sustain our Beth Israel, both physically — our building and its aging and environmentally unconscious roof — and metaphorically, all of us in this community. And this will require us to think in new ways about what it takes financially and in terms of volunteer time to make possible a Beth Israel that is both better and stronger.

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TO OUR CONGREGANTS

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At Kol Nidre last fall, I told a story about two different ways of being a member that foreground a crucial distinction that I ask you to consider. One was about how my family and I invested in a share of a local organic farm, a CSA, or community supported agriculture. We knew that by paying our share in April, we would partake of a share of the farm's harvest from week to week. We enjoyed vegetables we would not have thought to buy, and we relished the ones we have always loved. But we did not get to order the produce we preferred. We were sharing in the costs of sustaining the farm, and participating in its bounty as it grew. We were supporting an important communal effort to grow healthy vegetables and flowers.

This sort of being a member was different from a "fee for service" approach, such as at a local fitness center, where we could decide to join, but only pay for what we wanted to use. And where we could suspend our membership with just a month's notice.

These are profoundly different ways of joining. In the first example, we joined a collective enterprise, helping to support its existence. In the second, we could pay for exactly what we wanted, without concern for the ongoing existence of the place.

As we recently completed this cycle of reading the book of Shemot, or Exodus, we saw again what the writer, Kiese Laymon, claims about the need to re-read things. "Reading something more than twice," he wrote, "[is] the reader's version of revision." As we read across the past weeks, we read about the Israelites' journey toward the promised land, and added to and revised our understanding about creating holiness in the ordinary acts of everyday life.

I want to lift up two of these learnings because I think they structure the kind of *Mishkan*, or tabernacle, we have been collectively trying to build here in the wilderness of Ann Arbor for more than 107 years.

First, we read that sometimes it is important to give what is needed, or wanted, by the recipient, not merely what the giver chooses. Gifts that respond to what the recipient needs require communication between giver and receiver. Those sensitive connections with others are one form of holiness. How do we ask one another to help build, restore, grow, and sustain our community here, and how do we respond with attunement to our collective needs?

Second, gifts offered willingly — not asked for — also create opportunities for holiness. If the giver feels compelled to give, it can weaken the significance of a gift. It can make it seem less a gift and more an obligation. And yet, as we well know, obligation provides structure for paying attention to others, for attending to needs greater than one's own. Contributing funds, your time — these are all opportunities to create acts of holiness — often, as our tradition calls us to mind without knowing the ultimate recipient of that contribution. Obligations offer moral imperatives that enrich what it means to act as a human being, and add holiness to acts of everyday life. Obligations are, as such, gifts in themselves.

We faced many challenges in the desert. We can take inspiration and guidance from the fact that they were strongest and most resilient when they worked as a collective. The commitment required to create community itself fosters commitment and community. The offerings of individuals, given freely, combine with others' to make more than any one person can accomplish alone. The details of the plan to build the *Mishkan* that we read about across several weeks coordinated the collective effort so that what was built would be beautiful, and not merely an assembly of random elements. Collective work requires shared goals, the articulation of common purpose, and the willingness to act for the communal good. Beth Israel's mission and vision, and our strategic goals and specific action steps, our plans to track our progress — these are part of our detailed plan to build and sustain the *Mishkan*.

One of the most provocative and rich ideas in the Torah is the idea of *chesed*, translated as "love," "kindness," or "lovingkindness." I ask that we study, think, and act together to develop new ways to strengthen and sustain our community, that we explore how *chesed* and our fundamental orientation to collective might inspire a resilient path forward for us. As we emerge from the past three years, haltingly for sure, but emerging, we have an opportunity to reimagine how we collectively support our community. What are the gifts or offerings that we need to ask one another for? What do we each need, and what do we need collectively? What are the gifts or offerings that we choose voluntarily to give?

We need to delve into these questions more deeply over the next months. As we look at our present and to our future, let us draw deeply from

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Gerald L. Sorokin
Executive Director

When I arrived at Beth Israel last August, I thought I knew what to expect: a vibrant congregation made up of thoughtful, intellectually-curious members. And I was right. But what I hadn't known I'd witness was the level of community commitment, both of the shul as a whole and of individual members.

The first thing that really caught my attention was [JCOR](#) (Jewish Congregations Organized for Resettlement), a recently-established partnership of Ann Arbor Jewish congregations that was preparing to help an immigrant family. Things moved very quickly: barely a week after I started my new job, JCOR announced that the family had arrived and the plans kicked into high gear. I was delighted to see members of Beth Israel and other local congregations raising funds, gathering material donations, helping the new arrivals settle into a home. In the months since, JCOR volunteers have continued to assist the family as they acclimate to a new country, new language, new schools, new jobs.

The great thing about JCOR is that its volunteers and supporters are giving time and money to a cause that is both distinctively Jewish and wholly universal. We are commanded to help the stranger among us. It doesn't matter whether the immigrant family JCOR is helping is Jewish, nor whether volunteers and donors are affiliated with our or any other congregation. What matters is that helping these people is the right thing to do.

In February, JCOR was honored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor with its first-ever Pillar Award. I can't think of a better organization to recognize for its leadership and commitment to making our community—and the world as a whole—better. The Detroit Jewish News recently published an [article](#) on JCOR's achievements, with quotes from several members from Beth Israel. Talk about *scheppen naches*!

A synagogue is much more than a building where people pray. Though it is that. It's a collection of people who work together to generate meaningful change in our local and worldwide community.

Thank you, JCOR, for getting the work done and inspiring the rest of us to pursue justice: *tzedek tzedek tirdof* קִדְּשׁ קִדְּשׁ תִּירְדּוּף.



Several JCOR volunteers gathered for a photo after December 2022 fundraiser concert at the Jewish Community Center in Ann Arbor. From left: Rob Deschaine, Renee Robbins, Michael Appel, Fruma Taub, Midge Cone, Deborah Greene, Jeff Basch, and Harvey Somers. Photo credit: Mira Sussman

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the teachings and values of our tradition. I look forward to these conversations and ask that you stand ready to consider new ways to be, to thrive, and to continue. I ask that we think how being Jewish offers us a different way to think about joining together than were we a fitness center. And I ask that we look for ways to practice lovingkindness with one another, expressing appreciation, gratitude, love, and comfort.

Beth Israel, the ineffable us, is collective. It is more than our buildings, more than our Zoom gatherings, or our being together in the beautiful sanctuary. It is the sum of each of us, and that stretches out beyond us to the future of Beth Israel here in Ann Arbor, next year and for years to come.

Please share your thoughts, your ideas, your suggestions, and your questions. This is about us and where we want to go.

L'shalom,

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Heather Gale
Director of Youth
Education

Beth Israel Religious School and the youth of Beth Israel have been having a very exciting school year!

Our high holy day programming was a huge success with over 100 kids participating in all of our activities. Everyone had a blast participating in youth services, playing games and doing escape rooms with their peers, and diving into the meaning behind our prayers.

Beth Israel Religious School is pleased to welcome our 18(!) new families to our school this year. Our newest students are getting caught up and making new friends while our veteran students are happy to show them the ropes and where we keep the snacks.

Our BIRS teachers this year are fabulous and our students have learned so much in every class. Our Gan Katan class with Yonit has been a joy to watch. They sing songs, hear stories, play together, and have creative crafts to go home with after each class. Our longtime K/1st teacher, Judy, has done an excellent job this year utilizing a project-based learning curriculum focusing on Shabbat. The kids are always engaged and excited to come to class. Our 2nd/3rd class with Eva and Hannah has given our students a great foundation for being a good Jewish person by studying "A Kid's Mensch Handbook." They have had lots of creative crafts, learned about holidays, and even had a chocolate seder. Our 4th/5th grade students have learned so much with the legendary Morah Carol. They put on a fabulous show for us at Purim with Morah Carol's famous Purim Play. They have also completed countless amazing projects

including making Ushpizin for our Sukkah, writing Jewish book reports, learning their Pesach 4's, and learning our Bible stories.

Our 6th and 7th graders have had a very full year with a bunch of teachers including Aviva, Cantor Devorah, Anna, Emma and Molly. They have been learning about being Jewish into their teen years with Moving Traditions, learning about Israel with IsraelLink, discussing Jewish life cycle events and diving into antisemitism and the Holocaust. Their visit to the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Farmington Hills this year is a wonderful learning experience for them and their families.

Our post-mitzvah students this year have been led by the wonderful Mira. She always has her nose on the issues that these students want to learn about and their dedication to learning is impressive. They talked about political issues both here in the US and in Israel, discussed antisemitism based on local events, and learned about Jewish monsters and demons. We also launched a new Madrichim program this year and had some wonderful participants. They had monthly learning sessions talking about what it means to become a leader in the classroom with their teacher Sari.

Our t'filot/music program was led by Cantor Devorah again and we are so grateful that she prepared our students so well for both of our school Shabbats this year with some help from the BIRS assistant (and our Ritual Assistant at Beth Israel), Meg. Our final School Shabbat this year is on April 29, and we hope to see all of you there supporting our students!

Katie has brought our Tot Shabbat back to life and we are so grateful. We often have over 20 participants for Tot Shabbat, which we offer two times each month. We also brought back our Shabbat Schmooze for our older elementary students. They're having a great time praying, playing, and learning about the parsha with Rachel and Hadas.

10:30 a.m. on Apr. 15 & 22 - May 13 & 27

Tot Shabbat

Join us for a playful morning of Jewish songs and stories. Challah and grape juice kiddush included. For kids age 1 through 1st grade and parents, but all are welcome to join.

Shabbat Schmooze

We invite our older elementary students (2nd-5th grade) to join us for some ice breakers, challah and juice, traditional Shabbat prayers, weekly torah portion activities, and time with friends both old and new.



Please Welcome Barbara McAnelly Director of Engagement and Programming



Hi! I'm Barbara, the new Director of Engagement and Programming. I look forward to meeting everyone and getting to know every family that I serve at Beth Israel. I am originally from Houston, Texas but I have lived in California, Oregon, and Arizona. In Houston, I was a member of Congregation Or Ami and Temple Emanu El. I have a wonderful son, "Beemo," that is always on the move! Prior to Beth Israel, I worked as a high school teacher in Toledo, where I taught English-Language Arts.

One of my favorite games is Jewish Geography and I love figuring out the connections that we share, individually and collectively. I'd love to chat with you about what we have in common and what we don't! The best relationships are the ones where we learn from each other. If you have any ideas for programming or just want to have coffee, please email me at barbm@bethisrael-aa.org! I look forward to hearing from you.

Please note that Barbara will be working part time until the beginning of July.

A promotional graphic for a "Pop Up Meditation and Havdalah" event. The left side features a silhouette of a person in a meditative lotus position against a vibrant, multi-colored background of light rays and geometric patterns. The right side shows a close-up of hands lighting a large, ornate Havdalah candle on a silver tray, with other smaller candles visible. The text "Pop Up Meditation and Havdalah" is written in a large, orange, serif font across the center. Below the meditation image, white text on a dark background provides details: "LED BY RABBI ELLIOT GINSBURG", "SATURDAY EVENING APRIL 1ST", "7:30 PM MEDITATION FOLLOWED BY HAVDALAH", and "BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION SANCTUARY".

Pop-up Kabbalistic Guided Meditation Saturday April 1 — 7:30 p.m.

There's a time to plan and there's a time to be spontaneous.

Take a break from Pesach prep this coming Saturday night and join us for a pop-up one hour Kabbalistic guided meditation session led by Rabbi Elliot Ginsburg in the sanctuary.
(This program is in-person only.)

For this late Shabbat gathering, Reb Elliot will weave together guided meditation, simple niggunim (chants) and brief teachings that invite participants to enter Deep Shabbat (the waning hours of Shabbat where longing and fullness meet) and to experience Havdalah as a Kiddush for the new week.

Elliot Ginsburg, a longtime Ann Arborite and member of BIC, is a professor of Jewish Thought and Mysticism at the University of Michigan, a senior teacher of rabbinic students for the Jewish Renewal Ordination program, and the founding Rabbi of the Pardes Hannah minyan. Reb Elliot is the author of two books on the mystical celebration of Shabbat, and numerous articles on kabbalah, hasidism, and spiritual practice. He combines intellectual engagement with a devotional stance; he is the husband of Linda Jo Doctor, the father of three adult children and zeyde for six grandkids.

PASSOVER EVENTS AND RESOURCES

Tips for a Successful Seder with Rav Nadav Saturday, April 1 — 12:00 p.m. Small Social Hall

Join Rav Nadav after services and learn his tips for having a successful seder. After Shabbat morning services help yourself to kiddush and then join Rav Nadav in the small social hall.

Siyyum Taanit Bechorot Wednesday, April 4 — 7:30 a.m. G & S 2010 Bldg. — Lower Level

Zachary Bernstein and Zecharyah Carruthers lead Shacharit and teach a Siyyum to break the fast of the firstborn. They will be finishing the second *perek* of Makkot and teaching a short *sugya* from that *perek* that has applications for Passover.

THE PASSOVER SEDER KIDS' EXPERIENCE AT THE JCC! AGES 2 THRU 10 - OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

SUNDAY APRIL 2, 2023 @ 12:30PM
BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION, ANN ARBOR JCC, AND
HEBREW DAY SCHOOL TOGETHER INVITE ALL ANN ARBOR
FAMILIES TO THE "SEDER EXPERIENCE" FOR KIDS

KIDS AND ADULTS WILL BUILD CITIES FOR
PHARAOH, DEMAND OUR FREEDOM, EXPERIENCE
THE PLAGUES, SHELTER IN TENTS (WITH
GLOWSTICKS), PACK FOR THE FIRST SEDER, AND
CROSS THE RED SEA (OF STREAMERS)



Passover Resources

Selling Your Chameitz

To sell your chameitz to Rabbi Caine, [click here](#).

Rabbinical Assembly Pesah Guide 5783

This guide is intended to help families maintain a kosher for Pesah home in accordance with the principles of Conservative Judaism and its understanding of Jewish law. [Click here](#)

Instructions for Bedikat/Biur Chameitz

[Click here](#) for instructions for Bedikat/Biur Chameitz, the afikomen-like search for chameitz and the nullification declaration.

Kashering Your Kitchen

[Click here](#) for a helpful video

Kitniyot (Beans, Rice, Soy, and Legumes)

Chameitz (leavened grains) is any product made with any amount of wheat, barley, oats, rye, spelt, or their derivatives, that is not matzah (and so has possibly leavened). The custom of avoiding rice, beans, nuts, corn, and soy (kitniyot) is based on notions of their flour leavening (which they do not) and concerns of cross contamination with forbidden grains in the marketplace. The Conservative Movement has ruled, as have most halakhic codes through the centuries, that such concerns are unjustified, and so the custom has no basis, but that Ashkenazim may preserve these customs if they choose to out of reverence for their family traditions. Otherwise, rice, beans, nuts, corn, and soy are kosher for Passover without a Passover heksher and may be eaten during Passover as long as they are purchased before Passover so any accidental chameitz is nullified during the Bedikat/Biur Chameitz ceremony on Erev Pesach. (In halakhic language; the nullification of 1/60 contamination applies before Pesach but not during.) In such a case, it is essential one recite the nullification declaration on the morning before the seder which can be [found here](#). For a summary of the relevant sources and reasoning on the matter, [click here](#) for a source sheet compiled by Rabbi Caine.

For more resources, including downloadable Haggadot, [click here](#).



Omer Spiritual Journey Workshop: Mystical Counting with Rav Nadav Sunday, April 9 — 6:45 p.m. via Zoom

Join Rav Nadav for a Zoom session to practice the mystical journey of Omer counting! This Zoom session will take place on Sunday, April 9 from 6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., followed by minyan at 7:30 p.m., all on the evening minyan zoom link.

COMMUNITY-WIDE RECOVERY SEDER

**Saturday April 8, 2023
from 4 - 8 p.m.**

This unique Passover celebration will utilize a Haggadah with resonances of 12 Step programs that was specially created for this event. It is geared toward anyone who is in recovery for addiction, family members, supporters and even those who may be interested or curious about how the celebration of our festival of freedom is marked in this special way.

The Seder will take place at
Chapel Hill Condominiums Clubhouse.

Registration Requested.



An Omer Invitation Meg Bernstein, Ritual Assistant

I first learned to love counting the Omer over the pandemic out of sheer determination. As many who read this will know, the tradition of counting the Omer comes from a passage in Leviticus (23:15-16) that instructs the ancient Jews to make offerings of newly harvested barley to God at the beginning of Pesach and again seven weeks later. I had serious questions about how this connects to modern life in a society that no longer harvests its own grain—after all, it is only Spring in Michigan—or makes offerings at a Temple. I needed it to make sense; I needed it to connect with the path I was already on, the one guiding me through the energies of the seasons and the stars. And I learned I was kind of already a mystic, seeking out those energetic patterns of change in our Jewish calendar.

Because that, to me, is what the Omer can be in a modern context: another invitation for spiritual, emotional change through a system of deep introspection. Naturally the Kabbalists were already on it hundreds of years ago, devising a complex system of self-reflection based on the Sefirot. But I needed something more concrete. I needed an embodied practice that I was already doing to which I could connect my counting (and accounting) of the Omer, one that worked, at least for me, on a different level than daily davening. As a poet, I instinctually felt I could bring the spirit and practice of counting the Omer into my daily writing ritual. I'm a big believer in writing as a tool for spiritual growth and connection. But doing it on my own, I found, was not enough.

So, in 2021, I launched a poetry writing group based on daily writing prompts designed around a spiritual journey through the seven weeks. Each day I provide these prompts through email to a small group of writers—mostly poets, though others are most welcome to join—and most days many of my fellow writers share back the poetry they've created. It is a labor of love, both in the preparation and execution. And it is certainly a challenge!

And though, by the time you read this, the Omer may have already started, it is not too late to join our journey. While my prompts are designed with poets in mind, our group includes folks who do other styles of writing, as well as those who prefer other forms of artistic expression, like painting. Email me to get on

the daily list and to join our first-ever Zoom Siyyum after Shavuot in May.

Want a preview? Try before you buy! (Only kidding, this program is totally free.) Here are some prompts from the past years to get you started:

- Consider something that inspires a feeling of awe in you. This could be the stars in the infinite cosmos, waves endlessly washing upon an empty beach, or the tiny wrinkles in a newborn's foot. Or consider a time in your life when you felt the expansiveness of awe: standing on Masada at dawn, touching the Western Wall, witnessing the birth of a child. Consider whether a responsibility to feel awe at these things is part of our covenantal relationship with God and Creation. Let the poem flow from this place of awe.
- A challenge of cultivating a sense of spiritual awareness is learning to listen to your innermost self to discern what you need from the Universe or God. On Friday evenings before we do the silent Amidah, our rabbi asks the congregation to take a moment to think of the prayer or conversation we most need to be having with God. Write the prayer you most need to say today. Be as honest & direct as you can. Really try to listen to the you who is speaking up from the shadows.

*Where will be my home if not this light-filled
sanctuary of trees just waking from a season's rest?*

*My feet know each stone & turn of the path—
the squirrels greet me like chatty neighbors.*

*I recall each sunken log, though
they wear a new year's worth of decay,*

*& every bristling thicket of future berries
returning slowly to its prickled prime.*

*The creek hails me from its perennial bed,
Stumbling over its worn, rocky banks.*

*Geese leave gifts of feathers at my feet,
& snakes slither out to deliver their secrets.*

*Embraced by the towering trees of this forest
whose roots sing to one another lullabies*

*older than my people's ideas of God,
I am at home in the womb of Creation.*

-Meg Bernstein, Omer 2022

Planting the garden is done in stages.
First, the sturdy but slow seeds are planted indoors.
Then the seeds that sprout easily go in pots.

Finally the hardy ones are sown directly into the
warming ground,
To rise up and march forth with vigor,
Never turning away from the path.

Each seed rises in its own time,
Liberated from its hard shell with warmth and water.
Liberation nurtured with love and patience.

-Jan Katz, Omer 2022

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i remember how
the earth felt
the day it was formed
and born of
flying rock and dust
melded into
a sphere of life by
a cosmic
creator with a
plan

i do remember
in my soul
seeing from a place
not yet known
spoken to me in
strands of dna
passed down through eons
of miracles
i remember how
the earth felt
when it was born
it was a
primitive
me

-Carolyn Zaleon, Omer 2022

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Freedom will not come through the sewers,
We must go through the sewers and meet it.
Crouch amongst the buckwheat and search for
The opening to the system built by your forebears.
Proceed to the first intersection where the waste
Flows from right to left. Remember your boots.

Follow this passageway for nine hundred paces
Until the goats' stampede is at its loudest
Directly overhead. Pause here and count the footsteps,
Divide by four, and from there enumerate the beating
Hearts which will go to feed our people when
Our crops are destroyed. Keep simultaneous count
Of the footsteps, however: even goats take
An occasional sabbath, often when you least expect it.
Turn back to confront the direction of your approach,
Locate a sheer face blocking your retreat: This
Is the face of your sibling, attempting the same,
So continue without further hesitation. Time is scarce
Even without you wasting it. The sunlight up above is
Long departed, though you have no reason to know it,
The goats have slept, grazed and woken several times
Over, and I am tracking on my fingers how much time
Has passed. Below that face there are stairs,
Winding beneath the muck, but their floor is your
Ceiling, dig and you might emerge in some sanctuary
I will never know, repeat this task once per day for
However many years and someday you might put it
Into practice, for freedom will not come through the
Sewers, you must go through the sewers and meet it.

-Evan Frenklak, Omer 2022

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I should call a man in California
But I think I'll write a poem instead.

I should go outside and weed the garden
But I think I'll write a poem instead.

I should start to read my French homework
But I'd rather write a poem instead.

I should put away the dishes on the shelf
But I need to write a poem instead.

I forgot to sweep the kitchen floor
I was writing down a poem instead.

The soup boiled over in the pot
My words were getting tangled in a knot.

The sheets were rumpled on the bed
I was rhyming out the Omer in my head.

-Daryl Hafter, Omer 2021

Yom HaShoah Commemoration *Monday April 17th 6:30 PM on Zoom*

Join us over Zoom for a family program as we commemorate the lives of those lost in the Shoah. Participants will be invited to light a candle in honor of an individual victim of the Shoah.

Suggested donation of \$5 per candle.

Candles will be available for pick up at HDS between 8am - 4pm after Tuesday, March 28th.

This program is geared toward students in grades 3 and higher, though younger family members are welcome to participate.

Zoom link available upon registration.



HEBREW DAY SCHOOL
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Yom HaZikaron (Remembrance Day) **Ceremony** **Tuesday, April 25 — 7:00 p.m.**

On Tuesday, April 25, at 7:00 p.m. Beth Israel is proud to host Ann Arbor's annual Yom HaZikaron (Remembrance Day) ceremony. Yom HaZikaron commemorates soldiers who gave their lives in Israel's wars, as well as victims of terror. Like the observance in Israel, our Yom HaZikaron ceremony takes place at the end of the day and will lead directly into Yom HaAtzmaut – Israel's 75th Independence Day. Please note that minyan will be held at 6:45 p.m. on this day.



Upcoming Events

Ruth Messinger at Shabbat Morning Services

Saturday, April 15

Ruth Messinger, Global Ambassador for the American Jewish World Service, visits services in preparation for the evening fundraiser for the Irene Butter Fund Launch Event.



Talmud Studies with Rabbi Dobrusin

Mondays at 4:00 p.m.
via Zoom

This spring, we will be studying from the 5th chapter of the tractate Berachot dealing with subjects related to specific concepts connected with prayer. All are welcome to join the class at any time.

Aura of Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, April 14 and May 19
at 6:00 p.m.

In-person and Virtual

A Jewish Renewal-inspired singing service led by Rabbi Aura Ahuvia.

Home Shabbat: From the Rabbi's Table to Yours

Friday, April 28 and May 26
5:40 p.m. - Pre-Shabbat Visiting
6:00 p.m. - Kabbalat Shabbat Svc.

Join Rav Nadav and family for Kabbalat Shabbat service over Zoom on the last Friday of each month.

Pop Up Hebrew Calligraphy Workshop: A Hands-On Program for all Ages

Sunday, April 23 - 12:15 p.m.
Large Social Hall

Join us as we explore how to make the letters and some of their mystical meaning. Led by Rav Nadav and a guest instructor. Snacks and material provided. Registration requested. [Click here](#) to register.



Shavuot at Beth Israel

Tikkun Leil Shavuot*

Thursday, May 25
8:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Shavuot Morning Services

Friday, May 26
9:30 a.m.

Shavuot Morning Services with Yizkor

Saturday, May 17
9:30 a.m.

**watch for more details soon*



Beth Israel Green Team and Social Action Committee Host Detroit Adamah at the Volunteer Appreciation Brunch

Sunday, May 21, 9:45 a.m.

All volunteers, past, present, and yet to be inspired, are cordially invited to enjoy fresh homemade brunch in appreciation of what you have done, are doing, or might do for Beth Israel, whether it is ushering at holidays, attending or captaining minyan, leading services, or other projects. Come and hear about the Green Team's accomplishments and our ideas for our buildings and community. We are especially proud to welcome "Adamah Detroit" (formerly Hazon Detroit) for a dialogue program focused on Jewish identity and the climate. The dialogue will offer opportunities for *chevruta* (small-group) reflection and sharing, drawing on our rich Jewish tradition for inspiration for how we can build resilience through connection and action. There will be time to relax and schmooze with friends, and also the opportunity to engage in what we hope to be an invigorating program. We especially encourage our teen and newer members to join us, to help us create a common group, working together towards a more sustainable future for our congregation.

For more questions, contact Michael S. Simon (simonmichael725@gmail.com) or to volunteer to help cook, Diane Wilson (dclonezer@aol.com).

TO OUR CONGREGANTS

(Rabbi, cont'd from Page 2)

purpose of saying kaddish, healing through touching base each day to those who know what you're going through: comforting doesn't end with shivah.

I have reflected on how insensitive the Jewish community has been –and I have been– to those who are challenged to attend in-person. It's enough to produce an expanded *al cheit*: for the sin of telling someone to come in person who does not drive at night, or at all, or who cannot afford a car or to live near the synagogue, or who is not fully mobile, or who has physical limitations (arthritis, incontinence, back or other chronic pain, etc.), or who needs closed captions, or whose eyesight is limited. How about the many people who are caregivers? How many screens are filled with those who are monitoring an elderly parent, or child, or other who is just out of the frame? How many Jews and potential converts live across Michigan with no access to a synagogue, and who don't have the means to simply move to be closer?

And yet for all of this, there is what lies on the other hand. How do we, in Reisner's words, "force the community to come together" in order to develop our "public communal structure?" If everyone knows they can stream the Saturday evening Jewish meditation session or Friday evening *nigun* Shabbat from the comfort of their home, how do we create an effective summoning of God's presence in the physical room? And this is not a baseless fear: there have been multiple occasions we've barely made an in-person minyan, and the requisite sense of community and of God's presence, for Yom Hazikaron, Yom Hashoah, and other programs. Our Saturday morning service has been the central place where we gather as a community, where new and veteran members are greeted and make new friends, where the Torah is paraded among the Israelites, and we recreate the communal experience that has sustained us for thousands of years. Yet even now, many of our members have not come back to the sanctuary to celebrate God, Shabbat, and Torah together. While I suspect this is due to new Saturday morning habits developed over the pandemic (rather than folks streaming the service instead), it points to the rabbis' fear: if we do our Jewish practice outside of a shared physical space, we risk sacrificing community.

So how do we manage these new opportunities and these new challenges?

I think that we need to honor that we cannot be expected as a synagogue and as a staff to achieve both the goods of physical gathering and the goods of

multilocality at the same time in all cases. **Creating particular kinds of in-person spaces may mean that we do not stream them, such as some musical, spiritual, holiday, and learning spaces.** Such spaces may rely on critical mass, or a special relation of leader and participant, or of participants with each other. In addition, anyone who has been to a church knows that effective streaming requires a fully dedicated staff person to actively manage the video and audio mix, usually with their equipment within the same room as the service, and this is neither affordable nor visually desirable. *We have to respect that some classes, some services, and some programs will be in-person only, out of respect to the leader, the participants, or the subject matter.*

Second, we have to go out of our way to create streaming-only multilocal spaces where in the past we would have defaulted to in-person. From our last-Friday-of-the-month Home Shabbat, to study experiences, we need to try Zoom-only events. When I first thought of having a presentation on current events in Israel, I naturally thought it should be in-person, and streamed on the side. In fact, however, it worked splendidly as a Zoom-only event. Having all 78 screens together with my moderating questions through the Chat box, and the presenter effectively screen sharing slides, it was even better as a Zoom-only event. Similarly with my Conversion Classes: when my attempts at hybrid detracted from the experience, I now conduct them Zoom-only, reaching amazing students across Michigan. While some learning and programming experiences should be in-person only, some could be Zoom-only and we need to be more experimental to see what works – maybe even Yom Hashoah and Yom Hazikaron – and when it does not, we might practice *chesed*, forgiving love for failing to meet the needs of all.

And third, we (who are able) need to dig deeper to come in person when the situation calls for it even when there is a streaming option. Yes, we have developed other habits for Saturday morning, for commemorating the dead of the Shoah and of Israel's wars, for making a minyan, for praying, for numerous other Jewish calls to summon, but the summons is there. What the rabbis were trying to force us to do through the mechanism of minyan, we need to summon within ourselves. There is a time to take a walk or join by Zoom, and there is a time to gather in person. Those who have strayed from the sanctuary need to find it in themselves to return, so that by answering that summons, we may communally summon God's presence among us.

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Talmud, Ta'anith 23

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Thea Glicksman in honor of Liz Fried's special birthday; in memory of Susan Rita Chapnick, mother of Claire Chapnick and mother-in-law of Jerry Sorokin.*

Lori Greenberg in memory of her husband, Arie Greenberg, on his yahrzeit.**

Susan & Barry Gross in memory of Susan's parents, Ben & Toby Hersen, on their yahrzeits.

Glenda Koby & Bruce Spiegel in memory of Charlene Rooth Zand.*

Allen & Evie Lichter in memory of their parents, Dorothy & Irving Simon and Buena & Max Lichter, on their yahrzeits.**

Herb Malinoff in memory of his father, Allen Malinoff, on his yahrzeit.*

Meira Miller in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Pablo Marenales and the B'not Mitzvah of Ellen Schwartz and Daryl Hafter; in thanks to Beth Jarvis and Sam Zielinski for going above and beyond to save Shabbat on 2/25.*

Sue, Charlie, Dan & Sagan Shapiro and Martha Oleinick in honor of Rabbi Dobrusin.***

David Sherman & Carey Wexler Sherman in memory of his father, Morris Sherman, on his yahrzeit.

Nancy & Samuel Silver in memory of Nancy's parents, Anita & Robert Straussberg, on their yahrzeits.

Roberta & Larry Tankanow in memory of Larry's mother, Gertrude Tankanow, on her yahrzeit.*

Benjamin Taub & Jane Monto in memory of Benjamin's father, Sylvan Taub, on his yahrzeit.*

SA'AD: A HELPING HAND FUND

Nancy Karp in memory of her parents, David Karp & Julia Karp Kirsch, and her grandfather, Louis Karp, on their yahrzeits.*

Pamela & Stephen Landau in memory of Shulamith Weisman, mother of Lois Weisman; in memory of Beverly Bennett, mother of Lori Bennett; in memory of Gideon Hoffer, husband of Carol Hoffer.*

Rachel Schreiber in appreciation of the helping hands that were there when she needed it the most.***

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Ilana & Ari Gafni in loving memory of Haia Carmi, mother of Ilana, on her yahrzeit.

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Marci, Stephen & Adam Feinberg yahrzeit memorial for Beatrice Milet, beloved mother to Marci and grandmother to Adam.

Gary & Eileen Freed in memory of Susan Chapnick, mother of Claire Chapnick.

Deena Jones in memory of her husband, Kenneth Paul Jones, on his yahrzeit.**

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

Rabbi Rob & Ellen Dobrusin in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Ellen Schwartz and Daryl Hafter.*

Pamela & Stephen Landau in memory of Robert Haftel, father of Hilary Haftel; in memory of Edward Elias, brother of Stanton Elias; in memory of Sydel Popinsky, sister of Art Schuman.*

Meira Miller in memory of Barbara Threath Appelman; in honor of Nancy & Irv Leon and Joan Lowenstein & Jonathan Trobe.

David Scobery & Denise Thal in memory of Denise's father, Bruce Thal, on his yahrzeit.

Michael Simon & Wendy Uhlmann in memory of Shulamith Weisman, mother of Lois Weisman; Michael Simon in honor of Liz Fried as his Hebrew teacher.*

RONALD & ELANA SUSSMAN EDUCATION FUND

Alan Lamphear & Anita Liberman-Lamphear in memory of Alan's grandmother, Ida Spizizen, on her yahrzeit.

Pamela & Stephen Landau wishing Mazal Tov to Dina Shtull & Steve Leber on the birth of their grandson, Avi Matan Leber, son of Tani Shtull-Leber & Stephanie Chalifour; wishing Mazal Tov to Sue & Larry Adler on the birth of their granddaughter, Myla Simone, daughter of Evan & Marina Adler.

Ron & Lonnie Sussman in honor of the Bar Mitzvahs of Gabriel Seinfeld-Chopp, Etai Lasser, and Pablo Marenales; in honor of the Bat Mitzvahs of Zoe Ressler-Maerlender, Lily & Ella Wright, Ellen Schwartz and Daryl Hafter; wishing Mazal Tov to Rebecca & Matthew Weston on the birth of their son, Charles Duke Weston; wishing Mazal Tov to Elise Weisbach on the birth of her great grandchild; wishing Mazal Tov to Sue & Larry Adler on the birth of their granddaughter, Myla Simone Adler; wishing Mazal Tov to John & Sara McLaughlin on the birth of their daughter, Anne Gloria Koenig McLaughlin; wishing Mazal Tov to Harvey Berman & Shelly Kovacs Berman on the birth of their granddaughter, Zoe Jade Berman; wishing Mazal Tov to Cyril Moscow and Ruth Moscow & Bob Cohen on the birth of their great granddaughter and granddaughter, Esme June; in memory of Simi & Zelig Cutler on their yahrzeits; in memory of Richard Berk, former husband of Marilyn Berk; in memory of Susan Chapnick, mother of Claire Chapnick; in memory of Robert Haftel, father of Hilary Haftel; in memory of Eva Kileny, mother of Paul Kileny; in memory of Marilyn Krimm, wife of Samuel Krimm; in memory of Alice Sterling Honig, grandmother of Shoshannah Lenski; in memory of Ellyne Monto, wife of Arnold Monto and mother of Jane Monto; in memory of Robert Oleinick, son of Martha Oleinick; in memory of Shulamith Weisman, mother of Lois Weisman.****

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Fri., April 21	8:08 p.m.	Sat., April 22	9:06 p.m.
Fri., April 28	8:16 p.m.	Sat., April 29	9:14 p.m.
Fri., May 5	8:24 p.m.	Sat., May 6	9:22 p.m.
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Fri., May 19	8:38 p.m.	Sat., May 20	9:36 p.m.
Fri., May 26	8:45 p.m.	Sat., May 27	9:43 p.m.

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