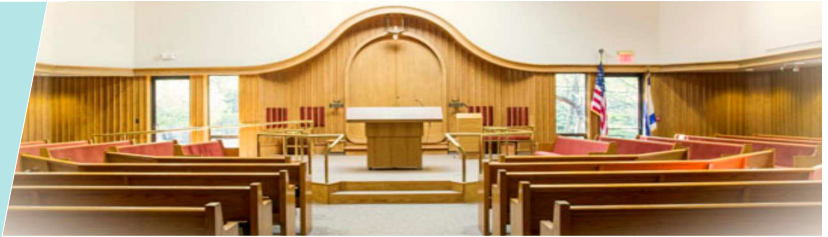




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Illuminate: A Drive-Through Hanukkah Celebration Saturday, December 12, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

In partnership with the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor, Beth Israel Congregation is pleased to present Illuminate: A Drive-Through Hanukkah Celebration. Stay in the warmth and safety of your car as you drive through the Beth Israel parking lot and take in the spectacle which will include live performers, a giant dreidel, giant menorah (thanks to Chabad House of Ann Arbor), and other goodies. Bring non-perishable food items which will be donated to Food Gatherers. Register now on the Beth Israel website (www.bethisrael-aa.org). You won't want to miss this unique Hanukkah Celebration!

We would like to thank our community supporters for joining with us: Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan, Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation, Chabad House of Ann Arbor, and the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor. We would also like to thank our generous sponsors: Richard & Deborah Ball, Scott, Jennifer, Annie, and Max Russell, Josh Goldblatt & Jessamyn Ressler-Maerlender (in honor of their son Marcus's Bar Mitzvah), The Kress family, Martha & Eric Young, Harvey & Shelly Kovacs Berman, Thea Glicksman, Ron & Lonnie Sussman, and Larry & Roberta Tankanow. Todah Rabbah!



Gerhard Loewenberg Memorial Lecture Tuesday, December 15, 6:45 p.m.



Gerhard Loewenberg, z"l

Professor of political science Matthew Shugart will present on contemporary issues influenced by the legendary political work of Gerhard Loewenberg, father of Beth Israel Congregation president, Professor Deborah Loewenberg Ball, on the occasion of Gerhard

Loewenberg's first yahrzeit.

Gerhard (Jerry) Loewenberg was a political scientist and a world-renowned expert on legislatures. Jerry taught at Mount Holyoke College (1953-1969) and at the University of Iowa (1969-2003), where he served twice as chair of the political science department and dean of the College of Liberal Arts. Jerry founded the Comparative Legislative Research Center and the academic journal, Legislative Studies Quarterly. He was an elected member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

A leading authority on the German Bundestag, and legislative politics more generally, Jerry played a foundational role in creating the field of legislative studies, including comparing the causes and consequences of different legislative procedures across countries. He published numerous books and articles and founded the Comparative Legislative Research Center. His personal integrity, kindness, and optimism inspired scores of colleagues, hundreds of graduate students, and thousands of undergraduates.

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A Message from Rabbi Nadav Caine

Judaism is Proactive So What Should Post-Pandemic Look Like?

In the classic Hellenistic hero journey, the protagonist is largely reactive in his actions. He (it's always a "he") grows up in his culture, discovers he has special talents, leaves home to defeat various enemies and overcome obstacles, and eventually he returns home to find it, sadly, different from the one he left behind.

The classic Israelite journey narrative is not reactive. The patriarchs and matriarchs are not on a journey of self-discovery through the experience of what happens to them. Rather, they are persistently moving into the future through a faith that they must bring about a future that will transcend both their own lifetimes and what befalls them in the world. As Biblical scholar Jon Levenson has argued, Jewish faith is "a promissory faith," a faith that two sides must bring about a certain kind of future through covenant: we have received a promise that if we are proactive, we can be successful. We are future oriented, and therefore proactive.

The Jewish journey is one of **self-invention** (in partnership with God), not **self-discovery**.

Real freedom is proactive: how do we make our actions today determinative of a future society/world that reflects our values? How do we use our freedom and Torah to create the society we wish for?

It has been challenging during the pandemic to think of the future. At first, much of what occupied us was trying to recreate the familiar, the past, in the new present. This is essentially reactive, as it is trying to do what we did before but with accommodations. As we read the Torah through this year, we'll see that temptation voiced repeatedly as the Israelites longing to go backwards to the familiar, longing to "return" to Egypt with all the pickled fish and security, rather than face an uncertain future.

If we sit around waiting for the Future-After-Vaccine to arise, we are like the reactive Greek hero curious to experience the future, and expecting to return to the same home we left.

If we live now with the consciousness of what we want the Future-After-Vaccine to be, we are like the Israelites journeying to the future proactively ruminating through personal and communal reflection on what that future should be.

As we head into the winter, we may be tempted to hunker down in a wait-and-see mode, waiting for the future to arrive. Instead, let us think of this winter as the time wandering in wilderness, investigating the wisdom of our enlightenment and of Torah, reflecting on our highest values and goals, and imagining the various angles and possibilities we should be making in that world of the not-the-same future. Let's think of the lessons we've learned along the way, the changes we've made, the enlightenment from others, from Torah, and from ourselves, and make our resolutions of what kind of world.

For the synagogue, I'll be thinking of the technological changes we've made: which should continue, which shouldn't? I'm thinking of the changes my family has made in how we interact, how we divide our time, what we prioritize, and which should we continue with purpose in the future. For our spiritual and material lives, I'm thinking of the lessons I've learned over this forced Sabbatical Year (not in the academic sense, but in the Biblical sense I explained over the High Holidays) and how those lessons demand to be applied in our future. The Sabbatical Year was not a rest year amidst normalcy, it was a "reset" to show us what needed to change after the year was over.

Let's use this next season not in a waiting game, but proactively as Jews in practicing for the World-to-Come that we are called to create, so as not to waste the lessons we are receiving in our progress toward the Promised Land.

**Do you need to set up an appointment,
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President's Perspective

Deborah Ball

Over the last nine months, I have heard over and over how much many of you miss being in the building. You miss seeing others, talking with them, being in our space together. Some of you tell me that you just don't find it meaningful to be on Zoom, and, besides, you are exhausted from hours in front of your screen.

I understand these feelings. I miss being in the sanctuary, too, seeing your faces, exchanging smiles and greetings, chatting at kiddush. I miss the sun shining in and the feeling of sitting quietly in that beautiful space and listening to the voices. I miss being together at events, the noises of the children running up and down the stairs, and yes, even the little conversations in the bathroom or in the coat closet.

But these last months have also given me a new appreciation of what "sacred space" might mean, and what "community" entails. Surely it is more than the physical building on Washtenaw Avenue. We are more than individuals who fill that building. We are a collective of people of all ages with different gifts and resources that make who we are and who we will be. In this time of strange diaspora of a pandemic, we have our histories, our texts, and our traditions on which we must draw.

The Torah teaches us that we are to make a sanctuary so that God may dwell among us (Ex. 25:6). The Jewish people have thrived through so much dispersion, so much famine and wandering, and so much faith, creativity, and determination. The Israelites also repeatedly complained, felt despair, and doubted. But repeatedly our ancestors found strength and imagination, and they found it together, not as separate individuals, but as a kehillah (community). God dwells among us through the ways we connect, act, love, and care in community. It is an obligation in our tradition, not just something to do in our own interests and for individual benefit.

Since March, I have personally felt the sustaining power of our community through our daily minyan that transitioned to Zoom, enabling all of us who were saying Kaddish to be together. It has been deeply meaningful and comforting to me as I mourn the death of my father almost a year ago. I feel that power when I peer into Sunday morning religious school Havdalah and watch our youngest members singing prayers to the lovely Debbie Friedman melody over the beautiful candle. I feel how we are sustaining our community as I watch the chat window at services, as we appreciate someone's chanting, a meaningful sermon, name those for whom we are collectively saying a Mishebeirakh (blessing) for healing, wave and greet one another.

Yes, it is Zoom. But we are actively building, maintaining, and developing our sacred space. We are so much more than our bricks and mortar. It is not a time to withdraw. We need one another during these months, need our community this year, perhaps more than ever.

I am grateful for all that Rabbi Caine has been doing to creatively reimagine and sustain our spiritual practices, our opportunities to play and to celebrate, and to keep

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learning from our traditions. His determination and commitment, his caring and initiative, are such gifts to us during this time. I am also grateful for our dedicated and incredibly hard-working staff—Beth Jarvis, Amanda Glucklich, Mira Sussman, Amanda Fisher, Connie Goodman, Michele Israel, Ron Sussman, and Sam Zielinski. Because they are so good at what they do, much of what they do remains invisible, as so much such labor often does. Please take a moment here and there to express your appreciation and that you notice them and what they do.

If you have ideas for what we can try to build our sacred space, what we might do for and with one another, and for others who are suffering or challenged, what opportunities you can imagine, please reach out and share them. Please choose to lean in even more this year, to love and to care, and to help our community thrive.

Minyan Monitor

This report is intended to inform congregants how the daily minyan is going. As reported by Harvey Somers, who has attended all daily Minyan services since they moved to Zoom, we have always made a Minyan on Zoom without difficulty, with one exception (10/18) due to a confusing time change. Possible factors contributing to this happy situation are 1) you don't have to travel to Beth Israel, 2) so it takes less time out of your evening, and 3) many attendees live with other Jews who can easily join in if we are short. So, while we would rather be in the same room with the minyan, there has been a positive side to being forced onto Zoom.

Talmud Study with Rabbi Dobrusin Monday, December 7, 14, & 21, 3:30 p.m.

Rabbi Dobrusin will be facilitating a Talmud class online on Monday afternoons from 3:30-4:30. While we will read the Hebrew/Aramaic text, translations are available and all discussions will be in English. All are welcome to join regardless of the level of your familiarity with Hebrew.

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Jerry was born in Berlin and emigrated to New York to escape Nazi Germany with his parents and sister in 1936. He graduated from Bronx High School of Science, and attended Cornell University where he earned his bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees in government. He married Ina Perlstein in 1950. Jerry was a longtime member of Temple Judah in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, including serving on the synagogue board. Jerry was a relentless optimist and all who knew him are imagining what he would say to us about the tumultuous events of the past 11 months since his death last December.



Professor Matthew Shugart

The lecture, entitled "Comparing Legislatures: Or What America and Israel can Learn About Democracy from the German Case," will be presented by Matthew Shugart, an American political scientist at the University of California, Davis. Influenced by Gerhard Loewenberg's work, Shugart specializes in electoral systems, party systems, and the design of political institutions. His research focuses on how the details of political institutions affect the quality of democratic governance. His primary focus is in comparative political institutions. His work on the American electoral system is influential, and he has extended his work to the political system of Israel, where he is an Affiliated Professor at the University of Haifa. He is also a proud Jew by Choice, an actively observant Conservative Jew (who wears a kippah publicly), and a close friend of Rabbi Caine at Beth Israel Congregation. Shugart's forthcoming book is dedicated to Gerhard Loewenberg.

Intro to Judaism with Rav Nadav Sunday, December 6 and 20, 1:00 p.m.

Though directed at people who are considering conversion, this serious examination of the main dimensions of Judaism -from mysticism to Talmud to Jewish Holidays and rituals - is open to anyone who wants to deepen their Jewish literacy. This course is open to members and non-members. Contact the office for details.

YOUTH EDUCATION



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Even as Beth Israel Religious School remains a remote endeavor for the foreseeable future, the quality of the learning experience is clearly high. BIRS parents were recently surveyed to collect feedback on how the school is doing so far this year, evaluate how things are going, and where we could course-correct for the second semester.

So far, the results are quite positive: 75% of respondents say that the amount of class time is just right; 60% of respondents say the amount of homework is just right, with a few families indicating that their child could manage more homework; and 90% receive an appropriate amount of communication from their teachers and from the school director. All respondents so far have indicated that they want in-person programming, if and when it is allowed and advisable.

In addition to this data, BIRS attendance has been strong; on average there are 1-3 students missing from any class, and the overall attendance rate is the same or better than it was last year.

I am incredibly grateful and proud of the effort BIRS teachers have extended to make sure that students have meaningful and engaging class experiences, and worthwhile homework assignments. Teachers have been incredible in how eager they are to learn, to collaborate, and to make sure that each child's needs are being met as much as possible. *Kol hakavod!* (Great job!)

We are in the process of reaching out to our teens, to see what *chugim* (electives) they would like BIRS to offer in the second semester. Teens were sent a feedback survey to see if they have the time, energy and interest to include Jewish content into their schedules, as well as with what topics they want to engage. A teen roundtable is scheduled to gather more information, and we hope to roll out new *chugim* for 6th-12th graders in January 2021.

In addition to classes, each Sunday morning the whole school gathers for Havdallah and *Z'man Kehillah* (Community Time). Teachers have started taking turns to lead Havdallah, and then we learn or talk about something all together. I introduced the new-ish custom of sharing gratitudes during the Hebrew month of Cheshvan. Later in the month we discussed the Ethiopian Jewish holiday of Sigd, a rededication and celebration of the community which occurs 50 days after Yom Kippur. In Israel this has become a national holiday, and opportunity to celebrate Ethiopian Jewish culture. In December we will celebrate Hanukkah and lights. Havdallah is open to all BIC children in kindergarten through 8th grade.

Family Game Night **Sunday, December 20, 5:30 p.m.**

Get supplies delivered, learn new games and have some fun! We'll start with some ice-breakers, test our knowledge with trivia, then learn a new game to play with our family. Online component is only 30 minutes. Register on the BIC website (www.bethisrael-aa.org).



Tot Shabbat with the Caine Family **Friday, December 11** **5:30 p.m.**

Join Rav Nadav, Lynne, Merav, & Ziva for Kabbalat Tot Shabbat by Zoom! Bring in Shabbat with music, dancing, candle lighting, and kiddush! Invite your friends! If you are new to the program and need your special Tot Shabbat bag, please contact us at 665-9897. Zoom links are available of the Beth Israel website at www.bethisrael-aa.org.

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Adult Education Classes Starting in January

The Stories Behind the Stories of Genesis:

"The Stories Behind the Stories of Genesis" is an eight-week course taught by Liz Fried, Ph.D. In it we'll read the stories in Genesis of Noah, of Adam and Eve, and of Creation, as well as the Babylonian myth that lies behind each of them. We'll ask how knowing their Babylonian background enriches our understanding of the biblical stories that we read every year. Register on the BIC website (www.bethisrael-aa.org)

- 8 sessions - \$115/member, \$135/non-member (course book included)
- Sessions are Sundays at 7:00 p.m. and begin January 10, 2021.
- Register by December 25, 2020.

Beginner's Hebrew:

This Hebrew class is for beginners. We will practice reading, writing and speaking Hebrew together, all while keeping the topic relevant to current events, holidays, Israeli culture and other interesting topics. This class is taught by Yael Ross.

- 12 sessions - \$180/members, \$200/non-members
- Sessions are on Sundays at 7:00 p.m. and begin January 10, 2021.
- Register by December 25, 2020.

Biblical Hebrew:

Biblical Hebrew: a class in biblical Hebrew for students who can read Hebrew (Level 2). The class will both read and discuss biblical texts and study aspects of biblical Hebrew grammar. Students will decide which texts to read. This class is taught by Liz Fried Ph.D.

- 12 sessions - \$180/members, \$200/non-members
- Sessions are on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. and begin January 6, 2021.
- Register by December 25, 2020.

The Real Drama These Days: The Zionist Movement Almost Split

Dr. Yizhar Hess | Oct. 29, 2020

October 22 marked the conclusion of the 38th Zionist Congress. Before you yawn, listen to what happened behind the scenes and why this Congress of representatives from all streams and parties was actually the most important since Israel's establishment.

A crisis evolved that left us non-Orthodox streams and the center and left parties poised to leave the World Zionist Organization and establish a new entity. The split was prevented thanks to vigorous 48-hour lobbying by worldwide Zionist groups.

The World Zionist Organization has evolved over the decades. Imagine intense, sometimes even vicious, arguments among Jewish lawyers from throughout the world, who despite differences agreed on a basic principle that no one group could control the game. They insisted on a tent wide enough to include the variety of denominations and views within the Zionist movement. An ethics code evolved under which the Congress would establish an executive cabinet ("government of the Jewish people") only after forming a wall-to-wall coalition respectful of minority and majority voices.

To understand the drama, here's some background. The Congress has 525 delegates: one-third from Israel (proportional to the Zionist parties in the Knesset), one-third from the United States (based on elections of different slates), and one-third from Zionist federations in the rest of the world. However, 232 other delegates represent international Jewish organizations (Hadassah, WIZO, B'nai B'rith, Maccabi and others). The longtime practice has been that they do not participate in the vote approving the coalition agreement that determines the distribution of power in the WZO.

A few months ago worldwide elections to the Congress were held; the right came out slightly on top. The distribution of delegates could enable a coalition with a slight tendency to the right or left. Both were reasonable. Quickly, quiet coalition negotiations began, and thanks to the tradition of a final wall-to-

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wall coalition, we trusted that we wouldn't be left out in the cold however things went.

Three days before the opening of the Congress, just before Shabbat, we were informed that an agreement had been signed. We were surprised, and when we saw the details we were dumbfounded. The agreement signed by the right-wing, ultra-Orthodox bloc was nothing short of a hostile takeover of the WZO national institutions.

Immediately after Shabbat we spoke with the international leadership of the Conservative and Reform movements. It became clear just how serious things were. If we didn't have a seat at the table, we wouldn't even enter the room. We would be forced to withdraw from this Zionist movement and its institutions. We would create a new Zionist framework.

Close to midnight on Saturday we held an emergency meeting with our center and left partners. Our fury turned into determination. We would overturn this unjust agreement. We would not give up, we would fight for a new agreement even at the cost of secession.

The next two days were volatile. The Congress was to ratify the agreement within two days. The narrow majority, the signatories to the agreement thought, would pass it. It turned out they hadn't read the map accurately.

A bold campaign we initiated with the international Jewish organizations led to an action they had avoided for decades. Their leadership, backed by thousands of grassroots members, understood that their traditional voting policy couldn't be maintained this time. They understood, and I applaud them, that the shattered norms obligated them to raise their voice to save the Zionist movement.

An unprecedented joint letter was sent by the heads of the organizations. The personal letter from Hadassah's president was even more forceful.

The Haredi-right-wing bloc still misread the map. On the Congress' opening day, the agreement was up for vote. At the presidium, just before the opening, we proposed postponing the vote by two days to allow the parties to negotiate. "No way, we're the majority," proclaimed representatives of Likud, Yisrael Beiteinu and Mizrahi. The Confederation adamantly objected,

promising that despite our anger, the Congress would approve the agreement that evening.

The presidium vote commenced, on Zoom, a roll-call vote by name. Each vote was recorded and tallied, piercingly reminiscent of the famous UN vote on November 29, 1947. We voted to delay the vote. The other side voted against. Then, the Zionist organizations, one by one, joined the voice to delay the vote. The delay was accepted, 16 to 9.

In the negotiating room the next day it was clear the tables had turned. Everyone realized that there was no chance of passing the old agreement in the plenum.

This has been the hardest week of my professional life. But something good has come out of it. The final agreement isn't ideal, but it's decent and respectable. No less important: I sincerely feel that we have awakened the liberal side of the Zionist movement. In many places over the years, the word "Zionism" has become toxic, best avoided.

Some of you may ask, "Why bother, who cares about the Zionist movement?" My answer: Zionism has always been a political movement whose borders aren't the geographic borders of the State of Israel. Zionism was born in the Diaspora. It was, and must continue to be, a thought-provoking movement leading a discourse about the future of the Jewish people.

We need to bring it back to the audiences that over the years have chosen to stay away. This roundtable of the Jewish people is too important. The Zionist movement was born in the Diaspora, and the future of Zionism must also be decided not only in Israel but outside its borders.

Dr. Yizhar Hess, the vice chairman of the World Zionist Organization, previously served as the CEO of the Masorti Movement in Israel.

Reprinted from MERCAZ Olami Summarizes the 38th World Congress email sent on November 29, 2020.

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Pirke Avot: Teachings of the Sages **Thursday, December 3, 10, & 17, 5 p.m.**

Rabbi Dobrusin will facilitate "Zoom" discussions on the classic Rabbinic text: Pirke Avot. While the title is usually translated as "Teachings of the Sages", a more interesting translation is "Chapters of Fundamental Principles." Pirke Avot consists of short rabbinic statements concerning ethics, faith and interpersonal relationships. Reading Pirke Avot helps us focus on the values and principles which guide our lives. We will study the text in English referring occasionally to the Hebrew. The text can be found in the Shabbat morning Sim Shalom siddur.

Beth Israel Services, Minyan and Classes Online

Join the Beth Israel community online! We invite everyone to take part in services and minyan online via Zoom.

Evening Minyan

Sunday - 5:00 p.m.

Monday – Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/267845102>

Meeting ID: 267 845 102

Friday Evening Services

Kabbalat Shabbat Service at 6:00 p.m.

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/657949107>

Meeting ID: 657 949 107

Shabbat Morning Services

Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/359791284>

Meeting ID: 359 791 284

Watch the Beth Israel homepage for additional information, materials, and learning opportunities.

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LIFE & LEGACY Update **by Margaret Schreiber**

While 2020 has brought many unpleasant surprises, one of the silver linings is that the Jewish community of Greater Ann Arbor began participation in LIFE & LEGACY®, through the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. This established program, which has already surpassed \$1 billion in after-lifetime commitments in the eight years since its inception, seeks to ensure that organizations within the local Jewish community work together so that legacy giving becomes normalized in Jewish philanthropic culture. The national LIFE & LEGACY team brings their expertise to the Ann Arbor community through an assigned adviser, and in addition makes available webinars and speakers from across North America to provide further learning opportunities.

LIFE & LEGACY is run through the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor and coordinated by local Federation staff member Margaret Schreiber. The program is funded by the planned giving arm of Federation, the Jewish Community Foundation. Ann Arbor's Jewish Community Foundation holds endowment funds and donor-advised funds, with management and investment services provided by the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Pittsburgh. Local representatives from the Jewish community sit on Ann Arbor's Jewish Community Foundation Committee, where the Foundation holds endowment funds for most Ann Arbor Jewish communal groups participating in LIFE & LEGACY. The Jewish Community Foundation and the Grinspoon Foundation work together to provide crucial incentive grants to local participating organizations. For example, each participating organization that secures 18 commitments in the first year of the program receives a \$5,000 grant with a third paid by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, and two thirds from the Jewish Community Foundation.

Legacy gifts are one way to provide sustainable financial resources in the Jewish community. Who would have predicted 20 years ago that in 2020, the community in Ann Arbor would be impacted so greatly by a pandemic? Imagine if our local organizations had

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funds that were already accrued because of past endowment investments. These funds would take a significant burden off of future generations, and we would be true guardians of b'nei ha'atid (children of the future). The arrival of COVID-19 and the way it has impacted the non-profit Jewish community teaches us that when money is left to Jewish organizations through unrestricted endowment funds, future generations will have money earned through the investments to help fulfill their needs.

Susan R. Fisher, the current Ann Arbor Jewish Community Foundation chairperson, recently made commitments by submitting a letter of intent to provide legacy gifts to several local organizations. Susan says making a legacy gift is important to her because, "leaving legacy gifts addresses my desire to have a lasting impact on the organizations which ensure that Ann Arbor will continue to have a vibrant and growing Jewish Community for years to come."

Local community organizations participating in the program are: the Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan, Beth Israel Congregation, Chabad House of Ann Arbor, the Eastern Michigan University Center for Jewish Studies, Hebrew Day School, the Jewish Community Center, the Jewish Cultural Society, Jewish Family Services, Federation, Temple Beth Emeth, and University of Michigan Hillel. These groups have started conversations with their loyal members about making legacy gifts and are on the way to meeting the benchmarks set out by the LIFE & LEGACY the program. All team members are invited to participate in national trainings organized by LIFE & LEGACY.

To learn more about LIFE & LEGACY, contact Beth Jarvis at 734-665-9897 or bjarvis@bethisrael-aa.org.



This Chanukah, light the way for future generations



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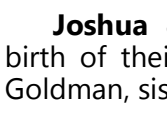
Beth Israel Green Team Supports Efforts to Provide Fresh Organic Produce to Those in Need

"If I am only for myself, what am I?" "If not now when?" These famous quotes from *Pirke Avot* (Sayings of the Fathers) exemplify the heart and soul of Beth Israel Congregation's (BIC) Green Team. For over 15 years, congregants at BIC have joined with other area houses of worship to support the work of "Faith and Food" through the cultivation, maintenance, and delivery from our very own community garden at County Farm Park. Yes, we have faith in a seed. We also have faith and hope that every effort that we make to alleviate hunger in our community brings us closer to *tikun olam* (repairing of the world). Nobody said that it was easy to produce and harvest almost 400 pounds of vegetables this year. But did we have fun? Did we learn a lot about our sources of food? Did we create community? The answer to all of these questions is a resounding yes! In fact, the USDA states that the average American eats about 415 pounds of vegetables per year. Think about it. Through simply working together, we produced almost enough vegetables to provide for the needs of a single person for an entire year. The old Jewish saying "whoever **saves** a single **life** is considered by Scripture to **have saved** the whole **world**" rings true. If any of this intrigues you, please join us (Michael Simon, Diane Wilson, Nancy Leon, Levana Aronson, Martha Young, Louise Groden, Meira Miller and Lenore Gerstein) in planning for next year's garden and helping us come up with ways both big and small to help our congregation become a better *shomrei adamah* (steward of the world). You are invited to help us think about the resources that the synagogue uses, where its food comes from, energy usage, etc. If interested please contact Michael Simon at simonmichael725@gmail.com or Diane Wilson at dclonezer@aol.com. For me, Michael Simon, planting a seed is the epitome of hope and faith in the future. Remember, every day we pray for rain and dew. Part of the key to our garden's success!

Mazal Tov to...



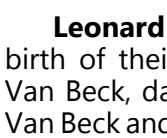
Bob Blumenthal & Beth Dwoskin on the engagement of their daughter, Sophia Blumenthal, to Dan Levy.



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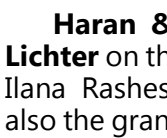
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Thea Glicksman wishing Mazal Tov to Eileen & Ed Nadler on the birth of their grandson, Jonah Lev; in honor of Paul & Sari Shifrin's new granddaughter, Sella Miriam Shifrin; in appreciation of Rav Nadav, Dr. Neil Alexander, Rabbi Dobrusin, Ron Sussman, Deborah Ball, Beth Jarvis and all of the Beth Israel staff for our congregations successful High Holiday services; in honor of Dina

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