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TO OUR CONGREGANTS



A Message from Rabbi Naday Caine

My Dream of Eco-Burial in a Forest

My most recent addition to the Beth Israel website is a burial preplanning page at <u>bethisrael-aa.org/preplanning</u> that answers frequently asked questions about this process, as Jerry discusses in his article this month.

With the Jewish values and practices of burial on my mind, I've been reflecting on my own wishes. Lynne and I have known for years that we are seeking the most ecologically sustainable practice that still accords with Jewish law. What is possible that is maximally eco-friendly and also halakhic?

There are two Torah verses that serve as the bases for virtually all the halakhic literature on burial mitzvot. The first is Genesis 3:19 where God tells Adam that "you will return to the *adamah* (earth, soil) for from it you were taken. You are *afar* (dust) and to *afar* you will return." The second verse, Deut. 21:22-23, states: "Do not leave his corpse hanging on the post overnight. Rather you must bury him that same day."

From these two verses, a vast amount of halakhic literature establishes the principles which govern any new burial method we might evaluate for kosherness. In no particular order:

- 1. One must treat a dead body with respect, and bury it promptly.
- 2. The body must be placed "in the earth," which can mean various things, from adamah meaning "in shovel fulls of soil" to adamah meaning "in the [planet] earth" (e.g. a body being placed on an open ledge in a cave, since the cave is part of "the earth").
- 3. The remains must have an opportunity to have some kind of ecological decomposition into "dust" within the earth.
- 4.One may not exploit the bodies for human benefit (save, today, for the purpose of saving a life).
- 5. The Talmud added the restriction that funerals and burials should be as inexpensive as possible so that the poor and the wealthy are equal in death, and there is

no burden on the poor to perform the mitzvah of burying their dead.

Today, we think of traditional Jewish burial as a non-embalmed body placed in its own grave (either in a compostable garment or a plain pine box) in its own plot of soil, with a grave marker and the dignity of ongoing landscaping. And, indeed, this already is tremendously ecological. Jewish burial is already among the greenest burial options available today.

Nevertheless, are even more eco-friendly options permissible?

My personal goals for eco-burial would improve upon today's Jewish burial in the following ways. First, I would like to avoid the pesticides and fossil fuels associated with long-term landscape maintenance. This would have the additional advantage of meeting the Talmud's stringent requirement that burial be as inexpensive as possible. Second, I would like to avoid a casket. Caskets are actually not required in Jewish law, and are even largely frowned upon. Third, I would like the place of my burial to contribute to the healing of the earth through supporting local species, native plants, and reducing greenhouse gases. All of this could be accomplished by planting trees over the bodies, and turning Jewish cemeteries into forests.

But where would the gravemarkers go? Actually, you'll notice in the list of halakhic requirements that gravemarkers are not included. To honor the Jewish custom of connecting grave to name, an on-line database that lists names and geographic coordinates would function even better than today's gravemarkers, and it would allow anyone to follow their GPS phone directly to the spot in the forest their loved one is buried in. The visitor could sit on the ground in the middle of a forest listening to the birdsong and remember their loved one or ancestor, reading about them on the database, perusing their ethical will on their device, while immersed in nature.

But how would you make sure the divisions between graves are clear? Actually, you'll notice that this is also not a halakhic requirement, and for good reason. As the 9th century Rabbi Natronal Gaon, among many other Rabbinic and historical authorities, explains: **two-stage Jewish burial** was the norm in many Jewish communities from Biblical through Rabbinic times. The first stage of burial would be the reduction of the full body to a reduced subset of remains, typically through either dry dessication in a cave or temporary burial in the earth with a decomposition-accelerant like lime. Once the body reduced to bones, the second stage of burial would

TO OUR CONGREGANTS



President's Perspective Deborah Ball

Many new years populate our calendars. On the Jewish calendar alone, we have four: the new year of trees (Tu B'Shvat), the new year of our redemption from Egypt (the first day of Pesach, the first of Nisan), the new year for the tithing of cattle (1 Elul), and of course, Rosh Hashanah (1 Tishrei). In the secular calendar, we have New Year's Day, January 1, the fiscal new year, and for education, the beginning of the new school year in late summer. We have individual new years—birthdays and anniversaries, for example. New years afford us opportunities to look back, to reflect, to set new directions and goals, and to start new chapters in our lives and our organizations.

At Beth Israel, one of our new years is marked by the annual congregational meeting, the beginning of a new fiscal year, the election and induction of a new board. As we move through June and July, we will pass through these markers of our community. Reflecting on three years as president of Beth Israel and beginning my fourth, I am grateful for and inspired by three things.

First, I am grateful for how our amazing staff steadily supports, creates, manages, and enriches our congregation, each in their own ways. Although their crucial work too often remains invisible, we would quickly know it if they were not continually on deck, holding up the corners of our tent. We are deeply fortunate to have them, each with their specific and overlapping domains of responsibility: Beth Jarvis, director of operations; Sam Zielinski, administrative coordinator; Jerry Sorokin, our executive director; Heather Gale, director of youth education; Barbara McAnelly, director of programming and engagement; Amanda Fisher, kitchen coordinator; Meg Bernstein, ritual assistant; Mary Lyttle, bookkeeper; Ed Boguszewski, our security coordinator; and, of course, our rabbi, Rav Nadav Caine. Please make an effort to personally thank each of our staff in the coming weeks, whether it is in person, with a note or an email, or a little token of your appreciation.

Second, I am grateful for our board members, committee chairs and members, and volunteers, whose contributions to our community are also too often invisible. So much work is done all the time by so many of you, and I am personally thankful for all you do. It really matters to the texture and feel of this community, not to mention all we are able to accomplish. I would like especially to thank all of our board members who spend countless hours planning, listening, developing, researching, and supporting our congregation. At the annual meeting, I will thank our outgoing board members who have served us so generously: David Adler, Michael Appel, Liz Arnkoff, Marie-Adele Kress, Patricia Ressler-Billion, and Carey Wexler Sherman. They have each contributed in special and unique ways, based on their expertise, experience, and passions, and each has helped immeasurably to move forward with our goals for Beth Israel.

Finally, as we look to our future as a Conservative synagogue here in the greater Ann Arbor community,

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I am aware of and deeply grateful for all we have to learn from those of you who joined here decades ago, who built and led this congregation, who contributed to it, and who ensure that we can be here today. We will take time in the coming months to hear from these members. We will listen and learn from you. We will seek to gain inspiration and renew commitment to carry out our serious responsibilities, not just to our own present Jewish needs and concerns, but to those who will follow us-many new years hence. We-all of us-must think and act collectively in some new ways so that Beth Israel is standing and thriving 50, 100, and more years from now. We are part of a vital chain of Jewish legacy and community, right here. Seeing ourselves in this light is a goal as we pass through this one of many turnovers in years—our BIC new year—this summer and into the year ahead. We'll be talking concretely about this at the congregational meeting and beyond. I ask that you join in shaping and creating what this means for us and for those who will come after us.

L'shalom,

Deborah Loewenberg Ball

The Annual Beth Israel
Congregational
Meeting

Thanking, Planning, Sharing, Sharing,

(Rabbi, cont'd from Page 2)

take those bones and place them in a family ossuary or a family burial plot. All of these met the halakhic requirements, and agree with the Biblical phrase for burial, which is the idiom "and their bones were gathered to their kin."

Clearly there is no requirement that bodies be entirely separate, especially if they are in family plots. In terms of my eco-burial forest model, a spot under the "family tree" could be dug anew for future bodies in the family tree, saving large sums of money (as the Talmud demands) and, for those like myself, providing the comfort of feeling that in death I will be joined to my ancestors and future descendents.

Are there other halakhic concerns with the forest approach? Care must be taken not to violate the requirement that the body not be used for human benefit. (This is the problem with various modern "composting" eco-methods which then use the remains for growing produce.) It would be best not to plant fruit trees, for example, let someone grab a fruit and eat it, thus violating the law. Care must be taken not to harvest the trees for firewood. Seems easy enough.

The Jewish burial forest approach I dream of actually satisfies halakhic burial requirements better than any contemporary method, while also contributing to the healing of the earth, with which many mitzvot are concerned.

If I ever win the lottery, be assured that I will try to make this dream a reality, and fulfill the subtext of the words of God to Adam, that in death he might return to the Garden of Eden.

Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, June 11 at 8:00 p.m. Via Zoom Only

We'll be explaining the Beth Israel budget and describing the strategy we are building to sustain and strengthen our congregation. We will share things that happened and have been developing over the past year, and celebrate our collective strengths and achievements, as well as be transparent about goals we have to work on in the coming year. We'll thank our staff for their hard work under trying circumstances. Finally, we will acknowledge the hard work and service of our outgoing Board members and elect our new BIC Board for 2023-24.

This meeting is open to members in good standing only. Please register by <u>clicking here</u>. You will receive a Zoom link to log into the meeting.

TO OUR CONGREGANTS



Gerald L. Sorokin Executive Director

Planning for the Inevitable: Making Funeral and Burial Arrangements in Advance

Since I became Beth Israel's executive director, one thing I've observed over and over is the frustration of planning funerals. At the moment when a family is confronted with the shock and grief that comes with the death of a loved one, they're told something like: "We need you to come into our office, make a bunch of decisions, and pay us a lot of money. Once that's done, we'll schedule the burial at a time that works for us. If you want it on Sunday, it'll cost you more." Families have to work with cemetery managers, funeral home operators, and synagogue staff just to get to the point when they can genuinely start mourning.

It doesn't have to be that way. A little bit of advanced planning can take a lot of the pressure off. And the earlier you make decisions, the simpler (and cheaper) the process can be.

Beth Israel has long-standing relationships with two local cemeteries (<u>Arborcrest</u> and <u>Washtenong</u>) and several funeral homes (<u>Ira Kaufman</u>, <u>Dorfman</u>, and <u>Hebrew Memorial</u>). Rabbi Caine and our administrative staff are familiar with the steps involved in planning funerals, including purchasing a burial plot, selecting a monument, and organizing shivah. We would much rather help people plan ahead than have to apologize for the sudden onrush of complex and costly choices.

So what can you do in advance? And what will it cost?

1. Buy a cemetery plot from Beth Israel. All of the Beth Israel Memorial Garden plots at Arborcrest have already been sold, but there are plenty to choose from at Washtenong. Contact Rebecca Kanner (rnmik@yahoo.com) to make these arrangements. Burial plots cost \$2,100 for Beth Israel members, and you have the option to spread your payments out over four years. Once you purchase a plot, the syna-

- gogue will issue a deed and notify the cemetery.
- 2. Write down all personal details. Make sure you have a record of the person's date of birth and Hebrew name (including their parents' names).
- 3. Contact the cemetery. Both Arborcrest and Washtenong have specific policies regarding the process and cost of preparing a grave site. Expect to pay around \$2,500 for a weekday burial. Both cemeteries require 24 hours notice and there is a substantial surcharge (\$2,000-4,000) to hold a funeral on Sunday or a secular holiday.
- **4. Contact the funeral home.** The funeral home will transport the body, provide the casket and vault, and help with legal paperwork. The cost for those services and materials is about \$5,500.
- 5. Pick out a gravestone or marker. Each cemetery has guidelines about the size and materials that are used for marking graves. Monuments for Arborcrest can be purchased through the funeral home; monuments for Washtenong are available through the cemetery. Prices vary widely depending on size, materials, and complexity of the engraving; you should expect to pay at least \$3,500.

As you can see, these expenses add up quickly, so spreading them out over time lessens the impact. And there are resources in the community to help people with these costs.

No matter what choices you make, it's always easier to plan ahead. <u>Please contact me</u> if you have questions.

BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION EVENTS



BIC Library Book Sale May 23 - June 9

Starting May 23, the BIC Library is holding a book sale! A cart of books is available for perusal in the lobby for your consideration. Included in the sale are duplicates of items we already own and other books outside of the library's collecting focus. To purchase books, you are able to leave cash or a check in an envelope/box onsite, or you are able to make a donation through the BIC website with a note saying it is for the library.

Books not sold during the sale will be appropriately donated. We are not accepting additional book donations at this time. We look forward to making room in our collection for some new titles that will fit the reading needs of our congregation! The sale will run from May 23 - June 9.



STOLPERSTEINE

the world's project of Holocaust commemoration:

JUNE

14

6:30PM



Terry Swartzberg Presents: Stolpersteine

Please join us in-person on June 14th at 6:30 when Terry Swartzberg will be presenting a talk on "Stolpersteine," or stumbling blocks that commemorate the lives of those lost in the Holocaust. 100,000 Stolpersteine have been placed in the ground in 1800 cities throughout Europe in the places that victims of the Holocaust lived. Terry's work with his group J. E. W. S., Jews Engaged With Society, centers around commemoration of these lives as well as the joyful expression of Judaism through wearing a kippah for over 10 years and hosting Open Shabbats and other events for the wider community to build bridges, allay fear, and mobilize support for Judaism. Commemoration and courage and joyful Judaism: quintessence of Terry Swartzberg and his work. Born in New York and long-time international journalist based in Germany, Terry is a passionate advocate of individualized, person-to-person commemoration of the Holocaust. He has been honored by the German government, leading Holocaust museums, and leading museums around the world.

BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION EVENTS



Shabbat in the Park - County Farm Park Friday, July 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Join Beth Israel at County Farm Park for our annual Shabbat in the Park at the main pavilion. Bring your picnic or enjoy a pre-ordered meal from BIC. The evening starts at 6:00 p.m. with dinner followed by Kabbalat Shabbat services. After services we invite everyone to go to Beth Israel's community garden and hear a presentation from the Green Team and take a tour of the garden. Watch for more details and the link to order your meal from the BIC kitchen.





BIC and TBE Present: Nachas—A Pride Mixer Sunday, June 25, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

On June 25 from 4-6 p.m., Beth Israel Congregation and Temple Beth Emeth will jointly host a Pride event on the BIC patio. NACHAS will celebrate our LGBTQIA+ Jewish members with music, drinks, games, snacks, and of course, Nachas! This event will kick off our partnership with TBE as we collaborate to bring our communities together for events like game nights, teen social nights, and more!

If you'd like to join us on June 25th, please visit the registration page by <u>clicking here</u>. Keep an eye out for our future slate of partnership events!

Tisha B'Av at Beth Israel July 26 and 27

Tisha B'Av is the saddest day on the Jewish calendar—the anniversary of the destruction of both temples in Jerusalem, when we also commemorate other tragedies like the expulsions of Jews from England and from Spain. We observe Tisha B'Av with a full fast from sunset to sunset. During evening and morning services, we chant the biblical book of Eichah (Lamentations), traditionally attributed to the prophet Jeremiah, who wrote it in the aftermath of the destruction of the First Temple in 586 BCE. Click here for more information about Tisha B'Av.

Tisha B'Av Service Times:

Wednesday, July 26 at 9:00 p.m. Erev Tisha B'Av Service

Thursday, July 27
Tisha B'Av Morning Service - 9:30 a.m.
Tisha B'Av Minchah - 2:30 p.m.

GREEN TEAM AND SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE



Beth Israel Green Team

Beyond Emissions Reduction: Our Congregation's Contributions to a More Climate Resilient Society

The goal of the BIC Green Team is to lead our community's efforts to reduce our carbon emissions. These efforts stem from our concern for the earth, our Jewish values, and concern about all life that the earth sustains. Slowing down climate change is critical for our future.

Our approach on the Green Team is multifaceted. With support from Adamah Detroit (formerly Hazon), we are contributing to holistic city- and county-wide climate action goals articulated through the Ann Arbor A2Zero Initiative & 2030 District/2030 Houses of Worship subgroup, and through the Resilient Washtenaw Climate Action Plan. As we take action on the issues described below, we encourage members to join our efforts moving forward.

Composting and Recycling

Recycling and composting diverts waste from landfills and incinerators, thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Recycling and composting contributes to the broader "circular" economic goals. By supporting a circular economy, we encourage reuse of materials and reduced economic exploitation due to localized production, fair labor practices, and inclusive business models. BIC has been composting all items used for our Shabbat Kiddush since early in 2022. Our composting and recycling aligns with the wider goals of our city and county. BIC can help promote composting efforts by augmenting education and engagement, and encouraging all of our members to learn how they can take part in composting and recycling at home.

Community Garden

Did you know that BIC has a community garden plot at County Farm Park? Approximately eight volunteers work from April through October to maintain this garden and we donate all produce to Food Gatherers in Ann Arbor. Local food production reduces greenhouse gas emissions by decreasing travel time for food or "food miles". Our community garden also helps to promote carbon-storing land use. It is rewarding to think that we contribute at least in part to the immediate benefit for some of the over 38,000 food insecure people in Washtenaw County. The BIC garden is open to welcoming other congregants who are interested in gardening or learning about gardening, and in participating in food delivery. Stay tuned for our scheduled work days this summer, and our special family

work days. What better way to teach our children how to appreciate the food they eat, than to have a hand in gardening?

Energy Efficiency and Clean Energy

The Green Team recently completed our 2022 Adamah Seal of Sustainability Demonstration Project, which includes bathroom occupancy sensors and selected LED lighting at 2000 Washtenaw. It is expected that this small effort will save our congregation up to \$350/year. For our 2023 project we hope to power all nine exterior lights with solar, and we are looking into the feasibility of a solar powered ner tamid. The International Energy Agency estimates that energy efficiency will power 40% of net zero climate goals. We also know that it is imperative to strive towards 100% clean energy as soon as possible, which is why BIC is pursuing a broader decarbonization plan for its facilities through a contract with Inclination Engineering, which is helping us to develop a schematic model for our facilities in the future. While changes to our buildings alone is not enough, we feel that we are helping to seed the cultural change needed for behavioral, economic, technological transformation. One outcome is that energy efficiency upgrades become more accessible to more of our neighbors—supporting community-wide climate action goals.

In summary, as we continue to do the transformative work of eradicating the systems that have enabled climate change, together with our neighbors, we will see the fruits of our labor in a safer, more resilient community.

By Michael Simon



GREEN TEAM AND SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE



Tikkun Olam The Social Action Committee Way

Beth Israel's Social Action Committee, together with the Green Team, is the focal point of Tikkun Olam activity in shul and beyond. This article provides information about what SAC is working on. Be sure to read the Green Team update also in this issue of *HaShaliach*. If your Tikkun Olam passion is included here, join in. If you don't see it here, then let us know about it. **Everyone's Invited and Welcome!** SAC convenes on Zoom at 10:30 a.m. on the first Sunday of each month. Watch BIC's weekly events email for the Zoom link.

Annual Blood Drive

Beth Israel's annual blood drive will be held on Sunday, August 27. Blood Drive chair Diane Wilson (dclonezer@aol.com) is recruiting a volunteer co-chair this year. Drop her a line to volunteer or to find out more about what's involved.

JCOR (Jewish Congregations Organized for Resettlement)

JCOR anticipates greeting its second refugee family as soon as August when its current family will complete their first year in the United States both financially and operationally independent. Both parents are fully employed, both children are finishing their first year of school in the U.S. (@AAPS) in good form, and a summer job is in big sister's plans. The father has a driver's license, and the family has purchased a (used) car. As JCOR completes its work with this family, plans are afoot for the newcomers. Please consider these priority needs in anticipation of the arrival of our second refugee family. Housing: Do you have or know of affordable housing that will be available by early fall? Communication: Can you or someone you know communicate in Tigrinya, Farsi or Dari, Arabic, Ukrainian, Spanish, or another language? SAC members Michael Appel (mappel1961@gmail.com) and Deborah Greene (greenedm@umich.edu) are Beth Israel's congregational representatives to JCOR.

About JCOR: Jewish Congregations Organized for Resettlement is a participant in JFS's Co-Sponsorship Program. JCOR member congregations are Beth Israel Congregation, Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan, Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation, Jewish Cultural Society, Pardes Hannah, and Temple Beth Emeth, along with the Jewish Federation which serves as JCOR fiduciary. JCOR's goal is to help the newcomers become independent neighbors over the course of their first year.

Michigan Human Trafficking Commission

Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel has begun prosecutorial actions on trafficking of young people for forced labor, including most often prostitution and agricultural work. Several Michigan counties have established county-level commissions that support the Attorney General's initiative, but Washtenaw County has not. MOASH is asking Washtenaw County faith organizations to support a request for such a commission. Contact Jackie Wolf (jhwolf2952@gmail.com) if you want to volunteer in this effort or would like additional information.

MOASH (Michigan Organization on Adolescent Sexual Health)

Now in its 10th year, MOASH works to mobilize youth voices, engage community partners, and inform decision-makers to advance sexual health, identities, and rights. With the benefit of a recent financial grant, MOASH is actively moving forward to form an association of faith organizations that support pertinent curriculum development in Michigan. Contact Jackie Wolf (jhwolf2952@gmail.com) if you want to volunteer in this effort or would like additional information.

Jews of Color Network

A Jews of Color Network of Greater Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County is forming, and SAC's Deborah Greene is point of contact. Why a Jews of Color Network? Ethnic and cultural diversity in the American Jewish community is growing, with well-founded estimates as high as 15% among Millennials and GenZ, and a total count of about a million at all ages. A large plurality of JOC express a need for communication with their peers; up to 36% do not have that resource (Beyond the Count, JOCI, 2021). If you self-identify as a JOC or are just interested in the topic, write Deborah at greenedm@umich.edu, check out the June Washtenaw Jewish News, or visit https://jewsofcolorwashtenaw.org

In addition to these activities, SAC also stages Beth Israel's annual Volunteer Appreciation Brunch; coordinates the collection of Matanot L'Evyonim on Purim; is instrumental in local efforts to use fair trade coffee, chocolates, nuts and other foods; coordinates BIC support of the unhoused and the hungry in collaboration with community organizations such as Alpha House, the Shelter Association, Religious Action for Affordable Housing (RAAH) and Food Gatherers; stages Beth Israel Reads social action book group periodically through the year; regularly co-sponsors events and speakers about justice and peace in Israel/ Palestine; and more. Get in touch!

By Deborah Meyers Greene

AROUND BETH ISRAEL



Psalm for the Earth

Written collectively by BIRS Hebrew High

Adonai, Source of Life, The world is burning.

Our blue orb overflows with beauty. It is a living organism—

Our home.

Source of Morality, our earth is choking, tired, covered in cement. a giant mess, a dumpster.

Unknowable One,

We are hungry.

We are overwhelmed.

We are exhausted, even though we are young.

We are angry—at politicians, the rich, older generations

the short-sighted—because they don't listen.

We are angry about the injustice of imbalance.

We worry—

about global warming,

that bees are dying, that we won't be able to feed ourselves.

We worry that we are moving backwards and incorrectly forwards.

But if—

people in power would listen, if we could agree on facts, if people who care had voices and actually used them,

if we used science to find solutions to complex problems,

if people could realize the time to act is NOW, if this was not seen as a political issue...

Then, flat green lawns

could turn into gardens.

And the sun could power the planet and governments would support it.

Then positive change would benefit ALL and not just select groups.

Let us live in a world with drinkable water and breathe-able air for all.

Let the world be diverse.

Let it sustain songbirds, insects, butterflies, moths, dolphins,

crabs, capybaras, rabbits, deer, squirrels, crocodilians, quokkas,

polar bears, rhinos, forests, seas, deserts, grasslands and icebergs.

And then, maybe we can breathe.

Then perhaps we can then focus on other issues (like gun violence and poverty).

Source of Hope,

Let us live in peace,

and be grateful and appreciative

instead of fearful.

Let us live in a space where we

all feel safe, and let us use our skills,

our ideas

our love

for good.

Amen.



Upcoming Events

Aura of Kabbalat Shabbat

Fri., June 30, July 21 & August 11 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

Fri., June 23, July 28 & August 25 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, unless otherwise noted on the calendar.

Pet Shabbat at County Farm Park

Fri., August 18 at 6:00 p.m.

Join us with your four-legged friends at County Farm Park as we celebrate Shabbat. Watch for more details in our weekly emails!



Beth Israel Congregation's Annual Red Cross Blood Drive

Sunday, August 27 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

The Social Action committee invites you to participate in the Mitzvah of saving a life.

You can do this through engagement with the Red Cross Blood Drive in one of four ways:

1) sign up to donate blood;
2) volunteer at the blood drive at the registration or snack table;
3) volunteer to help call others to register the 40-50 donors we need for a successful drive;
4) join Diane Wilson as a co-chair to organize the drive!

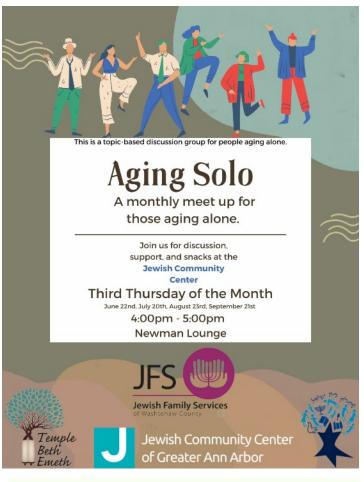
Mark your calendars and contact Diane Wilson via email at dclonezer@aol.com.

Todah Rabah!





AROUND THE BIC COMMUNITY



Summer Strolls 2023

MEET AT 10:30AM ALL ARE WELCOME!

June 8: Ramble Trail Gallup Park

Centennial Playground Park

June 22: Matthei Botanical Garden

Visitor's Center Entrance

July 6: Argo Park and Nature Area



Mazal Tov to...

Leah Shelef, daughter of Orie & Katie Shelef on her upcoming Bat Mitzvah on July 8.

Jacob Finkel, son of Brandon & Alaina Finkel, on his upcoming Bar Mitzvah on August 12.

Condolences to...

Brad Beaver on the death of his mother, Phyllis Horwitz.

Barbara Berry on the death of her husband, Sheldon Berry.

Ellen Dobrusin on the death of her mother, Dottie Berman.

Alice Liberson on the death of her father, Bill Liberson.

The Family of Martha Oleinick on her death.

Prue Rosenthal on the death of her sister, Mary Lloyd Robb.

Paul Share on the death of his father, Harvey Aaron Share.

Dina Shtull on the death of her mother, Rita Shtull.

Pat Soskolne on the death of her mother, Naomi Metter.

The Family of Bennett Stark on his death.

Charles Weaver on the death of his wife, Tamar Weaver.

Elisabeth Weinstein on the death of her mother Bonnie Weinstein.

Share Your Simcha With Us

Has your family had a simcha that you would like to share with the congregation? Contact the office at bjarvis@bethisrael-aa.org and we would be happy to announce it in the next issue of the Hashaliach.

Beth Israel Funds

- Adult Library Fund and Youth Library (Krickstein Memorial) Fund
- Art Fund
- Benjamin Memorial Youth Activities Fund
- Beth Israel Religious School Scholarship Fund
- Building Accessibility Fund
- Building & Infrastructure Fund
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TODAH RABAH

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Correction:

The below contribution was listed incorrectly in the last issue. We apologize for the error.

Fran Weinstein in memory of Charles Oventhal, brother of Charlene Yudowin.

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