

Beth Israel Congregation

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## A Message from Rabbi Nadav Caine

I couldn't be more excited about the Rosenberg Scholar-in-Residence Weekend this coming April 3rd-5th. It is the first time in my life that I've been able to invite my mentor, Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson, to spend time with me and my community. It promises to be a weekend of learning, provocative thought, and a centeredness in the heart of Conservative Judaism.

I first encountered Rabbi Artson when I was in my twenties and I flew to Camp Ramah in Ojai, California, for a convention of COEJL, the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life. Though the speakers were fine, the entire group came to full attention when Rabbi Artson began to speak. Everything he said combined his lived, personal experience with the urgency of the present moment and the depths of Jewish tradition. From that moment on, I had a model of what the litmus test of any Rabbinic presentation should be: those three combined. To this day, I try to make sure every one of my sermons on some level applies Torah to the issues of the present moment, and my goal is that if anyone that day has wandered into a synagogue for the first time in years, they would feel they experienced something compelling.

Over a decade later, I chose the Ziegler Rabbinical School because there was no question that I wanted to learn how to be a rabbi from Rabbi Artson. The care, respect, and personal example he continually showed me those years are debts I can never fully repay.

Rabbi Artson's Torah extends through many dimensions of our lives. The experiences of his autistic son, Jacob, and his own as his father, figure prominently in his teachings and in the urgency of inclusion in our institutions. Like me, his years of studying theology led him to the conclusion that Process Theology stands heads above any alternative, with its compelling vision of science and religion as fully integrated (not separate but equal), and equally urgent in our personal lives as in our ecological lives. His book *God of Becoming and Relationship: The Dynamic Nature of Process Theology* is a succinct and eloquent primer. His book *Gift of Soul, Gift of Wisdom* is my foundation when teaching Madrichim, as I did

for several years during summers at Camp Perlman in the Poconos during rabbinical school. I don't think I've met a Jewish educator who doesn't have copies of his *Bedside Torah* and his *Everyday Torah* by their desk or bedside; and his contributions to *I Have Some Questions About God* serve as profound voices in this book to help children and parents form their own reflections and conversations about God. I'm excited to have Rabbi Artson lead a discussion for parents during BIRS on the Sunday morning of his visit.

More recently, his teachings have focused on his experiences fighting cancer, and on the events following October 7th.

So please, mark your calendars to attend Rabbi Artson's presentations during the weekend of April 5th through 7th at Beth Israel as our guest in the honored role of Rosenberg Scholar-on-Residence. The Rosenberg Lecture Series is endowed through a generous contribution by Vic (z"l) & Val Rosenberg in memory of Cantor Alfred & Alice Rosenberg. We are grateful for the Rosenberg family's commitment to Beth Israel and to Jewish education.

### Rosenberg Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson April 5 - 7, 2024



#### Friday, April 5

Kabbalat Shabbat Services, Dinner, and Talk  
"Almighty? A New Way to Embrace God"

#### Saturday, April 6

Rabbi Artson Gives the D'var Torah at Services  
Lunch Study Session — "Science and Religion: Allies"  
Saturday Evening Talk — "Israel Behind the Headlines"

#### Sunday, April 7

Sunday Morning Talk — "Why Be Jewish"  
(with parent discussion)

Complete details coming soon!



## President's Perspective Deborah Ball

**From Deborah Loewenberg Ball and  
Rabbi Nadav Caine**

### **Calling Ourselves to Hear and to Lean on One Another after October 7th**

It has been five months since the horrific attack in which Hamas fighters murdered and brutalized innocent Israelis. Our shock and grief have not dissipated. We are angry, scared, and threatened. We fear for our people, both in Israel and here. The environments of our lives feel unsafe. We watch the news and are consumed by emotion and confusion.

There has perhaps not been a time that was more important than this one to be able to lean into our community, lean on one another. Yet for many of us, we might not feel able to. Knowing that we are having different responses has silenced some of our members. We are afraid of others' strong reactions and fear sharing our feelings. We cannot take in others' views and so we do not try to hear.

It saddens us to know that there are divides among us during this terrifying time. People want and need different things. What others want and need may anger others. We find that sometimes we cannot listen to or hear those differences.

An imperative of our tradition is the practice of compassion; another is to listen to understand. Still another is that we are more than a collection of individuals; we act and interact as a collective. We are

here for one another as well as for ourselves. So many of our rituals embody this very special orientation, from our customs around mourning that require us to be with others and to comfort others, to the very notion of the necessity of a minyan. Distinctive in these practices and their underlying values is a deep recognition that we need to be for others as well as for ourselves to be a community. To be a community means accepting, welcoming, and taking care with and of one another.

One way of doing so is to lean into the shared grief when another is bearing witness to a Jewish moral voice that is different from our own. So many of us have been doing this already, practicing great patience when a fellow congregant or rabbi voices things differently than we would ourselves. Some of us are living in chapter 3 of *Megillat Ester* when the decree is issued, "to massacre, kill, and exterminate all the Jews, young and old, children and women, on a single day." And some are living in chapter 9, when the Megillah reader rushes through (in one breath) the Jewish retaliation against Haman's people in order not to prolong nor advocate for such violence. Both are moral positions, and we are the stronger for holding space for one another's voices in these times of tragedy.

**Judaism has always been made stronger by a pluralism of Jewish moral voices, and Beth Israel, too, has always been strengthened by the same.**

This moment, as part of our history as a people, is demanding a great deal of us. May God grant us the strength and wisdom to lean into, not away from, one another. As leaders, we are here to listen and support us in constructing our sacred space as a place of mutual regard, respect, and collective action that can reflect our commonalities and also honor our differences.

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## Resources on the Arab-Israel Conflict

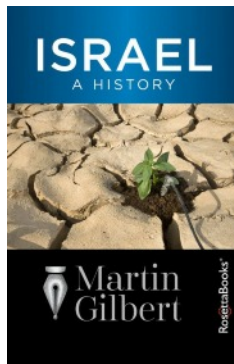
By Denise Leyton, Beth Israel Librarian

If there is one dimension lacking in so much of the public and social media conversation since October 7th (and before), it is knowledge of the history and of actual lived experiences within that history. The Beth Israel Library is a valuable resource.

The Beth Israel Adult Library has many books that describe life in Israel in the 950-958 call number section. Books about the Arab-Israeli conflict are mostly in the [953.23 range](#). Books present a range of perspectives on the conflict and are presented in different genres like memoir and more traditional history books.

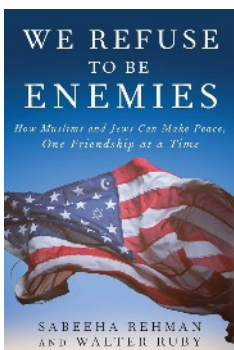
Depending on how much you've engaged with resources in the past there are different entry points that may be helpful to you. One place to start would be an overview like:

- *Israel: A History* by Martin Gilbert - 951.09 G
- *Arab-Jewish Relations in Israel: a Quest in Human Understanding* by John E. Hofman, et al., Hofman, John E. - 953.23 Hofman H6 A73



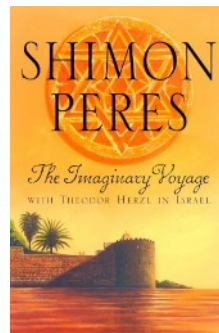
- In addition, Rabbi Caine highly recommends the PBS documentary [The 50 Years War](#) which is publicly available on YouTube. It is comprised mostly of interviews with the actual historical figures involved in each stage, both Arab and Jewish.

Books on the path to peace:



- *We Refuse to be Enemies: How Muslims and Jews Can Make Peace, One Friendship at a Time* - 953.23 Rehman R4 W47
- In addition, Rabbi Caine highly recommends the PBS documentary [Elusive Peace](#), available on YouTube, and [The Oslo Diaries](#), available on Amazon and elsewhere.

If you're interested in learning about some of the leaders of Israel we also have a number of biographies and books by leaders such as:



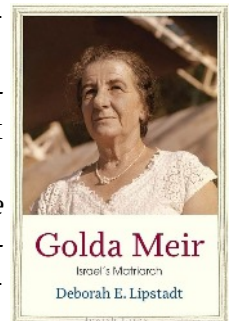
- *The Imaginary Voyage with Theodor Herzl in Israel* by Shimon Peres - 951.09 P4
- *Israel: a Personal History* by David Ben-Gurion - 950 B4

More personal accounts:

- *The Lemon Tree : an Arab, a Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East* by Sandy Tolan. - 953.23 Tolan T6
- *Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor* by Yossi Klein Halevi - 953.235 Halevi H3

Other more recent titles currently checked out:

- *Golda Meir: Israel's Matriarch* by Deborah E. Lipstadt - B Meir M4 L57
- *Israel: a Simple Guide to the Most Misunderstood Country on Earth* by Noa Tishby - 950.02 Tishby T5 S56



In the library we have pulled out some of these titles so you can easily find them for check out. Look for them on the shelves above my computer.

**Beth Israel Congregation is so very grateful to Joseph & Gloria Gurt for their generous donation to help repair our sanctuary pews.**

**Todah Rabah!**

**Do you have sets of tefillin that you no longer use?**

**Donate them to Beth Israel! Even if they are older sets, we need them for teaching purposes.**

**Questions? Contact [Jerry Sorokin](#)**



Beth Israel is committed to enhancing the professional qualifications and experiences of its staff. This past fall, we encouraged **Barbara McAnelly**, our director of engagement and programming, to enroll in the [Certificate in Jewish Leadership](#) program offered by the Spertus Institute and Northwestern University. For several months, she participated in weekly Zoom sessions with a group of colleagues from around North America. Barb and her cohort completed the program in January.

According to Spertus's news release:

Spertus Institute is proud to recognize the latest community leaders to gain knowledge, skills, and resources vital to today's Jewish organizations.

Leaders of Jewish organizations confront the same challenges faced by any leader in the nonprofit sector. They also must address a range of difficult demands particular to Jewish communities, especially in times as trying as those we face today. [Barb and the other recipients of the Certificate in Jewish leadership] have stepped up [to] the challenge, gaining specialized training to address the unique challenges facing Jewish communities.

The [participants] completed four interactive components: Models of Jewish Leadership, Communication for Leaders, Leading People Through Change, and Collaboration and Power Sharing, as well as a personalized leadership assessment and a special workshop on Resilient Leadership. Together they learned to strengthen their own leadership styles, manage change, and inspire excellence.

Beth Israel is gaining the benefits of Barb's training and new contacts from around the Jewish world. Please feel free to ask her about the program.

## Efrat Lachter Speaks at ISRAEL360 Lecture at Beth Israel

Despite the conflict with the big Detroit Lions football game, over 60 members attended Efrat Lachter's compelling lecture at Beth Israel on January 28 presented by the Israel360 committee.

Lachter is an investigative journalist and a war correspondent for Israel's Channel 12 News and a recipient of the 2022 Shimon Peres Center for Peace Award. She has directed and produced more than 200 documentary segments on topics including human trafficking in Sudan and Israel, modern-day slavery in Malawi, orphans in Ukraine, internal political corruption in Israel, and a women-and-children-only village in the Kurd-controlled area of Syria.

At Beth Israel Lachter talked about the problems created by the shocking October 7 attack by Hamas and showed two short documentaries — one about a woman who had to flee her Kibbutz and another about a woman hostage who had been released from Gaza. She talked about the situation in Gaza and in the north of Israel where people have had to evacuate from the area because Hezbollah is sending missiles deep into the country's civilian population.

As the first female war correspondent in her newsroom, much of her work has illuminated the lives of women in conflict zones, including Muslim countries such as Iraq, Syria and Afghanistan.

At the end of the talk there was a lively and informative Q and A discussion.

She is currently a fellow at the Knight-Wallace fellowship for journalism at the University of Michigan.

## Executive Director Jerry Sorokin Interviewed on Iowa Public Radio About the Jewish Experience After October 7



[Click here](#) to listen to the program from Thursday, March 7, 2024.

## Green Team News

The Green Team invites all congregants to join them at the [Second Annual A2 Climate Teach-In](#) which will take place on Sunday, March 10, 2024, from 1:30 to 5:15 p.p. at Genesis, 2309 Packard. **Build Your Climate Action Toolkit** will kick off with a keynote address by Representative Debbie Dingell. Following her talk, ***“What We Can Do Together for Climate Action”***, there will be three tracks:

- What Can I Do? Which will focus on sustainable transportation Including E-bikes and EVs.
- What Can We Do Together? will dive into sustainable banking.
- Advocacy and Justice which will detail how to make a difference in advocacy efforts.

You can register [here](#).

The Green Team is making headway installing LED fixtures throughout Beth Israel's buildings. DTE recently toured our buildings. According to Jerry, they replaced 32 screw-in bulbs with LEDs in the 2010 Building for free. That, of course, was the easy part. The remaining LED upgrades will require new fixtures, which are expensive to buy and to install. Following up on their free visit, DTE provided an eight-page “Small Business Assessment Report,” which listed \$3,400 in LED-related rebates that we are eligible for. We estimate that an additional ten to twenty thousand dollars will be required for completion of the LED Project. We are awaiting a formal estimate from a DTE-recommended contractor, who can also handle the rebate application process. If you want to contribute directly to our LED Project, Beth Israel now has a [Green Team Fund](#) (you can select “Green Team Fund” as a drop-down in the “Type” box). As Green Team chairman, Michael Simon, likes to say, “Let There Be Light!”

Last, during the past two months The Green Team established a dedicated email address. You can volunteer and provide feedback at [bicGreenTeam@gmail.com](mailto:bicGreenTeam@gmail.com).



The Beth Israel Social Action Committee hosted a **Volunteer Appreciation Brunch** on March 3rd, from 10-noon in the Beth Israel Social Hall.

All volunteers, past, present, and future were invited to come and enjoyed a delicious meal and an interesting program. Barb McAnelly, the Director of Engagement and Programming at Beth Israel, gave a short presentation about programming and volunteer opportunities in the congregation. Next, a speaker from the League of Women Voters talked about the possible changes to the electoral college system.

## Purim Pantry Drive for Alpha House

One of the 4 mitzvot of Purim is “Matanat L'Evyonim”- contributions to those in need. On March 24th, the Social Action Committee will collect items for the pantry at Alpha House, a shelter for people experiencing homelessness in the Ann Arbor area. Please make your contribution and bring an item from the pantry list when you hear the megillah at Beth Israel on March 24th.

## JCOR

The first resettled family has moved into their permanent home in Ypsilanti, with help from Habitat for Humanity!

A Syrian family of five arrived in Ann Arbor last month. Any leads for affordable housing and Arabic speaking translators should be directed to Deborah Greene at [greenedm@umich.edu](mailto:greenedm@umich.edu).

JCOR's annual musical fundraising event is on April 7th, 4:00-7:00 p.m., at the JCC. The concert will feature traditional music with a Klezmer accent.

## JPOC (Jewish People of Color)

JPOC is sponsoring a discussion about the Seder at the JPOC Table on April 7th.



## JCOR: The New Family Is Here and Save This Date!

April 7: Schmaltz • Klezmephonics • Klezmer R&D

**The Joys of KLEZMER!**

2nd Annual JCOR Benefit Concert

Featuring:  
**Schmaltz • Klezmephonics • Klezmer R&D**

*Catch the tunes, Clap your hands, Tap your toes, & Dance!*

**Sunday, April 7, 4-6pm**  
Followed by Light Refreshments  
Under the kosher supervision of Rabbi Will Keller

Jewish Community Center  
2935 Birch Hollow Dr.

**Admission offered at these levels of giving:**

- Afikomen \$108
- Charoset \$72
- Matzoh balls \$36
- Students \$18
- 12 and under Free

--Online or at the door--  
<https://bit.ly/49ABGfb>

\*All funds benefit JCOR, a collaboration of six Ann Arbor Jewish congregations organized in partnership with JFS to help newly arrived refugees start their lives in Ann Arbor.  
[JCORAnnArbor.org](http://JCORAnnArbor.org)

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## The New Family Is Here and About to Move to Their New Home!

JCOR's third refugee family began their first day in the United States on the final day of January. Dad, Mom and their three boys ages 14, 10, and 8, originally from Syria, arrived exhausted but excited following their marathon 48-hour series of flights to Detroit Metro. "We're in America!" the eight-year-old exclaimed as he exited the airport clutching his mother's hand.

Two JCOR volunteers and a JFS staffer were at Metro to greet them. At the same time, three other JCOR volunteers were at the family's temporary quarters—a single room for five people, including *three* boys, one of whom had to bed down in a sleeping bag. Those three volunteers stocked the shelves and refrigerator with food and other supplies, including games, books, and other things to help the boys while away the time.

**News Flash!** As of press time, the family was hours away from signing a lease for permanent housing, and it looks like it will be in the Ann Arbor Public School district. With permanent housing, their lives will take a giant leap forward. With permanent housing they can enroll their boys in school, they will have a base from

which to launch their job search and begin JFS' ESL (English as a Second Language) program. Most importantly, they will be able to make a home.

Securing affordable housing within three weeks of arrival is a remarkable achievement in the Ann Arbor area's housing market, but JCOR's Housing & Welcome Team volunteers and JFS staff collaborated successfully to make it so!

## The Seder at the JPOC Table: A Facilitated Discussion

Passover is a deeply resonant holiday for many Jewish People of Color. On Sunday, April 7, Ann Arbor-area JPOC and their families are invited to join a discussion on the topic. Event details follow.

The Haggadah, the Seder, and the songs of Pesach hold special meaning and promise for Jewish People of Color—be they descendants of America's enslaved people; descendants of Japanese families that were incarcerated in the western U.S. during World War II; Native/Indigenous Jews whose ancestors were bludgeoned and, in some cases, obliterated by encroaching Europeans; or Latin Jews whose families escaped hardship or persecution in Cuba or South or Central America.

Bryan Roby, associate professor of Judaic Studies and Middle Eastern Studies at U-M, will provide expert assistance as participants explore questions such as: How do Jewish People of Color express their histories in tandem with the traditional Passover story? How do their many and varied stories compound the celebration? How do JPOC incorporate their food traditions at the seder? Can the seder plate reflect the ancestors' stories? Can the Haggadah be adapted to incorporate the rapidly increasing racial and ethnic diversity of the contemporary Jewish community? What, to the African-American Jew, is Passover? How might "slavery" and "enslaved people" in Egypt vs the Western Hemisphere impact the discussion? The prayers? What resources are available to address these questions?

Everyone who self-identifies as Jewish and as a person of color, along with family members, is encouraged to participate in **The Seder at the JPOC Table: A Facilitated Discussion** on Sunday, April 7, 11am–12:30 p.m., at the AADL Pittsfield branch, 2359 Oak Valley Dr, Ann Arbor 48103; plentiful free parking.

Questions? Write Deborah Greene at [greenedm@umich.edu](mailto:greenedm@umich.edu).

## Beth Israel Theology Study Group

The Beth Israel Theology Study Group meets every Wednesday evening from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. via Zoom. The group is always looking for new members! Our reading material has varied over the 25+ years of the group's existence. We have read books of theology and philosophy, Tanakh and Talmud, history and archeology as well as books of essays by contemporary thinkers. Our current book, *The Book of Revolutions The Battles of Priests, Prophets and Kings that Birthed the Torah*, was written by Rabbi Edward Feld. It offers a fascinating historical context for understanding the legal codes found in Exodus, Leviticus and Deuteronomy.

Many of our members own a copy of the book – but that is not a requirement. One of our members provides an electronic copy of the book which we read aloud and discuss. The strength and beauty of the group is the diversity of backgrounds of our members. Our member backgrounds come from every denomination of Judaism; our collective definitions of “theology” spans the spectrum of modern Judaism. Everyone in the group brings their own knowledge, their own interests and their own life experiences. We learn from each other. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Paul Shifrin at [paul.shifrin@gmail.com](mailto:paul.shifrin@gmail.com).

## Why Are We Doing our Main Megillah Reading on Sunday Afternoon Instead of Saturday Night? An Adventure in Halakhah! by Rabbi Nadav Caine

The mitzvah of Purim (in addition to *mishloach manot* and *matanot la'evyonim*) is to hear the megillah being read, and this is understood to mean “at night and during the day.” The mitzvah it is most like is the mitzvah of hearing the shofar. Like hearing the shofar, the mitzvah is *not* related to a particular service. The “hearing the megillah at night” is fulfilled any time from ma'ariv to dawn, while “hearing the megillah during the day,” is fulfilled any time from dawn to sunset.

Hearing the megillah is meant to be inclusive, with as many people fulfilling the mitzvah as possible, and inclusive of children, thus fulfilling our missions of *I'dor vador* and a joyful Judaism. For this reason, on a normal weekday of Erev Purim, I consider it appropriate to move the nighttime reading a little early to coincide with a slightly early ma'ariv since ma'ariv officially starts the nighttime, and in this way more people can attend.

This year, however, Purim begins *motzei shabbat*, Saturday night, and **one is not permitted to do an early ma'ariv on Saturday night**. This means there is no way halakhically to start before 8:40 p.m. and still fulfill the mitzvah of the nighttime reading. Therefore, given that the next day is Sunday, and in order to continue the Beth Israel tradition of a full Hebrew megillah reading interspersed with some adult spiel, I moved the “reading with spiel” to Sunday at 6:00 p.m., thus concluding before sunset, to serve as our daytime reading, and I moved our “simple traditional reading without spiel” to Saturday night. To be clear, the daytime megillah reading is not required to be at *shacharit*. So we are now fully compliant with halakhah.

This also accomplished being a good neighbor to Rabbi Keller who intended to organize a reading Sunday morning at the JCC.

Therefore, this year's plan is fully kosher and accomplishes: 1) Conforming to the special limitations of a very late start on Saturday night; 2) Continuing the BIC tradition of a fun and inclusive reading, and therefore accomplishing maximal achievement of the mitzvah; 3) Being a good community neighbor.

Sounds like a great start to a celebratory holiday! And don't miss our “Barbie” themed Purim at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday for our daytime reading!

## Purim Donations

Donate one of these “high-need” items (or \$5) and get a gragger!

1. Shelf Stable Quarts of Non Dairy Beverages: All varieties, such as soy, rice, oat, almond.
2. Granola and Snack Bars, including some gluten-free and non dairy
3. Regular and travel-size toiletries : Unscented only
4. Ground and freeze dried coffee: regular and decaf
5. Spices and herbs in sealed jars

Donations will be delivered after Purim.

For questions, email Barb at [Barbm@bethisrael-aa.org](mailto:Barbm@bethisrael-aa.org)







The poster features a blue background with colorful triangular bunting flags at the top. A large, stylized yellow star is on the right side, with the text 'Beth Israel Congregation' written below it. In the bottom left corner, there are illustrations of large, colorful masks. A white arrow points from the bottom left towards the center of the poster.

# PURIM PARTY

*and megillah reading!*

KIDS' COSTUME CONTEST WITH PRIZES!  
GAMES! MUSIC! SCHPIEL!

**MARCH 24TH AT BIC**  
**5:30 PM KIDS' ACTIVITIES START**  
**6:00 PM FULL MEGILLAH READING**

**COME SEE THE BARBIE MEGILLAH LIVE!**

**JOIN US ON SUNDAY NIGHT FOR OUR ANNUAL  
PURIM SPIEL & MEGILLAH READING!  
BRING A FOOD DONATION AND GET A GROGGER.  
SEE WEBSITE FOR SUGGESTED ITEMS.**

**TRADITIONAL MEGILLAH READING AT BIC SATURDAY MARCH 23RD AT 8:30**

10:30 a.m. on March 9th, April 6th and 20th

## 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.



MARCH 17 | 6:30-8 PM

AT BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION

## CHODESH CHADASH

An open social group for women and feminine-presenting members of all ages. We will chat, connect and learn about Purim and create mishloach manot for community members! Join us for this fun opportunity to get to know each other! Email Barb with questions.





# BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION EVENTS

## Aura of Kabbalat Shabbat

Mar 22 - April 26 • 6 PM

Beth Israel Congregation Sanctuary

A Jewish Renewal inspired singing service led by Rabbi Aura Ahuvia

## Pesach is coming!

Beth Israel Congregation is proud to coordinate Pesach seder matching again this year! Keep an eye out in the weekly emails! Email Barb with questions.

### THE PASSOVER SEDER KIDS' EXPERIENCE AT BIRS!

AGES 2 THRU 10 - OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

**SUNDAY APRIL 21, 2024 @ 10:00 AM**  
THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO JOIN BIRS FAMILIES FOR THIS ANNUAL PESACH CELEBRATION

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 at Beth Israel

**Saturday, April 20 — 12:00 p.m.**

Tips for a Successful Seder with Rav Nadav  
(In-person only)

**Sunday, April 21 — 10:00 a.m.**

Passover Seder Kids' Experience  
(In-person only)

**Monday, April 22 — 7:30 a.m.**

Siyyum Taanit Bechorot  
G&S Bldg. Upper Level  
(In-person only)

**Tuesday, April 23 — 9:30 a.m.**

**Wednesday, April 24 — 9:30 a.m.**

**Monday, April 29 — 9:30 a.m.**

**Tuesday, April 30 — 9:30 a.m.**

Passover Morning Services  
(In-Person and Virtual)

### Sell Your Chametz

[Click here](#) for the online form

**Deadline**  
**Sunday, April 21**





FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

# Camp Style Shabbat

April | 12 | 2024

5:45 Dinner 6:15 Service

Beth Israel Congregation

Family-Friendly Dinner for all  
Rav Nadav on Siddur  
Rachael Lawrence-Lupton on Guitar  
Kids on Bimah  
Smiles on Faces  
Gratitude in Hearts

שבת  
שלום

Shabbat  
Shalom



questions? email [Barbm@bethisrael-aa.org](mailto:Barbm@bethisrael-aa.org)

Interested in sponsoring a later shabbat dinner? email [gsorokin@bethisrael-aa.org](mailto:gsorokin@bethisrael-aa.org)

## HOME SHABBAT: FROM THE RABBI'S TABLE TO YOURS

Join Rav Nadav and his family for Kabbalat Shabbat service over Zoom (only).

April 19 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

Beth Israel Congregation



**SOCIAL ACTION  
COMMITTEE**  
Beth Israel Congregation



**Sunday, March 10**

**Sunday, April 7**

**9:30 a.m. - Green Team Meeting**

**10:30 a.m. - Social Action  
Committee Meeting**

**Meetings take place in the upper level  
of the 2010 G & S Building.**



## Mazal Tov to...

**Ilana Firke**, daughter of Shoshannah Lenski & Sam Firke on her Bat Mitzvah on March 2.

**Arielle Kahana**, daughter of Heidi & Alon Kahana, on her upcoming Bat Mitzvah on March 16.

**Mia Zoldan**, daughter of Yael & Andre Zoldan, on her upcoming afternoon Bat Mitzvah on April 13.

## Condolences to...

**Brad Axelrod** on the death of his mother, Leah Axelrod.

**Susan Funkenstein** on the death of her mother, Barbara George.

**The Family of Marianne Sachs-Iacob** on her death.

**The Family of Judith Laikin Elkin** on her death.

**The Family of Helena Robinovitz** on her death.

**Beverly Warshai** on the death of her husband, Yuval Warshai.

**Steven Weiss** on the death of his brother, Alan Neil Weiss.

## 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](mailto:bjarvis@bethisrael-aa.org) and we would be happy to announce it in the next issue of the Hashaliach.

The deadline for article submissions for the May/June issue of Hashaliach is Monday, April 15. If you need additional time, please contact Beth Jarvis at [bjarvis@bethisrael-aa.org](mailto:bjarvis@bethisrael-aa.org).

## Contributions to Beth Israel Congregation

The Board and Staff of Beth Israel wish to extend our sincere thanks to all those whose contributions help the synagogue thrive.

**Please specify where you would like your funds to go. Those being honored will receive an acknowledgement of your generosity.**

The minimum donation to be listed in HaShaliach remains \$5. **However, a minimum donation of \$10 is required to have an acknowledgement mailed /emailed to the honoree or family of the deceased.**

In addition, larger contributions will be designated:

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Contributions listed below are through 3/7/2024. Contributions received after that date will be listed in the next HaShaliach.

### GENERAL DONATIONS

Bob & Judy Ahronheim in memory of Barbara George, mother of Susan Funkenstein.

Alexander Balin in memory of his father, Izya Balin, on his yahrzeit.\*\*

Deborah & Richard Ball in memory of Leah Axelrod, mother of Brad Axelrod; in memory of Barbara George, mother of Susan Funkenstein.\*

Marilyn and Ian Berk in memory of Ian's father, Richard Berk, on his yahrzeit.\*\*

Rebecca Chudacoff in memory of her husband, Edward Chudacoff, and her mother-in-law, Goldie Chudacoff, on their yahrzeits.\*

Conrad Foster in memory of his parents, Morris & Ruth Foster, his grandmother, Jennie Foster, and his grandfather, Samuel Stein, on their yahrzeits.

Rivka Kahana in memory of her uncle, Aron (Arye) Bud, on his yahrzeit.

Carlos Kronberger & Terry Miller in appreciation of Beth Israel Congregation.\*\*

Mel Levitsky in memory of his wife, Joan Levitsky, on her yahrzeit.\*\*

William Miller in memory of his father, Norman Miller, on his yahrzeit.\*\*

Boris & Margaret Mordukhovich in memory of Boris's mother, Rosa Mordukhovich, on her yahrzeit.

Aviva Panush & Mitch Silverman in appreciation of Deborah Ball and the BIC Board, the entire Beth Israel staff; in memory of Burton Caine, Uncle of Rav Nadav and brother-in-law of Meira Miller; in memory of Sallie Abelson, Ellen Dannin, and Nell Stern; in honor of Gil Rubenstein, Toby Freddolino, and Ilana Firke becoming Bnai Mitzvah.\*

Stanley Pollack in loving memory of his father, Irwin Pollack and in appreciation of all of the comfort he was blessed with from Beth Israel, Rabbi Caine, and Rabbi Dobrusin.\*\*\*\*

Carole & Mitchell Rycus in memory of their parents, Helen & Max Lepofsky and Sam & Esther Rycus, on their yahrzeits.\*\*

Art & Mary Schuman in memory of Leah Axelrod, mother of Bradley Axelrod.

Bradley Seel in memory of his father, Allen Seel, on his yahrzeit.

Nancy Silver in memory of her father, Robert Straussberg, on his yahrzeit.

Charles Weaver in memory of Leah Axelrod, mother of Brad Axelrod.\*

Steve & Stefani Weiss wishing a speedy recovery to Arielle Zonderman.\*\*

Bernard Zeigler in memory of his mother, Sylvia Zeigler, on her yahrzeit.

### BETH ISRAEL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DONATIONS

Beth Dwoskin & Bob Blumenthal in memory of Barbara Altman, mother of Terri Ginsburg.

### KIDDUSH DONATIONS

Shira Klein in memory of her beloved mother, Ann Doneson, on her yahrzeit.

Jane Monto & Ben Taub in memory of Jane's mother, Ellyne Monto, on her yahrzeit.\*

### ADULT LIBRARY FUND

Dorit Adler in memory of Ted Adler, beloved father and grandfather on his yahrzeit.

Arnold Monto in memory of his brother-in-law, Barry Polsky, on his yahrzeit.\*

Sharron Pollack in memory of her father, Dr. Irwin Pollack, on his yahrzeit.\*

### ART FUND

Dorit Adler in memory of Marianne Sachs-Iacob.

### BETH ISRAEL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Ruth Bardenstein & Jim Roll in memory of Barbara Altman, mother of Terri Ginsburg.\*

Jean Clemes in memory of her mother, Helen Goren, and her mother-in-law, Julia Hauptman, on their yahrzeits.\*

Sheryl L. Fagin in memory of her brother, Randy J. Fagin, and her father, Jack S. Fagin, on their yahrzeits; in memory of Martha Oleinick.\*

Thea Glicksman wishing Mazal Tov to Gil Rubenstein, parents Joel Rubenstein & Lauren Katz, and sisters Hannah and Mia on Gil's Bar Mitzvah.

Pamela & Stephen Landau in memory of Ken Kander, father of Jake Kander, grandfather of Jude and Lucy; in memory of Barbara Altman, mother of Terri Ginsburg; in memory of Carl Cohen.\*

Aviva Panush & Mitch Silverman in honor of the BIRS 6th and 7th graders; in honor of Mia Zoldan becoming Bat Mitzvah.

Larry Siden in memory of Leah Axelrod, mother of Brad Axelrod.

### BUILDING ACCESSIBILITY FUND

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

### BUILDING & INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

Alan Lampear in memory of his parents, Madeline Lampear and Harold Lampear, on their yahrzeits.\*

Owen & Sheila Perlman and family in memory of Owen's father, Charles Perlman, on his yahrzeit.\*\*

### BUILDING RENOVATION FUND

Harvey Berman & Shelly Kovacs Berman in memory of Alan Neil Weiss, brother of Stephen Weiss; in memory of Leah Axelrod, mother of Brad Axelrod.

### CEMETERY LANDSCAPING FUND

Arnold Monto in memory of his wife, Ellyne Monto, on her first yahrzeit; in memory of his mother-in-law, Reva Polsky, on her yahrzeit.

### CULINARY FUND

Charlene Yudowin in memory of her mother, Ida Oventhal, on her yahrzeit.

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Ronald & Linda Benson in memory of Linda's mother, Ruth Reistman, on her yahrzeit.\*

### GERSHOWITZ MEMORIAL BUILDING FUND

Art, Barb and Sam Gershowitz in memory of Art's father, Henry Gershowitz, and his grandfather, Abraham Gershowitz, on their yahrzeits.\*\*

### GREEN TEAM FUND

Eileen Nadler in memory of her beloved parents, Tom & Lilian Henry, on their yahrzeits.

### HAROLD & JEAN GROSSMAN MEMORIAL FUND

Mary & Art Schuman in loving memory of Mary's father, Harold Grossman, on his yahrzeit.\*

### KRICKSTEIN YOUTH LIBRARY FUND

Morry Opperer & Margi Karp Opperer in honor of Gil Rubenstein's Bar Mitzvah.

### ELI LADIN ISRAEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Eileen & Saul Hymans in memory of Eileen's mother, Minnie Gordon, on her yahrzeit; in memory of their dear son, Steven Hymans, on his yahrzeit.\*

Aviva Panush & Mitch Silverman in honor of Arielle Kahana becoming Bat Mitzvah.



# TODAH RABAH

## **MUSIC FUND**

Ari & Ilana Gafni in memory of their parents, Meshulam & Genia Gafni and Shmuel & Haia Carmi, on their yahrzeits.\*

## **OFFICE EQUIPMENT FUND**

Michael & Leslie Morris in memory of Michael's brother, Robert Morris, on his yahrzeit.\*\*\*

## **PRAYER BOOK FUND**

Lisa & Lawrence Molnar in memory of Alan Neil Weiss, brother of Stephen Weiss.\*\*

## **RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

Barbara Berry in memory of her mother, Ruth Marcus, and her mother-in-law, Bertha Berry, on their yahrzeits.\*\*

Julius Cohen in memory of his father, Abraham Isaac Cohen, his mother, Rose Jacobson Cohen, his sister, Phyllis Doreen Cohen, and his aunt, Gail Jacobson Makofsky, on their yahrzeits.

Steven & Joyce Gerber in memory of Leah Axelrod, mother of Brad Axelrod.

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

Daryl Hafter in memory of her mother, Theresa Maslow, on her yahrzeit.

Carol Hoffer in memory of Leah Axelrod, mother of Brad Axelrod.

Eileen & Saul Hymans in memory of Saul's mother, Sarah Hymans, on her yahrzeit.

Deborah Keller-Cohen in memory of her beloved mother, Thelma Pollock Keller.\*\*

Pamela & Stephen Landau in memory of Burton Caine, brother of Rabbi Ivan Caine, Uncle of Rabbi Nadav Caine, Hanan Caine, and Shoshanna Wechter, and brother-in-law of Meira Miller; in memory of Christine Reid, sister of Bob Carbeck; in memory of Nell Stern; in memory of Stephen's father, Charles Landau, on his yahrzeit.\*\*

Alice Liberson in appreciation of Rav Nadav.\*\*

Lynn & Herb Malinoff in memory of Herb's father, Allen Malinoff, on his yahrzeit.\*

Boris & Margaret Mordukhovich in appreciation of Rav Nadav.

Robin Okun with gratitude for Rabbi Caine's support.\*\*

Aviva Panush & Mitch Silverman in appreciation of Sylvie Sarment and family.

Rivka Rubinfeld in memory of her father, Pesach Haidenkrug, on his yahrzeit.

The Saper Family in memory of Leonard Saper on his yahrzeit.\*\*\*\*

Samuel & Nancy Silver in memory of Alan Neil Weiss, brother of Stephen Weiss; in memory of Leah Axelrod, mother of Brad Axelrod.

Michael & Peggy Singer in honor of the birth of Sadie Rose Shill, granddaughter of Merton Shill, Karen Shill & Henry Beitz; in memory of Burton Caine, uncle of Rabbi Nadav Caine and brother-in-law of Meira Miller.

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

## **ROSENBERG LECTURE FUND**

Marcy Epstein in memory of her beloved father, Seymour Epstein, on his yahrzeit.

## **SA'AD: A HELPING HAND FUND**

Helen & David Aminoff in memory of Nell Stern.

David & Phyllis Herzig in memory of Burton Caine, Uncle of Rabbi Nadav Caine; in memory of Sylvia Gordon, mother of Jenny Gordon.

Nancy Karp in memory of her grandfather, Louis Karp, and her niece, Jennifer Sherr, on their yahrzeits; in memory of Sallie Abelson.

Lily Ladin in memory of Nell Stern.

Pamela & Stephen Landau in memory of Sylvia Gordon, mother of Jenny Gordon; in memory of Doris Miller; in memory of Sallie Abelson.\*

Michelle & Arthur Riba in memory of Arthur's sister, Phyllis Kroll, on her yahrzeit.

## **SELIGSON ADULT EDUCATION FUND**

Dorit Adler in memory of Judith Elkin.

Lily Ladin in memory of Judith Elkin.

Aviva Panush & Mitch Silverman in memory of Judith Elkin.

## **SHIVAH TRAY FUND**

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

## **SOCIAL ACTION FUND**

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

Aviva Panush & Mitch Silverman in honor of the birth of Frieda Ella Page, daughter of Jake Scobey-Thal & Al Page and granddaughter of Denise Thal & David Scobey.

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

## **RONALD & ELANA SUSSMAN EDUCATION FUND**

Rachel Jacobson in appreciation of Ron Sussman's artistic talents and dedication to the Ann Arbor Jewish community.\*\*

Anita Liberman-Lampear & Alan Lampear in memory of father and father-in-law, Murray Liberman, on his yahrzeit.\*

Aviva Panush & Mitch Silverman in memory of Barbara Altman, mother of Terri Ginsburg.

Prue Rosenthal in memory of Leah Axelrod, mother of Brad Axelrod.\*

## **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
- Building Renovation Fund
- Cemetery Landscaping Fund
- Chapel Renovation Fund
- Child Care Fund
- Culinary Fund
- Flower Fund
- Morris & Marilyn Friedman Jewish Camp Fund
- Hilma Geffen Memorial Fund
- Henry Gershowitz Building Fund
- Green Team Fund
- Harold & Jean Grossman Fund
- Kessel Memorial Prayer Book Fund
- Eli Ladin Israel Scholarship Fund
- Maintenance Equipment Fund
- Ada & Isador Margolis Memorial Religious School Fund
- Music Fund
- Joseph Newhouse Beth Israel Musical Enhancement Fund
- Office Equipment Fund
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- Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
- Religious School Scholarship Fund
- Rosenberg Lecture Fund
- Sa'ad: A Helping Hand Fund
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- Richard Seid Teacher Stipend Fund
- Seligson Adult Education Fund
- Shiva Tray Fund
- Social Action Fund
- Ronald & Elana Sussman Education Fund
- Torah Restoration Fund



# השליח HASHALIACH

## Our New Fence is Coming Soon!



### Candle Lighting Times

Fri., Mar. 1	6:11 p.m.
Fri., Mar. 8	6:19 p.m.
Fri., Mar. 15	7:27 p.m.
Fri., Mar. 22	7:35 p.m.
Fri., Mar. 29	7:43 p.m.
Fri., Apr. 5	7:51 p.m.
Fri., Apr. 12	7:59 p.m.
Fri., Apr. 19	8:07 p.m.
Fri., Apr. 26	8:15 p.m.

### Shabbat Ends\*

Sat., Mar. 2	7:09 p.m.
Sat., Mar. 9	7:17 p.m.
Sat., Mar. 16	8:26 p.m.
Sat., Mar. 23	8:33 p.m.
Sat., Mar. 30	8:41 p.m.
Sat., Apr. 6	8:49 p.m.
Sat., Apr. 13	8:57 p.m.
Sat., Apr. 20	9:05 p.m.
Sat., Apr. 27	9:13 p.m.

\* - 42 minutes after sundown