



March 2022
Adar I - Adar II 5782



Beth Israel Congregation

HASHALIACH



Rosenberg Scholar-in-Residence Deborah Sacks Mintz March 3 - 5, 2022

The Rosenberg Lecture Series is endowed through a generous contribution by Vic (z"l) & Val Rosenberg in memory of Cantor Alfred & Alice Rosenberg.



A transformative prayer leader and musician, Deborah Sacks Mintz has served innovative institutions around the country as a teacher of Torah and communal Jewish music. As the Community Singing Consultant of Hadar's Rising Song Institute, Deborah combines musical scholarship and practice to cultivate the grassroots musical and spiritual creativity of the Jewish people. All sessions are offered both in-person and online via Zoom unless noted below. Please Register on the Beth Israel website.

Thursday, March 3

6:30 p.m. - Online Minyan at Special Time - A computer will be set up in the library for those who are attending the Davening Workshop so they may still participate in minyan.

7:00 p.m. - Leading from the Center: A Davening Workshop: Deborah will guide learners in an exploration of technical skills, as well as strategies for effectively building and sustaining community through davening. This masterclass for daveners and *Shelichei Tzibbur* of all levels, both experienced and novice! *Please note this is an in-person session only.*

Friday, March 4

5:30 p.m. - Hors D'oeuvres Reception followed by Boi Kallah, Shabbat Hamalka: Singing in the Divine: Through an exploration of singing as a spiritual practice, we'll learn new melodies, reconnect with familiar sounds, and ready ourselves for Shabbat.

6:30 p.m. - Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv Services

Saturday, March 5

9:30 a.m. - Shabbat Services: Deborah will lead the community in spirited davening, teaching new melodies along the way.

1:00 p.m. - Singing through the Sea, Lamenting at the River: Song Narratives in Tanakh: How has music expressed both power and joy, suffering and loss, throughout the narrative of the Jewish people? Where do we see our own experiences embedded within these sources? In this text-based class, we'll explore key Biblical narratives centering the outpouring of song - building out our own continued stories of powerful prayer from within.

7:30 p.m. - Havdalah Concert and Melava Malka: Bid farewell to Shabbat in song and keep the ruach going with an evening of spiritual music.

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A Message from Rabbi Nadav Caine

Monthly Friday Night Musical Services Upcoming at Beth Israel

The use of music and melody to connect us to the words of our liturgy can be transformative. As when we hear a love song that perfectly fits exactly what we feel, it can help us to achieve the sense that the words were written by us, that they are the yearnings of our heart.

This is nothing new in Judaism, of course. The original Temple liturgy, the Psalms, have many musical directions within them, as the Levites provided instrumental music to accompany their recitation. The Shabbat Psalm, for example, exhorts us to celebrate Shabbat accompanied by the playing of the ten-string harp and lyre. Many of us assume that the later custom of avoiding instrumental music on Shabbat had to do with the destruction of the Temple, but that is not the case. Some of us assumed it had to do with “not touching an instrument because you might be tempted to fix it should it break,” but halakhic analysis of that phrase shows it to be highly problematic. The Rabbinic commentators don’t know what to make of the early reference to “temptation to fix” since the statement is only used in connection with musical instruments, and otherwise could apply to almost anything we touch on Shabbat. Some commentators think “fix” is an incorrect translation: the prohibition is on making a musical instrument, which would make far more sense (e.g. stretching and affixing the top of a drum or a lyre string). Still, one could play an instrument that is already assembled. The main halakhic source used to prohibit music is the prohibition on making enough noise (say, by knocking on a door to see if someone is at home) to disturb others’ Shabbat rest, a prohibition that is

real, but interestingly does not mention musical instruments.

Recently I taught a Jewish law session on whether one may set Jewish liturgy to popular secular melodies, as we do at Simon & Garfunkel Shabbat or an upcoming Motown Shabbat. The sources are fascinating on the issue: right when you get a rabbinic decisor who frowns upon it, you get a story of one embracing it. For example, the founder of Chabad, Reb Shneur Zalman of Liadi (Belarus, 1745-1813), frowned upon the practice of adopting Church melodies, but embraced secular melodies. “When some of his Hasidim learned the tune for Napoleon’s March from Napoleon’s soldiers in 1812 and sang it to the Rebbe, he was very impressed and said that it’s really a *shir shel nitzahon*, a song of victory, possessing a spark of holiness. As a result, the Rebbe instructed his Hasidim to sing the melody at the end of Ne’ilah before blowing the Shofar to symbolize the victory of the Jewish people over Satan, and this is the custom of Chabad until today.” (Golinkin 2021)

Since the ‘70’s, the use of wordless melody and guitar in prayer had a resurgence. Neo-Hasidism changed davening as we know it by introducing new melodies meant to be sung by the entire congregation as an impromptu choir, with a focus on wordless melody niggunim. Jewish camps and youth movements embraced vibrant melodies and spirited choral davening. From congregations B’nei Jeshurun in New York to Ikar in Los Angeles, the musical evolution continued.

Today that movement is evolving at the Hadar Rising Song Institute. The conferences of USCJ and the Rabbinic Assembly are now the usual educational sessions mixed with davening and concerts put on by its leaders, Joey Weisenberg and Deborah Sacks Mintz. Conservative congregations across North America, and internationally through Masort Olami, are embracing it.

We are thrilled that Deborah Sacks Mintz is our Rosenberg Scholar-in-Residence this year, honoring the legacy of Alfred Rosenberg, the cantorial father

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President's Perspective

Deborah Ball

It's the Jewish month of Adar. This year— 5782 — brings a special opportunity: a double portion of the month of Adar, the month traditionally viewed as a lucky month, a month of happiness. In leap years such as this, we get an entire additional month of Adar, called Adar I, inserted before the regular month of Adar, renamed Adar II in a leap year. A leap year is also called shanah meuberet ("a pregnant year").

Traditionally, we say, "Be happy! It's Adar." But happiness might seem elusive these days. As we approach the two-year mark of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have many things on our minds. Everything from wondering (when) (whether) will we have life without masks again to missing people. Uncertainty impedes our desire to plan family trips, life cycle events, and our work. It is not that life was ever certain, but we have had to confront unpredictability more tangibly. Many have faced loss and grief under isolated circumstances.

But we have also been resilient. We have been resourceful. These are reasons to feel happy. We have invented new ways to reach out, communicate, and connect, been deliberate to appreciate and give to others, and improvised within our traditions. We have shown up for one another, in different ways to be sure, and we have worked together. We have created a beautiful Kabbalat Shabbat service every Friday night, on Zoom, at which people greet one another, sing, pray, enjoy poetry, and usher in the sabbath. Thanks to the efforts of our Green Team, Beth Israel has joined a major community effort to advance energy efficiency and environmentally friendly practices across commercial buildings and houses of worship in Ann Arbor with the goal of reaching a targeted benchmark by 2030. The unanimous Ann Arbor City Council resolution condemning antisemitism was the product of collective effort by many people. The success of our end of year fundraising appeal, for which we raised over 40% above our goal, was also something to celebrate. Many Beth Israel members have already committed to making a gift to our congregation through Life and Legacy as part of their wills, and more are joining this effort. Our membership committee has inaugurated outdoor coffees for parents to gather on snowy Sunday mornings, and our youngest members have gathered for "bite-size Shabbat" at Burns Park with children from the Ann Arbor Orthodox minyan. If we always think only of how far we have yet to go, or how hard everything seems, we miss the opportunity to take joy in the step forward. We miss the moment to appreciate our strengths together.

The reminder to be happy, to seek joy, can be a gift for us in these cold winter months as we enter a third year of unpredictability. No one wants to be told to be happy, especially when the days can feel dark and long. But if we see the double portion of Adar as an opportunity rather than a directive, we gain. We can see this

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pregnant year as an opportunity to give birth to more moments of joy, as individuals and as a congregation. We can be deliberate about noticing even small things that can bring us happiness. The days are getting longer: We have already gained over an hour of daylight since the winter solstice just a few weeks ago. Adar reminds us that spring is coming soon in Michigan, and with spring, new growth and new possibilities.

I hope you can find opportunities to be happy in these eight weeks of Adar, and to express pleasure and gratitude to others. As president of Beth Israel, I am happy for the incredible dedication and creativity of Rabbi Caine, and the amazing dedication of all of our staff —Meg Bernstein, Amanda Fisher, Heather Gale, Michele Israel, Beth Jarvis, and Sam Zielinski. Too often their work remains invisible, precisely because it is so fundamental to all we have been able to enjoy and do over these last two years. Please take a moment to express your appreciation to our staff and our rabbi. Doing this will also make you feel happy. On April 23, at our Shabbat morning service, we will express our gratitude to Ron Sussman for his years of service and devotion to BIC. We are also grateful to Amanda Glucklich, who left at the beginning of the month to pursue her next adventure, for her many creative efforts during these pandemic months.

I also am grateful for our board. Board members have devoted time and effort way above and beyond, on strategic planning, on designing new ways to communicate with you, on thoughtful hiring, and many other crucial issues. Everyone shows up to meetings, prepared and engaged. They listen to one another and do so much more together than could ever be accomplished one by one. Many boards are not like that, and we are so lucky to have the strengths, commitment, and contributions of our board members.

And I am grateful for you, Beth Israel congregants, for your engagement, your suggestions, your participation, and your questions. I am grateful for

your advice and perspectives. Please keep them coming.

Let's take the gift of this double Adar to see possibilities, to feel happiness, and to give happiness to others. Even though we cannot predict the year ahead, we can take joy in the strengths of our community and where we can head together.

L'shalom,

Deborah Loewenberg Ball

Talmud Study with Rabbi Dobrusin Mon., March 7, 14, & 28, 4:00 p.m.

All are invited to join our Talmud study class. We read the text in Hebrew but an English translation is available and all discussions will be in English so no familiarity with Hebrew is required. We are currently studying a section from the tractate Sukkah regarding the holiday of Sukkot and then will move on to study sections from the Talmud concerning the Pesach seder. Join us for some interesting text study and lively discussions to warm cold winter afternoons! The Zoom link can be found on the BIC website.

From Electric Cars to Panera: Monthly Topics in Jewish Law Saturday, March 19, 12:15 p.m.

May one bicycle on Shabbat? Is eating a grilled cheese at Panera kosher? Can one make minyan through Zoom? Is an LGBTQ ketubah halakhically permitted? Rav Nadav tackles contemporary topics in Jewish law, often sharing the best of Conservative Movement Responsa. Hybrid format (i.e. both in person and streaming).

Zoom Links and Passwords

All Zoom links are available on the Beth Israel website (www.bethisrael-aa.org). Passwords are required for all services, classes, and events. Email office@bethisrael-aa.org for the passwords.

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of our beloved Victor Rosenberg z"l. This is our first Rosenberg Scholar-in-Residence Weekend since Vic died, and we hope that Deborah's teaching and music brings comfort, inspiration, and uplifts us, as Vic himself did, to continue the blessings that flow from his, and his father's, memory. Deborah is leading workshops, study sessions, spirited services, and a Melava Malka concert the "weekend" of March 3rd through 5th.

But the blessings of music do not stop there. On March 25, May 13, June 10 and July 15, we will hold a monthly Friday evening service with music and melody inspired by this movement. Rabbi Aura Ahuvia will be leading a Musical Kabbalat Shabbat service on each of these dates.

We are fortunate to have Deborah Sacks Mintz launching us forward, and we are fortunate to have Rabbi Aura taking us into the future.



Women's Shabbat A Celebration of Women on the Bimah Saturday, March 19, 2022

***In honor of the centennial of the bat mitzvah,
join us for an all-women-led Shabbat service.***

***Anyone who identifies as a woman is
invited to participate.***

All are welcome to daven with us.

***Contact Meg Bernstein to sign up for an
honor at meg@bethisrael-aa.org***

Bar Mitzvah Invitation

Mira Sussman & Doron Yitzchaki invite the congregation to celebrate with them at Shabbat Services, March 12, as their son, Ishai, is called to the Torah on the anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah. The congregation is also cordially invited to kiddush following the service.

A Prayer for Peace in Ukraine by Meg Bernstein

May it be Your will,
ever-living Sovereign and Creator,
that all who fear for their lives and their country
find a moment of rest and stillness tonight.
Spread Your sukkah of shalom over
Ukraine and Russia tonight.

Let each who fights and yearns for freedom
find courage in her heart.
Let the one who follows blindly
a cruel and corrupt leader
find his eyes unclouded.
Let them both lay down their weapons.

Fill them with the truth of Your love.
Bind their wounds with Your healing light.
May their souls be lifted up
by the strength of our prayers.

May they live to see another
beautiful day in the land that they love,
and may a great peace fill that land
as the waters fill the sea.

V'yimru: amen.



PURIM!



JOINT BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION AND TEMPLE BETH EMETH PURIM!

Living Megillah Walk with Children's Activities

Sunday, March 13: 2:30 - 4 p.m.

County Farm Park

Gather at County Farm park, near the playground and pavilion (costumes encouraged!) for Kids Activities and a Living Megillah Walk: as you take a walk, meet and interact with characters from the Esther story!

Purim Spiel & Megillah Reading(s)

Wednesday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m.

With Full Megillah Reading at 8 p.m.

In Person at Temple Beth Emeth & streamed online

*Gather in the TBE Sanctuary (costumes encouraged).
TBE and BIC present: Choose Your Own Megillah - Live! Join us as actors and actresses of all ages from both congregations present a unique retelling of the megillah story where you, yes YOU, choose how each scene progresses. Is Vashti full of longing or indignation? Is Esther hopeful or annoyed at the prospect of becoming queen? Will Haman repent or get eaten by wild animals? YOU DECIDE!
Followed by a full traditional megillah reading.*



[Join us via Zoom HERE](#)

BETH ISRAEL EVENTS

Washtenaw County Serenity Shabbat Services – Winter/Spring 2022

A Community-Wide Initiative to
Joyfully Celebrate the Dual Blessings
of Recovery & Shabbat!



Serenity Shabbat, hosted by various congregations, focuses on addiction awareness and the wisdom of Jewish tradition as it relates to the spiritual practice of recovery.

Everyone is welcome, including members of the recovery community, friends and family who have been affected by a loved one's addiction, and anyone interested in this unique spiritual experience!

Winter/Spring Schedule of Services:

*Check the Lior Project website: jfsannarbor.org/lior for the most up-to-date schedule

Temple Beth Emeth

Friday, 2/11 – 7:30 PM

Friday, 4/8 – 7:30 PM

<https://templebethemeth.org/>

(734) 665-4744

Beth Israel Congregation

Saturday, 3/26 – 9:30 AM

Friday, 5/20 – 6:00 PM

<https://www.bethisrael-aa.org/>

(734) 665-9897

Due to COVID, services may be held virtually or in person. Please note each participating congregation maintains their own safety protocols which may include masking and vaccine requirements, checking backpacks, password for zoom entry, etc. Please check congregation website or call them for details.



The mission of the Lior project is to increase awareness, dialogue, and support in the Washtenaw County Jewish community about mental health, addiction, and suicide. The Lior Project exists to help reduce associated stigma, promote inclusivity, and enhance community support.



YOUTH EDUCATION



Heather Gale Director of Youth Education

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Hello Beth Israel! In case we haven't had a chance to meet yet, my name is Heather Gale and I am the Director of Youth Education here at Beth Israel. I am so excited to be here and join this incredible community. While Covid has certainly provided some challenges for us this year, our staff and students have taken them all in stride. We've had a couple of Zoom classes, but for the most part we have remained in person. This is a testament to our families who are committed to the safety of their own families, as well as our community as a whole, so thank you.

We have some exciting new programs in our school this year, and I hope that you can help spread the word in Ann Arbor. We have added preschool programming on Sunday mornings from 10-11am. This class operates outdoors (yes even in the snow!) and a grown up attends class with their student. Come join us while we sing, dance, hear stories, and make crafts! We have also added a high school class that Mira Sussman is teaching. The Hebrew High meets at G&S 2010 during religious school hours on Sundays from 10am-12pm. The high schoolers are diving into the Moving Traditions Kulam curriculum that covers many topics including antisemitism, interpersonal relationships, Israel, and racial justice all through a Jewish lens.

Our K-7th graders have been hard at work this year at BIRS. They are learning Torah stories, making crafts, studying t'fillot with our musician Cantor Devorah, and learning Hebrew. We have decorated magnets for the Ann Arbor Chanukiah, had Boker Breaker dance parties to kick off our Sunday mornings, dressed up for Halloween, and filled out Jewish holiday themed mad libs. Our teachers have done an incredible job during challenging times with endless regulations and

changes. If you haven't thanked your teacher yet for all they do-please do so!

You'll be hearing from me soon to set up a Zoom or coffee to find out how school is going and how your students are doing. If you'd like to set this up sooner rather than later, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at hgale@bethisrael-aa.org. I would love to hear from you, and I hope that we can spend more time together in person soon!

-Heather

Shabbat Babysitting Beginning on Saturday, March 12 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Beth Israel Congregation will begin offering babysitting on Shabbat mornings. Elementary school aged children are welcome to join Heather Gale or one of our other babysitters in the Youth Library on the lower level beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Children who are four years old or younger are welcome but must be accompanied by a responsible person.

Babysitters Wanted

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming one of Beth Israel Shabbat babysitters, please contact Heather Gale at hgale@bethisrael-aa.org. Babysitters are paid \$45 per session and the hours are from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.



BETH ISRAEL COMMUNITY



**SOCIAL ACTION
COMMITTEE**
Beth Israel Congregation



The Social Action Committee (SAC) offered a number of programs in 2021 that engaged BIC congregants in social and racial justice efforts, and continues to do so in 2022. These include:

Alpha House

Alpha House is the Ann Arbor area's family homeless shelter. The SAC coordinates BIC members who provide meals to Alpha House on a rotating basis (typically in November and February). Beth Israel has helped at Alpha House since it was established in 1992.

Beth Israel Reads

Beth Israel Reads began in 2020, in response to the murder of George Floyd and the desire for a better understanding of the causes, and possible solutions for police brutality and similarly profound injustices practiced against people of color.

Most recently the book The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together, by economic specialist Heather McGhee, was read and discussed. Previous BIC Reads titles were How to Be an Anti-Racist, by Ibrahim X. Kendi; Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents, by Isabel Wilkerson; and The Man Who Lived Underground by Richard Wright. Watch for more information about the next book selected.

Adolescent Sexual Health

At the SAC's monthly meeting in February 2022, Taryn Gal, Executive Director of the Michigan Organization on Adolescent Sexual Health (MOASH), was invited to speak and introduce MOASH's work during the past decade to mobilize youth voices, engage community partners, and inform decision-makers to advance sexual health, identities, and rights of young people in Michigan.

Michigan Center for Youth Justice

The SAC coordinated a January 30 talk for the Congregation by Husain Haidri of the Michigan Center for Youth Justice (MCYJ). Mr. Haidri highlighted MCYJ's current campaign to push the Michigan Legislature to pass legislation to achieve "Debt-Free Justice" for juveniles in Michigan and asked for our support. He had earlier discussed MCYJ at SAC's October meeting.

Restorative Justice

In June, 2021, the SAC heard from U-M Professor Larry Root about the work of "Friends of Restorative Justice of Washtenaw County" (FORJ). This coalition works toward a balanced and restorative approach to crime and conflict. Restorative Justice promotes justice, reparation, and resolution for victims and the community, while also addressing accountability, personal development, and reintegration of the offender into productive community life, with respectful treatment for all involved parties.

Police Community Violence & Racial Justice

In May 2021, the SAC organized a viewing of A.J. Ali's "Walking While Black: L.O.V.E. Is The Answer" for the Congregation. This 2017 documentary examines police-community violence and then strikes a hopeful tone, offering instances of police, therapists, and teachers working to help change how people feel about police and how police feel about the communities they serve.

Police Oversight Commission

In January 2021, the SAC organized a talk for the BIC Congregation by Dr. Lisa Jackson, Chair of the Ann Arbor Independent Community Police Oversight Commission, about the ICPOC's progress since it was established by the City Council in April 2019. Dr. Jackson had earlier discussed the ICPOC's mission of "reframing" the relationship that Ann Arbor residents have with their police in her presentation to the SAC in December 2020.

Shabbat at BIC

SAC members have worked with Rav Nadav and others to recognize special Shabbat messages in collaboration with other congregations nationally, including Refugee Shabbat (organized with HIAS) and Human Rights Shabbat (organized with T'ruah).

Purim Donations

The SAC initiated and continues to coordinate our Congregation's collection of funds at Purim to support anti-poverty efforts, so we can collectively fulfill the mitzvah of matanot l'evyonim. In 2021 over \$1,500 was shared between the Back Door Food Pantry and Religious Action for Affordable Housing. We also collect boxes of macaroni and cheese that are used as groggers during the Purim celebration and then donated to Food Gatherers.

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2022 - Winter Message from the Green Team

If you will it, it is no dream (Theodore Herzl). The only force standing between our BIC membership and a more sustainable future is our own inertia. The BIC Green Team intends to take care of that barrier by providing the opportunity for congregants to work together and develop plans for a more sustainable future.

What has the BIC Green Team been doing?

In 2021, BIC joined the Ann Arbor 2030 District, a private/public partnership working to reduce existing building energy consumption, water use and transportation emissions 50% by 2030. The Ann Arbor 2030 District has been in operation since 2018 and is one of 23 Districts across North America, and one of three in Michigan—Ann Arbor, Detroit, and Grand Rapids. The Ann Arbor District partners with the Ann Arbor's A2Zero initiative to work with the commercial and multi-family building sector. The Ann Arbor District already has a total of 39 members which includes 172 buildings (5 million square feet of space), now plus our buildings!!! The District completed 30 energy audits in 2020-2021. We have also joined an informal subgroup of the Ann Arbor District consisting of houses of worship.

What are the benefits of joining?

We get a \$2,500 subsidy for a professional energy audit for our synagogue, which is currently underway. We also get assistance in setting up the Energy Star Portfolio Manager (ESPM) software which will automatically enter our energy data and help develop a plan for better energy efficiency. We are also proud beneficiaries of a \$1000 grant from Hazon to help fund our audit.

What else are we doing?

- We have a draft of a solar plan for BIC using the investor model, similar to that of TBE/Genesis and other houses of worship and non-profits in SE Michigan, where solar would be paid for and maintained by an independent corporation at no financial cost to the synagogue. BIC would pay the corporation for the power generated by the solar panels at a rate less than DTE would charge. The corporation can take the 26% Federal tax credit for solar installation, which BIC cannot. We are waiting for the results of a roof inspection to determine whether solar is feasible in the near or distant future.

- We are working with the BIRS to develop a plan to collect plastic disposables from our students and families and convert the plastic to funds for the JFS food drive for refugees. We have also completed a pilot project to recycle plastic from BIC families to bring in funds for the Jewish Family Services.
- We are working with kitchen staff to develop a plan to increase our ability to recycle and lower our waste footprint for BIC food events.
- We are recipients of the "Hazon Seal of Sustainability".
- Don't forget our County Farm Garden plot, part of "Project Grow" and "Faith and Food" where over the past 2 years we have donated 400 lb. of fresh produce to Ann Arbor's Food Gatherers per year.

If I am Only for Myself, What am I? (Pirkei Avot)

Yes, there is no time to waste! We should all be working together. What can you do to help?

- Attend our first Sunday of the month 9:30 am zoom meeting. Share your ideas and help lead new projects - link to meeting is on the BIC web site.
- Help evaluate the new energy audit and help prioritize energy saving project. Brainstorm on sources of funding and help write grants.
- Join the garden team! Pick a day to water, plant a seed, pull a weed, watch plants grow! Volunteer to be our liaison to Food Gatherers. Look out for us in May at County Farm Gardens.
- Volunteer to be our Seal of Sustainability representative with Hazon in Detroit.
- All are welcome!!!

If Not Now, When? (Pirkei Avot)

Michael Simon, Harvey Michaels, Diane Wilson and Nancy Leon for the BIC Green Team

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Contributions

The SAC makes recommendations and works with BIC staff and the Board to direct donations from the Social Action Fund to efforts both locally, nationally, and internationally that are consistent with our focus on social and racial justice. Over the past year, this has included the Shelter Association of Washtenaw County, Alpha House, Food Gatherers, and Rabbis for Human Rights.

The Social Action Committee meets the first Sunday of the month at 10:30, currently on Zoom. All are welcome to join us.

SAVE THE DATE



Join us as Beth Israel thanks Ron Sussman!

For over 20 years, Ron has served our congregation as Ritual Assistant, organizing our services, helping adults and young people develop skills and confidence to lead prayers and to read Torah and Haftarah. We are excited to announce that we will honor Ron for his dedication to Beth Israel Congregation in a very special Shabbat morning service on Saturday, April 23, the eighth day of Pesach.

There will be opportunities to sponsor this event and to share your thoughts about Ron in a tribute book. Contributions will be for a new fund that Beth Israel is establishing in Ron's honor to support continued learning. More information will follow in the coming weeks – we hope you can join us, in person or on Zoom!

Your Planning Committee: Linda Bender, Bunky Elyakin, Michele Leshan, Matt Kaplan, Pam Landau, Jack Kaufman, Jeff Bernstein, Deborah Ball, and Carol Finerman z"l

LIFE & LEGACY

Thank You to Our LIFE & LEGACY Donors

*"As my ancestors planted for me before I was born,
so do I plant for those who come after me."*

Talmud, Ta'anith 23

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BETH ISRAEL COMMUNITY

Why I Made a Life & Legacy Commitment to Beth Israel Synagogue by Ellen Abramson

I am delighted to have made a Life & Legacy commitment for the benefit of Beth Israel, Jewish Family Services, and Hebrew Day School. I chose to do this in what was the easiest way for me – including each organization as a percentage beneficiary of my IRA. And completing the Life & Legacy Letter of Intent to advise the organizations of my intentions.

Each of these organizations has played and still plays a pivotal role in my life. I will always be grateful for the way the Beth Israel community rallied around me when my husband David passed away suddenly nearly five years ago. Rabbi Dobrusin and Rebecca Kanner (in her role as liaison to the cemetery) arrived at my home shortly after David's passing to be with me and help me in those early hours. So many friends and community members from Beth Israel came to the funeral and shiva, surrounded me with love, and helped in so many ways in those initial days and for months afterward. I cannot even remember all the ways that they helped. But I remember the love I was shown. And I am so grateful. To me, that is Beth Israel. And that is what I want my Life & Legacy gift to sustain – to make that loving community accessible to others, long into the future.

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 or 665-9897 and we would be happy to announce it in the next issue of the Hashaliach.

Mazal Tov to...

Stanton Elias & Donna Shewach on the birth of their grandson, Yehuda Ivgi, son of Chana & Shimon Ivgi and brother of Liba, Yisrael, Avigail, Yosef Meir, and Elisheva Hodaya.

Cheryl & Mark Good on the marriage of their daughter, Miranda Good, and Colin Nelson.

Alan Lampear & Anita Liberman-Lampear on the birth of their grandson, Lavey Benjamin Lampear, son of Ari Lampear & Caren Minkoff, little brother of Eva and Ammi.

Fran & Irwin Martin on the birth of their granddaughter, Haiden Arielle Tomasovich, daughter of Stacey Martin & Datus Tomasovich.

David Sherman & Carey Wexler Sherman on the wedding of their daughter, Maja Sherman, and Jesse Hudson.

Condolences to...

Rachel Adler on the death of her father, Michael Adams.

The Family of Carol Amster on her death.

Jade Hadassah Choe on the death of her husband, Paul Ernest Phillips.

The Family of Carol Finerman on her death.

Sandra Finkel on the death of her brother-in-law, Sanford P. Flayer.

Louise Fligiel on the death of her mother, Fanchon Lessing.

Cheryl Good on the death of her mother, Phyllis Werbel.

Irving Leon on the death of his stepmother, Leona "Lee" Leon.

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Barbara Stark-Nemon on the death of her cousin, David Fauman.

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Pamela & Stephen Landau wishing Mazal Tov to Anita Liberman-Lampear & Alan Lampear on the birth of their grandson, Lavey Benjamin Lampear, son of Ari & Caren Lampear, nephew of Sara Lampear, little brother of Eva and Ami.

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Alan Lampear & Anita Liberman-Lampear in memory of Ida Spizizen, grandmother of Alan Lampear, on the anniversary of her yearzeit.

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Eve & Richard Primus in appreciation of Rav Nada for his help and support in enabling the celebration of their daughter Jessica's becoming bat-mitzvah at Beth Israel.****

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

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Nancy Karp in memory of Carol Finerman.

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