

Beth Israel Congregation

November - December 2023
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Kabbalah Intensive I
6 Sessions Beginning November 6

Camp-Style Shabbat Dinner and Service
Friday, December 1

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Sunday, December 10

Jewish Heritage Night with the
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A Message from Rabbi Nadav Caine

The New Judenfrage by Rabbi Caine

Those who study modern Jewish history know well the deep connection between nascent Nazism and the Judenfrage. The Judenfrage, “the Jewish question,” was the purportedly innocent and harmless *intellectual* question of how Jews could “fit into” Western European nations despite having a non-European cultural genesis. What masqueraded as an intellectual discussion, held mostly in university and journalistic settings, incorporated slogans like “dual loyalties” which assumed, rather than discussed, the impossibility of Jewish inclusion. Indeed, scholars often translate Judenfrage not as “the Jewish question” but as “the Jewish problem” since the problem of Jewish existence for the Western European state was actually a given, no matter how much Jewish intellectuals promised to sacrifice and silence all vestiges of their Jewish identity. With the benefit of historical hindsight, it’s clear that it was an intellectual framework for the same old pseudo-question of how Christendom could incorporate Christ killers, and so it is not surprising that the Judenfrage was fertile intellectual ground for eugenics and then Nazism.

Today we find ourselves with a new kind of purportedly intellectual debate in university and journalistic circles: what might be called the Zionfrage. This supposedly innocent debate, buttressed by what is promised to be serious and evidence-based academic credibility, asks whether a Jewish state is compatible with Western ideals of social justice. Of course, it is not a question, and it is not evidence based: the only acceptable answer is that any Jewish state is incompatible with social justice, and criteria applied to Israel in this determination need not be applied to any other country or people.

While I have been buoyed lately at support for Israel among many leaders and non-Jews, I confess to being grief-stricken over the generational divide. Why is it that in a recent survey of 18 to 24 year olds, 77% agreed “it’s true that Hamas terrorists killed 1,200 Israeli civilians by shooting them, raping and beheading people including whole families, kids and babies” and then 48% said “in this conflict I side more with Hamas than Israel?”

Is it because the preferred search engine of over half of Generation Z is Tik Tok, a Chinese owned company that intentionally responds to searches for factual information about Israel and the Palestinians with propaganda videos that include, among other things, that the first Jews ever in Palestine arrived in the late 1890’s? (I’ve noticed this approach in seemingly “objective” videos on YouTube as well.)

I find Julia Steinberg’s essay on thefp.com, “Why My Generation Hates Jews,” illuminating. In it, she describes her elite high school homeroom where the norm was making T-charts dividing various ethnicities, religions, and other identities into the categories of “oppressor” and “oppressed.” The usual suspects were lined up in each category, and when “we reached the Jew category, we paused....many of my classmates were Jewish. I recall we skipped it altogether. But the T-chart stayed on the whiteboard.” Where do Jews fit on that T-chart? That’s the Judenfrage for Gen Z.

She explains further that her high school English class substituted critical theory for literature. When she wrote her college application essay on the pitfalls of identity politics, the new dean told her she was undoing the advances of the civil rights movement. “It wasn’t socially acceptable to disagree, and no one really tried.”

This experience continued at Stanford. From portraits of Hitler and swastikas pasted on dorms where Jews live, to her experience of the “Great Books” Structured Liberal Education curriculum where the work of Frantz Fanon is celebrated, while during the week when Hannah Arendt and Primo Levi were assigned, the student presentation was on how Zionism was the new Nazism. (She writes that the only challenge to the presentation came from a Chinese student, but then everyone moved on.) She herself confesses to advocating for Communist positions she didn’t believe in, just in order to protect her grades. The only socially and academically acceptable positions, she argues, are ones that answer the pretend Judenfrage with the only acceptable answer: Zionist Jews deserve their fate as colonialist, genocidal oppressors. We weep over the dead Jews murdered by the Nazis, this generation agrees, but since Israelis are the new Nazis, the lesson of the Holocaust is that the living Zionists need to disappear or die. Dara Horn was the prophet.

I confess that I feel I should have seen this coming. While I’m the kind of rabbi who gives sermons connecting the Torah to work of Bell Hooks, I’m also the kind of rabbi who gave a sermon three years ago expressing my discomfort with the requirement that

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President's Perspective Deborah Ball

We are in the Hebrew month of Cheshvan, the only month on our calendar in which there are no holy days, no days of joy or celebration. It is also sometimes called Marcheshvan, or "bitter" Cheshvan, to denote the sadness that pervades a month without joy.

We read parashat Noach a few weeks ago. We read of Adonai's frustrations with people and their actions. We read of the flood, which destroyed so much and required a fundamental restart. And we read of the Tower of Babel and the dispersal of people with their differences. The connections between these accounts of ignorance and destruction and our current world are hard to miss. In this section of Torah, overflowing with stories, we have so many opportunities to contemplate our responsibilities as humans, as people created in the image of Adonai. What guidance does our Torah provide for us in these times?

One comes immediately to mind. Thanks to the leadership of the members of our Green Team and our staff, we are deliberately working to fulfill the crucial imperative to care for the earth. We are actively taking action to protect our planet and those who will inhabit it long after us. I am so proud of us and so grateful to all who are contributing to this effort.

But we are facing other challenges that call upon us to rise up, to be the people we strive to be. These past weeks have been terrifying, upsetting, and difficult. They have brought us together but have also at times sadly divided us from others, both within our community and beyond. In this bitter month, and at these frightening times, we are feeling a wide range of emotions from fear to anger and more. These responses are rooted in our histories, our life experiences, our families. And we differ in ways that matter to the horrors we are witnessing and experiencing.

It is my hope that we can regard and treat one another with empathy and compassion, that we can strive to make our community a refuge and source of will and action, together. I hope that we can draw from our traditions in the struggle to process and survive, to engage and to contribute. Dispersed as the Torah teaches us we were, how can we best acknowledge and draw strength from our differences and our common purposes? Are there things we could learn together, do together, ways we could support one another? We will be trying to do this in a variety of ways over the coming months. Please reach out with ideas you might have.

I extend care and love to you at this time, this bitter month, and the unknown months that lie ahead. We can be strong together.

L'shalom,

Deborah Loewenberg Ball

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There is no greater responsibility for a synagogue staff than to ensure the safety of members and guests. While we aim to make our facility as welcoming as possible to anyone who wishes to use it, we often have to take measures that are, at best, inconvenient or annoying. But far from being a thankless task, I consider security a central aspect of my job and one that congregants appreciate.

Since the Hamas attack on October 7, Beth Israel, like other synagogues and Jewish institutions, has reassessed its security plans and made some adjustments. For the most part, however, we *were already doing the right things*: locked doors, guards on the premises, password-protected Zoom links, individualized pickup after religious school. No system is fool-proof, but we have learned over the years that this combination of policies and procedures makes sense for our community across a wide range of circumstances.

Of course, not everyone feels comfortable entering a Jewish community establishment in a time of war and an atmosphere of rising antisemitic rhetoric. We respect that, and will continue to be responsive to people's needs. We offer Zoom- and YouTube-based weekday minyanim and Shabbat services so that people can participate from home. Where practical, we are offering remote or hybrid programming. And, most important, we are open to questions and suggestions from congregants. If you have specific concerns or recommendations, please [email me](#) and I'll respond as quickly as I can.

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Jews silence themselves in social justice circles because Jews have "talked too much in them in the past" (as several young rabbinical colleagues said to me). I explained that on the one hand I understand that listening to others' voices is an indispensable part of doing this kind of work, and that I understand truths behind the claims of intersectionality, but on the other hand, I couldn't shake serious qualms about the price of admission to ally-ship being shutting up, and whether intersectionality serves to discount the validity of Jewish suffering. More recently, when I stated that there is no Palestinian genocide when the 1 million Palestinian refugees of 1948 have grown exponentially, I was told that the word "genocide" has been redefined in a way I am missing. Similarly, terms like "ethnic cleansing," "colonialism" and "indigenous" have been redefined so that they discredit Israel in ways they wouldn't under their previous definitions. It's like we're having two different conversations. When I profess my horror that Netanyahu has presided over the creation of West Bank settlements (and fomented gangs attacking Palestinians with a kind of racist impunity) that undermine peace efforts, I'm in a different conversation from the others for whom the problem is the existence of a Jewish state at all.

Just as what was purported to be innocent intellectual discourse in the 19th century in academic and journalistic circles led initially to the demand that Jews deny their identity as the price of being respectable in social circles, and eventually to an intellectual justification for antisemitism and mass murder, I wonder if history is repeating itself today before our eyes.

The new Judenfrage is with us. How will we address it?

Shabbat Limmud

**Saturday, November 11 & December 16
at 9:00 a.m.**

Shabbat Limmud is an opportunity for informal and lively discussion on the Parasha, the Torah portion of the week, over coffee and cake. We meet in the Beth Israel library before Shabbat morning services at 9 a.m. and will conclude at 9:45. Rabbi Dobrusin will facilitate the discussion and all texts will be provided. We invite you to join us for a stimulating start to Shabbat morning!

FROM RABBI CAINE:

As a member of Dror Israel's Rabbinic Council, I connected with Beth Israel's own Phia Blumenthal, who works full time doing their good works in Israel. Our BIRS children made bracelets, artwork, and cards expressing support, and delivered by Phia to devastated communities in Israel. In addition, the Rabbi's Fund, through the donations of Beth Israel members, was able to send a check for \$2,460 to Dror Israel for their work on the ground helping the victims of the massacre.

FROM PHIA BLUMENTHAL:

This week was an emotional one to say the least. Several of my friends entered Gaza as a part of the ground invasion and we anxiously wait to hear how they are faring.

The work with the evacuees continues to be crucial. We have noticed that as the time passes the victims of the gruesome attack on October 7th have started to open up and share difficult stories. We continue to supply emotional support both for the victims and for our educators working with them.

We are now running 50 evacuee centers serving over 25,000 evacuees. These centers provide activities for youth and children, and emotional first aid programs that are in consultation with mental health professionals. These centers span as far north as Tiberius and as far south as Eilat. We have also been supplying special programs and aid to elderly evacuees, and have acclimated evacuee youth and children in to our schools and daycares.

We are continuing to operate daycares for the children of essential workers. Around 1,400 children take part in those programs. Additionally, we are still running activities in bomb shelters for children living in affected areas such as Ashkelon.

Last night I, along with some of my partners in Dror Israel in Mitzpe Ramon, organized a very special event. We organized a talk where survivors of October 7th from Kibbutz Erez shared their stories and experiences with refugees from the war in Ukraine who live in Mitzpe Ramon. The whole event was in Russian and was incredibly moving.

I'll be sure to keep you posted as we go. I'm sorry to say there no end in sight for this war and our programs will likely need to continue after the war is over as well as there are many evacuees who will need support for a long time.

In this time, I'm reminded most of the Hillel quote: "In a place where there is no humanity, strive to be human." In the face of all this destruction and tragedy that is what we strive to do.

Warmest regards,
Phia

Congratulations to BIC Librarian Denise Leyton!

University Librarian Recognition Award

The University Librarian Recognition Award recognizes active and innovative early career achievement in library, archival or curatorial services. They are presented to librarians, archivists or curators who have no more than eight years' practice in their profession. The recipient is:

Denise Leyton

Associate librarian, strategic projects coordinator in library environments in the U-M Library

Leyton is a champion of change. A two-time U-M graduate, she has led the creation and implementation of systems and services that have improved the operations of the U-M Library. She also worked to make well-being a central, cultural priority benefiting the campus community. Leyton began her career as a library student worker, progressing to library staffer and, in 2015, to librarian. She is a holistic thinker and collaborative leader who advances the library's mission as "a platform that enables discovery, teaching, learning, health, invention and creative expression." Leyton utilizes a variety of assessment methods to identify needs and then builds teams to formulate solutions. She proposed a data-driven reporting and evaluation plan to understand the use of the library's public spaces, service points and collection methods over time to better align resources with user needs. Leyton was pivotal in launching the first Week of Wellness, a multifaceted effort to promote student self-care and well-being. She also was instrumental in the creation of the Student Parent and Caregiver Study Room, a dedicated space for an underserved population.



JCOR (Jewish Congregations Organized for Resettlement) NEWS

JCOR's new refugee family will arrive before Thanksgiving! Preparations are on fast-forward and excitement is rising as their arrival date approaches. Before they arrive, JCOR needs volunteers for these critical teams:

- **Welcome and Housing**

Members of this team will meet the family at the airport, take them to their temporary accommodations, and make sure they're settled in for their first week. Team members simultaneously seek appropriate longer-term housing for the family, seek donations of furnishings, small appliances, and other items to help make the family's new space a home. Additionally, enthusiastic **move-in** volunteers young and old will be needed to help put it all together.

- **Transportation Dispatch**

Newly arrived refugees often need help getting to health care appointments, job interviews, or after-school activities. If you have occasional free time on weekdays, you can make a big difference in their lives by helping them reach these important destinations.

The family also will need furniture, including a couch, chairs, tables, lamps, dressers, bed frames, and so on.

And now, a **Save-the-Date: Traditional Music with a Klezmer Accent, Sunday, April 7, 4 – 6pm, JCOR's 2nd Annual Fundraising Concert**. Lend your support in an afternoon of toe-tapping, hand-clapping music—a little jazz, a little folk, and a lot of klezmer at the JCC. All proceeds go to the work of the all-volunteer JCOR.

To be a JCOR volunteer: [click here](#)

To donate furnishings: send mail to jcorannarbor@gmail.com.

To make a financial or gift card donation: [click here](#)

To get answers to questions, contact Beth Israel's liaisons to JCOR: Michael Appel (mappel1961@gmail.com) and Deborah Greene (greenedm@umich.edu)

About JCOR: *Jewish Congregations Organized for Resettlement is a participant in Jewish Family Service's Co-Sponsorship Program. JCOR member congregations include Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan, Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation, Beth Israel 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.*

Meals for Alpha House November 27-30 & December 3

The Beth Israel Social Action Committee is coordinating a donation of dinners to Alpha House, a local shelter for homeless families and individuals. Everyone in the congregation is encouraged to participate in this project and donate a meal or part of a meal. The dates are November 27th through November 30th, and also December 3rd.

It is a wonderful family project, especially as it comes right after Thanksgiving, when we celebrate all the bounty in our lives.

There will be an online sign-up sheet from Beth Israel shortly, as well as information on drop-off procedures and food restrictions. Beth Israel has participated in bringing meals to Alpha House for years — let's continue this tradition!

Please contact Meira Miller at meirabatpinchos@gmail.com if you have questions.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Camp Style Shabbat

December | 01 | 2023

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
Sponsored by The Levine Family

שבת
שלום

Shabbat
Shalom



questions? email Barbm@bethisrael-aa.org

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BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION EVENTS



Registration
Encouraged!

Babysitting at BIC

Every Saturday during
shabbat services
Ages 3-11
Registration Encouraged
Babysitters will be available in
the Gan Katan (Lower Level
Room 15) from 9:30-1
Questions? Barbm@bethisrael-aa.org

BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION PRESENTS
AN ADULT EDUCATION CLASS TAUGHT BY RAV NADAV

KABBALAH INTENSIVE I

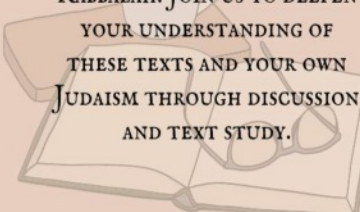

FALL 2023

UPSTAIRS AT G & S 2010

MONDAYS 6:30-8

NOVEMBER 6, 13, 27
DECEMBER 4, 11, 18

A 6-WEEK COURSE THAT
EXPLORES THE MYSTICISM,
HISTORY, AND THEOLOGY OF
KABBALAH. JOIN US TO DEEPEN
YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF
THESE TEXTS AND YOUR OWN
JUDAISM THROUGH DISCUSSION
AND TEXT STUDY.



Limo N Roll WITH BBYO

SUN. NOV. 12
12:15-4:15PM

\$10/PERSON

OPEN TO ALL 7TH/8TH GRADERS

Includes bowling, limo rides
and dessert

Register here: <https://bit.ly/limoevent>



Talmud Study with Rabbi Dobrusin (via Zoom) Mondays at 4:00 p.m. thru December 4



The class meets on zoom on Monday afternoons from 4-5:15. We read the text in Hebrew or Aramaic with an accompanying English translation and all discussions will be in English so no familiarity with Hebrew is required. This fall, we will be studying from the 8th chapter of the tractate Bava Kamma which deals with an individual's obligation to compensate for injuries caused to another person. The chapter begins with an extensive discussion of the rabbinic interpretation that "An eye for an eye" refers to monetary compensation.


The Hebrew/Aramaic text will be shared on the screen during the class. During the first class, I will provide a link for those who wish to purchase a PDF of the text. [Click here](#) for the Zoom link.

10:30 a.m. on November 4th and 18th, December 2nd and 16th.

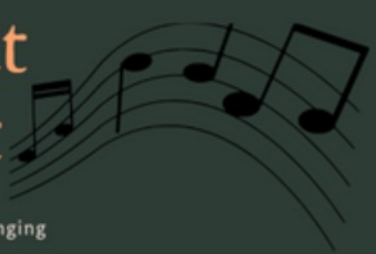
Tot Shabbat!

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.





Aura of Kabbalat Shabbat



Nov. 17 - Dec. 8 • 6 PM

Beth Israel Congregation Sanctuary

A Jewish Renewal inspired singing
service led by
Rabbi Aura Ahuvia

HOME SHABBAT: FROM THE RABBI'S TABLE TO YOURS

Join Rav Nadav and his family for Kabbalat Shabbat service over Zoom
(only) from their Shabbat table to yours on the last Friday of each month.

November 25 and December 29 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

Beth Israel Congregation



Join Beth Israel
Congregation for our
annual congregational
Hanukkah party!

Illuminate 5784/2023

December 10
5:00-6:30 pm

Games, songs with Neil Alexander,
candle-lighting, and fun!



JEWISH HERITAGE NIGHT

WITH THE ANN ARBOR JEWISH COMMUNITY

WED. DEC. 13 | 7 PM

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Pistons Game Ticket
- Motor City Cruise Jewish Heritage Night Ticket
 - Post-Game Free Throw on the Court
 - Jewish Heritage Night Beanie
 - Menorah Lighting
 - Kosher Food



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TICKETS
STARTING AT **\$29**

[PISTONS.COM/ANNARBOR](https://pistons.com/annarbor)

ALWAYS DETROIT BASKETBALL

On December 17, join Jewish communities from Ann Arbor and the Detroit metroplex for Jewish Heritage Night with the Pistons! Beth Israel Congregation has a block of seats reserved together. With your ticket to the game you'll receive a Pistons beanie with the team name spelled in Hebrew, as well as a ticket to the Motor City Cruise Jewish Heritage Night, a post-game free throw on the court, kosher food, and a special community menorah lighting.

For info and tickets [click here](#).

Thanksgiving Share Signup Now Available!

This fall the BIC Green Team worked with Tantre Farm to pilot Rav Nadav's vision of making Beth Israel a pickup location for a local CSA. (What is a CSA? [Click here for information.](#))

It was such a success we are teaming up again to offer a one-time Thanksgiving Share available for pickup the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 19th, during regular BIRS hours 10am-12pm.

This is a one-time share with 60-70 pounds of organic, local produce that is designed to get you through the Thanksgiving holiday and beyond, for a one-time cost of \$145.00.

You can sign up for the "Thanksgiving Fall Share" through the Tantre website by [clicking here](#). Click on "private location" in the alphabetical list of options and the Tantre folks will know you are planning to pick up with us on Sunday morning, November 19th. Please note that we have arranged a special pickup time and location to avoid Shabbat. You can ignore the reminders for pickup on November 18th if you have selected "private location" from the list.

Please be sure to sign up by Sunday evening, November 12th.

Any boxes that have not been picked up by noon that Sunday will automatically be donated to the JFS Food Pantry or Food Gatherers.

Think you'd like to try a CSA but are not sure you can afford it? Rav Nadav is once again making shares available from the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. Please contact: Jerry Sorokin at gsorokin@bethisrael-aa.org.

Interested in donating money to the Rabbi's Fund so that fresh, local produce is available to all who want it for the Thanksgiving holiday? Please send to a check to Beth Israel with RDF - CSA in the memo line.



October's Musician-in-Residence Anthony Mordechai Tzvi Russell

On October 13th and 14th, Beth Israel welcomed Anthony Mordechai Tzvi Russell as our fall Musician-in-Residence. Russell led prayers on Kabbalat Shabbat, giving a brief talk that discussed his history as a Jewish person, his upbringing, and described the peace that he finds every Shabbat. Russell also led t'fillah and gave d'var on Saturday morning, discussing the language and tone of Yiddish and Jewish music as well as the cultural and geographical history of Jewish music. After kiddush, he taught, "Written in Breath," a class on close reading of our liturgical texts. His warmth and knowledge set the stage for a lively discussion about Jewish texts and Yiddish texts. During the class, Russell sang many of the songs that we studied, his rich bass adding texture to his interpretations. Our immense gratitude goes to Anthony Mordechai Tzvi Russell and Karla Goldman for connecting us with him.





On October 2, Rav Nadav and the Caine family welcomed young builders to the arboretum to build fairy sukkot! We had a wonderful time in the Fairy Woods and Troll Hollow in the Nichols Arboretum. Kids got to leave sukkot next to other fairy huts and enjoy the sunshine together.



Special Thanks to...

Martinizing Cleaners on West Stadium for donating all of the dry cleaner bags for the ushpizin in the sukkah.

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.

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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 to the honoree or family of the deceased.**

In addition, larger contributions will be designated:

\$50 - \$99 Chazak (*)
\$100 - \$499 Koach (**)
\$500 - \$999 Gibor (***)
\$1000 and over Maccabee (****)

Contributions listed below are through 10/31/2023. Contributions received after that date will be listed in the next HaShaliach.

GENERAL DONATIONS

Sallie Abelson in memory of her mother, Phyllis Kochin Wurtman, on her *yahrzeit*.

Jim Adox in memory of his father, Max Adox, on his *yahrzeit*.**

Bob & Judy Ahronheim in memory of Judy's father, Gilbert Rubinstein, on his *yahrzeit*.*

David, Jennifer, & Brian Allan in memory of wife and mother, Susan Demirsky Allan, on her *yahrzeit*.**

Anonymous in memory of Margery Adelson.**

Harriet Bakalar in memory of her mother, Rona Bakalar, on her *yahrzeit*.*

Leslie Bash in memory of her husband, Norman Bash, her father-in-law, Jack Bash, her mother-in-law, Jeanette Bash, and her mother, Ethel Sager, on their *yahrzeits*.**

Barry & Susan Bayer in memory of their dear friend, Sheldon Berry, husband of Barbara Berry.*

The Beaver Family in memory of Sybil Mintz, mother of Rick Mintz.**

Alan & Nancy Burbano in memory of Sheldon Berry, husband of Barbara Berry.**

Barry & Marjorie Checkoway in memory of Dottie Berman, mother of Ellen Dobrusin; in memory of Mary Lloyd Robb, sister of Prue Rosenthal.

Bill & Mary Ellen Doty in memory of Sheldon Berry, husband of Barbara Berry.*

Jerry & Jill Fine in memory of Gideon Hoffer, husband of Carol Hoffer.

Sandra Finkel in memory of her parents, Marvin & Shirley Finkel, on their *yahrzeits*.*

Conrad Foster in memory of his brother, Michael Foster, on his *yahrzeit*.

Robert Getz in memory of Sherri Peller, on her *yahrzeit*.***

Marcie Greenfield in memory of Evelyn Botkin, mother of Josh Botkin, and Andrea Meizlish, sister of Deb Meizlish.

Susan & Barry Gross in memory of Martha Oleinick.

Hilary Haftel, Dan Green, and family in memory of Dottie Berman, mother of Ellen Dobrusin.

Carol Hoffer in memory of Barbara Appelman.

Emanuel & Rivka Kahana in memory of Emanuel's mother, Carol Kahana, on her *yahrzeit*.

The Leon Family in memory of Irv's mother, Yetta Leon, on her *yahrzeit*.*

Aaron & Rachel, Dean, and Miriam Levy in appreciation of Ed Boguszewski, Beth Israel's security officer, for his ongoing support of our community.

Alan Levy & Susan Pollans in memory of Emanuel Levy, father of Alan, on his *yahrzeit*.**

Boris & Margaret Mordukhovich in memory of their fathers, Sholim Mordukhovich and Aaron Gankin, on their *yahrzeits*.

Barry & Lana Neimeth in memory of Barry's father, Arthur Neimeth, on his *yahrzeit*.

Pardes Hannah in gratitude for the support of Beth Israel Congregation.**

Jeff Platt & Marilia Cascalho in memory of Jeff's father, Charles Platt, on his *yahrzeit*.**

Alice Rhodes in memory of Sheldon Berry, husband of Barbara Berry.**

John Rothchild & Joan Hartman in memory of Shoshana Buchwalter, mother of Zevi Bareket.*

Darrell & Deborah Schmidt in memory of Deborah's mother, Jean Fine, on her *yahrzeit*.**

Richard & Sharon Schwab in appreciation of Beth Israel Congregation.*

Samuel Silver in memory of his father, Elihu Avigdor Silver, on his *yahrzeit*.

Alexander Smolkin in memory of his mother, Marta Smolkina, on her *yahrzeit*.**

Maxine Solvay in memory of her sister, Joyce Siegel Schuster, on her *yahrzeit*.

Nathan Stone in memory of his parents, Al & Edna Stone, on their *yahrzeits*.

Jean Sussman & Ed Lyons in memory of Jean's father, Alfred Sussman, on his *yahrzeit*.

Diane Kaplan Vinokur in memory of her brother, George Bernard Kaplan, on his *yahrzeit*; in memory of Doris Miller, long-time BIC member.*

Charlene Yudowin in memory of her husband, Ronald Yudowin, on his *yahrzeit*.

Bernard Zeigler in memory of his father, Maurice Zeigler, on his *yahrzeit*.

BETH ISRAEL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DONATIONS

The Caine Family in memory of Latania Fair's mother, Maimie.

Larry Siden & Latania Fair in memory of Christine Reid, sister of Bob Carbeck.

KIDDUSH DONATIONS

Shira & Steve Klein in memory of her beloved father, Jules Doneson; in memory of Naomi Metter, mother of Pat Soskolne.

Allen & Evie Lichter in appreciation of Beth Israel Congregation.****

Martha & Eric Young in memory of Martha's father, Lionel Finkelstein, on his *yahrzeit*; in memory of Harvey Aaron Share, father of Paul Share; in memory of Rita Shtull, mother of Dina Shtull; in memory of Bennett Stark; in honor of Sam Silver's retirement; in appreciation of Michael Simon and Harvey Michaels.**

ADULT LIBRARY FUND

Helen & David Aminoff wishing Judith Elkin good health on her 95th birthday.

Reva Bornstein in memory of her mother, Reva Rice, on her *yahrzeit*.

Rennie & Michael Roth in memory of Rennie's sister, Amy Lazbin, on her *yahrzeit*.

Caryn Shapiro in memory of her beloved father, Stanley W. Shapiro, on his *yahrzeit*.

Larry & Roberta Tankanow in memory of Dottie Berman, mother of Ellen Dobrusin.*

Denise Thal & David Scobey in memory of Denise's mother, Ileana Thal, on her *yahrzeit*.*

BENJAMIN MEMORIAL YOUTH ACTIVITIES FUND

Zev & Bernice Benjamin Harel and Naomi Harel in memory of parents and grandparents, Sam & Eva Benjamin.***

BETH ISRAEL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In honor of Eileen & Saul Hymans on their 65th wedding anniversary with love and gratitude from their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.**

Pamela & Stephen Landau in honor of Liz Fried's special birthday.

Larry Siden & Latania Fair in memory of Christine Reid, sister of Bob Carbeck.

BUILDING & INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

Dr. Owen & Sheila Perlman & family in memory of Owen's brother, Michael Perlman, and Sheila's mother, Sheila Thorp, on their yahrzeits.**

Larry & Roberta Tankanow in memory of Gideon Hoffer, husband of Carol Hoffer.*

Stefani & Steven Weiss in memory of Stefani's father, Philip Waldenberg, on his yahrzeit.**

BUILDING RENOVATION FUND

Harvey Berman & Shelly Kovacs Berman in memory of Christine Reid, sister of Bob Carbeck.

CEMETERY LANDSCAPING FUND

Thea Glicksman in memory of her husband, Elliot Glicksman, on his yahrzeit.*

CULINARY FUND

Sue & Larry Adler in memory of Sue's mother, Maxine Feig, on her yahrzeit; in memory of Naomi Metter, mother of Pat Soskolne.*

Ilana & Ari Gafni in memory of Ilana's beloved aunt, Ziporah Burdeinik on her yahrzeit.*

Charlene Yudowin in memory of Doris Miller.

FLOWER FUND

Helen & David Aminoff in memory of Dottie Berman, mother of Ellen Dobrusin; wishing Amy & Ken Colton Mazal Tov on the engagement of Josh & Taylor.

Linda & Ronald Benson in memory of Linda's father, Maurice Reistman, on his yahrzeit.*

MARILYN & MORRIS FRIEDMAN JEWISH CAMP FUND

Alice Hart in memory of Seymour Koenigsberg, partner of Marilyn Friedman.

Aly Jaquith in memory of Seymour Koenigsberg, partner of Marilyn Friedman.**

Shelley & Scott Joseph in memory of Seymour Koenigsberg, partner of Marilyn Friedman.

Sheila Minnick & Joel Bosco in memory of Seymour Koenigsberg, partner of Marilyn Friedman.

Timothy Richards in memory of Seymour Koenigsberg, a treasured mentor and friend.*

Sophia Shaw & Art Collins in memory of Seymour Koenigsberg, partner of Marilyn Friedman.

HILMA GEFFEN MEMORIAL FUND

Audrey Geffen Nash and Bruce Geffen in memory of their mother, Hilma Geffen, on her 30th yahrzeit.**

HENRY GERSHOWITZ MEMORIAL BUILDING FUND

Dorit Adler in memory of Naomi Metter, mother of Pat Soskolne.

Art, Barb, and Sam Gershowitz in memory of Art's mother, Beverly Gershowitz, and Art's grandparents, Ethel & Sam Brodie, and Rose Gershowitz, on their yahrzeits.**

GREEN TEAM FUND

Charles Weaver in appreciation of Ill Weaver.*

HAROLD & JEAN GROSSMAN FUND

Art & Mary Schuman in loving memory of Art's father, George Schuman, on his yahrzeit; in loving memory of Art's sister, Sydelle Popinsky, on her yahrzeit.**

ELI LADIN ISRAEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Susi & Arnie Coran in honor of the 65th wedding anniversary of Eileen & Saul Hymans.

ADA & ISADOR MARGOLIS MEMORIAL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

Larry & Roberta Tankanow in memory of Naomi Metter, mother of Pat Soskolne.*

OFFICE EQUIPMENT FUND

Helen & David Aminoff in memory of Martha Oleinick.

PIKUACH NEFESH FUND

Helen & David Aminoff in appreciation of Tom Harary.

Marci, Stephen & Adam Feinberg yahrzeit memorial for Abe Feinberg, beloved Dad to Stephen and Grandpa to Adam.

PRAYER BOOK FUND

Joseph & Gloria Gurt in memory of their fathers, Chaim Gurt and Clifford Kaslow, on their yahrzeits.*

Marci, Stephen & Adam Feinberg, yahrzeit memorial for Joseph Milet, beloved Dad to Marci and Grandfather to Adam.

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Helen & David Aminoff in appreciation of everyone involved with our beautiful High Holiday services.

Bob & Dennie Carbeck with deep appreciation for Rav Nadav's help and kindness and the love and support of the BIC community.**

Susi & Arnie Coran in honor of their High Holiday aliyah; in memory of Harriet Selin, a gracious mother, wife, grandmother, and friend.**

Sue Cowan in appreciation of Rabbi Caine's support and care in the naming ceremony for Andie.

Marilyn Friedman and the family of Seymour Koenigsberg in honor of Rabbi Caine's helpfulness in her time of need.**

Dolcy Garfield in memory of her mother, Henny Garfield, on her yahrzeit.

Steve & Joyce Gerber in memory of Joyce's parents, Sarah & Irving Schneider, Steve's father, Sam Gerber, and Steve's brother, Stacy Gerber, on their yahrzeits; in appreciation of Neil Alexander for his inspiring services and his friendship; in appreciation of Rabbi Dobrusin.*

Rabbi Elliot Ginsburg & Linda Jo Doctor in memory of Elliot's mother, Rose Ginsburg, and Linda Jo's father, Bernard Helmut Doctor, on their yahrzeits.***

Thea Glicksman in memory of her father-in-law, Benjamin H. Glicksman, on his yahrzeit.

Erich L. Graf in memory of his mother, Sarah Graf, on her yahrzeit.**

Miriam Graf in honor of Rav Nadav; in memory of Carl Cohen.**

Susan & Barry Gross in memory of Paul's parents, Pearl & Paul Joseph Gross, and Susan's sister, Florence Steinberg, on their yahrzeits; in honor of Judith Elkin's birthday; in memory of Carl Cohen; in memory of Christine Reid, sister of Bob Carbeck.*

Eileen & Saul Hymans in memory of Sam Gordon, dear father of Eileen, on his yahrzeit; in memory of Dottie Berman, mother of Ellen Dobrusin; in memory of Mary Lloyd Robb, sister of Prue Rosenthal; in memory of Naomi Metter, mother of Pat Soskolne; in memory of Rita Shtull, mother of Dina Shtull; in memory of Martha Oleinick.**

Deena Jones in appreciation of Rabbi Caine.*

Mark & Maureen Kassof in memory of Mark's mother, Susan Kossof, on her yahrzeit.

Steve & Shira Klein in memory of Steve's grandmother, Sophie Hoffman, on her yahrzeit; in memory of Carl Cohen; in memory of Sylvia Gordon, mother of Jenny Gordon.*

Angelika & Jack Lewis in memory of Sheldon Berry, husband of Barbara Berry.*

Herb & Lynn Malinoff in appreciation of Rav Nadav. **

Meira Miller in memory of Christine Reid, sister of Bob Carbeck.

Rick & Barb Mintz in appreciation of Rav Nadav for doing a wonderful job at the funeral and shivah service for Rick's mother; in appreciation of Jeff Bernstein for leading the shivah service.**

Arnold Monto in memory of his father-in-law, Sam Polsky, on his yahrzeit.

Susan Pollans & Alan Levy in memory of Susan's mother, Lilo Pollans, on her yahrzeit.**

Eve & Richard Primus in appreciation of Rav Nadav and Meg Bernstein.****

Helena Robinovitz in memory of her husband, Stewart Robinovitz, on his yahrzeit.**

Rivka Rubinfeld in memory of her mother, Bluma Haidenkrug on her yahrzeit.

Nancy & Samuel Silver in memory of Naomi Metter, mother of Pat Soskolne; in honor of Leslie Bash's milestone birthday; in memory of

Sylvia Gordon, mother of Jenny Gordon; in memory of Samuel's mother, Carol Silver, on her *yahrzeit*.*

Michael & Peggy Singer in memory of their parents Rudi & Gisela Singer and Herbert & Frances Fuchs; in memory of Rita Shtull, mother of Dina Shtull; in memory of Bonnie Weinstein, mother of Elisabeth Weinstein; in honor of the birth of Hesper Noa Winger, daughter of Sara Abelson & Ben Winger, granddaughter of Jim & Jamie Abelson; in honor of the birth of Zoe Jade Berman, daughter of Josh & Allison Berman and granddaughter of Harvey & Shelly Berman; in honor of the birth of Myla Simone Adler, daughter of Evan & Marina Adler, and granddaughter of Sue & Larry Adler; in honor of the birth of Avi Matan Leber, grandson of Dina Shtull & Steve Leber; in memory of Martha Oleinick.**

Judy Spellman in memory of Sheldon Berry, husband of Barbara Berry.

Alan & Gail Sugar in honor of Rav Nadav. ***

In honor of Martha Young on her birthday from her children and grandchildren.**

SA'AD: A HELPING HAND FUND

Dorit Adler in memory of Vera Adler, beloved mother of Dorit Adler and grandmother of Michelle Levine.

Helen & David Aminoff in memory of Armand Lauffer.

Babette & Mark Daskin in memory of Mary Lloyd Robb, sister of Prue Rosenthal.

Phyllis & David Herzig in memory of Dottie Berman, mother of Ellen Dobrusin; in memory of Martha Oleinick; in memory of Naomi Metter, mother of Pat Soskolne.*

Nancy Karp in memory of her cousin, Jerry Saks, on his *yahrzeit*.

Pamela & Stephen Landau in memory of Martha Oleinick; in memory of Pamela's mother, Miriam Stryer, on her *yahrzeit*.*

Michelle & Arthur Riba and Family in memory of Michelle's mother, Bertha Miron, on her *yahrzeit*; in memory of Naomi Metter, beloved mother of Pat Soskolne.

Joel & Esther Weltman in honor of Leah Shelef's Bat Mitzvah.**

SELIGSON ADULT EDUCATION FUND

Dorit Adler in memory of Rita Shtull, mother of Dina Shtull.

Ruth E. Bernard in memory of her husband, Sydney E. Bernard, on his *yahrzeit*.

Marilyn Scott in memory of Sheldon Berry, husband of Barbara Berry.

SHIVAH TRAY FUND

Brad & Robin Axelrod in memory of Jeffrey Arenson, brother of Judy Cohen and uncle of Laura Steiner.

Marci & Stephen Feinberg in memory of Seymour Koenigsberg, partner of Marilyn Friedman..

Arnold Monto in memory of his father, Jacob Monto, on his *yahrzeit*.

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

Dorit Adler in memory of Martha Oleinick.

Roann Altman in memory of Sylvia Gordon, mother of Jenny Gordon.

Rob & Ellen Dobrusin in honor of Michael Simon & Wendy Uhlmann's 36th wedding anniversary.

Meira Miller in memory of her sister, Tnuva Wechter Paul, on her *yahrzeit*.

Harvey Somers in memory of his friend Cantor Saul Meisels, his brother, Robert Somers, and his sister-in-law, Joan Ellen Nathanson Somers, on their *yahrzeits*.

Diane K. & Amiram Vinokur in memory of Barbara Levine Bergman.

RONALD & ELANA SUSSMAN EDUCATION FUND

Karlan & Linda Bender in honor of Ron & Lonnie Sussman and all they do for Beth Israel and the Jewish community; in honor of Michele Leshan's hard work and dedication achieving her masters degree.**

Harvey Berman & Shelly Kovacs Berman in appreciation of Ron Sussman for his wonderful assistance preparing Harvey for his Haftorah and the bimah.****

Marshall Cohen in appreciation of a beautiful gift from Ron Sussman for his grandchildren.**

Sue Cowan in appreciation of the warm welcome by congregants and staff during her recent visit. Thank you to all for making Beth Israel Congregation our home.

Hilary Haftel, Dan Green, and family in memory of Shoshana Buchwalter, mother of Zevi Bareket.

Linda & Steve Jacobson in honor of Lonnie & Ron Sussman's very special birthdays.

Pamela & Stephen Landau in memory of Naomi Metter, mother of Pat Soskolne.

Anita Liberman-Lampear & Alan Lampear in memory of Anita's mother, Evelyn Liberman, on her *yahrzeit*.*

Deborah Malamud in memory of her father, Morris Malamud, on his *yahrzeit*.

Katie Shelef in appreciation of Lonnie Sussman's kindness, patience, time, and effort in teaching her to chant Torah.**

Mazal Tov to...

Stav Shani, son of Guy & Billie Shani on his upcoming Bar Mitzvah on November 11.

Tetra Epstein, child of Emily & Ethan Epstein, on their upcoming Brit Mitzvah on November 18.

Karen Shill & Henry Beitz and Merton Shill on the birth of their granddaughter, Sadie Rose Shill, daughter of Greg Shill & Jaime Braverman.

Condolences to...

Bob Carbeck on the death of his sister, Christine Reid.

Marilyn Friedman on the death of her partner, Seymour Koenigsberg.

The Family of Doris Miller on her death.

Mathew Reingold on the death of his father, Frederick Reingold.

Tyrone Schiff on the death of his father, Kevin Schiff.

The Family of Harriet Selin on her death.



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Candle Lighting Times

Fri., Nov. 3	6:11 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 10	5:03 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 17	4:57 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 24	4:52 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 1	4:49 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 8	4:48 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 15	4:49 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 22	4:51 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 29	4:56 p.m.

Shabbat Ends*

Sat., Nov. 4	7:07 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 11	5:59 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 18	5:53 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 25	5:48 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 2	5:45 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 9	5:45 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 16	5:46 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 23	5:49 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 30	5:53 p.m.

* - 42 minutes after sundown