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B'NAI MITZVAH בני מצוה

Samantha Rose Shapiro

November 1 | 9:00 AM

Samantha Shapiro, daughter of Stacey and David Shapiro, granddaughter of Ronnie and Arthur Chantker, and Harriet and Dr. Stephen Shapiro, and sister to Lindsey Shapiro, is an eighth-grade student at Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School. For her *mitzvah* project, Samantha is collecting tween and teen toys and activities for the Kennedy Krieger Institute Therapeutic Recreation department to help adolescents work towards reaching their therapy goals and adjust to being in the hospital. Samantha also is promoting horse rescue farms by volunteering her time and raising money to support the Gentle Giants Draft Horse Rescue.



Shawn Austin Muchnick

November 7 | 9:00 AM

Shawn Muchnick, son of Dr. Julia Katzen and Morgan Muchnick, grandson of Dr. Jay and Lynn Katzen, Phoebe Muchnick, and Dr. Carl Muchnick, is a seventh-grade student at Cabin John Middle School. For his *mitzvah* project, Shawn started his own fundraising effort with Children's National Hospital in Washington, D.C. These efforts will direct donations towards Children's National's education coordinators and teachers so they can help children keep up with their school work during extended hospitalizations or clinic visits. Shawn is also putting together "care kits" with items donated through Amazon for children that have unexpected stays at the hospital. The Dr. Cyrus Katzen Foundation (founded by his great grandfather) will be matching donations. For information on how to support and donate, you can go to <http://giving.childrensnational.org/goto/ShawnMuchnick>.



Alexa Morgan Azia

November 14 | 9:00 AM

Alexa Azia, daughter of Melissa and Stephen Azia, granddaughter of Donald Seidman, and Gloria and Burton Azia (z"l), is a seventh-grade student at Herbert Hoover Middle School. For her *mitzvah* project, Alexa is working with Birthday Cakes 4 Free to bake, decorate, and deliver free birthday cakes to financially and socially disadvantaged children and seniors. Alexa is a proud member of the Executive Board and helps create special memories for the cake recipients.



Molly Rose Eisenfeld

November 14 | 9:00 AM

Molly Eisenfeld, daughter of Jennifer and Joel Eisenfeld, granddaughter of Michele and Stanley Corn, and Joan and Emanuel Eisenfeld, is a seventh-grade student at Robert Frost Middle School. For her *mitzvah* project, Molly is working with Manna to collect food and monetary donations to aid families who are food insecure. Manna's mission is helping families and individuals in the fight against ending hunger by distributing food, education, and advocacy.



Danielle Elyse Krinn

November 15 | 9:00 AM

Danielle Krinn, daughter of Dr. Elizabeth Krinn and Jonathan Martel, and Jonathan Krinn, granddaughter of Irene and Jerrold Davis, and Linda and Dr. Mal Krinn, is an eighth-grade student at Silver Creek Middle School. For her *mitzvah* project, Danielle is volunteering at A Wider Circle in Silver Spring, MD. The mission of A Wider Circle is to help children and adults lift themselves out of poverty. Danielle helps sort and organize donations, making sure they are in "dignity condition."



Taryn Jade Su

November 21 | 9:00 AM

Taryn Su, daughter of Lauren and John Su, granddaughter of Bernice and Dr. Gilbert August, and Mei and Te-Yun Su, is a seventh-grade student at Robert Frost Middle School. For her *mitzvah* project, Taryn is collecting school supplies and art supplies for underserved elementary school students. Taryn also volunteers at Team River Runner, an organization that teaches disabled veterans and children with special needs to kayak and paddle board.



Joshua Ilan Berl

November 22 | 9:00 AM

Joshua Berl, son of Sara Garon Berl and David Berl, grandson of Phyllis and Phil Garon, and Tom Berl and Daisy Berl, is an eighth-grade student at Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School. For his *mitzvah* project, Josh is collecting items for Leveling the Playing Field so children have the sports equipment they need in order to participate in youth sports.



Francesca Madison Brown

November 28 | 9:00 AM

Francesca Brown, daughter of Samantha and Michael Brown, granddaughter of Fran and Robert Raider, and A. Ruth Brown-Waters and E. Kenneth Brown (z"l), is a seventh-grade student at La Paz Intermediate School in Mission Viejo, CA. For her *mitzvah* project, Frankie collected and delivered household items to donation centers for redistribution to those in need.



Matthew Shane Stillman

December 5 | 9:00 AM

Matthew Stillman, son of Debbie and Dan Stillman, grandson of Charlotte Mirman, Ben Mirman and Judy Yellon, and Jake and Anita Sillman (z"l) is a seventh-grade student at Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School. For his *mitzvah* project, Matty leads weekly Kabbalat Shabbat services over Zoom for residents of a local assisted living facility. Due to the pandemic, the rabbi who had previously led these services in person was no longer allowed to enter the facility. Matty's Bubby (Charlotte) lives there and he wanted to make sure that she and the other Jewish residents could still celebrate Shabbat together.





RABBI'S MESSAGE by RABBI MITCHELL BERKOWITZ

On Sunday, November 1 at 2:00 AM we “fall back,” turning the clocks back one hour to conclude daylight savings time. The history of this practice is interesting, and the debate about its relevance comes up whenever we approach this time of the year. But that is not my concern here. Rather, I want to note that time as we understand it is a societal construct. We have constructed the cycle of daylight savings time and standard time. We have constructed whether it is 1:00 AM or 2:00 AM.

The national time standard in this country was adopted to make sure that railroad schedules operated “on time,” and that was not standardized until 1883. Some even pushed back. One newspaper wrote, “Let the people of Cincinnati stick to the truth as it is written by the sun, moon and stars.” Judaism agrees: time should be informed by the sun, moon and stars, *and* time is a construct.

One of the *mitzvot* of the Torah is to sanctify the new month, intercalate the calendar, and thereby establish the holidays of the year. In ancient times this was done by witnesses testifying in Jerusalem that they saw the first sliver of the new moon. Eventually, our tradition codified the calendar so that we no longer rely on witness testimony. Nevertheless, it is still *we* who sanctify the new month, and it is thus *we* who determine when exactly we celebrate the festivals of our calendar. The Sages of our tradition even constructed the calendar such that certain holidays never fall on certain days of the week. For example, Yom Kippur never falls on Friday or Sunday so as to avoid the problems associated with preparing for or concluding Shabbat. Even in Judaism, time is a construct.

A *midrash* demonstrates how our construct of time is nevertheless a holy endeavor: It is like a king who had a timepiece and could tell the time of day by looking at it. When the prince matured, the king said to him, “The timepiece was in my hands until now. But today I give it over to you.” God is the king, and we are the child who has come of age. The timepiece is the moon, and it is now within our power to look upon it and establish the months, thereby declaring the festival days.

But time is not the only construct of our society. We also have constructs of race, sexuality, gender, and more. Of them all, time has remained somewhat unchanged. But the others have evolved and transformed. Some of these constructs have historically created imbalance and unfair power dynamics, and that is why they have been challenged in recent years as we push our society to be more equitable for all.

If race is a construct, then we have the power to change it. We have not only the power, but also the obligation to change it such that it does not serve as a mechanism for oppression. Like the timepiece given over to the prince, the societal constructs of our day are given over to us, and they are in our hands. We must find ways to make them more equitable, more righteous, and more in line with our values as a Jewish community.

At B’nai Israel, we are committed to equity and equality. We seek the betterment of our society. And we are not in this alone. As part of our S.E.A. Change: Racial Equity Roundtable, we are working with Washington Hebrew to educate ourselves about the issues, engage with local partners, act to make a difference, and work towards change. We are grateful to our immediate past president, Marla Schulman, for leading this initiative, and we look forward to the launch of the first phase of the roundtable this month.

May we all seek to establish a fair and just society for all. In the words of the Aleinu prayer, *l’taken olam b’malchut Shaddai*, perfecting the world with God’s sovereignty. May we seek the perfection of the world with God as our partner.

Welcome to the Newest Members of Our B’nai Israel Family

(September 5–October 6)

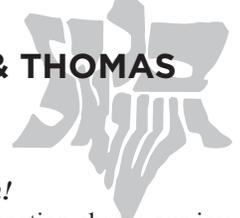
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Brukhim habaim!

The entire congregation shares our joy in welcoming you into our B’nai Israel family.

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NOTES by CANTOR SARAH BOLTS

When I was in high school and college, I became somewhat obsessed with a computer game called Snood. The premise of the game is pretty simple: you are presented with a board full of colorful game pieces called Snoods. You launch new Snoods at this board in an attempt to hit two or more adjacent Snoods of the same color, which causes those Snoods to disappear. When the board is clear, you advance to the next level.

A couple of months ago, I found myself in need of a new way to unwind when I was at home on my computer. In the midst of a pandemic and a volatile election season, my former standby of scrolling through Facebook could best be described using the newly coined (and very appropriate for 2020) term “doomscrolling.” It had the tendency to create more anxiety, instead of allowing me to relax. And that’s how I rediscovered Snood, and have been playing it in my downtime ever since.

You might be thinking, Cantor Bolts, why are you telling me about this computer game? Because I think my reasons for choosing Snood in particular as my relaxation tool are instructive. It engages my brain, but a different part of my brain than reading or knitting or even singing: Snood is all about spatial reasoning and strategy. It’s predictable: every action has a clear and consistent result. It’s something I can control, when there is so much else in the world that is out of my control. And there is the nostalgia factor of this being a game I played as a teenager, so it feels familiar and comforting.

These are all strategies for coping when you are faced with uncertainty and fear. Find something small that you can control, some island of predictability, some refuge of familiarity and comfort. Not an escape, because sticking our heads in the sand will do no good, but a touchpoint that you can use to bring yourself back to a calm space whenever you need it. What are your touchpoints? How are you coping in these troubled times?



Thank you to the readers of *Washington Jewish Week* for choosing

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- Continuing Education Program
- Alternative Shabbat Service/Programming
- Judaica Shop
- Preschool (Runner Up)
- Family-Friendly Shabbat Service (Runner Up)

in the DC metropolitan area!



LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

by **DINA COHEN GRUBER**
Vice President Membership

This is not the year I expected, I don't think this is the year anyone expected. I thought both of my kids would be away at college and Jay and I would be enjoying our empty nest. Instead, Gerry and Charlotte are both attending different colleges at the satellite campus in Kensington, where our school motto is "at this university we want you to feel like you're at home!" In addition, we just adopted our second rescue and now we have two dogs. It's a pretty full house.

Everything is so different; I could never have imagined this. While my husband, Jay, attended High Holiday services and trumpeted the sounds of the shofar in the synagogue, I did not physically attend. Instead, I watched and listened virtually (thank you to all the clergy and staff who adapted so well in the age of COVID). I was initially concerned that the services wouldn't be as profound for me and that I may not connect to it. Instead, I found the services and sermons were even more meaningful for me. Knowing that wherever I am I am able to connect to Judaism and B'nai Israel brings me much comfort and reassurance.

Connection has been a common theme through the past six months. Our in-person connections have largely been put on hold and we are left with connecting virtually. Six months ago, the definition of Zoom was going fast, now, it's one way we relate and join together. Even though we are now virtually seeing each other, it is still vital to maintain our relationships. As written in Psalm 133, "Behold, how good and how

pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together." So many member volunteers have reached out to congregants to say "hi" and check in, this has been a great *mitzvah*. In doing this, I have had the pleasure of speaking to many people in our B'nai Israel community and have gotten to know many of them just a little bit better through our conversations. In pre-COVID times I may not have made these connections.

Our amazing clergy, professional staff and lay leaders have helped us connect in so many ways throughout this pandemic. The programming has been rich and diverse. We have enjoyed the various speakers, learning opportunities, outdoor Friday evening services and our socially distanced High Holiday services.

Even in these strange and difficult times it is important to our mental and physical health to connect with one another. Our Hineini campaign is well under way, thank you to those who have already given gifts and, if you haven't already done so, please consider it. B'nai Israel has been here as a vibrant part of our community and our lives during a time that has been very difficult for so many. Every donation helps B'nai Israel continue to stand as a strong foundation in our community.

Jay, Gerry, Charlotte and I wish you all good health and *hedva* (togetherness), albeit virtually.



HAPPY Thanksgiving!

from Your B'nai Israel Family

Thursday, November 26 *minyan* is at 9:00 AM and 8:00 PM.

Friday, November 27 *minyan* is at 7:15 AM and 6:15 PM.

SHABBAT Candlelighting & Havdalah

NOVEMBER

6/7	4:44 PM / 5:23 PM
13/14	4:37 PM / 5:16 PM
20/21	4:33 PM / 5:10 PM
27/28	4:29 PM / 5:07 PM

Join Our Services by Video Live Stream or Telephone

Shabbat

Friday evening, 6:15-7:15 PM
Saturday, 9:00 AM -12:00 PM

**Limited in-person attendance is available for this Shabbat service. Please send an email to allison@bnaiisraelcong.org.*

Daily Minyan

Monday-Thursday,
7:15 AM & 8:00 PM
Friday, 7:15 AM
Sunday, 9:00 AM & 8:00 PM

Video Live Stream Access

www.bnaiisraelcong.org/dailyminyan

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Meeting ID: 788 352 437 #

Phone Instructions

Dial 1-929-436-2866
Meeting ID: 788 352 437 #

SARA & SAMUEL J. LESSANS ADULT LEARNING INSTITUTE

Talmud on Tuesdays Lunch & Learn (formerly Shabbat Afternoon Talmud Study)

with Rabbi Mitchell Berkowitz

Tuesdays, 12:30-1:30 PM

A Shabbat afternoon favorite moves to the Tuesday lunch hour! We will continue our exploration of the talmudic tractate *Beitzah*, focusing upon the celebration of our festivals. Newcomers are more than welcome to join us. No prior knowledge is necessary. Register online at www.bnaiisraelcong.org/adulteducationprograms. Zoom information will be included in the confirmation email.



Drop-In Hebrew Prayer Reading

Tuesdays, 2:30-3:30 PM

November 3, 10, 17, and 24

Practice your Hebrew reading of prayer and text with our *Shlichah* Netta Asner-Minster. This is designed for those who want to strengthen their Hebrew reading and familiarity with prayers. Recommended to bring and use the *Sim Shalom* prayerbook for Shabbat and Festivals. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/404382516>

Friday Morning Torah Study (formerly Shabbat Morning Torah Study)

Fridays, 10:00-11:00 AM

November 6 (Vayera) with Ira Lieberman

November 20 (Toldot) with Fonda Lowe

Engage with the weekly *parsha* during these interactive discussions led by community members and by clergy. Contact Wendy Fanaroff with questions. Register online at <https://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/fridaymorningtorahstudy>. Zoom information will be included in the confirmation email.

GETTING READY FOR

The Shabbat Project

Sacred Ecology: Divine Energy in Heaven and Earth During Kabbalat Shabbat

with Debra Band
Sunday, November 1
7:30 PM

As Shabbat arrives, the *Shekhina* enters our world and souls, enacting the exchange of human and divine energy that inspires our Friday evening traditions. In this slide discussion, Debra Band shares her illuminated paintings from *Kabbalat Shabbat: the Grand Unification*, exploring how our Kabbalat Shabbat customs, drawn from the Jewish mystical tradition and the community of Rabbi Isaac Luria, support this divine ecology in ritual, blessing and song.

Debra Band holds a BA Honours in History from Concordia University in Montreal and an MS in Political Science from MIT. She turned full attention to Hebrew manuscript arts in 1987. Descended from an eminent rabbinic family, her extensive studies of Jewish texts and research into medieval European and Middle Eastern painting and manuscripts inform her work. Her work, celebrated for its intellectual and spiritual depth as well as visual beauty, includes illuminated and papercut books and *ketubot*, other manuscript pieces and papercuts, in exhibits, private collections, community institutions and galleries across the English-speaking world. Debra is the artist and author of multiple works. For more information go to www.dbandart.com.

Register online at <https://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/sacredecology>.

Presented by the Arts Task Force of the Adult Education Committee.



Singing Circle

with Cantor Sarah Bolts
Thursday, November 5
7:15-8:00 PM

Prepare for Kabbalat Shabbat services by singing together and learning new tunes with Cantor Sarah Bolts.



Please register online at <https://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/singingcirclewithcantorbolts>. Zoom information will be included in confirmation email.

MEN'S CLUB

The Walking Club

Sunday, November 8
11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Join with Men's Club members in this new Walking Club. The first activity will be a social distancing self-guided tour of historic African-American downtown Rockville. Participants must preregister to Steve Goldberg (smgold999@gmail.com). All are welcome!

Israel's Most Daring Operations

with Netta Asner-Minster
Wednesday, November 11
7:30-8:30 PM

Join our *shlichah*, Netta Asner-Minster, for this series exploring Israel's most daring operations. Learn how Israel created an intelligence agency that has become world-renowned and about the less-known fascinating operations that showcase the Mossad's unique abilities.

Sessions continue on December 3, and January 28.

Register online at www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/israeldaringoperations. Zoom information included in confirmation email.



SARA & SAMUEL J. LESSANS ADULT LEARNING INSTITUTE

MEN'S CLUB SPEAKER SERIES The African-American History of Downtown Rockville



Thursday, November 12
7:30-8:30 PM

The Men's Club invites you to join us for this Zoom event on the African-American History of Downtown Rockville. We will hear from Ms. Miriam Bunow representing Peerless Rockville, who will be speaking about the rich African-American History in Rockville. She will provide important details of the many African-American sites located in Downtown Rockville. All are welcome!

Participants must preregister to Steve Goldberg (smgold999@gmail.com) to receive Zoom information.

סרטיים SERETIME Israeli Movie Night

Wednesday,
November 18
7:30-9:00 PM



Join our *shlich*a, Netta Asner-Minster, for an Israeli movie and discussion, exploring the variety and complexity of Israeli society. We will be watching *Sallah Shabati*, about Mizrahi Jewish immigration and their integration into Israeli society. The discussion that follows will provide more information on this subject and elaborate on the issues expressed in the movie.

Register online at <https://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/israelimovienight>. Zoom information included in confirmation email.

L.I.F.E. LECTURE Israel's Political System in the Age of Coronavirus

with Ambassador
Ido Aharoni



Sunday, November 15

10:30 AM (*note special time*)

Israel's parliamentary democracy is facing an unprecedented dual challenge: an historically complex and prolonged political deadlock coupled with the need to manage a first-of-its-kind health crisis. What are the solutions and how can Israel's uniquely vibrant democracy cope with both? In this presentation Ambassador Aharoni will address the unique characteristics of Israel's political system, pointing to both its advantages and disadvantages trying to answer the question of what will happen in the foreseeable future.

Ambassador Aharoni serves as Global Distinguished Professor for International Relations at New York University's Graduate School of Art and Science. He is a member of the International Advisory Council of APCO Worldwide, founder of Emerson Rigby, an Israel-based full-service consultancy, Chairman of the Charney Forum for New Diplomacy and Global Ambassador for Maccabi World Union. Ambassador Aharoni is a 25-year veteran of Israel's Foreign Service. He is a public diplomacy specialist, founder of the Brand Israel program, and a well-known nation branding practitioner. Ambassador Aharoni has been Israel's longest serving Consul-General in New York and the tri-state area to date. He held that position for six years, overseeing the operations of Israel's largest diplomatic mission worldwide.

Register online at <https://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/LIFEAharoni>. Zoom information will be included in the confirmation email.



MEN'S CLUB

Hearing Men's Voices: A Men's Club Monthly Dialogue on Men's Concerns

Sunday, November 15
8:00 PM

Men's Club members meet monthly for open conversation on personal, societal, cultural, religious, and political, and/or economic concerns led by Jeff Moss. RSVP to Wayne Berman (wayneb4me@aol.com).

SISTERHOOD/ MEN'S CLUB The Variety of Women in Judaism

Thursday, November 19
1:00-2:00 PM

Join our *shlich*a, Netta Asner-Minster, for the second session of 'Women in Judaism' for this year. During this session, Netta will be hosting women from different Jewish sects in the U.S. and Israel to share about their practices and beliefs. This program is cosponsored by Sisterhood and Men's Club. Register online at <https://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/womeninjudaism>. Zoom information will be included in the confirmation email.



MEN'S CLUB Jews and Brews

with Rabbi Michael
Safera
Thursday, November 19
7:30 PM

BYOB and join Rabbi Safera for a thoughtful discussion on Jewish values related to racism and racial equity. All are welcome! RSVP to Wayne Berman (wayneb4me@aol.com).



www.bnaiisraelcong.org/adulteducation

THE PERLMAN CANTORS

**Sunday, November 8
4:00 PM**



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Join the Perlman Cantors for a Special Afternoon Virtual Concert

Don't miss your opportunity to hear from the Perlman Cantors in this rescheduled virtual event that will feature:

- A walk down memory lane with previous concert clips featuring Ivan E. Perlman, z"l and other family members,
- Live solo performances from the Perlman Cantors' home studios
- All of the joy and laughter you expect between brothers and the audience

Please check the website for access information for this event. This virtual event is free of charge and open to all!

www.bnaiisraelcong.org/cantorsconcert



Shabbat with Our ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE Eliana Light

Thursday-Saturday, November 12-14

Our artist-in-residence, Eliana Light, will join us virtually to participate in services, teach, and lead a Havdalah concert.

SINGING CIRCLE

Thursday, November 12 at 7:15 PM

Prepare for Shabbat with the words and sounds of our Friday evening prayers.

HACHANA L'SHABBAT: A MOMENT OF PREPARATION FOR SHABBAT

Friday, November 13 at 4:00 PM

Pause for a few moments before the onset of Shabbat to frame the approaching day with mindfulness and clarity.

HAVDALAH & KUMSITZ

Saturday, November 14 at 5:30 PM

Wish farewell to Shabbat and greet the week ahead with song.

www.bnaiisraelcong.org/artistinresidence

HINEINI

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN
2020-2021

Supporting Hineini While Receiving End of Year Tax Benefits

by David Stein
Vice President of Development

Our Hineini Annual Giving Campaign runs through December 31 and, as you can imagine, is as important as ever. Thank you to so many of you who have already pledged your support. Our campaign is strong, but we must continue to ask for support in order to meet our goal.



If you can believe it, we are close to the end of 2020. Traditionally, the end of the year is a wonderful time to be inspired to support charitable causes as well as take advantage of tax benefits. This year, while so much was different, this giving principle remains the same—there are several different strategies besides cash to consider to qualify for a tax deduction this calendar year. Here are a couple popular options:

IRA Charitable Rollover

Individuals older than 70½ may distribute up to \$100,000 per year tax-free from an individual retirement account (IRA) directly to a qualified charity of your choice, such as B'nai Israel Congregation. These gifts can count toward your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD).

Gifts of Securities

Avoid paying capital gains tax on the increase in the value of the securities when you transfer to B'nai Israel Congregation. You may also receive an income tax charitable deduction for the full fair market value of the securities at the time of the gift.

Please consult your tax advisor for specific details on your situation, but please know that B'nai Israel can accept these types of gifts.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me or to our Director of Development Avery Sudow at avery@bnaiisraelcong.org.

I am glad to stand up with so many in our congregation in saying “Hineini, Here I Am.” Thank you for your consideration of this meaningful support.

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HINEINI
Annual Campaign
2020-2021

**We are in this together.
Our Hineini Annual
Campaign is as important
as ever.**

Our community's generous support each year for our Hineini annual campaign allows us to do so much to foster Jewish identity and grow our entire B'nai Israel community. Thanks to your support, we are continuing to host meaningful programming and worship opportunities that keep us connected even as we socially distance.

As we cannot stand shoulder-to-shoulder at this time, we must stand up in other ways. Supporting the institutions that have held us up in this crisis is not just philanthropic this year, it is imperative.

This is the time to support Jewish life. This is the time to build on our success. This is the time to make a difference. We hope you will consider raising your hand to say “Hineini/ Here I am” with a gift to this year's campaign.

Make your gift today by returning the pledge card you received in the mail, visiting www.bnaiisraelcong.org/hineinicampaign, or by contacting our Development Director, Avery Sudow (301-816-5569, avery@bnaiisraelcong.org).

Calling All Day School Families!

B'nai Day School parents are invited, welcome, and encouraged to join the Day School Committee. In past years, the committee has planned a number of popular events over the course of the year to engage Day School families in *shul* life. We may not have as many opportunities for in-person gatherings this year, but we are still committed to building a "community within a community" at B'nai.

Stay tuned for more information about an upcoming planning meeting and feel free to contact co-chairs Leah Tulin (leahtulin@gmail.com) or Paula Correa Silver (pcorrea2002@yahoo.com) with any questions.

Get Social With Us



During this time of social distancing, make sure to stay connected with us via social media for latest updates, Facebook Live events, and more.

Join our group on FB

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/BnaisraelCong/>

Follow us on Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/bnaisraelcong/>



November

TOT SHABBAT (Ages 5 and under with parent)
November 7 & November 21
9:30 AM

JUNIOR CONGREGATION (Grades K-6)
November 14 & November 28
10:30 AM

TEEN MINYAN (Grades 7-12)
November 7
10:30 AM

BIRTHDAY SHABBATOT
November 7

GRADE SHABBATOT (During Junior Congregation)
Kindergarten - November 14
1st Grade - November 14

FAMILY MINYAN
November 7 (in the B'nai Israel parking lot, weather permitting)
November 21
10:15 AM

Tune in for these special Shabbat morning services with meaningful learning, spirited prayer, and engaging Torah reading. All are welcome. Contact Rabbi Berkowitz with questions (mhberkowitz@bnaisraelcong.org).





EARLY CHILDHOOD

by RACHEL SIEGEL
Director



The past few months have been a whirlwind with the start of school, getting to know our children, and the high holidays. But, like I've said before, it's been incredibly wonderful to be in person together here at B'nai Israel Schilit Nursery School.

As with any transition, the beginning of one occurrence typically coincides with the ending of another. For example, on Simhat Torah, we finish reading the Torah and then immediately begin reading it from the beginning again.

A part of this cycle for our school is our *Siyum* which is usually held in June to honor our four and five-year-old children and their families. As with so many other things this year, this recognition of the completion of their time at our school was put on hold. And so, this October, with the beginning of our school year, we also coupled celebrating the ending of nursery school for that group of students. B'nai Israel Schilit Nursery School certainly found unique, clever, and special ways to honor and celebrate the accomplishments of these children and their families, but we all still wanted to plan something in-person to mark the milestone event. Reflecting and learning from the outdoor programming over the summer and fall, we planned an in-person, socially-distant, outdoor *Siyum* celebration for the 2019–2020 Gan Kohavim class.



While things were different than in the past, the joy and pride was felt by all as we gathered together on a beautiful Fall evening with Rabbi Safra, Cantor Josh, Rabbi Berkowitz, Nancy Goldberg and teachers Hava Shirazi Anderson and Debra Diewald. It would not have been complete without Karen Gerton joining us and sharing some lovely reflections, words, and advice to the children and families.

Honored that evening were:

- Lily Bulkin
- Harlow Goff
- Norah Greenberg
- Avi Jacobsohn
- Maya Kimchy
- Romi Kimchy
- Audrey Milzman
- Blake Neuringer
- Ezra Possner
- Eleanor Rappaport
- Jordyn Robbins
- Asher Schwarz
- Amit Segal
- Will Tannenbaum
- Reese Willcher

How delightful it was to hear what makes our school special. The children shared some of their favorite BISNS memories as the following: playing on the playground, building with Duplos, having family come for Shabbat, searching for *mezuzot* around the building, afterschool cooking classes, the bike room, making friends, playing with friends everyday, celebrating Purim at school, the bouncy house on Purim fun day, the ice cream truck on truck day, going to Israel, art sketches on nature walks and the playground, all my teachers and friends, and "everything!"

Although I wasn't part of this community last year with these children, it was a wonderful reminder of the amazing community that is here at BISNS and B'nai Israel.





YOUTH & EDUCATION

by **MOSHE BEN-LEV**
Education Director

Many years ago, when I first moved from teaching in a classroom to be an Education Director, my mentor took me aside and advised me to always find an opportunity to teach a class. His reasoning was simple, if you don't teach, you will forget what it's like to be in a classroom. If you forget that, he went on, you won't understand the teacher's perspective. Over the years I have taught teens about Jewish leadership, 3rd graders about social emotional intelligence and spirituality, 7th graders how to create their own Jewish educational program, and even subbed a 2nd grade class a few times as a way of learning about a class and its dynamics and how our curriculum works in reality. Each time I have taught, I have found it rewarding, enjoyable, and helpful in thinking about the classroom both from teacher and student perspective.

In the spring, when we closed Talmud Torah and quickly reopened virtually, I spent every waking moment trying to figure out how we could manage everyday tasks and stay connected. As summer progressed, it became apparent that we would remain in a virtual mode. Once again, I was faced with preparing teachers for the ongoing challenges of teaching from home on a computer. Like many of us, adaptation can be difficult and for some it requires much hand holding and training.

I also read and attended webinars dedicated to engaging students on Zoom. Little did I know that my SECD (Social Emotional and Character Development) training would

become a valuable asset to have! When I observe classes I notice when students are struggling and now have an opening for discussing how to best engage students in virtual space.

With all this in mind, and recalling my mentor's wise words, I decided to teach a regular weekly class for 8th grade. My topic is "Archaeology & the Bible" and I have a class of 10 students. It's a terrific group of teens who I know well, and I enjoy spending time with. Each week I attempt to connect with them, have them share and hopefully engage and inspire.

I have learned that our children are resilient but (not unlike their parents) struggle with too much Zoom time and social isolation. For this reason, we decided that although we may not be able to meet in person, there was no reason to find a way to interact outdoors following safety protocols. Teens need social interaction and thrive mentally when connected with peers. What we engage them in is less important than how we engage them. Programming that includes fun activities, *tefilah*, a little text study and whole lot of talking about how we feel and how we can manage our lives now is fundamental in keeping teens engaged in community. They also want to know that, beyond their parents and teachers, their peers and friends have not forsaken them. We know that teens crave social interaction as a way of maturation between childhood and young adulthood. Without that, depression, anxiety, isolation and mental health issues arise. Now is the time for us to help them and guide them to stay physically and mentally healthy.

This October Sarah Jarvis, our director of youth engagement and I, embarked on reaching out to all of our teens in the hope that together in partnership, we can create a new approach to teen engagement that meets their needs for community and meaning in their COVID lives. Whatever the outcome, we are committed to doing all that we can as synagogue educators and professionals in supporting our teens. If you are a parent of a teen, please contact us and let us know how we can help. As they say, "It takes a village." In this case we want B'nai Israel to be their village!



One of the highlights of the school year at B'nai Israel is the 6th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Experience. This year, we have created a four-part program that will take place over the academic year. Some of these events will take place during the time period when Talmud Torah normally meets. The entire B'nai Mitzvah Experience is for all of our families, both those whose students are enrolled in Talmud Torah and those who are in day schools.

"Meet the Family!"
Sunday, November 15
9:30-11:30 AM

Following an introduction and ice breakers, we will hold panel discussions with veteran *b'nai mitzvah* parents and post-*b'nai mitzvah* students who will share their experiences, answer questions, and make some great recommendations. This will be followed by an opportunity for parents and upcoming *b'nai mitzvah* students to meet and share their expectations, hopes and experiences.

Register online at <https://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/6thgradebnaimitvahexperiencepart1>.

This program will take place outdoors. In the event of inclement weather, we will hold a virtual program.



YOUTH EVENTS

by SARAH JARVIS
Director of Youth Engagement

One of our strengths at B'nai Israel is our ability to partner with various groups within the congregational community to create meaningful and engaging programming. During the pandemic, this has been especially true as we seek opportunities to work together, which is why I am excited to announce a new initiative between the Youth Department and the Education Department: Teen Talks!

I am passionate about ensuring that our teens feel that they are heard and understood during this difficult time. We are all facing challenges during this time, and I want to make sure that our teens have the support and resources that they need to address their challenges. Being a teenager is already such a confusing time, and then add to it a pandemic and it can become overwhelming. That is where Teen Talks comes in: We are aiming to create opportunities for teens in grades 9–12 to gather together, in-person (with social distancing, of course!).

Our goals are: to help teens build new friendships, to cultivate and nurture existing friendships, to give them a chance to gather and share their concerns in a safe space, and to give them a space to be themselves and celebrate the good that is still happening in our individual lives. We hope that the connections they build during Teen Talks will continue after this is all over.

We feel that giving them a chance to meet in person is crucial. Most of their interactions these days, especially when it comes to school, are online via Zoom or some other video platform. By meeting in person we are giving the teens a chance to socialize

in-person, which is vital for the development of teens into young adults. Giving them a safe space to discuss both the “highs” and the “lows” of their lives will help them, and will also help us to better understand what our teens need to thrive and flourish.

I am very excited about this initiative and hope it can continue for many years to come, not just as a way to get people out of their houses during such a difficult time, but as a way for us to come together as a community and foster the development of Jewish youth who will go on to be the next generation of Jewish leaders.

Carl & Doris Lane YOUTH DEPARTMENT EVENTS

BONIM (GRADES K-2) Baking with Bonim

Sunday, November 8
1:45–2:45 PM
Make some sweet treats with all of your Bonim friends.

MACHAR (GRADES 3-5) Jewish Bingo

Sunday, November 8
12:30–1:30 PM
Get ready to say “bingo” during this fun afternoon program.

KADIMA & USY (GRADES 6-12) Murder Mystery Party

Sunday, November 15
3:00–4:00 PM
Find out “who done it” during this interactive program.

Teen Minyan (Grades 7-12) Saturday, November 7 10:30 AM

COLLEGE CONNECTION!

If you are a college student or the parent of one, sign up for College Connection today. Packages have included Starbucks gift cards, holidays gifts, candy, and more.

Don't miss out!

www.bnaiisraelcong.org/college



Be a Part of the B'nai Israel Cookbook

Do you LOVE to bake and cook? Even if you don't, send your favorite recipes (up to three) for our new B'nai Israel Cookbook. During this difficult time, we can share our favorite recipes with each other and with our families.

Once completed, this cookbook will be sold as a fundraiser and will make a great gift and addition to your kitchen! We'd also appreciate any photos of your food, your family enjoying your food, or your family cooking your food, that you'd be willing to allow to be published in the cookbook.

Send your recipes to either [Lynn Rayman](mailto:LynnRayman@verizon.net) (alrayman@verizon.net) or [Jeff Fredman](mailto:JeffFredman@msn.com) (jnfpatent@msn.com).



BLUMBERG-ZALIS FAMILY LIBRARY

by JILL GENDELMAN
Librarian

Each November, we celebrate, what was once Jewish Book Week, now known as Jewish Book Month, heightening our awareness of our Jewish identity and enriching our Jewish lives, reconfirming that we are “the people of the book” quite literally! The month commemorates the thriving vitality of Jewish culture around the world. It is a celebration of literature, film, theatre, art and music, and an opportunity for the Jewish community to share in various events related to this celebration. Please consider joining us for one of our many events marking Jewish Book Month.

Upcoming Programs

Author Presentation

Sunday, November 1
11:00 AM-12:00 PM

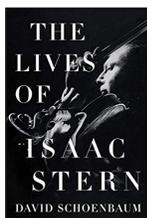
The Lives of Isaac Stern

by David Schoenbaum,
member of B'nai Israel

A centennial celebration
of the sixty year career

and legacy of Isaac Stern, one of the first made-in-America violin virtuoso America’s twentieth century’s greatest musicians: from his formative years in San Francisco to concurrent careers as an activist, public citizen, chairman, and cultural leader in the Jewish community who began as an American dreamer and left a lasting inheritance to his art, profession, and the world., along the way developing young talents—including Itzhak Perlman, Pinchas Zukerman, Yo-Yo Ma, and Midori. Co-Sponsored by the Men’s Club, Sisterhood, and the library.

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/95515571285>



Rabbi Matthew Simon’s Winter Book Review

Sunday November 8
10:00-11:00 AM

Join us once again for Rabbi Matthew Simon’s seasonal book review series, full of information, insight and interesting anecdotes.

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/97848416190>



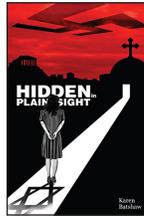
B’nai Israel Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, November 11
11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Followed by author Presentation on Sunday, November 22

(see program listed below)

Hidden in Plain Sight by Karen Batshaw Anna, a young Jewess from Salonika, has gone to live in Athens. Trained as a doctor, Anna knows if the German army invades, she will no longer be allowed to practice medicine at the hospitals. With great anguish, Anna masks her faith and her vocation to live as a Christian and avoid arousing any suspicion. Documenting the terrible brutal occupation of Greece by the Nazis, *Hidden in Plain Sight* shines a light on the plight of Greece’s Jews and the brave attempts of the Archbishop of Athens to protect them. Available in the B’nai Library upon request (pick-up at guard’s desk) or Amazon.com (free with Kindle unlimited, or \$2.99 on Kindle or \$11.99 in paperback). Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/92855269762>



Author Presentation

Sunday, November 22
11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Join us for an interactive discussion with local author Karen Batshaw as she shares insights as to why she wrote her book, how she conducted her research, her follow-up novel *Light and Shadows*, and any questions and comments you may have.

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/94370327805>



Monday Night Movie Discussion “The Cousin”

Monday, November 23
7:30-8:30 PM

Presented as a comedy, A family man’s loyalties and values are tested when his Palestinian handyman is the target of venomous accusations by his neighbors. To watch this movie Prior to the discussion, rent it for \$4.99 on Amazon or FREE with Amazon Prime. (1 hr. 32 min.; Hebrew with English Subtitles)

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/91942507838>



Introducing Our New JSSA Synagogue Liaison

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NAOMI LEVINE
MS, LGMFT
Synagogue
Liaison



The JSSA Synagogue Liaison program is a partnership between JSSA and local congregations as an additional support to families. As a JSSA Synagogue Liaison, Naomi LeVine, LGMFT, provides consultations, support, and referrals to members of our synagogue regarding a wide variety of concerns.

Naomi is a marriage and family therapist licensed in Maryland. In addition to couples and families, Naomi works with children, adolescents, and adults with a wide variety of concerns. She has experience providing mental health support in community clinic, domestic violence outreach, summer camp, and private practice settings. Her areas of focus include anxiety, emotional regulation, issues with self-image and identity, navigating transitions, pre-marital counseling, parenting, communication, and separation and divorce.

If you need support, please contact Naomi (nlevine@jssa.org, 240-405-6705).



ISRAEL CORNER
by **NETTA ASNER-MINSTER**
Congregational *Shlichah*

In the winter of sixth grade my parents and I had a big decision to make: Where would I attend middle school and high school? This decision would determine where I would study for the next six years. The first option was to continue at Evelina D. Rothschild, a religious school for girls where I had been going for elementary school. My mom and aunt had gone there for high school too, when they were growing up.

But the other option for me was a new school beginning its first year, Hartman Girls, affiliated with the Hartman Institute. Hartman was unique for various reasons: there was a school-wide all-women's service every Monday and Thursday including Torah reading, they emphasized learning Talmud and Jewish philosophy, and even had unique exercise classes such as yoga and improvisation. Hartman provided a unique new outlook on education for women in the religious world. As someone who had been passionate about praying and enjoyed studying in-depth, I easily chose Hartman.

Despite the fact that Hartman was an easy and suitable choice for me, the school was not always looked upon favorably by others, both inside and outside the school. The women who founded and taught in the school were passionate, and they were pioneers in their own way. I have been inspired by them on my own Jewish journey and through the school have been exposed to the many colors and variety of Judaism generally and in Israel specifically.

On November 19th, I will be moderating and leading a panel of women from the U.S. and Israel who will talk about their

religious backgrounds and practices in relation to the country they live in. This is the second session this year in the “Women in Judaism” series, focusing specifically on the comparison between Jewish women’s experiences in the U.S. and Israel. Unlike the “Unorthodox” series in May, this session will be open to men as well, and I am excited to have men join this important discussion.

My personal Jewish journey has not only been influenced by Hartman and my education there, but from women in the U.S. and Israel who have encouraged me to explore and to learn in order to find my comfort zone in Judaism. I am hoping that this panel will inspire others to learn more about the variety of experiences Judaism has to offer for women both in the U.S. and Israel.

Hope to see you there!



The congregational shlichah program is made possible by a partnership with the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington.

Israel Date with Netta!

Are you interested in learning how to make Israeli food? Or learning how to play an Israeli game? Or do you have some burning questions about Israel?

Families, adults, and teens are invited to arrange a virtual or social distanced “Israel date” with our *shlichah*, Netta! Please fill out this form and Netta will get back to you soon.

<https://bit.ly/3aR9701>

netta@bnaiisraelcong.org

UPCOMING ISRAEL PROGRAMS

Drop-In Hebrew Prayer Reading

Tuesdays, 2:30–3:30 PM
November 3, 10, 17, and 24
See page 6.

Israel’s Most Daring Operations

with Netta Asner-Minster
Wednesday, November 11
7:30–8:30 PM
See page 6.

The Variety of Women in Judaism

Thursday, November 19
1:00–2:00 PM
See page 7.

סרטיים
SERETIME
Israeli Movie Night



Wednesday, November 18
7:30–9:00 PM

Join our *shlichah*, Netta Asner-Minster, for an Israeli movie and discussion, exploring the variety and complexity of Israeli society. We will be watching *Sallah Shabati*, about Mizrahi Jewish immigration and their integration into Israeli society. The discussion that follows will provide more information on this subject and elaborate on the issues expressed in the movie.

Register online at <https://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/israelimovienight>. Zoom information included in confirmation email.

SOCIAL ACTION

B'nai Helps Deliver Rosh Hashannah Packages

Families from B'nai Israel participated with JSSA on Sunday, September 13 in delivering Rosh Hashannah packages to families in the Rockville area. Many thanks to: Dorothy Cohen, Amanda Goldstein, Linda Heller, Adam and Jonah Possner, Andrea and Matt Nadelman, Julian Goldman, Paulette Kaffee, Randi Poli, and Signe Wetrogan for their participation.



This year, once again, B'nai Israel will be helping to make holiday wishes come true for children identified by the Linkages for Learning Coordinator at Weller Road Elementary School. Donated gifts and gift cards will be collected in December. Contact Signe Wetrogan (signe0420@verizon.net) to receive more information.

Meals for Interfaith Works Women's Shelter

Sunday, December 6
11:30 AM

B'nai Israel will be providing brunch for the women at the Interfaith Works Women's Shelter at 11:30 AM on Sunday, December 6. We need your help in supplying various parts of the meal. The meal items can be purchased or prepared in your home. There will be various options for drop off of your items. The meal items should serve 8 to 10 people and be in disposable pans. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094aacac22a02-brunch1>. For more information, contact Signe Wetrogan (signe0420@verizon.net) or Wayne Berman (waynebe4me@aol.com).

Let Us Build a World of Kindness (Ps. 89:3)

Mitzvah Day

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

Yvonne Klinger & Abigail Bortnick
Chairs

www.bnaiisraelcong.org/mitzvahday

Support B'nai Israel's PROJECT MANNA

Urgently Needed Food Items
(though we take all nonperishable food items)

- Instant Oatmeal Packets (Original Flavor)
- Brown Rice
- Whole Grain Pasta
- Tuna/Salmon/Chicken (in Water)
- Dry/Canned Beans (Low Sodium)
- Natural Nut Butters
- Canned Vegetables (Low Sodium)
- Canned Fruit (in Juice)
- Fruit Cups
- Shelf-stable Individual Milk Boxes
- Cooking Oils & Spices



Thank you for your commitment to this life-giving mitzvah! All food items will be directed to the Manna Food Center.



Confirmation Class of 1988

The Fine Arts Committee Needs Your Historic B'nai Israel Photos!

The Fine Arts Committee is working on a project to display the history of B'nai Israel through photographs. We are in need of the following:

Confirmation Class

photos for the following years:
any photos prior to 1954,
1958, 1959, 1964, 1967, 1970, 1972-1982,
1984-1986, 1994-2001, 2009-2013.

Historical photos

of B'nai Israel synagogue and/or events that have taken place throughout its long history—weddings, b'nai mitzvahs, programs, graduations, class photos, etc.

If you have any of these photos, please consider sending them to us to reproduce. Your original photographs will be returned once they are copied.

Please contact Randy Sager (randysager@gmail.com) for more information.

The new and expanding B'nai Israel Judaica Museum

is actively soliciting fine antique/vintage Judaica for its collection.

If you have any items you would like to donate or would consider lending to B'nai Israel for display, please contact Randy Sager, Fine Arts Chairperson (randysager@gmail.com).

MEN'S CLUB

Service to B'nai Israel & Community Strengthening Jewish Values Building Friendships

We hope everyone had a meaningful holiday season and you were able to worship in the manner you felt most comfortable. After Simhat Torah we are able to take a breather and look forward to Thanksgiving and Hanukkah!

November starts out with an author presentation we are pleased to co-sponsor with the Sisterhood and the Blumberg-Zalis Family Library. Our member David Schoenbaum will be discussing his book *The Many Lives of Isaac Stern* on Sunday, November 1 at 11:00 AM. Please look for details and sign-up information on page 14.

On Sunday, November 8 at 11:00 AM we are introducing our new activity, which we hope to make a regular feature, our walking group. The first activity will be a social distanced, self-guided tour of historic African-American downtown Rockville, our first in-person gathering since March! This is open to men and women and will be coupled with a Zoom talk on Thursday, November 12 at 7:30 PM by Miriam Bunlow from the Peerless Rockville Historic Preservation Museum. She will be providing more details about these sites as well as other historic sites in Rockville.

Please note: registration is *required* for both programs, but you can choose one or both: attendance at the walk is *not required* for participation in the Zoom talk. Registration for the walk is with Steve Goldberg (smgold999@gmail.com) by noon on Friday, November 6. After registering Steve will send out guided tour information to everyone Friday afternoon or after Shabbat Saturday evening.

Thursday, November 19 we are hosting our first Jews and Brews featuring Rabbi Michael Safra leading a thoughtful discussion on Jewish values related to racism and racial equity. As this program is on Zoom it will be open to men *and* women. Please RSVP to Wayne Berman (wayneb4me@aol.com).



September & October Recap

At our open Men's Club meeting we adopted a new set of by-laws reflecting how we now operate as affiliates of the National Federation of Men's Clubs and B'nai Israel. This was the first revision since 2004 and we appreciate the work of the by-laws committee led by Jonathan Salant with input by Dan Fisher, Rob Loewy, Bernie Rod, Jeff Fredman, Alan Isenberg, Mark Berlin, Eric Luftman and Bram Hass. We apologize if we have left anyone out.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our member David Sotsky for his September 16 Zoom presentation on the state of the economy in our COVID-19 world. Some great information was presented and appreciated.

Our Political Forum took place on Sunday, October 18 with our area's two congressional incumbents and their opponents participating. This event took a massive amount of planning by our co-president elect and moderator Jonathan Salant, his son Izzy and Larry Lesser. Izzy actually Zoom-directed the event from Massachusetts and we thank them for the time spent putting it all together.

Our other big October event was the Health Awareness program October 29. A big "yasher koach" to Bram Hass and Wayne Berman for putting this together and a huge thank you to all of the health professionals who participated. A review of this event will be shared in the December *Scroll*.

In closing we would like to extend our wishes for a complete recovery for our member Mark Berlin who has been going through some very serious health issues recently.

Lewis Gertz & Wayne Berman
Co-Presidents

www.bnaiisraelcong.org/mensclub

SISTERHOOD JUDAICA SHOP

Are you ready for Hanukkah?

We are open by appointment only
and follow CDC rules for safety.

We have many new
beautiful arrivals of:

Tallitot
Jewelry
Challah Boards
Challah Covers
Menorahs
Gifts for a New Baby
Wedding Gifts



To make an appointment,
contact Debbie Anolik
(kilona613@gmail.com) or
Lisa Isenberg (301-963-4511).



FOR ALL YOUR JUDAICA NEEDS

SISTERHOOD



The Lives of Isaac Stern

Sunday, November 1

11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Local author and B'nai member David Schoenbaum presents his new book. Co-sponsored by Sisterhood, Men's Club, and the Library.

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/95515571285>

The Variety of Women in Judaism

Thursday, November 19

1:00-2:00 PM

Join our *shlich*a, Netta Asner-Minster, for the second session of "Women in Judaism". Netta will be hosting women from different Jewish sects in the U.S. and Israel to share about their practices and beliefs. Co-sponsored by Sisterhood and Men's Club. See page 7 for registration information.

Meals for Interfaith Works Women's Shelter

Sunday, December 6

11:30 AM

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Flowers for Thanksgiving?

We may not be able to celebrate the holiday with family and friends, but you can send a beautiful arrangement to say that you are thinking of them. \$55 for local delivery and \$65 for out-of-area delivery. Contact Linda Heller for details (hellerbehr@gmail.com).

Washington Jewish Week

Washington Jewish Week subscriptions are \$55 for one year and \$100 for two years (for seniors 55+, \$42 and \$76). Contact Linda Reisner for more information (301-519-1776, reisner@me.com).

What is Torah Fund? (Part One)

The Torah Fund campaign began in 1942 as a scholarship fund. In 1963, it merged with the Mathilde Schechter Residence Hall campaign that provided housing for undergraduate students. In time, the campaign identified needs and raised funds for specific projects, including:

- Women's League Educational Pavilion (Kripke Tower)
- Women's League Seminary Synagogue
- Mathilde Schechter Residence Hall Renovations
- Goldsmith Hall
- Residence Hall at the American Jewish University
- JTS Quadrangle
- JTS Library Bookshelves
- Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies Garden
- Women's League Study Space

For the past several years, funds raised by Torah Fund have gone toward scholarships and programming at the five Conservative/Masorti institutes of higher Jewish learning. Read about these schools in the next *Scroll*.

B'nai Israel Sisterhood's Torah Fund is proud to have achieved its financial goal for 2019-20 with your help. We hope you will continue your support and donate again this coming year. You can make an online donation at jtsa.edu/torah-fund or by check made out to Torah Fund and mailed to Sue Taffet (14402 Nadine Drive, Rockville, MD 20853).

Sue Taffet (suetaffet@aol.com) and Debra Fredman (jnfpntent@msn.com), Torah Fund co-chairs.



Mah Jongg Cards

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Sisterhood Membership Registration Form

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November Anniversaries

Jeffrey Fenster and Rachel Wollitzer – 1
Steven and Rachel Kerchner – 2
Michael and Michelle Logsdon – 2
Joel Michaels and Jennifer Russel – 2
David and Carrie Stein – 4
Nancy Van Grack and Joe Feinsod – 4
Ronald and Gail Minsk – 5
Jeffrey and Stephanie Holtzman – 6
Doug and Sarah Kotlove – 6
Asher and Jill Gendelman – 7
Yoav and Jodi Gershoni – 7
Stuart Lipshutz and Dori Silverman – 7
Jonathan and Stephanie Weiss – 7
Zack and Jamie Kramer – 8
Craig and Robin Lenkin – 8
Michael and Dianne Michnick – 8
Andy and Faye Mitchell – 8
Andrew and Lesley Ziman – 8
Glen and Elise Goldstein – 9
Stuart and Sherry Kaswell – 9
Craig and Marcie Peters – 9
Aaron Bull and Lisa Garson – 10
Arnold and Nancy Fanaroff – 10
Steve and Marjorie Goldberg – 10
Barry and Shari Golob – 10
Ronald and Gale Greenbaum – 11
Ben and Yvonne Klinger – 11
Jeff and Sally Lachin – 11
Andrew and Lisa Shulman – 11
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Ernst and Nancy Billig – 13
Adam and Dawn Stern – 13
Myles Getlan and
Leah Schmulewitz Getlan – 14
Rob and Randi Poli – 14
Benjamin and Erin Willcher – 14
Steve and Kim Cohen – 16
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Aaron and Shoshana Marcus – 16
Howard and Sandy Arnold – 17
David and Michelle Marquardt – 17
Dale Morton and Irma Goff-Morton – 17
Bernard and Cheryl Rod – 17
Joshua and Suzanne Schonfeld – 17
Leon and Ellen Taranto – 17
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Lois and Leslie Alperstein on the birth of their granddaughter, Ella Meyer Cohen. Mazal tov to the parents Lauren Alperstein and Zachary Cohen.

Vicki Berman and Yeheskel Dori and Drs. Jodi and Richard Reff on the birth of their grandson, Owen Meyer Berman. Mazal tov to the parents Lauren Reff and Lee Berman.

Sherry and Lawrence Wachtel on the engagement of their son, Richard Wachtel, to Laurel Gates.



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Cheryl Falk on the loss of her mother, **Ann Falk**.

Robin Bortnick, Dr. Joanne Crantz, Dr. Michael Gittleson, Matthew Gittleson, and Michelle Marquardt on the loss of their mother and grandmother, **Geraldine "Jerrie" Gittleson**.

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Marc Solomon on the loss of his father, **Sidney Solomon**.

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...a time to be born, and a time to die..."*

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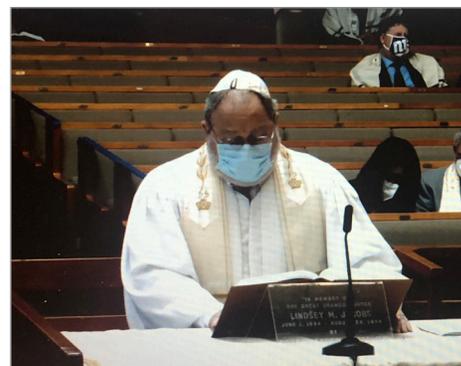
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